

## Chapter 4 Zoning and Development Regulations

**Note:**

Text appearing in **red** in this document reflects recommended changes to the draft Plan in response to comments received to date. Text that appears with a ~~strike through~~ has either been moved to another section of the chapter or reflects a clerical or editorial correction.

## Zoning and Development Regulations

This chapter establishes the regulatory framework to realize City and Community vision for the plan area. The zoning is prescriptive so that development outcomes are more predictable for property owners, the City Review authorities, and community stakeholders, while ensuring flexibility to encourage development. **This chapter also contains standards reviewed and enforced under the Drainage and Subdivision Ordinances.**

This chapter contains the following sections:

- 1.0 **SU-2** Zone Descriptions
- 2.0 Development Compliance
- 3.0 ~~Development Approval Process Modifications/Amendments~~
- 4.0 Zone Map
- 5.0 ~~Useful Definitions~~
- 6.0 **W66** Zones
- 7.0 General Development Standards

### 1.0 **SU-2** Zone Descriptions

The zoning developed for the Plan consists of **SU-2 sector development plan zoning for all properties in the Plan area. Two categories of SU-2 zoning have been developed: both** conventional zones and form based zones. For the purpose of this Plan, a conventional zone is defined as “use based” zone that is typical of Comprehensive City Zoning Code prior to the adoption of the Form based zones. Whereas, in this Plan, form based zones prescribe what the development of a zone shall look like and may or may not specify what uses are permitted. Form based zones require that a use be accommodated within specific building types. All zones included in this Plan are subject to the General Development Standards of this Plan **that begin on p. 77 per the development compliance criteria 2.0 of this section.**

#### ~~Modified~~ **1.1 Conventional zones**

~~These use-based zones consist of modifications to existing~~ are regulated by the corresponding zones in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, applicable General Development and Subdivision Standards of this Plan and applicable general regulations of the Zoning Code. ~~zones. The SU-2 zone within the Plan includes new regulations and references the Comprehensive Zoning Code for all other requirements. The conventional zones included in this Plan are as follows and are articulated beginning on p. X. Where there is a conflict between the Plan and the Zoning Code, the Plan prevails.~~

~~SU-2/W66 R-2 - W66~~ Moderate Density Residential Zone. The ~~W66~~ Moderate Density Residential zone corresponds to the R-2 zone of the Comprehensive Zoning Code (§14-16-2-11) with the addition of the General Development Standards of this Plan.

#### ~~SU-2/W66 C-2 - W66~~ Community Commercial Zone.

~~SU-2/W66 O-1 - W66~~ Office Zone. The ~~W66~~ Office zone corresponds to the O-1 zone in the Comprehensive Zoning Code (§14-16-2-15) with the addition of the General Development Standards of this Plan.

~~SU-2/W66 IP - W66~~ Industrial Park Zone. The ~~W66~~ Industrial Park zone corresponds to the IP zone in the Comprehensive Zoning Code (§14-16-2-19), except that the Established Urban regulation in §14-16-2-19(A)(25)(b)2 shall apply to on-premise signs, and likewise §14-16-2-9(A)(12)(a)1 to off-premise signs, on properties in the Developing Urban Area. ~~with the addition of t~~The General Development Standards of this Plan also apply.

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SU-2/~~W66~~ SU-1 - ~~W66~~ Special Use Zone. The ~~W66~~ Special Use zone corresponds to the SU-1 zone in the Comprehensive Zoning Code (§14-16-2-22). Sites within SU-1 zones without approved, current site development plans are also regulated by the General Development Standards of this Plan and applicable **general** regulations of the Zoning Code.

### 1.2 Form based zones

These ~~SU-2/W66~~ zones are tailored for different parts of the Plan area and incorporate ~~have been developed for the Plan by tailoring elements of the form based zones in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code (§14-16-3-22). The SU-2 form based zones within the plan include new regulations and reference the Comprehensive Zoning Code for all other requirements including references to Building and Frontage Types and the General Standards sections.~~ The form based zones developed for this Plan ~~are as follows and are listed below and articulated detailed beginning on p. X:~~

**- SU-2/W66 C-2 – W66 Community Commercial Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

**- SU-2/W66 CAC – W66 Community Activity Center Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

**- SU-2/W66 EPR – W66 Employment Park Residential Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

**- SU-2/W66 MAC – W66 Major Activity Center Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

**- SU-2/W66 MX – W66 Mixed Use Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

**- SU-2/W66 RA – W66 River Activity Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

**- SU-2/W66 SAC – W66 Special Activity Center Zone**

[description moved to zone and amended]

### 2.0 Development Compliance

Development shall ~~comply with further~~ the goals and City policy framework of the Plan, ~~intent and comply with the zoning and general development standards of the West Route 66 Sector Development Plan as follows:~~

- A. For undeveloped sites ~~without approved, current site development plans:~~ all new development.
- B. For sites with existing structures: when there is a net increase of 25% or more of ~~a building's~~ existing square footage, or of another dimension appropriate to the structure. However, sites on Central Ave. with less than a 25% net increase shall comply to the extent possible with applicable buffer requirements between parking area and sidewalk or public ROW of Central Ave.
- C. Exemptions to compliance ~~with the zoning regulations of this Plan:~~
  1. Sites with approved, current site development plan(s), including in SU-2/SU-1 zones, unless a net increase in square footage of 25% or more is proposed to an existing or approved structure and/or building on part or all of the area covered by the site development plan(s). The exemption applies to site development plans for building permit or subdivision.
  2. Conditional uses approved prior to adoption of the Plan unless a net increase of 25% or more is proposed to an existing or approved structure and/or building on the property (see 2.1.A below)
  3. Repairs, facade improvements and maintenance of existing structures and/or buildings
  4. Construction of a replacement structure and/or building after involuntary damage to or destruction of existing structure and/or building (such as fire damage)
  5. Change in ownership of a site parcel, where 2.0 A and/or B does not also apply.

Where a conflict exists between the Plan and the Comprehensive Zoning Code, the Plan shall prevail. Where a conflict exists between the Plan and other applicable Rank III plans and Design Overlay Zones, such as the H-1 Historic Old Town zone, the stricter regulation will prevail. Any question regarding which is the stricter regulation can be resolved during the applicable development review and approval process. (See 2.3 and Table 1).

Existing Entitlements [moved to 2.0 C.1]

# Development Compliance

## 2.1 Conditional Uses

A. Conditional uses approved prior to adoption of the Plan shall be void/expired if the use ceases for a continuous period of two years or more. Upon expiration of the conditional use, the property owner is required to comply with the regulations of the adopted zone and the general development standards of the Plan.

B. New conditional uses in the conventional and W66 zones of the Plan shall be approved per §14-16-4-2 of the Zoning Code and comply with regulations of that section except paragraph (D)(1). Instead, a conditional use shall expire if the use ceases for a continuous period of two years or more.

## 2.2 Non-conforming uses

Pre-existing non-conforming uses and existing legal uses that become non-conforming upon adoption of the Plan shall be treated as approved conditional uses and shall be regulated per 2.1 .A in Chapter 4 of this Plan (see above). These

uses do not require ZHE approval to become a conditional use.

## 2.3 Relationship with other City Codes

Where a conflict arises between zoning regulations and general development standards in this Plan and the Zoning Code, this Plan shall prevail. When the Plan is silent on an issue that would otherwise be governed by the Zoning Code, or other applicable City codes, and Rank III plans and Design Overlay Zones, including the Rio Grande Boulevard Corridor Plan and the H-1 Historic Old Town zone, the stricter regulation those codes and plans shall prevail.

## 2.4 Development Approval Process

Conventional Zones. Development proposals may proceed directly to Building Permit unless the Zoning Code requires site development approval, e.g. SU-1 zone (§14-16-2-22) and shopping center sites (§14-16-3-2). Note that development

	W66 C2	W66 CAC	W66 EPR	W66 MAC	W66 MX	W66 RA	W66 SAC
<b>Establish compliance and process *</b>	Pre-Application Review	Pre-Application Review	Pre-Application Review	Pre-Application Review	Pre-Application Review	Pre-Application Review	Pre-Application Review
<b>Compliant on Use and Form</b>	< 5 acres: Building Permit 5 acres or more: SDP by EPC	Building Permit or SDP by DRB**					
<b>Compliant on Use and Minor Modifications to Form</b>	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above	Form modifications: Planning Director then as above
<b>Compliant on Use and Major Modifications to Form</b>	SDP by EPC	SDP by EPC	SDP by EPC	SDP by EPC	SDP by EPC	SDP by EPC	SDP by EPC

Table 1: Development Approval Matrix.

W66 C2 column: indicate that C-2 applications go to Building Permit (<5 acres) or EPC (5+ acres) and that R-2 applications, or mixed use including R-2, follow process as shown

W66 RA: insert “with Open Space Staff” after Pre-Application Review

Add to bottom left box “or Modifications to DPM or Subdivision Ordinance”

\* Development proposals with a single land use and on sites of under 1 acre are exempt from Pre-Application Review.

\*\* DRB approval is required if development includes phasing or platting, or requires infrastructure. DRB provides sketch plat review prior to submittal.

SDP: Site Development Plan. or justify modifications to form, DPM, or the Drainage or Subdivision Ordinance.

shall comply with applicable General Development Standards of the Plan.

**W66 Zones.** Table 1 describes the approval process for development in the W66 zones of the Plan. In addition, note the following:

A. Conditional use approval by the Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) is required prior to building permit or site development plan approval.

B. The amount of detail on site development plans (SDPs) shall be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with applicable requirements of the Plan or, alternatively, to justify modifications to form, DPM or the Drainage or Subdivision Ordinance.

## 2.5 Public Notification

All cases heard by the ZHE and EPC and all site development plans heard by the DRB require public notification.

## 3.0 ~~Development Approval Process~~ [moved to 2.3] **Modifications and Amendments**

The Plan allows limited modifications or deviations to the requirements of the Plan and of other City Codes, in order to accommodate the particularities of individual sites and/or development proposals. Zone map and text amendments to the Plan are also covered in this section.

### 3.1 ~~Modifications to Sector—Plan Zoning Regulations— and General Development Standards of the Plan~~

The W66 zoning and general development standards regulations in this Plan attain a level of detail in order to provide certainty for applicants, neighborhoods and Zoning staff. However, it is not the intent of the Plan regulations to limit design creativity or ignore unique site conditions. As such, two levels of modifications to the zoning and general development standards regulations are permitted, as follows:

A. Minor: The Planning Director or his/her designee may approve deviations from any dimensional standards by no more than 10%.

B. Major: Any modification of deviation from a dimensional standard that is greater than 10% shall be reviewed by the EPC.

In order for the EPC to grant the deviation(s) and approve the site development plan, the applicant must demonstrate that 1) the original standard(s) cannot be reasonably met without substantial hardship, due to the uniqueness of the site, and 2) applicable goals, policies and intents of the Plan are still met, even with the

proposed deviation(s).

~~3.2 Non-conforming uses~~ [amended and moved to 2.2]

~~3.3 Relationship with other City Codes~~ [moved to 2.3]

### 3.2 **Modifications/flexibility from DPM standards**

The regulations set forth by the ~~form-based Plan in the W66 zones and general development standards~~ allow variation from standard DPM practices. Deviations from the DPM standards not described by the ~~Plan form-based zones~~, but which support its the greater intent of the ~~form-based zones~~, may be granted by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC) upon reasonable justification by the applicant and only in conjunction with a site development plan for ~~form-based zones~~. Deviations granted by the EPC shall be acknowledged and implemented by the Development Review Board.

### 3.3 **Modifications/flexibility from subdivision standards**

In order to create a more compact urban form and allow for more efficient infrastructure design, the Environmental Planning Commission may grant deviations from the city's subdivision standards (§14-4 et seq.) for ~~form-based development in W66 zones~~ upon reasonable justification by the applicant. Modifications granted by the EPC shall be acknowledged and implemented by the Development Review Board.

Note also that Subdivision and Public Right-of-Way Regulations were added to the 1987 Plan in 2009 for the purposes of creating more pedestrian oriented subdivision and roadway development standards and improving connectivity between residential areas and commercial and community services. Applicable standards related to land use have been incorporated in the zoning and general development standards of this Plan, as appropriate.

### 3.4 **Amendments to the Plan**

Zone map and text amendments to the Plan shall comply with §14-16-4-3 of the Zoning Code.

### 4.0 **Zone Map**

The following maps establish the SU-2 zoning for the plan area including new zones indicated by the prefix W66.

# Zone Map

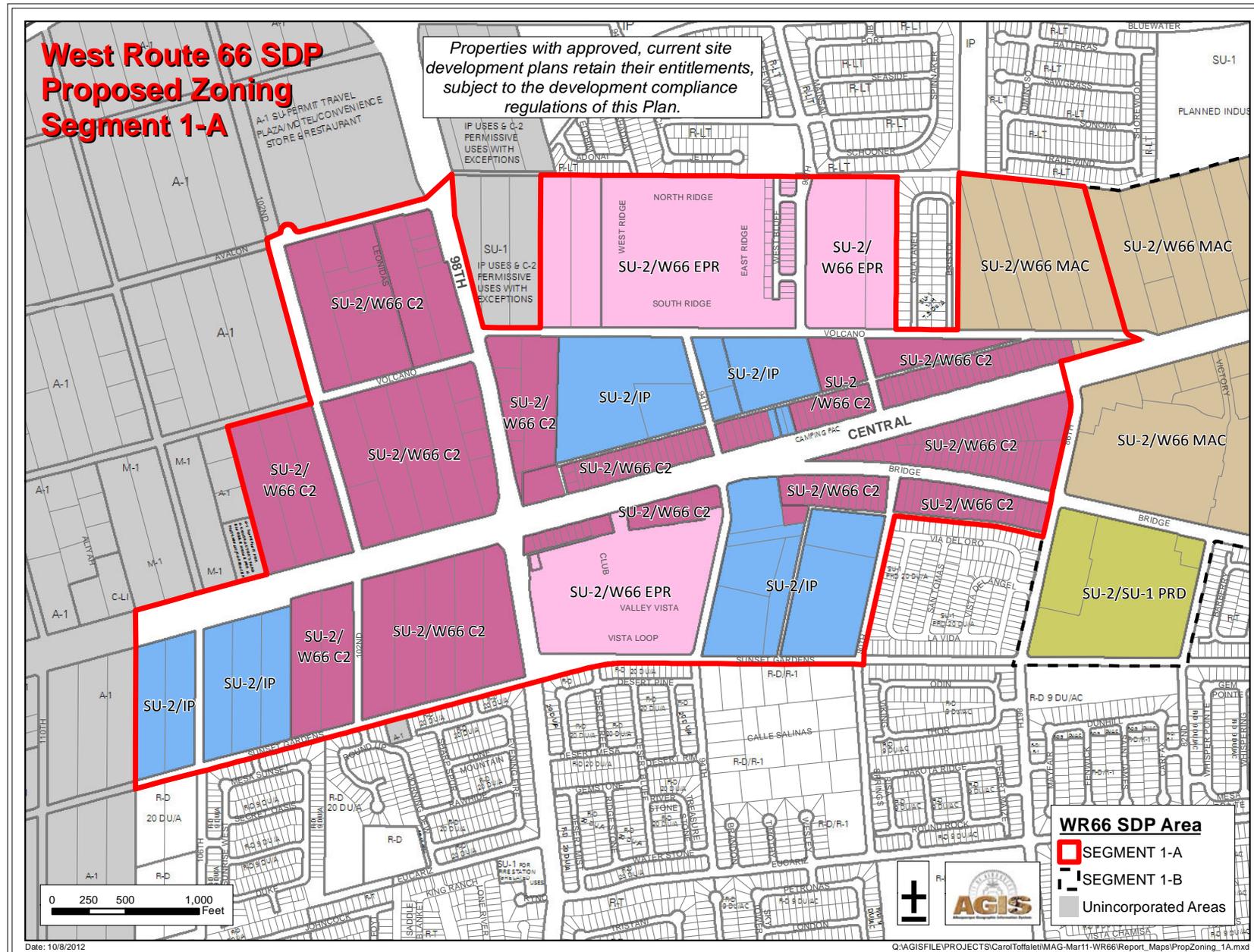


Figure 38: Zoning Segment 1-A corrected and updated based on comments received since July 5th EPC hearing

