

### **Spokane Plan Commission Agenda**

October 25, 2017 2:00 PM to 4:00PM Council Chambers 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane WA 99201

#### TIMES GIVEN ARE AN ESTIMATE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### **Public Comment Period:** Citizens are invited to address the Plan Commission on any topic not on the agenda 3 minutes each **Commission Briefing Session:** 1) Approve the October 11, 2017 meeting minutes 2) City Council Report Lori Kinnear 3) Community Assembly Liaison Reports **Greg Francis** 4) President Report **Dennis Dellwo** 2:00 -2:15 Ratify Findings and Conclusions from Sign Code Hearing 5) Transportation Subcommittee Report John Dietzman 6) Secretary Report Lisa Kev **Workshops:** 2:15-2:45 1) Joint Strategic Plan Rick Romero 2:45-3:15 2) Code Cleanup (amendments related to sign code) Amy Mullerleile 3:15-4:00 3) Infill Code Revision Workshop Nathan Gwinn **Adjournment:** Next Plan Commission meeting will be on November 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm

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### **Spokane Plan Commission**

Meeting Minutes: Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

#### **Workshop Attendance:**

- Board Members Present: Michael Baker, Christopher Batten, Jacob Brooks, Carole Shook, Sylvia St.Clair, Dennis Dellwo, Patricia Kienholz, Christy Jeffers
- Community Assembly Liaison Greg Francis; Community Council Liaison Lori Kinnear
- Board Members not Present: Todd Beyreuther, John Dietzman

#### **Public Comment:**

• None

#### **Briefing Session:**

- 1. The September 27, 2017 meeting minutes approved unanimously
- 2. City Council Report- Lori Kinnear
  - Two moratorium extensions were given for 6 months
    - The moratorium on demolition of structures in Browne's Addition in anticipation of the Demolition Ordinance was extended while work continues on the creation of an historical district int Browne's Addition and the development of a demolition ordinance.
    - The moratorium on the relocation of billboards within centers and cooridors was extended as staff continues to work on a Sign Code amendment.
  - Councilman Fagan presented a resolution to limit the parameters of the proposed improvements for North Monroe. This resolution will be delayed until it can be brought forward for discussion in the Public Infrastructure and Environment Committee.
  - Administration and Council are working together on the Strategic Plan which is aligned with the Comprehensive Plan resulting in a collaboration between Council and the Administration before items are brought forth to Council for review.
- 3. Community Assembly (CA) Liaison Reports -Greg Francis
  - Colleen Gardner, former Design Review Board Member, spearheaded a neighborhood Q&A
    for how neighborhoods can interact with developers and steps they can take. Also,
    providing information on neighborhood rights vs. developer rights. The Q&A was released
    to the Neighborhood Council on 10.11.17 and can be forwarded to the Plan Commission for
    review.
- 4. President Report-

No President Report John Dietzman is not present

- 5. Transportation Sub-committee Report -Lisa Key reported on behalf of John Dietzman
  - Transportation Subcommittee meeting met October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
  - The Subcommittee is looking at an update to Street Standards as a follow up to the Comprehensive Plan update and new Link Spokane Chapter. The Integrated Capital Manangement and Streets staff are also working with an Impact Fee Committee to update City impact fees.
- 6. Secretary Report-Lisa Key
  - Calendar items on 10.18.17 the Central City Line will have an open house held at Gonzaga's Cataldo Hall from 4:00-7:00pm
  - On 11.2.17, staff will host an open house on infill code amendments at the West Central Community Center from 4:00-6:00pm

#### Workshops:

#### Infill Code Revision- Nathan Gwinn

- Presentation and overview was given on phase 1 of the Infill Development Code Revisions being part of the Plan Commission's 2017 work program. The City expects to bring forward the first set of code revisions for City Council's consideration this year, beginning with the amendments to the Cottage Housing and Pocket Residential sections identified by the steering committee report recommendations.
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

#### **Demolition Ordinance-Lori Kinnear**

- Presentation and overview was given on an ordinance enhancing protections for historic landmarks and districts, as well as providing increased incentives and new funding for historic preservation; repealing chapter 17D.040; enacting a new chapter 17D.100; amending sections 17G.010.210, 08.02.031, and 08.02.065, and enacting a new section 07.08.151 of the Spokane Municipal Code.
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

#### DTC-100 Zone Amendment Scope & Charter- Kevin Freibott

- Presentation and overview given following direction given by Spokane Falls Building Heights
  Working Group, a subcommittee of the Plan Commission, who met in summer 2017 to review
  height limitations currently described in SMC 17C.124. The final report of this working group
  suggested some alternatives to adjust the code requirements for the DTC-100 zone to allow
  bonus height in some circumstances.
- Ouestions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

Patricia Kienholz excused herself from the meeting

#### Hearing

- 1. Citywide Capital Improvement Program- Crystal Marchand
  - Presentation and overview given
  - Ouestions asked and answered
  - Discussion ensued

Christy Jeffers moved to accept findings and facts A-F, seconded by Michael Baker. The motion was approved unanimously.