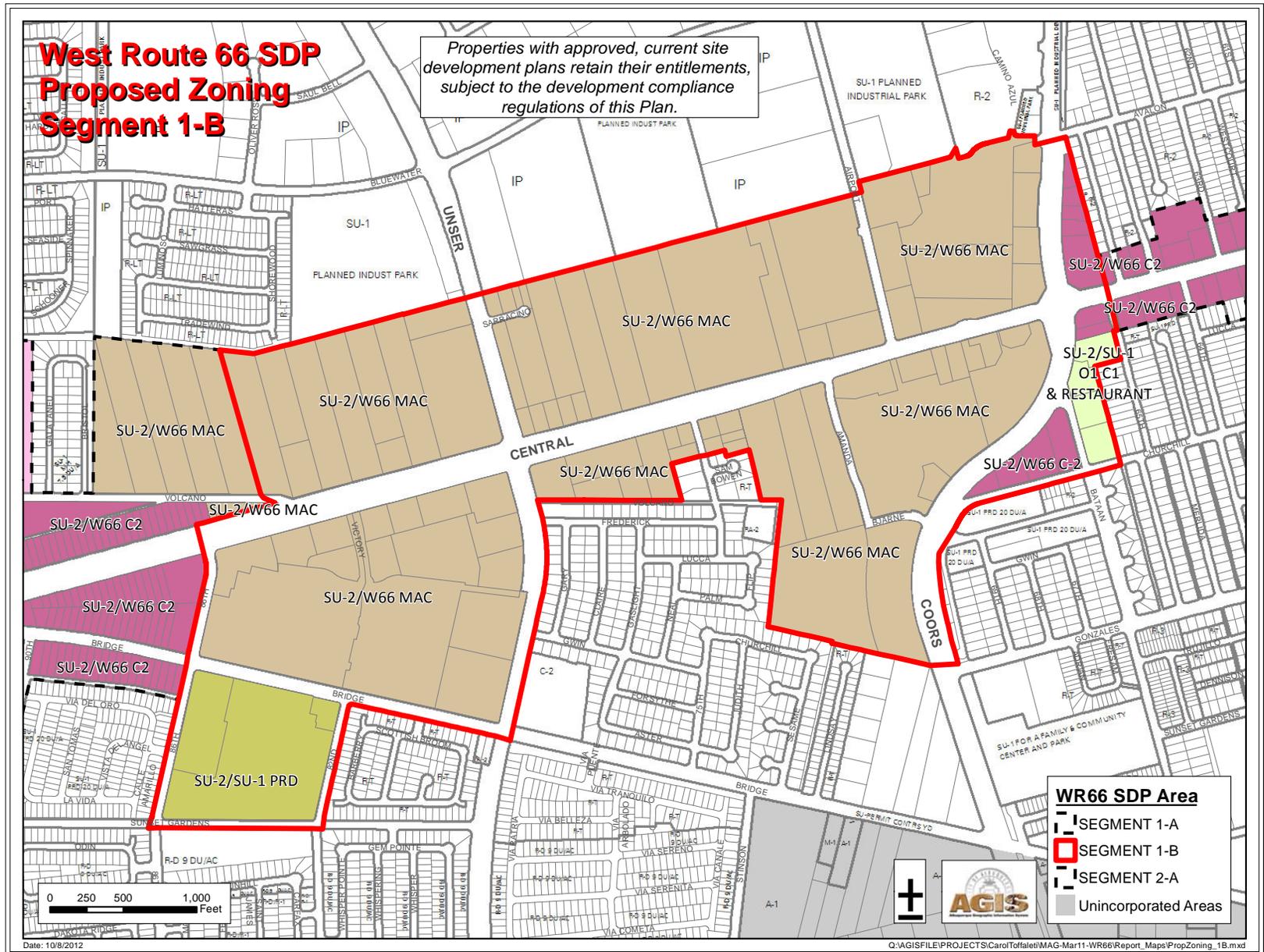


Figure 39: Zoning Segment 1-B corrected and updated based on comments received since July 5th EPC hearing

# Zone Map

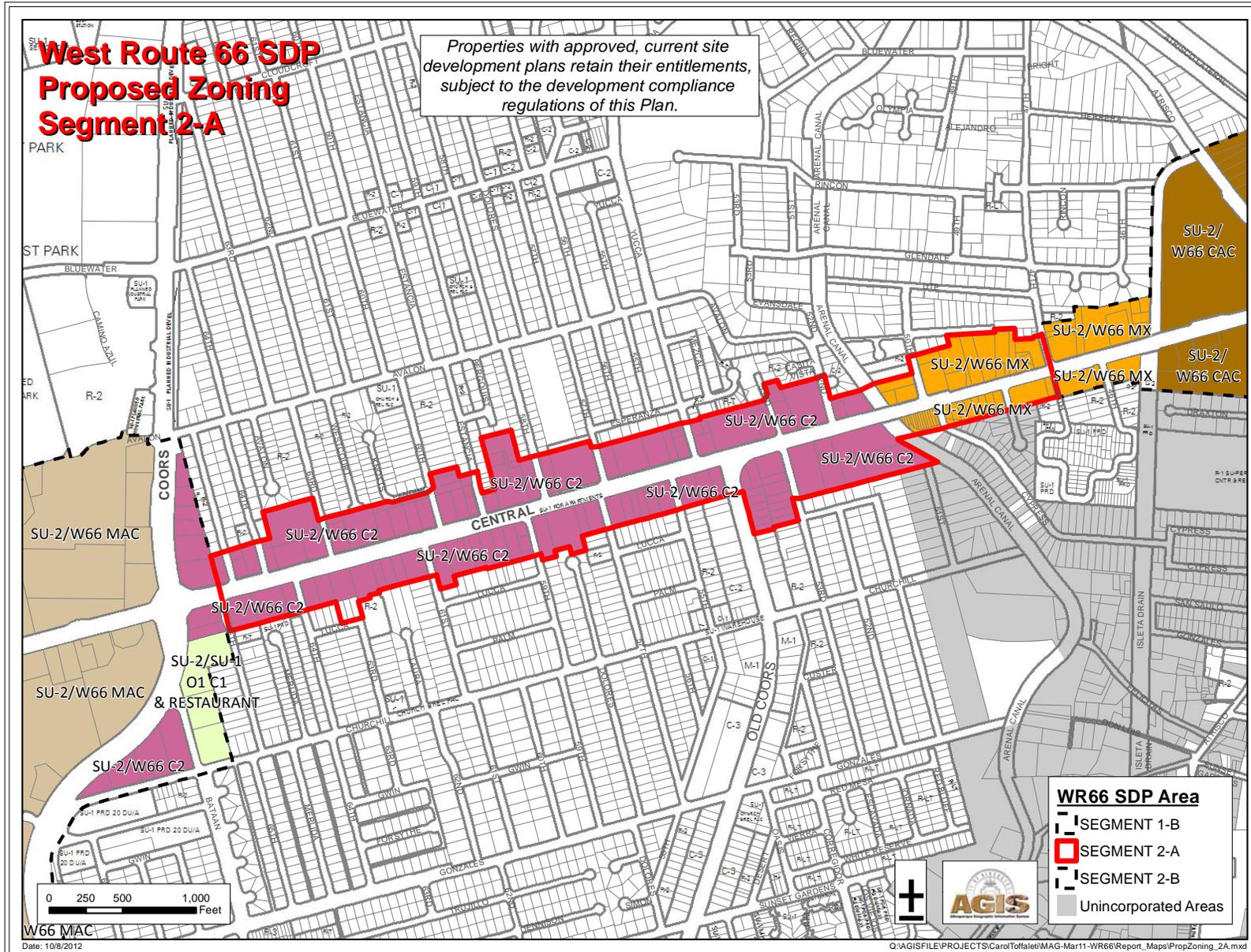


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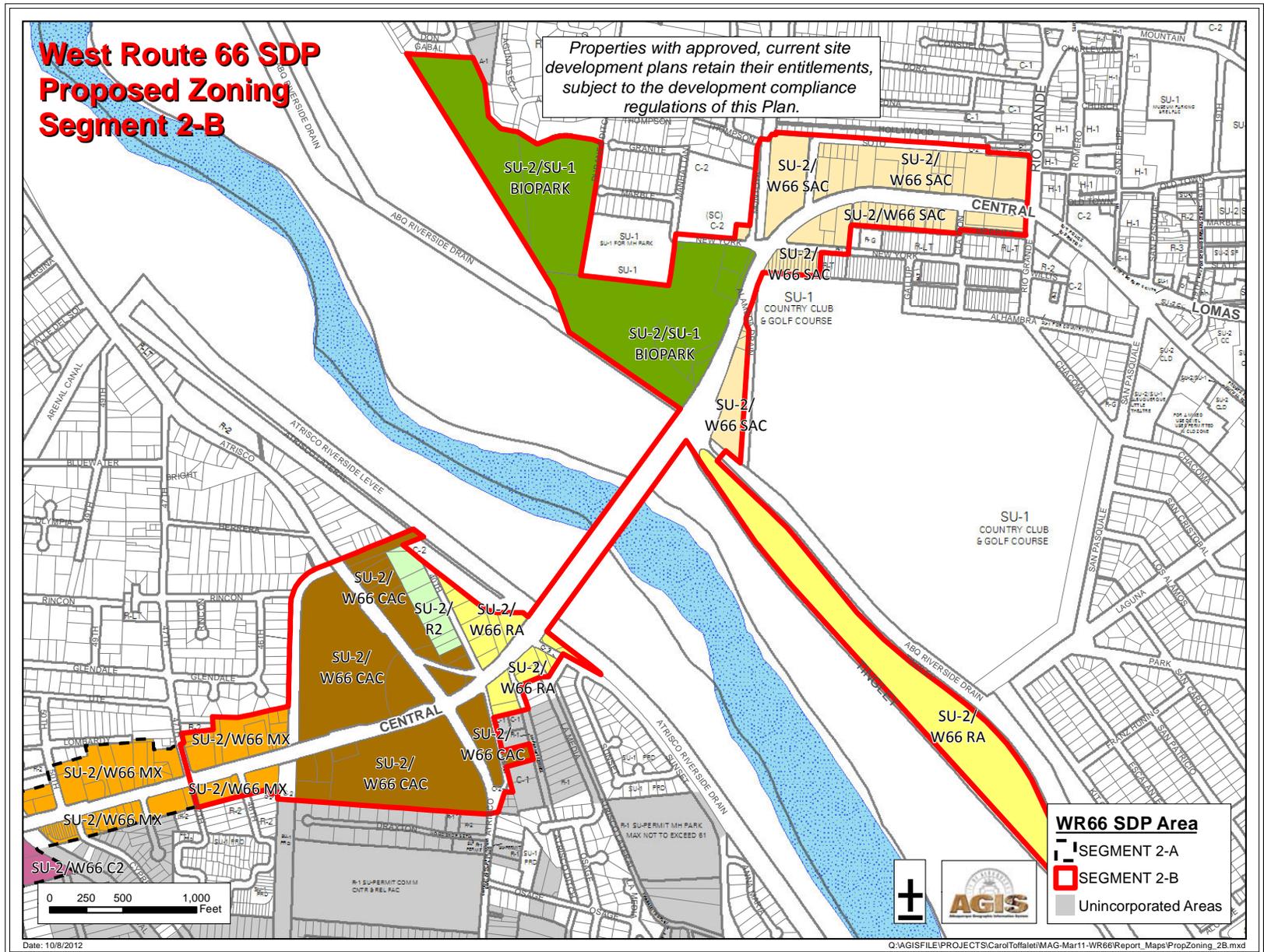


Figure 41: Zoning Segment 2 - B corrected and updated based on comments received since July 5th EPC hearing

## Definitions

### 5.0 ~~Useful~~ Definitions.

The following terms are used throughout this ~~chapter~~section. See the City Zoning Code for other definitions (§14-16-1-5). Where there is a conflict, the definition in this Plan prevails.

**Allee.** A walkway lined with trees.

**Articulation.** Off-sets, projections, recessed walls, windows, doors, etc. that provide variation to a building façade.

**Block.** As defined in the Subdivision Ordinance (§14-14-1-6).

**Building.** A structure used or intended to support the main use or occupancy of a site that is separated from another structure by space or by walls that have no common door, window or other opening; is covered by a roof; and forms an enclosed space.

**Building mass.** The aggregate size of a building, or the total height, width, and depth of all its parts.

**Building orientation to the street.** Primary facade of building is fronting/facing the street.

**Building Type.** The category of a building, as described in the General Development standards.

**Clear Height.** Unobstructed vertical distance between two structural elements objects.

~~DMD.~~ Department of Municipal Development.

~~DRB.~~ Design Development Review Board

**Drive aisle/Driveway.** An improved (e.g., paved) driving surface for one line of vehicles.

**EPC.** Environmental Planning Commission.

~~Façade.~~ The face or front of a building.

~~Fenestration.~~ The openings which form a part of a building façade.

**Frontage Types.** The category of building facades, as described on pages X.

**Form Based Zones.** Zones which use physical form, rather than separation of land uses, as their organizing principle.

**Gated community.** [pending]

**Grove.** A group of nine or more trees.

**Internal side setback.** Internal to the zone, not adjoining another zone.

**LID.** Low Impact Development. An approach to land development (or re-development) that works with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing effective imperviousness to create functional and appealing site drainage that treat stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product.

**Mixed use development.** Development in which multiple land uses are permitted such as retail, service and residential.

**Open space, on-site.** Refers to the usable open space (as defined in the Zoning

Code) and/or public space required by the Zoning Code's general building and site design regulations for non-residential uses in §14-16-3-18(C)(4). On-site open space is required in the conventional zones and W66 zones of the Plan. Some types of usable open space, including balconies and porches, may not be accessible to the general public. Required landscaped area or ponding area that also provides passive or active recreational use may count toward on-site open space.

**Pad Site.** An individual freestanding site for a retailer or other non-residential use that is often part of adjacent to a larger site, usually a shopping center.

**Paseo.** A street or path for pedestrians only, usually between buildings, wider than a sidewalk and landscaped.

**Pedestrian realm.** The area from the back-of-curb dedicated to pedestrian use.

**Pedestrian-friendly/pedestrian-oriented.** Development which is designed with an emphasis primarily on the street sidewalk and on pedestrian access to the site and building, rather than on auto access and parking areas. The building is generally placed close to the street and the main entrance is oriented to the street sidewalk. There are generally windows or display cases along building façades which face the street. Typically, buildings cover a large portion of the site. When parking areas are provided, they are generally limited in size and they are not emphasized by the design of the site.

**Plaza.** A public square or extra-wide sidewalk (e.g., as on a street corner) that allows for special events, outdoor seating, sidewalk sales and similar pedestrian-oriented activity.

**Primary entrance.** The entrance to a building that most pedestrians are expected to use. Generally, each building has one primary entrance. It is the widest entrance of those provided for use by pedestrians. In multi-tenant buildings, primary entrances open directly into the building's lobby or principal interior ground level circulation space. When a multi-tenant building does not have a lobby or common interior circulation space, each tenant's outside entrance is a primary entrance. In single-tenant buildings, primary entrances open directly into lobby, reception, or sales areas.

**Property.** Premises, as defined in the Zoning Code.

**Public art.** A work of art located on public or private property that is accessible to general public view. It may be financed, installed and maintained by one or a combination of the private, public or non-profit sectors.

**Public Right-of-Way (ROW).** Land that is owned in fee simple by the public, usually for transportation facilities. Public ROW as used in this chapter refers to public ROW that includes at minimum a public street.

**Site.** A lot or combination of contiguous lots upon which a project is developed or proposed for development. Contiguous lots may be in single or multiple ownership. A project may contain one or multiple structures, usually buildings.

**Stand-alone ATM.** Automated Teller Machine that is not attached to a

building. Stand alone ATM's shall be walk-up only. Drive-up ATM's shall only be permitted as part of a bank drive up facility.

**Street.** As defined in the Zoning Code.

**ZHE.** Zoning Hearing Examiner

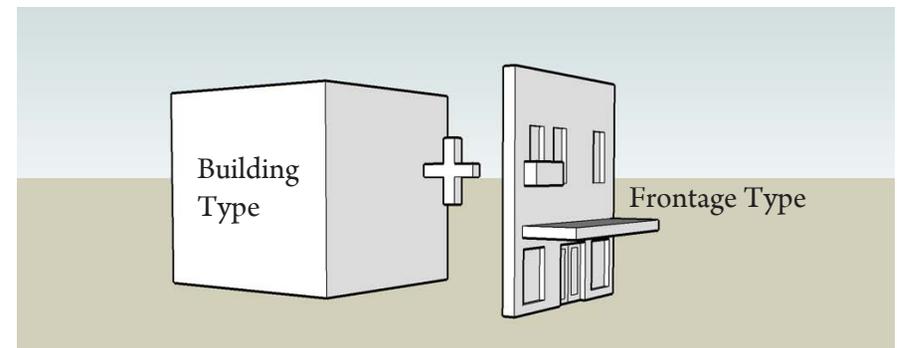
Definition Sources:

CABQ Form Based Code, Form Based Codes Institute, Model Development Code and User's Guide for Small Cities, 1999 (Oregon TGM Program), Lexicon of the New Urbanism, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Company, Version 2.1 (1999), Webster's New Collage Dictionary (1995), **US Environmental Protection Agency.**

## 6.0 W66 Zones

This section contains the W66 zones for the West Route 66 Sector Development Plan. Each zone contains specific requirements for development including height, building placement, parking, open space and additional development requirements specific to the zone. In addition, the General Development Standards are applicable to all zones.

The W66 zones are **included in the Plan form based zones** that rely on using the allowable building form to control the density, intensity and use of development. The building form, known as Building Type, prescribes the building envelope, building access and orientation **and** access to light and air **and general site requirements**. All activity in a **Form based-W66 zone that is normally conducted indoors** shall be conducted within the prescribed form or Building Type. In addition, each Building Type dictates allowable Frontage Types. Frontage Types prescribe building articulation along the street frontage and include requirements pertaining to building penetrations, shading elements and street access. These referenced Building and Frontage Types are located within **14-16-3-22(C)(1) of the Zoning Code and three additional ones are set out in the General Development Standards of the Plan.**



Building Type and Frontage Type Diagram

**Intent:** The W66 Community Commercial (W66 C-2) zone is a mixed commercial and residential zone ~~to increase development flexibility while continuing that continues~~ to provide opportunities for the sale of goods and services that serve the community ~~and allows residential care facilities~~. The R-2 residential uses are regulated by form based standards in order to ensure quality design.

**Justification:** Current platting and land uses are consistent with C-2 uses and site requirements. The majority of the parcels are currently zoned C-2, ~~which allows R-3 uses~~. The ~~addition substitution~~ of R-2 uses, ~~together with nursing and rest home uses~~, on these parcels ~~increases development entitlements~~, promotes housing choice, and increases transit and retail demand by promoting population growth along the corridor, ~~while respecting the generally lower density character of the built environment on the West Mesa~~.

**Permissivetted Uses**

1. Permissive ~~and Conditional~~ uses per the C-2 zone with the following exceptions: residential uses (see 2. below); signs (see 4. below).
2. ~~addition of R-2 permissivetted and Conditional uses, except house, one per lot, is prohibited~~. R-2 uses shall be limited to 20 du/acre.
3. Nursing and Rest homes.
4. Signs, off- and on-premise, per C-1 zone, ~~except the Established Urban regulation (§14-16-2-16(A)(12)(b)2) shall apply to properties in the Developing Urban Area~~. For neon, historic and iconic signs, see General Development Standards.

**Conditional Uses**

Conditional uses per the C-2 zone.  
 Conditional uses per the R-2 zone. R-2 uses shall be limited to 20 du/acre.

**Prohibited Uses**

1. House, one per lot.

**Permitted Residential Building Types**

1. Residential uses shall comply with the following Building Types, p. 112: Townhouse, Rowhouse, Loft; ~~and 14-16-3-22(C)(1) in the Zoning Code~~: Stacked flats, Terrace apartments, Courtyard apartments, Duplex/Triplex/Fourplex

**Usable Open Space (for residential uses only)**

1. Per R-2 zone.

**Landscape Standards**

1. Per §14-16-3-10 in the Zoning Code, with the exception of 4 5: in Additional Development Requirements.

**Off Street Parking Requirements**

1. Per §14-16-3-1 in the Zoning Code with the exception of 3. and 4. in Additional Development Requirements.

**Building Placement**

1. Setbacks, per C-2 zone.

**Height**

1. Per C-2 zone but not to exceed 52 feet.
2. Within 50 feet of Central Avenue, heights shall be limited to 36 feet.

**Additional Development Requirements**

1. General Development Standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.

**Applicable to development fronting Central Avenue**

2. In order to facilitate pedestrian circulation, no additional curb cuts shall be permitted. On parcels with no existing curb cut, one curb cut shall be permitted per 150 feet of street frontage.
3. ~~No new~~ parking shall ~~not~~ be permitted between ~~existing~~ building and public R.O.W.
4. Parking shall not be located within 10 feet of the front property line. Area between front property line and parking shall be landscaped with a minimum of 50% vegetative cover.
5. For lots greater than 75 feet in width, a maximum of 50% of the street frontage shall consist of parking at the minimum setback.
6. At least 75% of building frontage shall be at the minimum setback. A deviation up to 20 additional feet is permitted to accommodate building articulation, patios and courtyards. Where more than one building is located per site, at least one building shall meet the 75% requirement. Other buildings shall meet this requirement where possible.
7. ~~Signage shall be regulated by the General Development Standards~~.

## W66 - CAC Zone

**Intent:** The W66 - Community Activity Center zone (W66 CAC) is a form based zone developed to provide a mixture of moderate density residential, commercial, entertainment, civic, and employment uses within a designated Community Activity Center, ~~which supports transit and pedestrian accessibility~~ **and to create an environment that is comfortable and inviting for pedestrians and bicyclists** while accommodating automobiles.

**Justification:** The Comprehensive Plan designates the Atrisco Community Activity Center in order to provide a greater variety of commercial and entertainment uses in conjunction with community-wide services, civic land uses, employment, and the most intense land uses within **this part of the city** ~~the community sub-area~~.



The diagram is conceptual in nature and shows the potential build-out allowed by the zoning.

### CAC Development Characteristics

1. Roadways and private drives with sidewalk, landscaping and on-street parking.
2. Limited curb cuts.
3. No new parking between a building and a public right of way.
4. Limited street frontage consisting of parking areas. Parking areas buffered with landscaping.
5. Aggregated public space.
6. Aggregated shared parking area.
7. Pedestrian linkages between parking areas and buildings.

CAC zone potential development diagram.

**Permitted Uses**

1. Any use not listed as a limited, conditional or prohibited use shall be Permitted.
2. Signs, off- and on-premise, per C-1 zone, For neon, historic and iconic signs, see General Development Standards.

**Limited Uses**

1. ~~New Drive up service windows shall be permitted in association with a bank or pharmacy.~~
2. ~~Drive up service windows for all other uses are based on a cap and replace system limited to 3 within in the CAC. A new drive up service window shall only replace an existing use. Use is not limited to a specific site.~~

**Conditional Uses**

1. Alcohol sales for off-premise consumption shall be a conditional use.

**Prohibited Uses**

1. The following uses are prohibited: Vehicle sales, rental service, repair or storage; taxidermy services; single family house, one per lot; cold storage plants; drive-in theatres; kennels; mobile home development; tire capping or retreading; transfer or storage of household goods; uses permitted and conditional in the P or PR zone; truck plaza; ~~drive-in facilities~~; gasoline, oil, liquefied petroleum gas or other vehicle fuel sales; ~~the following SU-1 uses:~~ adult amusement establishment or adult store, automobile dismantling yard, campground, cemetery, drilling, production or refining of petroleum gas or hydrocarbons, gravel, sand or dirt removal activity, stockpiling, processing or distribution, hatching plant, ore reduction, smelting, planned development area, planned residential development.

**Permitted Building Types**

1. Development shall occur in one or more of the following Building Types: **Residential** - Stacked flats, Terrace apartments, Courtyard apartments, Townhouse, Rowhouse, Duplex, /Triplex, /Fourplex  
**Mixed Use/Non-residential** - Loft, Podium building, Flex building, Courtyard building, Liner building, Civic institutional building, Structured parking - no ground floor uses shall be located behind another structure which screens a minimum of 50% of the parking structure on a public façade, Structured parking - ground floor uses, Drive though/Service Station (~~shall meet limited use requirements above~~).

**Usable On-site Open Space**

1. A minimum 10% of the site area shall be designated as on-site open space.
2. ~~The usable open space component shall include be in the form of~~ patios, plazas, balconies, roof decks, terraces, courtyards, exterior walkway and/or other open spaces for occupants.
3. ~~The public space component shall be per §14-16-3-18(C)(4) and (5) of the Zoning Code with the following exceptions:~~
  1. One public space area, a minimum of 200 square feet, shall be provided for every 10,000 square feet of building space.
  2. An aggregate of buildings 125,000 square feet or greater shall provide pedestrian plaza space in the amount of 400 square feet for every 20,000 square feet of building space.
  3. A minimum of 50% of the required public space shall be provided in the form of aggregate space that encourages its use and that serves as the focal point for the development.
  4. The public space area shall be privately owned and maintained and should typically contain seating and shade.
  5. See General Development Standards for additional public space requirements.

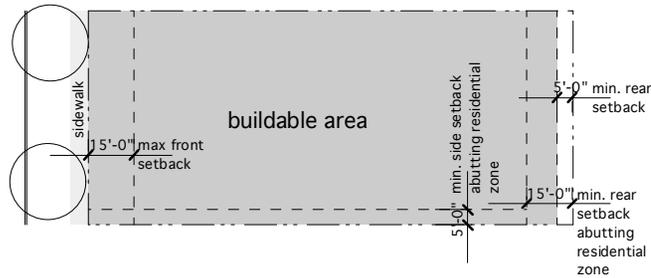
**Landscape Standards**

1. ~~Landscape standards shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-10) except that~~ The total landscape area required for each development shall be a minimum 5% of the net lot area. See General Development Standards M. and Off-street parking requirements 2. below for additional requirements.

**Off Street Parking Requirements**

1. Off-street parking shall be 1 space per 1000 sq ft minimum for all uses, ~~except that for all lots the maximum number of allowed off-street parking spaces shall be no more than 110% of the required minimum.~~
2. Per §14-16-3-22(C)(5) in the Zoning Code, with the following additions: Parking shall be located to the side or rear of buildings where possible. Parking area shall be setback a minimum of 10 feet from the public R.O.W. Parking area shall be buffered from public R.O.W. by a minimum 10 foot wide landscaped area and a site wall or continuous evergreen plant material a minimum of 3 feet high. See Additional Development requirements for maximum allowable parking frontage.

# W66 - CAC Development Requirements



Preliminary building placement diagram. Updated

## Building Placement

### Front Setback

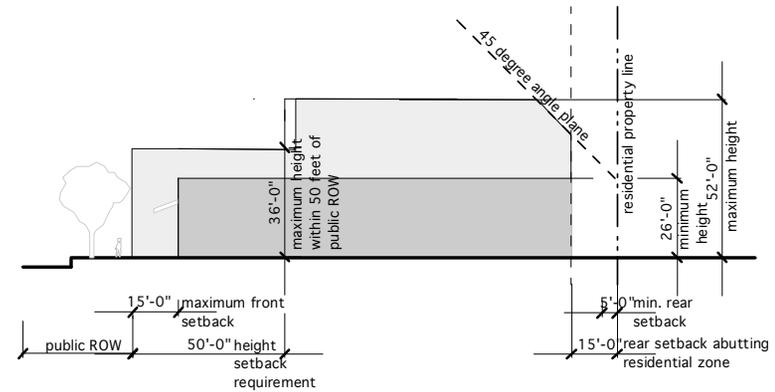
1. Maximum setback: 15 feet
- \*\*upper floors, balconies, portals, shading devices and signage may protrude into the front setback within the property line a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk.

### Side Setback

1. Internal: none
2. Minimum side setback: 0 feet; except 5 feet minimum from abutting residential zone.

### Rear Setback

1. Minimum rear setback: 5 feet; except 15 feet where site abuts the rear of a lot in a residential zone.



Building height diagram. Update Pending

## Building Height

1. Minimum height shall be 2026 feet.
2. Heights shall be limited to 52 feet.
3. Lots abutting R-1 through R-T zone properties building heights shall not exceed a 45 degree angle plane that begins at a height of 26 feet, measured from the residential property line.
4. Within 50 feet of a public right-of-way, heights shall be limited to 36 feet.

## W66 - CAC Development Requirements

### *Additional Development Requirements*

#### All properties

1. The Plan's General Development Standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.
2. ~~All other requirement not included in this zone shall conform to TOD-COM in the Comprehensive Zoning Code as well as the standards of this Plan.~~
3. In order to facilitate pedestrian circulation, no additional curb cuts shall be permitted. On lots parcels with no existing curb cut, one curb cut shall be permitted per 150 feet of street frontage.
4. No new parking shall be permitted between a building and a public right of way.
5. For lots greater than 75 feet in width, a maximum of 30% of the street frontage shall consist of parking areas. All other parking areas shall be located behind a building.
6. A 10 foot wide minimum landscaped setback is required between the sidewalk and parking area. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 4 feet in height and/or landscaping.
7. Stand alone ATM stations shall be walk up only. See General Development Standards for Stand alone ATM requirements.

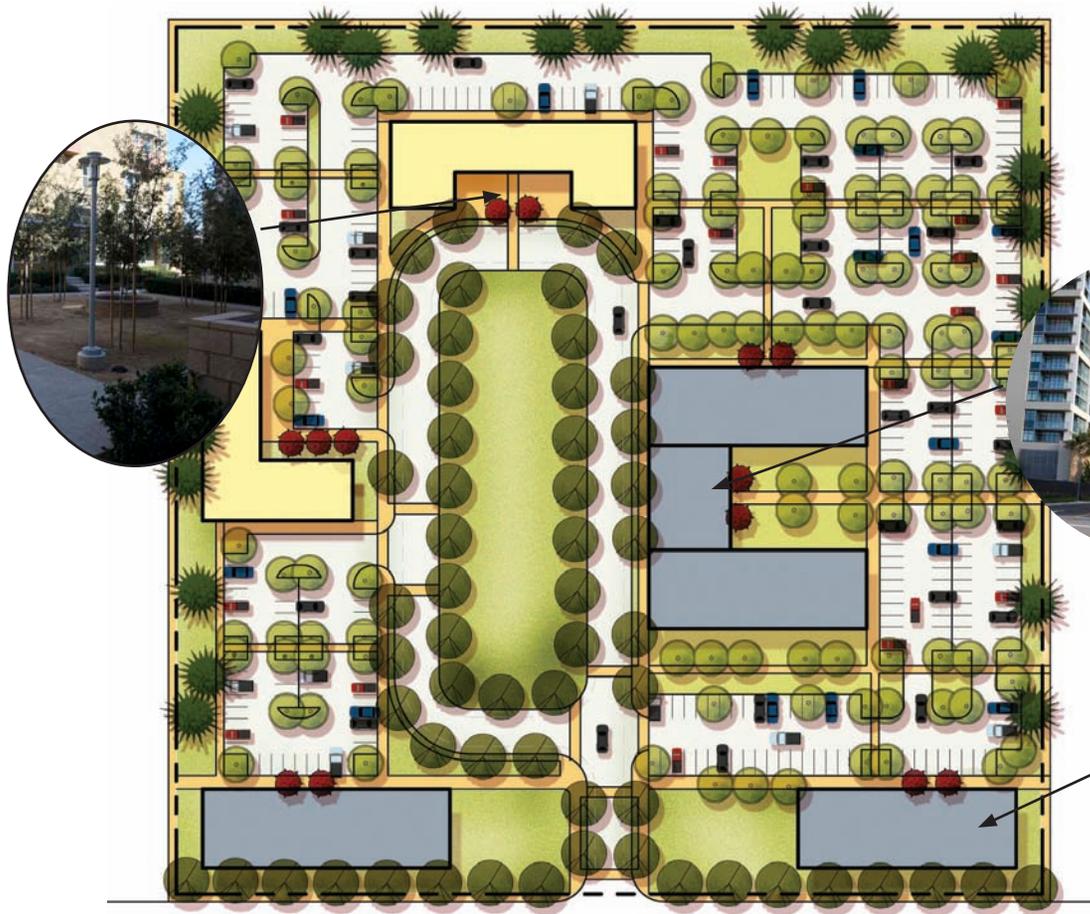
#### For properties greater than 4 acres

1. In order to provide connectivity between public sidewalks, parking areas and development, no more than 400 linear feet of development shall front Central Ave. or Atrisco Dr. without a pedestrian passage to parking areas or a vehicular drive with a sidewalk on both sides.
2. ~~Streets Platted roadways~~, which may remain private, shall separate blocks. ~~(Also included in Subdivision Standards on p. XX)—Roadways or private drives~~ Streets shall not have more than two travel lanes a maximum of 10 feet in width, ~~except service drives may have 2 lanes up to 15 feet in width.~~
3. All on site ~~streets, unless used primarily as service drives sroadways and private drives~~ shall have on-street parking. On-street parking may be parallel, angled or perpendicular.
4. A minimum 6 foot wide sidewalk and 5 foot wide landscaped area, and stand up curb shall align both sides of all on site ~~streetsroadways and private drives that are not used primarily as service drives~~. Cuts shall be permitted into curb to allow water to flow into planting areas, see Low Impact Development standards in General Development Standards section.

## W66 -EPR Zone

**Intent:** The W66 Employment Park Residential (W66 EPR) zone creates opportunities for employment, commercial and multi-family residential uses to increase development flexibility while creating more consistent land use in the overall area. The EPR zone incorporates form based design standards to ensure quality mixed use development and provides opportunities for clustered multi-story office buildings, multi-family **and multi-generational** residential communities, and compact mixed use development in a campus environment. Residents have the option to live close enough to their place of employment to be able to walk to work or to have the option of living within a live/work development.

**Justification:** Current demand in the area for larger parcels is for multi-family development and employment centers. There is minimal opportunity within the plan area for residential uses adjacent to employment facilities. The addition of multi-family residential uses, **including residential care facilities**, on these parcels increases development entitlements, provides opportunities for people to live and work in close proximity and increases potential for transit ridership along the Central corridor.



The diagram is conceptual in nature and shows the potential build-out allowed by the zoning.

### General EPR Development Characteristics

1. Clustered parking areas separated by buildings or landscaped areas.
2. Buildings setback from public R.O.W.
3. Pedestrian and bicycle linkages throughout site
4. Opportunities for residential, commercial and employment
5. Campus style layout

EPR zone potential development diagram.

**Permissivetted Uses**

1. Permissive Uses within the R-2 zone (except house, one per lot); C-1 zone; and O-1 zone.
2. Hotel, auditorium, health gymnasium, clinic, small animal clinic, outdoor restaurant seating.
3. Nursing and Rest homes.
4. Signs, off- and on-premise, per C-1 zone **except the Established Urban regulation (§14-16-2-16(A)(12)(b)2) shall apply to signs on properties in the Developing Urban Area.** For neon, historic and iconic signs, see General Development Standards.

**Prohibited Uses**

1. House, one per lot.

**Conditional Uses**

1. Schools, other than public.

**Permitted Building Types**

Residential - [list]

Mixed Use/Commercial - [list]

**Usable On-site Open Space Requirements**

1. Over the entire site, at least 1 square foot of **on-site** open space shall be provided for every 1 square foot of surface parking.
2. Balconies, patios, courtyards, plazas, **roof decks, parks**, portals, exterior walkways, **and/or other types of open space appropriate to the uses in the development** shall count toward required **on-site** open space. **These spaces may serve as usable open space and/or public space.**
3. At least 50% of the **on-site** open space shall be landscaped and contain pedestrian network facilities. Courtyards and plazas shall be formally landscaped or hardscaped, and surrounded on least two sides by building(s).

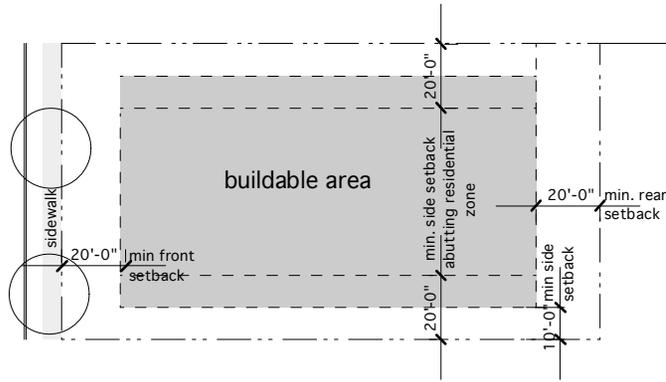
**Landscape Standards**

1. Landscape standards The shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code ~~§14-16-3-10~~The total landscape area required for each development shall be a minimum 15% of the net lot area . **See General Development Standards M. for additional requirements and Off-street parking standards 7. below.**

**Off Street Parking Standards**

1. Residential uses: 1.5 spaces per unit
2. Other uses: off-street parking regulations in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.
3. Parking shall not be permitted in front setback areas.
4. Parking shall be located to the side or rear of building.
5. Each parking area shall not exceed 50 parking spaces.
6. Parking areas shall be spaced a minimum of 50 feet apart separated by buildings or landscaped areas.
7. Parking shall be buffered from the public R.O.W. by landscaping and a minimum 3 foot high wall or continuous landscaping a minimum of 3 feet in mature height.
8. Parking areas shall be buffered from **on-site** residential areas by a minimum 10 foot landscaped buffer with trees spaced a minimum of 30 feet on center. **[adjoining off-site residential zones covered by § 14-16-3-10(E)(4)]**

# W66 - EPR Development Requirements



Site Layout Diagram Updated

## Building Placement

### Front Setback

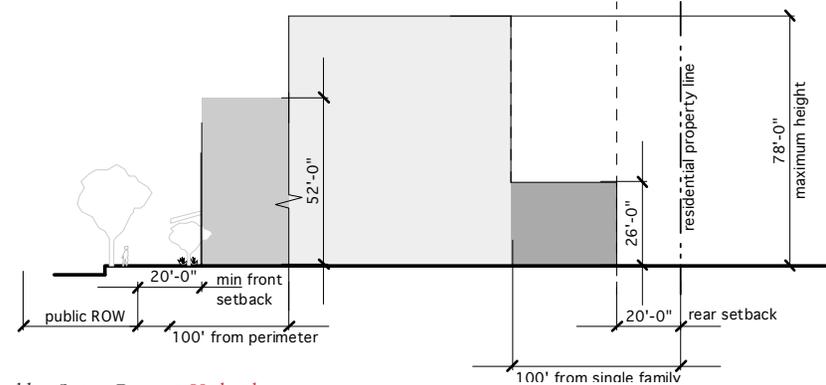
Minimum: 20 feet  
 Maximum: none  
 All others: 10 feet

### Side setback

Internal: none  
 Abutting a zone with residential uses: 20 feet minimum  
 All others: 10 feet minimum

### Rear setback

Setback from rear property line: 20 feet minimum



Building Section Diagram Updated

## Building Height

1. Within 100 feet of the property line of a single family residential zone, buildings shall not exceed 26 feet in height.
2. On other perimeter locations, maximum height is 52 feet.
3. Beyond 100 feet from the perimeter, height is limited to 78 feet in height.

## W66 - EPR Development Requirements

### *Additional Development Requirements*

#### General

1. General Development Standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.
2. Lot Size. No future subdivision of land shall create lots of less than one acre. (Also included in Subdivision Standards on p. XX)
3. Pedestrian connections shall include a network of interior paths that links buildings, parking areas and on-site open space with pedestrian walkways, bikeways, plazas, and trails.
4. Additional curb cuts are discouraged. On corner lots, additional curb cuts shall be on side streets only. For properties over 4 acres private or platted roads shall provide access to site from public R.O.W.
5. All setback areas shall be landscaped.

#### Campus - properties which are 4 or more acres

1. Site shall be divided into blocks of a maximum of 4 acres. Blocks shall be separated by streets (platted public ROW, public access easements, or private drives); or, additionally, by pedestrian parkways or plazas a minimum of 20 feet in width. (Also included in Subdivision Standards on p. XX)
2. A minimum 6 foot wide sidewalk and 5 foot wide landscaped area, and stand up curb shall align both sides of all on site roadways and private drives. Cuts shall be permitted into curb to allow water to flow into planting areas, see Low Impact Development standards.

## W66 - MAC Zone

**Intent:** The W66 Major Activity Center (W66 MAC) zone is a form based zone developed to provide a highly concentrated mix location of commercial, service, residential and employment uses on the Southwest Mesa in conjunction with area wide needs. The W66 MAC zoning is intended to serve all of southwest Albuquerque and support West Route 66 as a destination within a designated Major Activity Center.

**Justification:** The W66 MAC area consists of over 300 acres and serves the metropolitan population and beyond, providing commercial, office, and technology centers, including medium to high density residential in sensitive relationship to employment. The W66 MAC is accessible by all modes of travel and includes a major transit transfer point.



The diagram is conceptual in nature and shows the potential build-out allowed by the zoning.

### General MAC Development Characteristics

1. Frontage road trail.
2. Parking visible from street is limited and buffered by landscaping.
3. Linkages to transit facility.
4. Shared parking areas.
5. Aggregated open space for parks, trails and plazas.
6. Higher density development along Central, buffered by frontage road or landscaping setback.
7. Pedestrian connectivity through site using a fine grained network of streets and trails paths.
8. North/South trail to improve connectivity.

MAC zone potential use

**Permissivitted Uses**

1. Any use not listed as a limited or prohibited use shall be permissivitted.
2. Signs, off- and on-premise, per C-1 zone. For neon, historic and iconic signs, see General Development Standards.

**Limited Uses**

1. Within 200 feet of the Central ROW, residential uses shall be prohibited in **first single story buildings or on the ground floor of multi-story buildings**, except that: motels built between 1926 and 1956 may be rehabilitated for residential use; **uses ancillary to residential uses, such as fitness rooms or other common areas, may be located closer to Central.**
2. Drive through/up service windows and queuing lanes are prohibited **at corners** of a major intersection, i.e. within 150 feet of the intersection of **Central and an arterial or collector, or** and within 50 feet of Central Avenue. ~~Drive through/up service windows' location and associated queueing lanes are encouraged to be internal to the site. Queueing lanes shall not be permitted parallel adjacent to streets. See General Development Standards for additional requirements.~~

**Prohibited Uses**

1. The following uses shall be prohibited: Adult amusement establishment and adult store, except in areas previously zoned C-3, IP, M-1, M-2 as of the adoption of this zone; Uses first listed as permissivitted and or conditional in the R-1 and M-2 zone; ~~the following SU-1 uses: automobile dismantling yard, campground, cemetery, drilling, production or refining of petroleum gas or hydrocarbons, gravel, sand or dirt removal activity, stockpiling, processing or distribution and hatching plant, ore reduction, smelting, Planned Development Area, Planned Residential Development, truck plaza, uses listed as permissivitted and or conditional in the P zone.~~

**Permitted Building Types**

1. Development shall occur in one or more of the following:  
**Residential - Townhouse, Rowhouse, Duplex/Triplex/Fourplex, Terrace apartments, Stacked flats, Courtyard apartments**  
**Mixed Use/Non-residential - Loft unit, Podium building, Courtyard building, Flex building, Liner building, Light industrial, Civic institutional building, Structured parking - no ground floor uses, Structured parking - ground floor uses, Drive Through/Service Station.**

**Outdoors or in tents - only for temporary uses that are allowed in this zone, with an Albuquerque Film Office or Special Events permit, subject to time period and frequency limits, provision of parking and restrooms, and prior approval by Fire Marshall.**

**Usable On-site Open Space**

1. A minimum 10% of the site area shall be designated as **on-site open space.**
2. **The usable open space component shall include be in the form of patios, plazas, balconies, roof decks, terraces, courtyards, exterior walkways and/or other open spaces for occupants.** Usable open space is not required if building for residential or mixed residential/non-residential use is located within 1,500 feet of a park, plaza or other designated usable open space that is at least one acre in size and is accessible to the public.
3. **The public space component shall be per §14-16-3-18(C)(4) and (5) of the Zoning Code with the following exceptions:**
  1. One public space area, a minimum of 200 square feet, shall be provided for every 10,000 square feet of building space.
  2. An aggregate of buildings 125,000 square feet or greater shall provide pedestrian plaza space in the amount of 400 square feet for every 20,000 square feet of building space.
  3. ~~A minimum of 50% of the required public space shall be provided in the form of aggregate space that encourages its use and that serves as the focal point for the development.~~
  4. ~~The public space area shall be privately owned and maintained and should typically contain seating and shade.~~
  5. See General Development Standards for additional public space requirements.

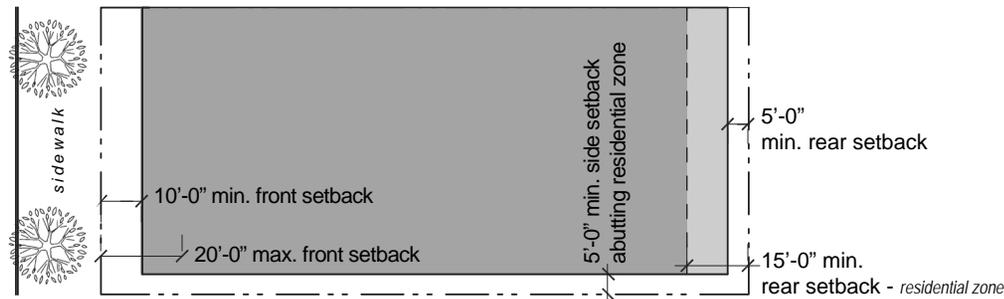
**Landscape Standards**

1. ~~Landscape standards shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-10) except that~~ The total landscape area required for each development shall be a minimum 10% of the net lot area . **See General Development Standards M. for additional requirements.**

**Off-street parking Requirements**

1. All uses: No minimum parking requirement.
2. All other parking requirements shall conform to **§14-16-3-22(C)(5)** ~~FOE-~~

# W66 - MAC Development Requirements



Site Layout Diagram Updated

## Building Placement

### Front Setback

1. All development shall front ~~street~~platted roads or private drive.
2. Front setback from Central R.O.W.: 10 feet minimum; 20 feet maximum
3. Front setback from other arterials: 10 feet minimum; no maximum
4. All others: 5 feet minimum, 10 feet maximum.

### Side Setback

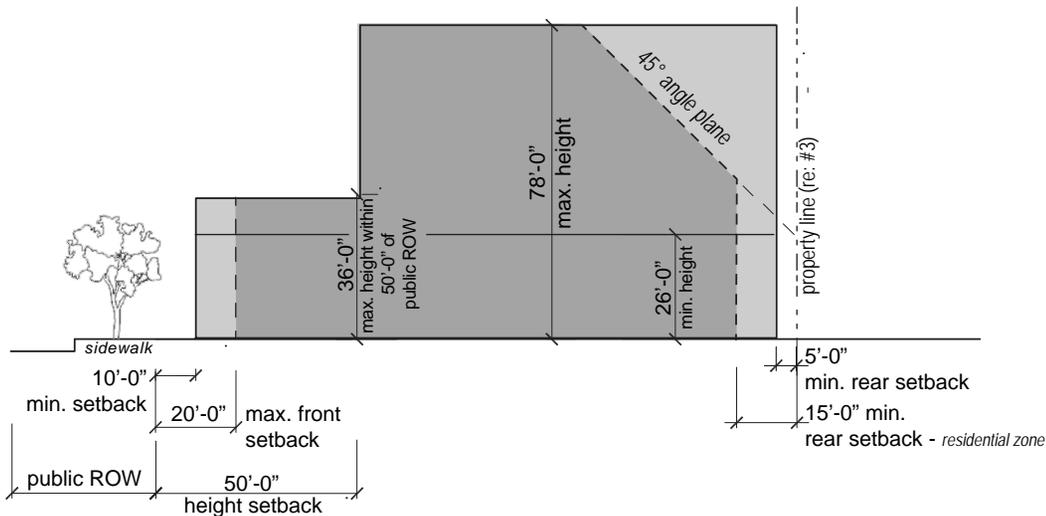
none/5 feet minimum abutting a residential zone

### Rear Setback

5 feet minimum/ 15 feet minimum abutting a residential zone

## Building Height

1. **Minimum height shall be 26 feet.**
2. Heights shall be limited to 78 feet maximum.
3. Abutting R-1 through R-T zone or corresponding SU-1 zone **including SU-1 for MH**, building heights shall not exceed a 45 degree angle plane that begins at a height of 26 feet measured from the residential property line
4. Within 50 feet of a public ROW, heights shall be limited to 36 feet.



Building Section Diagram Updated

## W66 - MAC Development Requirements

MAC in the Comprehensive Zoning Code as well as the General Development Standards of this Plan.

### *Additional Development Requirements*

#### All properties

1. The General Development Standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.
2. ~~Where this zone or the General Development Standards of this Plan area silent, the requirements of the TOD-MAC in the Comprehensive Zoning Code shall apply.~~
3. For lots ~~parcels~~ with over 400 linear feet of frontage along Central, 1 curb cut shall be permitted for every 300 linear feet.
4. No new parking shall be permitted between a building and a public right of way.
5. For lots greater than 150 feet ~~or less~~ in width, a maximum of 50% of the street frontage may consist of parking areas. All other parking areas shall be located behind a building.
6. For lots greater than 150 feet in width, a maximum of 30% of the street frontage may consist of parking areas. All other parking areas shall be located behind a building. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to ~~34~~ feet in height and/or landscaping.
7. A ten foot minimum landscaped setback is required between the sidewalk and the parking area. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 3 feet in height and/or landscaping.
8. Stand alone ATM stations shall be walk-up only. See General Standards for

standalone ATM station requirements.

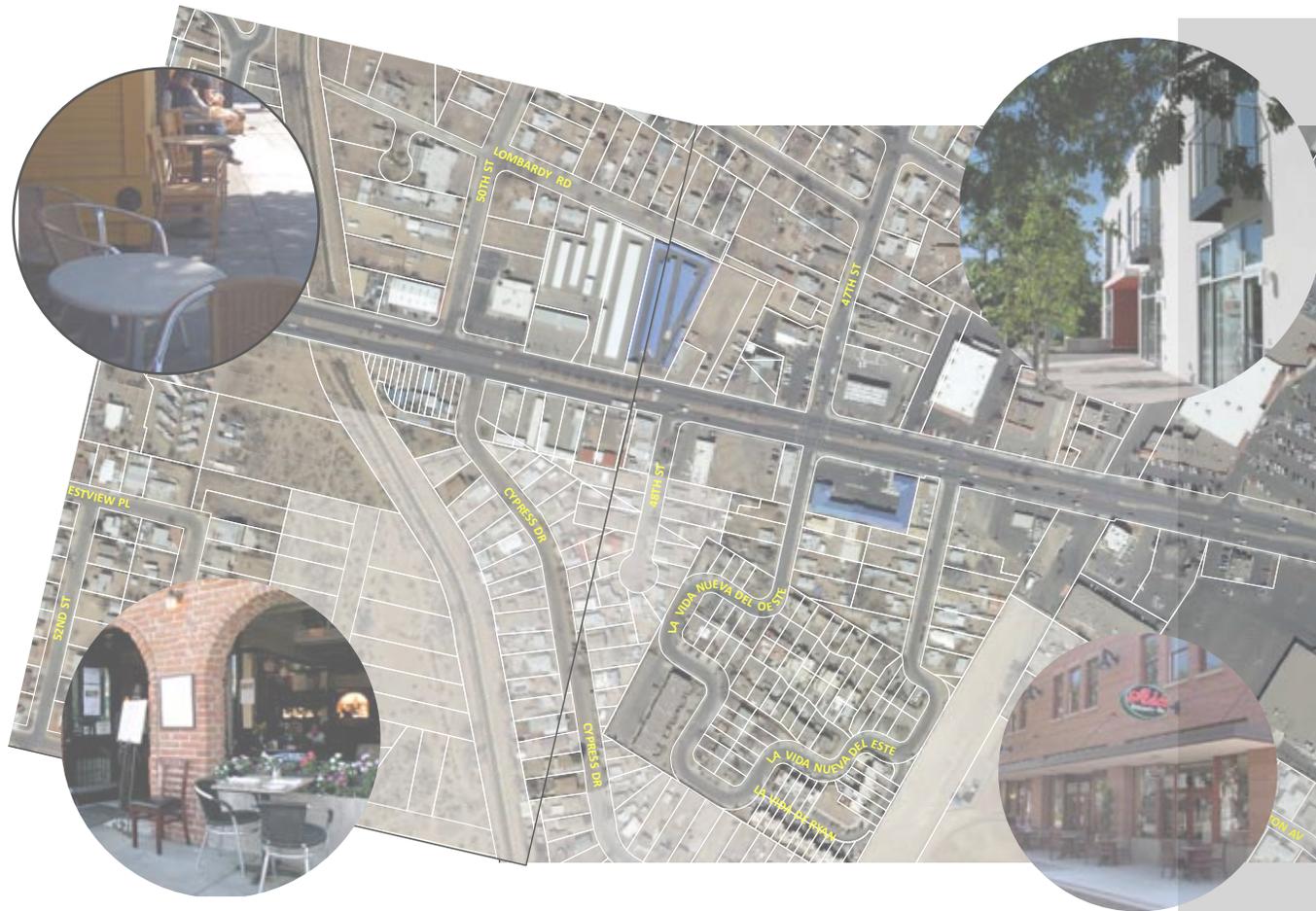
#### For properties greater than 4 acres

1. In order to provide connectivity between public sidewalks, parking areas and development, no more than 400 linear feet of development shall front Central or ~~Atrisco~~ other public ROWs without a pedestrian passage from public R.O.W. to parking areas or a vehicular drive with sidewalks on both sides.
2. Blocks shall be no more than 4 acres in size.
3. ~~Streets Platted roadways~~, which may remain private, shall separate blocks. (Also included in Subdivision Standards on p. XX) ~~Roadways or private drives~~ Streets shall not have more than two travel lanes a maximum of 10 feet in width, ~~except service drives may have 2 lanes up to 15 feet in width.~~
4. All on site ~~streets, unless used primarily as service drives sroadways and private drives~~ shall have on-street parking. On-street parking may be parallel, angled or perpendicular.
5. A minimum 6 foot wide sidewalk and 5 foot wide landscaped area, and stand up curb shall align both sides of all on site ~~streetsroadways and private drives that are not used primarily as service drives.~~ Cuts shall be permitted into curb to allow water to flow into planting areas, see Low Impact Development standards in General Development Standards section.

## W66 - MX Zone

*Intent:* The WR66 MX zone is a form based zone which builds upon the existing development pattern of this portion of the west Central corridor - small platted lots and buildings located close to and oriented to the street - in order to create a vibrant pedestrian zone that includes a mix of commercial and residential activity and is easily accessed by pedestrians, bicyclists and automobiles alike.

*Justification:* This section of the corridor is at the same elevation as the Community Activity Center and contains an existing development pattern conducive to pedestrian-oriented development where buildings line the public R.O.W. and parking is located to sides and rears of buildings to create a safe pedestrian environment.



**Permissive Uses**

- 1. Permissive uses per the C-2 zone with the following exceptions: residential uses (see 2. below); signs (see 4. below).
- 2. R-2 permissive uses, **except house, one per lot, is prohibited. R-2 uses shall be limited to 20 du/acre. [same as w66 c-2]**
- 3. Nursing and Rest homes.
- 4. Signs, off- and on-premise, per C-1 zone. For neon, historic and iconic signs, see General Development Standards.

**Conditional Uses**

- 1. School, other than public.

**Prohibited Uses**

- 1. The sale of alcohol for off-premise consumption.
- 2. Drive through/up service windows **and drive-in uses** are prohibited.
- 3. House, one per lot.
- 4. Conditional Uses in the C-2 zone are prohibited.

**Permitted Building Types**

- 1. Development shall occur in one or more of the following:
  - Residential** - Townhouse; Duplex, /Triplex/Fourplex, Loft Stacked flats; Terrace apartments; Courtyard apartments;
  - Mixed Use/Non-residential** - Podium building; Flex building; Liner building, Stand alone commercial/office building; Civic institutional building; Structured parking - no ground floor uses, shall be located behind another structure; Structured parking - ground floor uses

**On-site Usable Open Space**

- 1. A minimum 20% of the site area shall be designated as **on-site usable** open space.
- 2. **The usable open space component shall include** in the form of patios, plazas, exterior walkways, balconies, roof decks, courtyards **and/or other open spaces for occupants.**
- 3. **The public space component shall be per §14-16-3-18(C)(4) and (5) of the**

**Zoning Code with the following exceptions:**

- 1. One public space area, a minimum of 200 square feet, shall be provided for every 10,000 square feet of building space.
- 2. ~~The public space area shall be privately owned and maintained and should typically contain seating and shade.~~
- 3. ~~A minimum of 50% of the required public space shall be provided in the form of aggregate space that encourages its use and that serves as the focal point for the development.~~
- 4. See General Development Standards for additional public space requirements.

**Landscape Standards**

- 1. ~~Landscape standards shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§14-16-3-10) except that~~ The total landscape area required for each development shall be a minimum 10% of the net lot area. **See General Development Standards M. for additional requirements.**

**Off Street Parking Requirements**

- 1. For Residential Uses: 1.5 spaces/unit minimum
- 2. For all other uses: 1/1000 square feet minimum
- 3. Parking shall be located to the side or rear of building.
- 4. Parking area shall be setback a minimum of ~~5~~10 feet from the property line.
- 5. Parking area shall be buffered from ~~sidewalk~~public ROW by a minimum ~~5~~10 foot landscaped area and a site wall or continuous plant material a minimum of 3 feet high.
- 6. See Additional Development Requirements for maximum allowable parking frontage.

# W66 - MX Development Requirements



Site Layout Diagram *Updated*

### Building Placement

#### Front Setback

Properties fronting Central: No Minimum\*

All others: 5 feet minimum\*

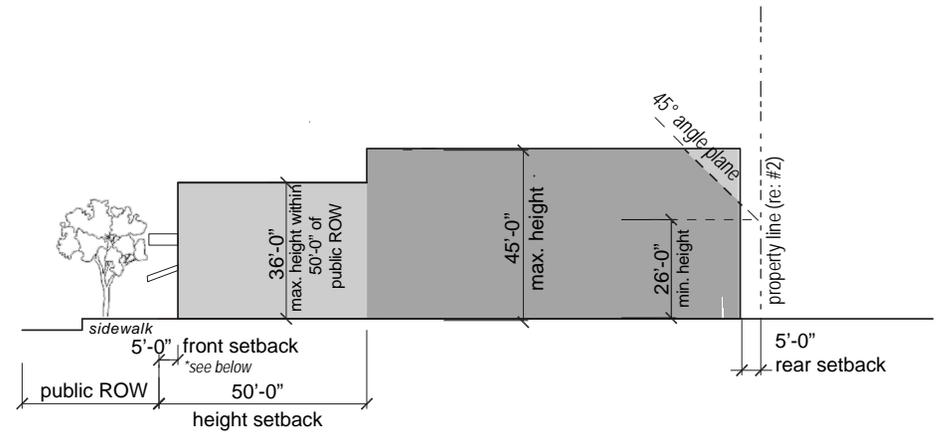
\*upper floors, balconies, portals, shading devices and signage may protrude up to five feet into setback area within the property line a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk.

#### Side setback

No minimum

#### Rear setback

10 feet minimum



Building Section Diagram *Updated*

### Building Height

1. Heights shall be limited to 45 feet maximum.
2. Within 75 feet of an abutting R-1 through R-T zone and corresponding SU-1~~2~~ zone, building heights shall not exceed a 45 degree angle plane that begins at a height of 26 feet, measured from the residential property line.
3. Within 50 feet of Central Avenue, heights shall not exceed 36 feet.

### *Additional Development Requirements*

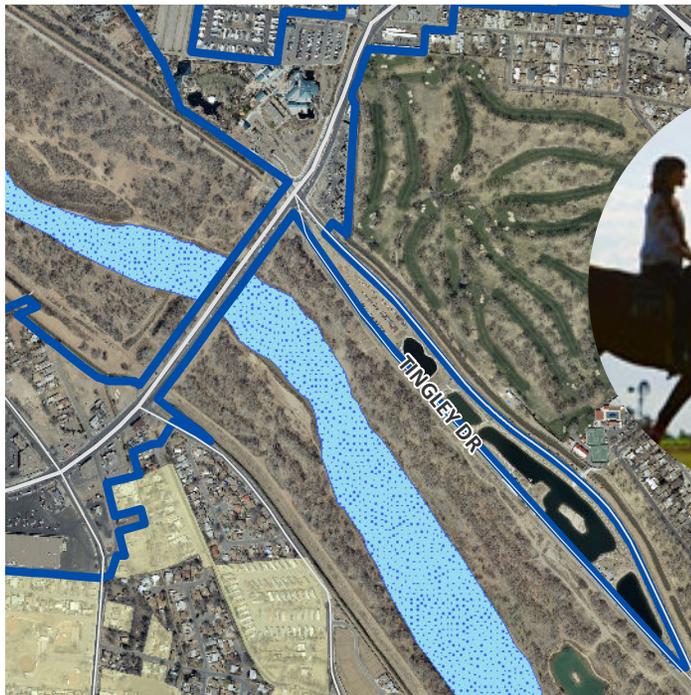
#### All properties

1. General Development Standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.
2. For lots 150 feet or less in width, a maximum of 50% of the street frontage may consist of parking and drive aisles at the minimum setback. **All other parking areas shall be located behind a building. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 4 feet in height and/or landscaping.**
3. For lots greater than 150 feet in width, a maximum of 30% of the street frontage may consist of parking areas. All other parking areas shall be located behind a building. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 4 feet in height and/or landscaping.
4. A 5 foot minimum landscape buffer is required between parking areas and sidewalk. **[see p.99 parking 5]** All other parking areas shall be located behind a building. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 4 feet in height and landscaping.
5. A minimum of 75% of the first floor building frontage shall be at the minimum front setback or at the sidewalk where applicable. A deviation up to 10 feet is permitted to accommodate building articulation, patios and building entrances. Remaining street frontage shall be landscaped, see General Development Standards for requirements. **[adequately covered by 2 and 3?]**
6. Stand alone ATM stations shall be walk-up only. See General Development Standards for Stand alone ATM station requirements.

## W66 - RA Zone

**Intent:** The W66 River Activity (W66 RA) zone is a form based zone that provides for limited residential, commercial development and public facilities near the Rio Grande to serve the retail, recreational and cultural needs of residents and visitors. The zone prescribes lower-density development that is designed to complement the natural environment of the river and bosque, and the acequia system.

**Justification:** The W66 RA zone provides for residential and/or non-residential land uses and for development design appropriate at this unique confluence in the city between, on the one hand, urban Activity Centers and a Major Transit Corridor and, on the other, the Open Space and waterways associated with the Rio Grande.



### *Permitted Uses*

1. Permissive uses of the C-1 zone, **except** residential uses shall be permitted up to 30 du/acre.
2. Sales, service and rental of bikes and outdoor recreational goods; outdoor restaurant seating; outdoor sales of fruit, vegetables, flowers and plants and incidental related signs; community garden; recreational facilities oriented toward outdoor activities: facility for horses and riding, kayaking, lake; outdoor storage or activity if part of a permissive use on the same premises that does not negatively impact neighboring uses or premises; **bed and breakfast establishment**[depends on house use which is prohibited]; restaurant serving liquor; uses or activities in a tent except parking is not required on the premises.
3. Public parking areas.

### *Prohibited Uses*

1. The following uses shall be prohibited: Church; drive-up service windows; auto parts and sales; gasoline, oil, liquefied petroleum gas or other vehicle fuel sales; medical or dental lab; pawn shop; car washing; dry cleaning; taxidermy services.

### *Permitted Building Types*

1. **Indoor uses** Development shall occur in one or more of the following:  
*Residential* - Townhouse, Rowhouse, Duplex,/Triplex,/Fourplex, Stacked flats, Terrace apartments, Courtyard apartments  
*Mixed Use/Non-residential* - Loft unit, Podium building, Flex building, Stand alone commercial/office building, Civic institutional building, .

### *Landscape Standards*

1. Landscape standards shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-10) **except** The total landscape area required for each development shall be a minimum 10% of the net lot area and lots adjoining ditches and drains along the bosque shall use plants native to that environment (refer to City Open Space list). **See General Development Standards M. for additional requirements.**

### *On-site Usable Open Space Requirements*

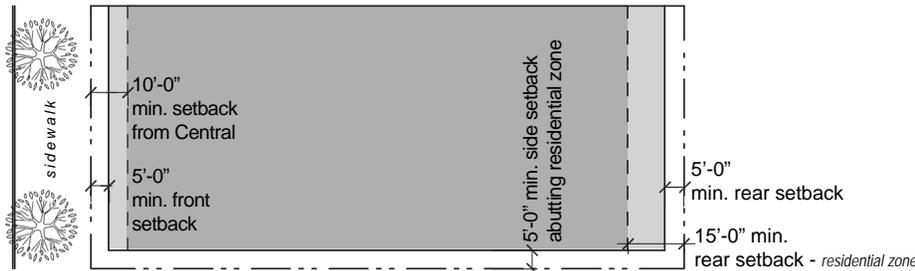
1. Due to the proximity of the bosque, a Major Open Space area, **no total on-site** usable open space **is specified**. requirements for residential use are intended to provide outdoor space associated with an individual unit.

2. **Usable open space** - A minimum of 50 square feet of usable open space shall be provided **per for each** dwelling unit. Usable Open Space may be in the form of patios, courtyards, balconies, and roof gardens **and/or other private or common open spaces for occupants.**
3. **The public space component shall be per §14-16-3-18(C)(4) and (5) of the Zoning Code.**

### *Off Street Parking Requirements*

1. Required minimum parking calculations Per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-1) **and the General Development Standards of this Plan,** except:
  - a. Shared parking facilities. Off-street parking requirements may be met by shared parking facilities located within 800 feet.

# W 66 - RA Development Requirements



Site Layout Diagram *Updated*

### Building Placement

#### Front Setback

Properties fronting Central: 10 feet minimum

All others: 5 feet minimum

Maximum front setback: 15 feet

\*\*upper floors, balconies, portals, shading devices and signage may protrude into the front setback within the property line a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk.

#### Side Setback

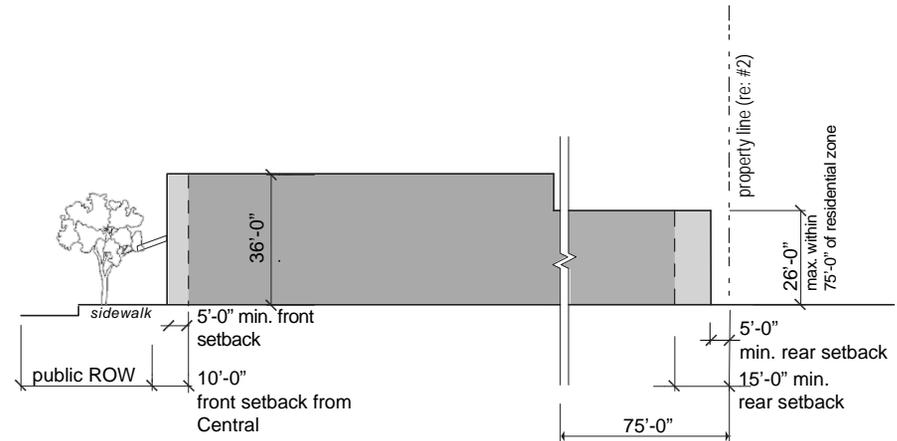
0 feet Minimum/5 feet minimum from residential zone.

#### Rear Setback

5 feet Minimum/15 feet where site abuts the rear of a lot in a residential zone.

#### Setback from abutting waterways (ditch and drain)

5 feet Minimum from MRGCD property or easement line, or 15 feet Minimum from toe of ditch or drain where neither such line exists.



Building Section Diagram *Updated*

### Building Height

1. Heights shall be limited to 36 feet maximum

2. Within 75 feet of an abutting residential zone for houses, building heights shall not exceed 26 feet.

### *Additional Development Requirements*

#### All properties

1. General development standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.
2. In order to facilitate pedestrian circulation, no additional curb cuts shall be permitted. On parcels with no existing curb cut, one curb cut shall be permitted per 150 feet of street frontage.
3. No new parking shall be permitted between an existing building and a public right of way.
4. For lots greater than 75 feet in width, a maximum of 30% of the street frontage shall consist of parking areas.
5. A 10 foot wide minimum landscaped setback is required between the public ROW realm and parking area. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 34 feet in height and/or landscaping.
6. Stand alone ATM stations shall be walk up only. See General Development Standards for Stand alone ATM requirements.
7. Development shall provide direct pedestrian access to the bosque where possible and subject to approval by City Parks Department /Open Space Division.
8. Development shall be oriented to the Rio Grande and bosque where possible. Facades which front the river and bosque shall incorporate views of river, bosque, mountains and acequias through the use of appropriately located glazing, balconies and outdoor pedestrian amenities including seating areas, courtyards and patios, in order to take advantage of site location and to contribute to the development of an active outdoor recreation environment along the river and acequias.

# W66 SAC Zone

**Intent:**—The WR66 Special Activity Center (W66 SAC) zone is a form based zone which provides for a 1 to 4 story mixed use environment serving neighborhood and tourism needs that is sensitive to the character of the Old Town and BioPark area. This zone prescribes medium to high density residential, shopping, service, office, and entertainment uses along a Comprehensive Plan designated Major Transit Corridor, and is within walking or biking distance of residential areas. **The Special Activity Center zone is envisioned as a distinctive district of land uses that complement the existing amenities in the area.**

**Justification:** The W66 SAC zone provides for a mixed use environment which is supportive of the unique conditions afforded by City cultural facilities, Historic Route 66 properties and Old Town.



SAC zone potential development diagram.

**Permissivetted Uses**

1. Uses permissive in the C-1 and R-2 zone with the following exceptions:
  - a. Residential uses: uses permissive in the R-2 zone, , except house, one per lot, is prohibited. Density is controlled by building and site envelope, not limited to 30 du/acre.
  - b. For neon, historic and iconic signs, see General Development Standards.
2. The following uses are permitted: Catering, Baking, Confectionery making, Jewelry or curio making, Pottery making.
3. ~~Bed & breakfast establishment, Hotel, restaurant with outdoor seating; restaurant serving liquor.~~
4. Nursing and Rest homes.

**Limited Uses**

1. ~~Drive up service windows are based on a cap and replace system and shall be capped at 4/42 acres. A new Drive up service windows shall be permitted only to replace an existing Drive up service window use. Drive up service windows are not limited to a specific property.~~

**Conditional Uses**

1. Schools, other than public.

**Prohibited Uses**

1. The following uses shall be prohibited: ~~House, one per lot, vehicle sales, service, repair, and storage; sale of building materials; commercial surface parking lot; sample dwelling unit.~~

**Permitted Building Types**

1. Development shall occur in one or more of the following:
2. **Residential** - Townhouse, Duplex,/Triplex/Fourplex, Loft, Stacked flats, Terrace apartments, Courtyard apartments,
3. **Mixed Use/Non-Residential** - Podium building, Flex building, Courtyard building, Liner building, Stand alone commercial/office building, Civic institutional building, Structured parking - no ground floor uses, located behind another structure, Structured parking - ground floor uses, **Drive Through/Service Station.**

**On-siteUsable Open Space**

1. A minimum 20% of the site area shall be designated as ~~on-siteusable~~ open

space.

2. **The usable open space component shall include** in the form of patios, plazas, exterior walkways, balconies, roof decks, courtyards **and/or other open spaces for occupants.** ~~Open space shall be oriented to the public realm where possible:~~
3. **The public space component shall be per §14-16-3-18(C)(4) and (5) of the Zoning Code with the following exceptions:**
  - a. One public space area, a minimum of 200 square feet, shall be provided for every 10,000 square feet of building space.
  - b. See General Development Standards for additional public space requirements.

The public space area shall be privately owned and maintained and should typically contain seating and shade.
4. ~~A minimum of 50% of the required public space shall be provided in the form of aggregate space that encourages its use and that serves as the focal point for the development.~~



Adobe wall.

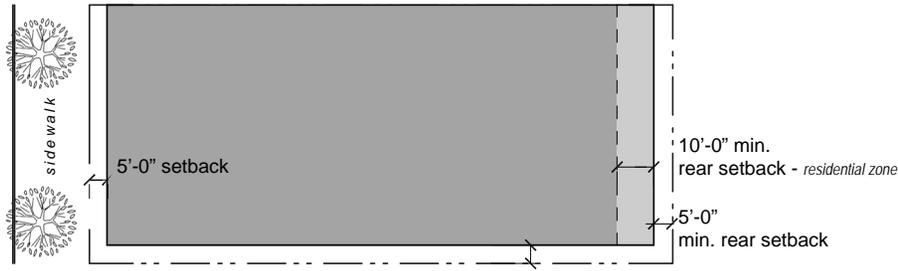
**Landscape Standards**

1. Landscape standards shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-10) ~~except~~ The total landscape area required for each development shall be a minimum 10% of the net lot area. **See General Development Standards M. for additional requirements.**
2. In order to maintain a continuity of materials in the pedestrian realm **within the Special Activity Center zone** to reinforce the concept of a garden district, site walls within 25 feet of **the Central Avenue or Rio Grande Boulevard ROW** shall be **constructed of exposed adobe or adobe-like material.** **Historic properties or those elligible for listing may request exemption from this regulation.**

**Off Street Parking Requirements**

1. Required minimum parking calculations:
  - a. All uses: 1/1000 square feet
  - b. Shared parking facilities. Off-street parking requirements may be met by shared parking facilities located within 800 feet of the site.
  - c. See § 14-16-3-22(C)(5) for additional parking standards.

# W66 - SAC Development Requirements



Site Layout Diagram *Updated*

### Building Placement

#### Front Setback

Minimum setback: 5 feet from front property line to create Building Amenity Zone.

\*upper floors, balconies, portals, shading devices and signage may protrude into the front setback within the property line a minimum of 8 feet above sidewalk.

#### Side Setback

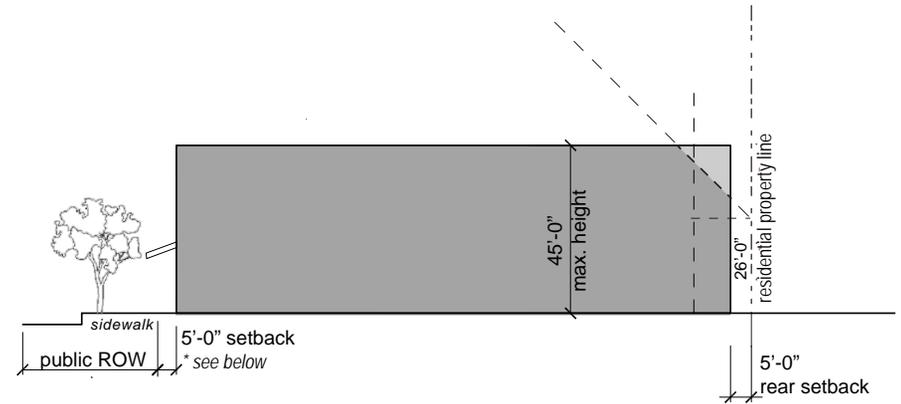
Internal side setback: no minimum.

Side setback adjoining residential zones: 5 feet minimum

#### Rear Setback

Rear setback: 10 feet minimum on lots without alleys

5 feet minimum on lots with alleys



Building Section Diagram *Updated*

### Building Height

Maximum height: 45 feet; within 75 feet of an abutting or adjacent R-1 through R-T zone, or and corresponding SU-2 zone, building heights shall not exceed a 45 degree angle plane that begins at a height of 26 feet, measured from the residential property line. **Adjacent here refers to zones separated from the property by an alley, but not a street.**

## W66 - SAC Development Requirements

### *Additional Development Requirements*

#### All properties

1. The General Development Standards, p. 111, shall apply to this zone.
2. For lots greater than 75 feet in width, a maximum of 50% of the street frontage shall consist of parking and driveway. Remaining street frontage shall consist of buildings, courtyards, patios and seating areas, site walls up to 4 feet in height and landscaping a minimum of 20 feet deep from the front property line.
3. A ten foot minimum setback shall be required between parking and the front **property lines** setback, or the sidewalk where applicable.
4. No **new** additional parking shall be permitted between an **existing** building and a public right of way.
5. No additional curb cuts shall be permitted.
6. For lots 5 acres or greater, §14-16-3-2 of the **Zoning Code** shall apply in addition to the above requirements. Where conflicts exist between this zone and the shopping center regulations, the regulations of this zone shall prevail.
7. Large truck parking shall be screened from street and adjacent buildings by trees and landscaping, architectural walls or other treatment approved by the Planning Director.
8. Service and loading shall not be located on any side of a structure that is adjoining residentially zoned lots.
9. See General Development Standards for Drive up service window requirements.
10. Stand alone ATM stations shall be walk-up only. See General Development Standards for Stand alone ATM station requirements.
11. See General Development Standards for Service Station requirements.
12. See General Development Standards for additional design standards.
13. [The following paragraphs have been combined with General Development Standards E.9 & 10] Water Harvesting. In order to increase permeable area, mitigate against area flooding problems, and encourage the creation of a garden district, water harvesting on site is required. Water harvesting may consist of both active and passive measures. Passive measures include water catchment areas to collect surface run runoff. Runoff from roofs should be collected into separate water catchment areas as this stormwater is cleaner

than surface runoff from parking areas. Where possible catchment areas shall be located in the front setback or in areas where their dual purpose as a ponding area and landscape amenity is most appreciated

14. Water catchment areas should be sized to achieve the first flush. See Drainage section.
15. Grading, hydrology, and landscaping plans shall be integrated to make maximum use of site storm water runoff for supplemental on-site irrigation purposes. The landscape plan shall indicate use of all runoff, from individual catch basins around single trees to basins accepting flow from an entire vehicular use area or roof area
16. Storm water and runoff harvesting shall supplement drip irrigation and are required elements of the irrigation system for both new plantings and preserved vegetation
17. Catchment area shall be planted in a manner which supports the theme of a garden district. The following plants shall be used: Pending:

#### All development fronting Central Avenue

1. Development shall allow for a Building Amenity Zone within the first 5' of the front property line.
2. A minimum of 30% of the first floor building frontage shall be at the minimum front setback. A deviation up to 10 feet is permitted to accommodate building articulation, patios and building entrances. Remaining street frontage shall be landscaped.

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## Building and Frontage Types

### A. Building Types

1. Permitted Building Types established by **W66** zone.
2. Building Types can be found in the Comprehensive Zoning Code § 14-16-3-22(C)(1). **The parking regulations within the Building Types do not apply in the Plan area.**
3. The additions/modifications to the Comprehensive Zoning Code Building Types include: Townhouse, Rowhouse and Loft.

### B. Frontage Types

Frontage Types are defined in the Comprehensive Zoning Code § 14-16-3-22(C)(2). Frontage Types are prescribed by Building Type.

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#### 1. Townhouse

- i. **Description.** A Townhouse is an attached or semi-attached building type consisting of at least four attached units which have varying front setbacks creating semi-private terraces and entry gardens. Townhouse may also be known as Patio Houses. Townhouses may be one or two stories and may vary architecturally from one another, though typically maintain a similar style.
- ii. **Access.** Access to each unit shall be via Stoop, Porch or Patio fronting the street, courtyard, plaza or paseo. Loading and trash disposal shall be accessed from an alley or side driveway.
- iii. **Parking.** ~~Parking shall be located in the rear portion of the lot or a common parking area may be located interior to the block. Garages may be attached, detached or connected by a breezeway and shall be setback from the front façade a minimum of ten feet.~~
- iv. **Frontage.** Each dwelling unit shall include a stoop, patio, portal or porch frontage type fronting the street or fronting a courtyard, plaza or paseo.
- v. **Exposure to light and air.** Each unit shall have at least two sides exposed to the outdoors. Units may abut other units at the property line and share common walls.

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## 2. Rowhouse

Rowhouse form shall be per City of Albuquerque Form Based Zones “Rowhouse” with the following additions and exceptions:

- i. Description. A Rowhouse building type consists of at least four attached units divided from each other by common walls. Each unit shall have a separate entrance. Typically, Row Houses have aligned repeating front facades, though porches or stoops may project. Each unit shall be articulated architecturally as an individual unit. Row Houses may be one or two stories.
- ii. Access. Access to each unit shall be via Stoop, Porch or Patio fronting the street, plaza or paseo.

## 3. Loft

- i. Description. A loft is a live/work attached or semi-attached building type. A loft may be 1½, 2 or 3 stories. Lofts consist of a minimum of three units and can be used for live/work, work/work or live/live. The residence and work components are intended to be shared by the same user and should be directly linked via interior circulation. Live/work units may vary architecturally; however they should have similar stylistic qualities.
- ii. Access. Each Loft building type shall have only one entry on the front façade known as the primary entry. The primary entry to each dwelling unit shall have direct access to the street, plaza, paseo or to a court. Loading and trash disposal shall be accessed from an alley or side driveway.
- iii. ~~Parking. Parking shall be located in the rear portion of the lot or a common parking area may be located interior to the block. Garages may be attached, detached or connected by a breezeway and shall be setback from the front façade a minimum of ten feet. If the Loft is intended to be used as live/work or work/work, enough dedicated parking spaces shall be available on site for employees.~~
- iv. Frontage. Each dwelling unit shall include a stoop, patio, portal and/or porch frontage type fronting the street, plaza, paseo or a courtyard.
- v. Exposure to light and air. Each unit shall have at least two sides exposed to the outdoors. Units may abut other units at the property line, and/or share common walls.

## General Development Standards for All Zones



Corner articulation.



Building articulation.



Balconies and entrances to street.

### C. Building Standards

*The following standards are intended to create an environment that is visually appealing and pedestrian friendly, by requiring building articulation that creates visual interest, variety, relates to a pedestrian scale, and provides visibility both into and out of buildings, creates sidewalk activity and provides pedestrian comfort through sidewalk shading.*

1. No specific architectural style is required and a variety of styles is encouraged. Architectural elements such as walls and fences shall provide a unifying theme for the development.
2. Parking garages visible from a street shall be designed to be complementary with adjacent buildings, through the use of similar building forms and materials.
3. Building entry ways on streets. At least one entrance for each commercial/retail space on a street facade shall have direct access to the street, a street-fronting court or plaza, or a paseo. All upper level non-residential and residential spaces shall have a first floor lobby or private stair with direct access to the street or a street-fronting court or plaza.
4. Corner lots. Corner lots shall address the corner in at least one of the following ways: location of main entrance at a corner; articulation at the corner of the building relating to the corner, i.e. curve, angle, step back or projection, tower element and/or Planning Director approved detail.
5. Upper floors shall have a minimum of 20% glazing on street-facing facades and shall meet the articulation requirements of each zone.
6. Building facades next to public spaces shall provide pedestrian features as listed in § 14-16-3-18 (C) of the Zoning Code.
7. Articulation on street facades. The design standards of the Zoning Code § 14-16-3-18(D) shall apply with the following modification and exception:
  - a. Wall plane projection or recesses shall occur at least every 75 feet (ref. § 14-16-3-18(D)(2)(a))
  - b. Section 14-16-3-18 (D)(2)(b), Vertical Change of Color or Material, shall not apply.
  - c. Art such as murals and sculptures will not require coordination with City **Public Arts Program**. (ref. § 14-16-3-18(D)(2)(e))
8. Balconies and portals shall have a minimum 8 feet of vertical clearance.
9. Uncolored standard concrete masonry unit (CMU) block is not allowed.
10. Reflective glass is not allowed unless the applicant can demonstrate that the glass **[pending: insert more measurable, up-to-date standard]** would not reflect the sunlight glare or solar heat build up on adjacent residential properties or rights-of-way during the hours of 7-10am and 3-6 p.m.



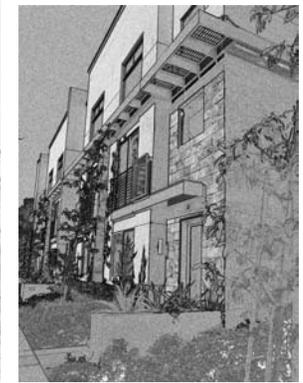
Paseo



Buildings oriented to court.



Individual articulation of units through materials and setbacks.



Site walls and landscaping define units.

## D. Multi-family Residential Design Standards

1. Buildings along the public R.O.W. or private drives shall orient to the street through the following:
  - a. Units and Buildings and units shall front on public R.O.W., private drive, paseo (that leads directly to public R.O.W.) or courtyard (that is open or directly connected to a public R.O.W.).
  - b. Where sites are deep, allowing for development setback from the public R.O.W, development shall first meet minimum front setback requirements of the zone before areas setback further from the public R.O.W may be developed.
  - c. Entrances to buildings or individual units shall be via stoops, patios, porches or courts.
4. Large (over 45,000 square feet footprint) multi-family developments designs are discouraged. Building mass and footprint shall be broken up through the use of smaller buildings, courtyards/courts, paseos and internal on-site streets.
5. In order to maintain an urban block pattern along public streets, buildings shall be no more than 400 linear feet long along a public R.O.W. and multiple buildings that front a public R.O.W on a single site shall be separated by a minimum of 50 feet to include a landscaped area with a paseo or pedestrian/ bicycle path, a streetprivate or platted drive with sidewalks, a landscaped courtyard or play area.
6. Building articulation.
  - a. A visible change in building setback, material or color shall occur a minimum of every 60 feet (horizontally). Color or material change shall happen at clear breaks in mass or at inside corners.
  - b. Major entry element of a minimum of one of the following: a grand entry staircase, architecturally interesting overhang at entry point, public art piece, landscaped entry court, fountain, or other element approved by the Planning Director.
7. Units with exterior entry ways shall have a minimum of 40 square feet of usable entry area dedicated to the unit. Minimum dimension on one side of exterior entry way shall be 5 feet. Usable Entry area may be in the form of a balcony, porch, patio, courtyard or terrace. No access path to another unit may be within the entry area. Usable entry way shall be buffered from abutting units through landscaping, site walls, or offset in building facade.
8. Units in multi-family buildings shall be individually articulated where possible. A minimum of two (2) of the following methods shall be utilized:
  - a. Building setbacks, step backs and offsets between units,
  - b. Visually separate balconies, terraces or patios,
  - c. Individual exterior entrances to upper level units, in addition to those required for ground floor units per Frontage Type.
  - d. Majority entry element of a minimum of one of the following: a grand

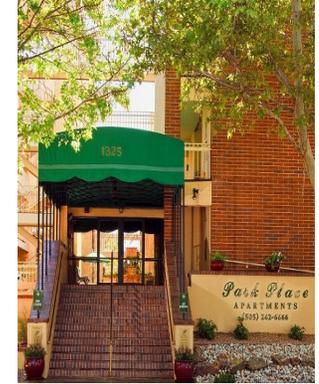
## Residential Development Guidelines



Color and materials articulate individual units.



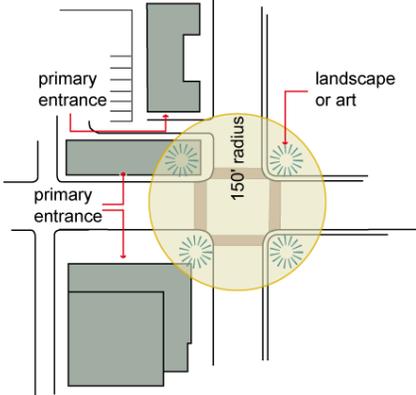
Individual balconies



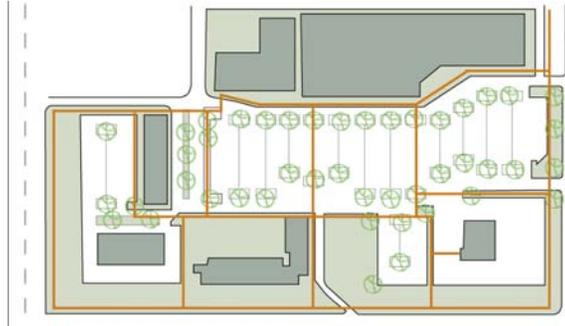
Grand entry way

~~entry staircase, architecturally interesting overhang at entry point, public art piece, landscaped entry court, fountain, or other element approved by the Planning Director,~~

- e. Color or material change to articulate individual units.
7. Gated communities shall not be permitted. Walls over 3 feet shall not be permitted within 15 feet of the public R.O.W. Gated access to interior courtyards **and rear parking** shall not **constitute** be considered a gated community.
  8. ~~Parking shall not be visible from the public R.O.W.~~ Where possible, parking shall be located behind buildings. Parking adjacent to a public R.O.W. shall be screened by a combination of site walls, trees and landscaping **that includes vegetative cover.**
  9. Parking areas shall be separated from residential areas by a 10 foot landscaped buffer with a minimum of 1 tree per 50 square feet and connected to residential area by a paved path a minimum of 5 feet in width. In no case shall a residential buildings **have parking** be surrounded on more than two sides by parking.
  10. Individual unit parking garages shall not front the public R.O.W. and shall be setback a minimum of 15 feet from the front facade. Double garage doors are not permitted. If a unit has more than two garage spaces, the third space shall be setback an additional 5 feet.
  11. Carports shall not front the public R.O.W. Carports shall not front individual units and should be located behind residences where possible.
  12. Parking structures shall not be accessed directly from the public R.O.W.
  13. ~~Sliding windows are discouraged.~~
  14. Windows shall be recessed a minimum of 1 inch measured from building face to glazing.
  15. Each unit shall have exposure to light and air on a minimum of two sides.
  16. Sites with multiple residential buildings shall organize buildings around a common area **or along** a paseo; ~~or open space area.~~ Pedestrian pathways shall connect all buildings on site.
  17. Vehicular drop off areas shall be located to the side or rear of buildings.



Intersection with defined pedestrian crossing and primary entrance locations



Plan diagram showing pad site development with internal bays of parking, clear pedestrian access (orange lines) and street edge definition.

**E. General Site Standards**

The intent of the General Site Standards is to provide for minimum site development standards which will ensure cohesive layout of the project, continuity of design across all elements such as signs, outside storage, and landscaping within the property line, and a continuous street landscaping buffer along Central Avenue. Note that building placement and setbacks are determined by zone.

Site layout and design

1. Development shall **should** be designed in a manner to **that** creates the **impression** of a unified project and overall sense of a unique or identifiable place. A sense of entry or arrival shall be created at primary entry ways into the development **through** building placement, landscaping, gate**ways**, entry monuments, specialty lighting and **/or** other design elements **shall be used to create this design effect approved by the Planning Director.**

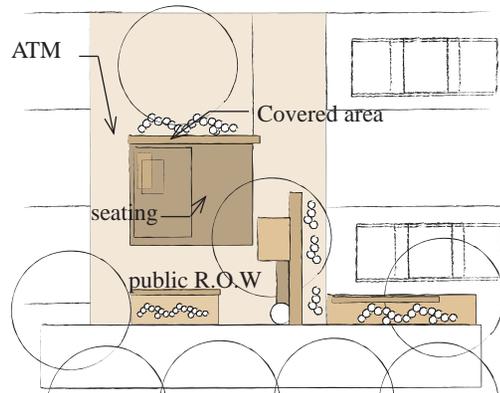
Guideline A. Linear “strip” development is discouraged. This type of development is characterized as one store deep with buildings and/or units arranged in a linear fashion rather than clustered.

Guideline B. Multiple buildings in single projects should be varied in size and

mass.

2. Other design elements of the site, such as paving textures, seating, outdoor displays, walls and fences, and other amenities shall be compatible with the architectural and landscape treatment of the project.
3. Pad **Site** Development. The following design standards shall apply:
  - a. To the maximum extent practical, pad sites shall be clustered together to create consistent edges along streets and to provide safe and convenient pedestrian connections between buildings.
  - b. Spaces between adjacent pad site buildings shall provide pedestrian connections and amenities between sites such as a landscaped pedestrian walkway linking customer entrances between two or more pad site buildings; a public seating or outdoor eating area; sculptures or fountains; or other design features approved by the Planning Director.
  - c. Pad site buildings shall incorporate the same materials as those on the primary commercial building(s) in the development.
  - d. **Cross-access and -parking easements are required in sited development plans.**

## General Development Standards for All Zones



Conceptual Stand Alone ATM Diagram

Walk up ATM

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4. Stand alone ATM standards. Automated Teller Machine that is not attached to a building. Stand alone ATM's shall be walk-up only. Drive-up ATM's shall only be permitted as part of a bank drive up facility. (See Drive through/up Standards) for additional information. Stand alone ATM shall conform to the following standards:
  - a. Stand alone ATM may be permitted in front setback.
  - b. ATM Machine shall be covered by a shading element.
  - c. ATM Machine shall be incorporated into a landscaped public space a minimum of 50 sq ft. including at a minimum: 1 tree, 1 bench, 1 trash receptacle and 1 planted area.
  - d. Stand alone ATM shall be buffered from parking areas by a 3 foot minimum wall or plant material a minimum of 3 feet high at maturity.
  - e. Stand alone ATM shall be connected to public R.O.W. or buildings on site via sidewalk.
5. Drive through/up Standards. Permissive Use determined by zone. Where possible, Drive through/up service windows and lanes shall be located internal to site on a non-street fronting side of a building. Drive through/up windows shall not be on a facade that fronts on Central Ave shall not have and the associated queuing lanes abutting shall not be parallel to Central Avenue, unless they are behind a building. Drive through/up lane and window shall be buffered from any other the public R.O.W., from pedestrian-oriented area or residentially-zoned area by a minimum of a 5 foot landscape strip with evergreen shrubs and 3 foot high site wall, or by a building.
6. Outdoor storage. No outdoor storage is allowed within 50 feet of the Central Avenue right-of-way line. All outdoor storage shall be enclosed on all sides by a minimum six foot high solid wall or fence.
7. Encroachments. a. Encroachments in the public R.O.W. shall follow existing city regulations. b. Building encroachments in the form of balconies or structural shading elements shall not extend within 2 feet of the curb.
8. Grading. Severe changes in grade should shall be minimized. Retaining walls up to 4 feet area are allowed. Any changes greater than 4 feet shall be permitted only by terracing at a 3:1 slope. A combination of these techniques is allowed. (Compliance is reviewed by City Hydrologist).

# General Development Standards for All Zones



Permeable paving



Vegetative swale.



Hardscape broken up with bio retention areas.



Decorative grate and inlet.

9. Low Impact Development (LID) Requirements (Compliance is reviewed by City Hydrologist)

- a. Water Harvesting. In order to increase permeable area, mitigate against flooding problems, and make efficient use of land, water harvesting on site is required. Water harvesting may consist of both active and passive measures. Passive measures include water catchment areas to collect surface runoff. Runoff from roofs should be collected into separate water catchment areas as this stormwater is cleaner than surface runoff from parking areas. Where possible catchment areas shall be located in the front setback or in areas where their dual purpose as a ponding area and landscape amenity is most appreciated.
- b. Water catchment areas should be sized to achieve the first flush. Grading, hydrology, and landscaping plans shall be integrated to make maximum use of site storm water runoff for supplemental on site irrigation purposes. The landscape plan shall indicate use of all runoff, from individual catch basins around single trees to basins accepting flow from an entire vehicular use area or roof area
- c. All new development shall use two (2) or more of the following LID strategies.
- d. All new development over 1 acre shall use three (3) or more of the following LID strategies.
- e. LID strategies are as follows:
  - i. Impervious Surface. Minimize the amount of directly connected

- impervious material. Transition to permeable material under parking areas or create breaks in impervious material with open curbs of flush mount curbs that allow water to flow into landscaped areas.
- ii. Internal Roadway Cross Sections. Minimize roadway cross sections where possible. Pedestrian zones should be separated from vehicular zones with a landscaped area that is bordered by open curbs or flush mount curbs to allow for water flow.
- iii. Intersection. Introduce traffic circles at large intersections that can be designed to accept storm water run off and act as a landscaped bio-retention area. At all intersections, minimize the radii to slow traffic and reduce paved area.
- iv. Looped Turnaround. ~~Where possible along the corridor,~~ cluster development and design a looped turn around for access. The center of loop can be bordered by flush mount curbs and act as a landscaped bio-retention area.
- v. Driveways. Where possible, share driveways.
- vi. Sidewalks. Slope/grade sidewalks horizontally so they drain towards flanking landscape.

## General Development Standards for All Zones



Shade structure and fixed seating.



Children's play area.



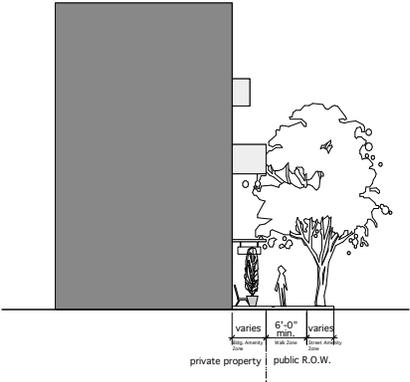
Allee of trees.



Water element/fountain.

11. Development Phasing. Construction phasing shall be indicated on the Site Development Plan. First phase development requirements: A Pedestrian Realm shall be constructed during the first phase of development. In addition to Pedestrian Realm requirements in the General Standards, undeveloped areas adjacent to the Pedestrian Realm shall include one or more of the following for every 400 linear feet of street frontage to provide visual interest until development build out.

- a. Water element (fountain, spray park, pond)
- b. Hardscaped plaza with colored scored concrete or pavers.
- c. Amphitheater/Fixed seating/movable seating 1/20 LF minimum
- d. **Trees:** a minimum of 3 rows wide and 3 rows long, 2 shrub + 1 tree /60 LF; Grove; or Allee of trees, 25 feet on center
- e. Shade structure
- f. Mural
- g. Public Art/Sculpture
- h. Children's play area
- i. Landscape Feature (planted area, garden)



Public Realm Diagram

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**F. Pedestrian circulation and connectivity**

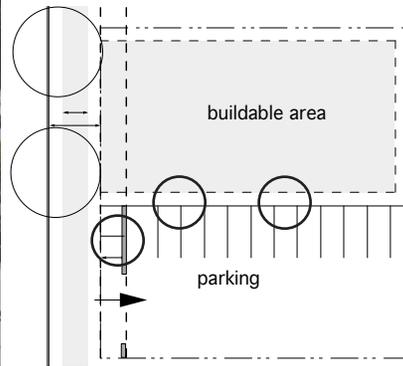
1. Sidewalks shall be located at the property line, except where necessary to meet existing adjacent sidewalk.
2. Public utilities shall not be located so as to interfere with clear pedestrian circulation.
3. Pedestrian Realm. The area from the back-of-curb dedicated to pedestrian use. The required dimensions of the Pedestrian Realm are per zone and shall contain the following areas subject to the following regulations:
  - a. Building Amenity Zone. Area adjacent to a building on private property that may be used to provide pedestrian amenities that stimulate street activity such as restaurant/café seating, retail vending, outdoor seating, fountain and public art.
  - b. Pedestrian Walk Zone. The area dedicated to pedestrian circulation within the public R.O.W. that shall remain clear at all times.
    - iii. Sidewalk shall be located at property line, **except where necessary to meet existing adjacent sidewalk.**
    - iv. Sidewalk alignment. The sidewalk shall be aligned where possible within the block.
      - i. Sidewalk width. A clear pedestrian path of a minimum of six feet shall be maintained at all times.
      - ii. Sidewalk material. Sidewalks shall be a hard surface which may include concrete, brick, or pavers. Sidewalk material shall be slip

- resistant and of a permanent nature.
  - c. Street Amenity Zone. The area adjacent to the back of curb dedicated to street furnishings, bike racks, landscaping, telephones, information centers, lighting, signage, and transit facilities (benches and shelters).
    - i. Street trees. Street trees shall be located every 25 feet on center.
    - ii. The use of tree grates is permitted for all tree wells.
  - d. Limited R.O.W. Where public R.O.W. is too constrained to meet Pedestrian Realm requirements, Pedestrian Walk Zone shall be maintained and any additional R.O.W. shall be landscaped.
4. Internal Pedestrian Pathways.
  - a. For lots over one acre, separate pedestrian and vehicular access shall be provided from the public right-of-way to the building(s). Pedestrian access to buildings from the public right-of-way shall be shaded, illuminated for nighttime use, and not utilize driveways as walkways.
  - b. For sites with multiple buildings, pedestrian pathways shall connect each building and an unobstructed sidewalk measuring at least eight (8) feet in width shall be provided along the full length of all sides of buildings having customer entrances. Additional width shall be required if the sidewalk is used for seating, displays or other purposes.
5. Site Connectivity. See MAC and SAC connectivity in Chapter 5, Transportation recommendations. **[Clarification pending]**

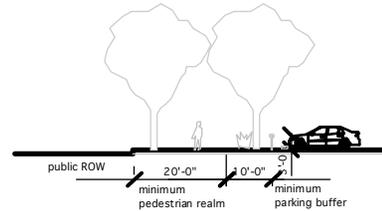
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Parking with wall planter as buffer.



Parking located to side of building.



Parking diagram with landscape buffer.



Parking with landscape buffer.

### G. Off-street parking

1. Buildings constructed prior to 1965 shall supply parking spaces only to the extent on-premise ground space is available.
2. Adjacent and abutting on-street parking may count toward off-street parking requirements as permitted by zone.
3. Standard City Transit reductions shall apply. See Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-1(E)(6)(a)).
4. Automobile and light truck space standards shall apply. See Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-1(F)).
5. Parking for Bicycles shall apply. See Zoning Code (§14-16-3-1(B)(3)).
6. Pedestrian connections shall apply. See Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-1(H)).
7. Off-street parking areas shall be designed and landscaped to minimize glare, reduce reflection and reduce the visual impact of large numbers of cars. Parking areas shall include the following landscaping elements:
  - a. A minimum of 15% of the parking lot area shall be landscaped. The landscaping shall consist of shade trees and shrubs and shall be distributed throughout the parking lot.
  - b. One tree shall be required per every 8 parking spaces. Tree planters shall be used at ends of double-loaded parking rows. Not more than 15 spaces side-by-side shall be allowed between planters. A minimum of 2 trees is required per parking area. No parking space may be more than 50 feet from a tree trunk.
  - c. Buildings shall be separated from parking areas and drives by a minimum 5 foot wide sidewalk and minimum 2 foot wide landscape buffer.



Sports court.



Patio dining.



Play area.



Community Garden

**H. Public spaces**

- 1. All pedestrian oriented and public spaces, including paseos and the pedestrian realm, shall comply with the following standards:
  - a. Include amenities such as benches, movable seating, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, or kiosks; A minimum of 1 bench and 1 trash receptacle is required. For public spaces greater than 100 sq ft, 1 additional seat is required for every additional 100 sq ft. 1 trash receptacle is required for every 10 seats or at least one trash receptacle every 300 lf along linear public spaces.
  - b. Consider solar angles and wind conditions in the design of the space;
  - c. Include areas along building edges for outdoor seating;
  - d. Be designed for security and be visible from the public right-of-way as much as possible;
  - e. Have pedestrian scale lighting a maximum of 16 feet in height.
  - f. Utilize distinctive paving materials, including permeable paving. Asphalt paving is prohibited.

- 2. Public spaces over 400 sq ft shall contain an outdoor plaza, patio, courtyard or pocket park with seating and shade covering a minimum of 25% of the area. A portion (generally at least 40%) of the square footage of this public space shall be landscaped with plant materials, including trees.
- 3. In addition, Public spaces over 10,000 sq ft shall contain a minimum of 1 of the following features:
  - a. Sculpture or other artwork.
  - b. Fountain or some other water feature.
  - c. Playground or other recreational amenity.
  - d. Any other amenity that meets the intent of this Plan and that meets the approval of the Planning Director.

[Move O. Best Practice Guidelines and diagrams (to be amended) here]

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### I. Site Lighting

The intent of the site lighting standards is to ensure cohesive design, provide adequate lighting on a site for safety and to prohibit site lighting from creating a nuisance on adjacent property.

1. Exterior lighting shall be designed as part of the architectural and landscape character of a project. Fixture style and design shall be compatible and consistent with the building design.
2. Site lighting shall be per area lighting regulations in the Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-9) with the following additions:
  - a. Pedestrian site lighting. Pedestrian ~~site~~street lights shall be located between 13 feet and 16 feet above grade with a maximum average spacing (per block face) of 60 feet on center. Pedestrian street lights must be placed two feet from the back of curb on each side of the street and travel lanes, unless otherwise indicated. ~~Site~~Street lighting and street trees should not conflict.
  - b. Exterior building lights. On the street front elevation, exterior lights shall be mounted between six feet and 14 feet above adjacent grade.
  - c. Alley lighting. All lots with alleys shall have lighting fixtures within five feet of the alley's edge of pavement where it does not conflict with vehicle access and circulation. The fixture shall illuminate the alley, be between eight and 12 feet in height, and not cause glare into adjacent lots. When a structure in the lot is within five feet of the alley's edge, the lighting fixture shall be attached to the structure and not to a light pole.
  - d. Lighting elements. Lighting elements shall be compact fluorescent, metal halide, LED, or halogen only. No HID or fluorescent tube lights (excepting compact fluorescent bulbs) may be used on the exterior of buildings.
  - e. Floodlights and directional lights. Floodlights or directional lights 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.

### J. Signage

The intent of the signage standards is to provide for readable, attractive signs that do not dominate the streetscape, and to encourage the use of neon and iconic signs along Central Ave. that reinforce Route 66 identity. These standards prevail over any conflicting regulations that apply to signs as a permitted use in individual zones within the plan area, **except in the H-1 Historic Old Town buffer zone where the standards of that zone shall prevail.**

1. Signage shall be per the C-1 zone, §14-16-3-5 General Sign Regulations shall apply with the following additions and exceptions:
  - a. Neon signs
    - i. Definitions. **[move to 5.0 in this chapter]**  
Neon sign. A sign that uses neon, argon, mercury or a similar gas to fill tubing made of glass or similar material, which is charged with electricity in order to create an illuminated tubular sign or illuminated elements of a sign that comprise at least 20% of the sign face area and include at minimum lettering and/or images. The tubing may contain an alternative illumination technology, such as, but not limited to, light-emitting diodes (LEDs). Any non-gaseous illumination technology, such as LEDs, must produce illumination that appears to be a continuous, uninterrupted line, similar to illumination produced by gaseous illumination technology.

Animated neon sign. A neon sign that uses changes in luminance in a sequential or radial manner to produce what appears to be movement of an element of the animated sign. Flashing and physical movement of a sign and/or its elements are not considered sequential or ~~with~~ radial changes in luminance.

- ii. Neon signs, including animated neon signs, are permitted on properties fronting Central Ave., or fronting on 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Unser Blvd or Coors Blvd if the signs are within 300 feet of the center line of Central Avenue, subject to regulations in §14-16-3-5 that protect residential zones. The following modifications to zone standards and general sign regulations also apply:
  - Location.  
Free-standing and all types of building-mounted neon signs are allowed. A free-standing sign shall be allowed on properties

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designated Developing Urban by the Comprehensive Plan.

A neon sign may overhang or protrude horizontally up to 5 feet into the public right-of-way, except a marquee sign is allowed 10 feet, if it is a minimum of 12-feet above the right-of-way at grade and does not impinge on required clearance for overhead utilities.

A neon sign shall not obscure portions of a building that contribute to architectural character including, but not limited to, doors and windows.

### Number.

One free-standing or projecting neon sign per premise frontage is permitted, except that corner lots of less than 5 acres are permitted only one free-standing or projecting sign. A free-standing sign is allowed on properties designated Developing Urban by the Comprehensive Plan.

One building-mounted neon sign per business or tenant façade fronting Central, 98<sup>th</sup> Street, Unser Blvd and Coors Blvd is permitted.

### Size.

Free-standing and projecting signs. Sign face area may be up to 50% over the sign area allowed for conventional signs but shall not exceed 150 square feet total after the bonus is applied on premises of less than 5 acres, or 225 sq ft on larger premises. Lettering is allowed a proportionate size increase.

Building-mounted signs, excluding projecting signs. Total sign face area may be up to 25% over the total sign face area allowed for conventional signs but shall not exceed 20% of the façade area after the bonus is applied. Lettering is allowed a proportionate size increase.

### Height.

Free-Standing Signs. Height shall not exceed the height of the main structure, excluding towers, on the property by more than 10% or it shall not exceed 30 feet, whichever is lower.

Building-Mounted Sign. Height shall not exceed the height of the building, excluding towers, to which the sign is mounted by more

than 10% or it shall not exceed 45 feet, whichever is lower.

b. Historic signs. Historic signs that are associated with the historic use of a premise are exempt from provisions of the Zoning Code (14-16-3-5(B)(1)(d)) and of this plan that would otherwise prohibit their continued display. For the purposes of this subsection a historic sign is defined as a sign that is determined by the Planning Director to be a designated City Landmark or listed or eligible for listing in the New Mexico Register of Cultural Properties either individually or as a contributing part of a property. A historic sign may be a neon sign.

c. Iconic signs. An iconic sign is a sign whose form suggests its meaning. Such a sign is unique and creates an image and/or defines a place. An iconic sign may be sculptural in style and demonstrates extraordinary aesthetic quality, creativity or innovation. These are signs that are different from the typical sign and have elements of highly recognizable or identifiable features, sign faces or are otherwise distinguished from an average square or rectangular box design. They typically have characteristics of art, going beyond simply advertising the “what and where”. The iconic sign typically refers to an object in symbolic form (as with the road sign which shows a man at work). An iconic sign may be a neon sign.

i. Modifications to zone standards. Where an iconic building-mounted or free-standing sign is proposed, the applicable height and size limitations of the zone and/or these general standards may be modified to allow such sign based on the definition listed above and at the discretion of the approving body.

d. Conventional signs, as distinct from neon, historic or iconic, shall be regulated by standards of the Zoning Code, ~~with the following exceptions and additions:~~ **except** the following signs and sign elements are specifically prohibited.

- i. Any off-premise sign referring to a business or merchant not doing business on the premises where the sign is displayed, unless it is allowed as a neon or historic sign (see a. and b. above). Existing off-premise signs shall be allowed to remain, until removed. No existing off-premise signs shall be altered or enlarged.
- ii. Any sign which is attached to the roof of a building or structure between the eaves and the ridge line of the roof, unless it is

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allowed wholly as a neon, historic or iconic sign (see a., b. and c. above).

- iii. Any sign which is a roof sign as defined in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. , unless it is allowed as a neon, historic or iconic sign (see a., b. and c. above).
- iv. Any sign which is located (painted, affixed, etc) on a water tower, storage tank, smoke stack, utility pole or other similar structure.
- v. Any sign which is located (painted, affixed, etc) on trees, rocks or other natural features.
- vi. Any sign which emits smoke, visible vapors, particles, sound or odor.

### *K. Walls and fences.*

- 1. As per City Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-19) with the following exceptions:
  - a. Prohibited materials. **Uncolored CMU block.** Concertina or barbed wire, sheet metal fencing and razor ribbon are prohibited. Chain link fencing is not permitted in the front setback or where adjacent to a residential use
  - b. Street walls within 20 feet of the public street right-of-way shall not exceed three feet in height above the abutting grade on the street side, except walls used for screening of mechanical equipment, loading and service areas shall not exceed six feet.

### *L. Screening of mechanical equipment, service and loading areas.*

- 1. Pursuant to City Zoning Code (§ 14-16-3-18(C)(6)(a)) with the following additions and exceptions:
  - a. Service and loading facilities shall be combined, where possible.
  - b. Trash containers shall not be visible from a public or private street and shall be recessed or screened by a six-foot high solid wall and/or gate.
  - c. Ground mounted mechanical equipment, and service and loading areas shall be accessed from alleys or rear access easements where possible.
  - d. Exterior mounted mechanical and electrical equipment shall be architecturally screened. Location of such equipment within the building or at ground level is preferable to roof-mounting, unless such location would adversely affect the streetscape, pedestrian circulation, or open space. **Check with PNM for current clearance and access requirements. Ground-level clearance area may include parking area.**

### *M. Landscape Standards*

- 1. Landscape standards shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code (§ 14-

16-3-10) with the following exceptions:

- a. The mature spread of a tree’s canopy may count toward the 75% required vegetative ground cover (§ 14-16-3-10(G)(3)) for landscape areas;
  - b. The use of tree grates is permitted for all tree wells;
  - c. Usable open space in such forms as patios, plazas and courtyards, shall have a minimum landscape area of 15%;
  - d. Building setbacks not used for pedestrian activity shall have a minimum landscape area of 50%. Asphalt is not a permitted material within the landscaped setback area.
  - e. Landscaping on roof decks may be counted toward the required area landscaping.
  - f. Standard and special landscape buffers shall be a minimum of 6 feet wide ((§ 14-16-3-10(G)(3) & (4)). The special landscape buffer shall be planted primarily (at least 50%) with evergreen trees or tall shrubs, and a minimum three (3) foot high screen wall adjacent to the parking area shall be required between parking areas and abutting residential zones.
2. ~~All landscaped areas shall be served by underground irrigation systems unless otherwise approved by the Planning Director.~~
  3. Storm water and runoff harvesting shall supplement drip irrigation and are required elements of the irrigation system for both new plantings and preserved vegetation

*n. Demolition*

1. In order to limit the detrimental effect of demolition on remaining Route 66

historic resources in the plan area, a demolition review period as contained in Article 14-12-9 R.O.A. 1994 may be warranted when the demolition of a building is proposed. A review provides the time necessary to determine whether a structure that meets certain criteria shall be designated as a City Landmark consistent with Article 14-12-7, or for owners of such structures to consider alternative strategies for the preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration of an historic building. City residents and the neighborhood are required to be notified and asked to comment on the impending demolition of historic properties.

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### *o. Best Practices Guidelines for Development Site Layout (This section is to be moved to page 125)*

In addition to the requirements of the General Development Standards, the following Best Practices guidelines are encouraged to be incorporated in development. The following site layout diagrams suggest development organization which provides access for both pedestrian and vehicles while maintain a street frontage which contributes to the public realm. These diagrams should guide development where applicable. **[Pending: amendments to diagrams to add titles and labels]**

1. Building entry ways on streets. At least one entrance for each commercial/retail space on a street facade should have direct access to the street or a street fronting court or plaza. All upper level nonresidential and residential spaces should have a first floor lobby with direct access to street or a street fronting court or plaza.
2. Corner lots. Corner lots should address the corner in at least one of the following ways: location of main entrance at a corner; articulation at the corner of the building relating to the corner, i.e. curve, angle, step back or projection, tower element and/or Planning Director approved detail.
3. **Where possible, in order to minimize conflicts between pedestrian and vehicular circulation, drive aisles should be one-way.**



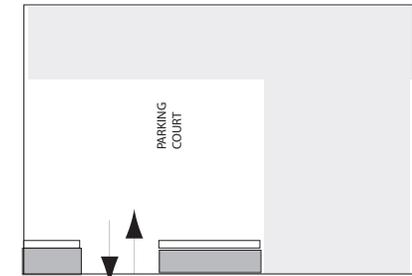
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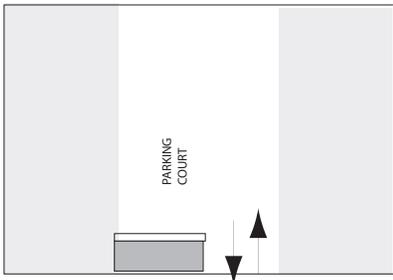
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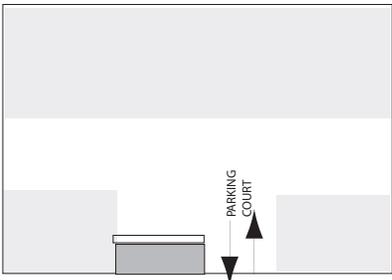
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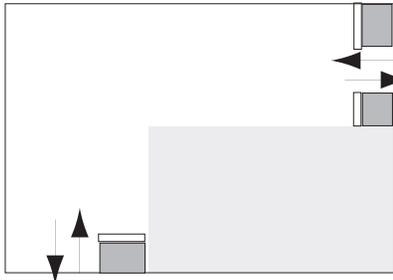
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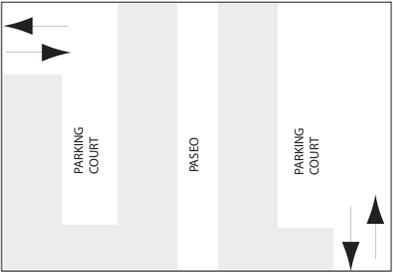
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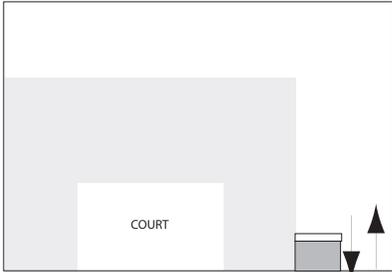
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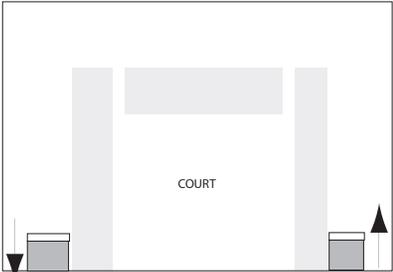
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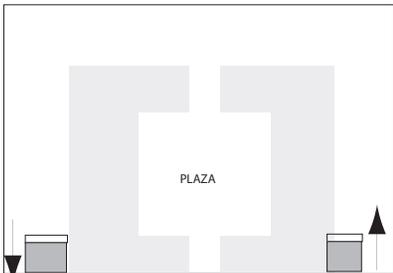
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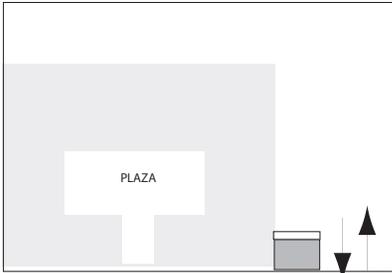
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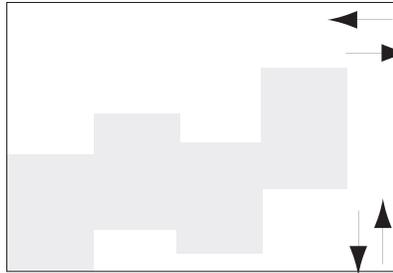
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**STEPPED**  
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