Michael Baker moved to accept conclusions A and B to the Plan Commission, seconded by Christy Jeffers. The motion was approved unanimously.

Christy Jeffers made a motion to recommend the 2018-2023 Six Year Citywide Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for adoption by City Council, finding it to be in conformance with the City of Spokane's Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Christopher Batten.

By a vote of 7 to 0, the Plan Commission recommended the adoption of the 2018 - 2023 Citywide Capital Improvement Plan.

#### 2. Sign Code- Amy Mullerleile

- Presentation and overview given-Updates to the City's Sign Code, SMC 17C.240.given Staff has been working on updates to the City's sign code since early 2017. This update has been given a limited scope in order to ensure timely completion. The scope is comprised of responding to a moratorium adopted by the City Council in April, ensuring content neutrality and compliance with a 2015 U.S. Supreme Court decision, and incorporating changes recommended by Current Planning staff
- Questions asked and answered
- Discussion ensued

#### **Public Comment-**

Neil Schreibeis with Lamar Advertising spoke in opposition to amend the sign code ordinance specific to the couplet and center corridor issue. He suggested a cap and replace system which puts a cap on the number of signs, but allows signs to be moved throughout the City.

Discussion ensued.

Christy Jeffers moved to approve the draft findings of fact, items A-O, seconded by Jacob Brooks. The motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Christy Jeffers to amend item P of the draft findings of fact, to add that the term "roadway" would apply to both directions of a couplet.

Lisa Key read aloud and clarified the motion that "for offpremise signs proposed to be relocated under "the public works exception" the term "roadway" shall apply to both directions of a couplet".

An amendment was made by Christopher Batten seconded by Christy Jeffers to separate P and name it Q. A motion was made to approve Q as a separate item, restating that for offpremise signs proposed to be relocated under "the public works exception" the term "roadway" shall apply to both directions of a couplet". The motion was seconded by Christy Jeffers.

Jacob Brooks respectfully disagrees with item Q because allowing a signto move from one street to another street is contradictory to the Comprehensive Plan Policy.

Michael Baker is not in support of item Q, without more detail surrounding centers and corridors.

Carol Shooke asked for clarification of the billboard couplet item Q. The wording of Q was restated and read aloud for a vote.

that the term "roadaway" as applying to both directions on a couplet, in the proposed amendments to the sign code.

A motion to approve item P of the draft findings of fact, as written , was moved by Michael Baker and seconded by Christy.

The motion was approved unanimously

A motion to approve draft conclusions A 1 and 2 was moved by Christy Jeffers and seconded by Michael Baker. The motion was approved unanimously.

It was moved by Christy Jeffers that the Plan Commission recommend to City Council the approval of the proposed amendments to Spokane Municipal code, *Chapter 17C.240*, *Signs*. The Motion was seconded by Jacob Brooks,

A roll call vote was taken and passed unanimously, 7 to 0.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12 P.M.



# Spokane City Plan Commission Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Recommendation Proposed Amendments to Spokane Municipal Code, Chapter 17C.240 Signs

A recommendation from the City Plan Commission to the City Council to APPROVE the proposed amendments to the Spokane Municipal Code, *Chapter 17C.240*, *Signs.* 

#### **Findings of Fact:**

- A. The City's Comprehensive Plan and existing sign code prohibit off-premises signage. However, SMC 17C.240.250 (B) provides an exception for existing off-premises signs that must be removed to in order to accommodate a public works project. These signs may be relocated along the same roadway and in the geographical vicinity from where it was removed. On April 10, 2017, City Council passed Emergency Ordinance C35490, imposing an immediate moratorium on the relocation of off-premise signs into areas having a Center and Corridor zoning designation or sites located in an historic district. A hearing was held on May 22, 2017 regarding this moratorium, and the expiration was extended to November 22, 2017.
- **B.** In 2015 the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision in the case of Reed v. Town of Gilbert, AZ, providing new guidance on acceptable regulations of noncommercial signage. Previous standards determining content neutrality were ambiguous; the Reed decision provides a clear standard regarding constitutionally acceptable regulations on noncommercial signage and necessitated a thorough audit of the City's existing sign code.
- Current Planning staff from the Development Services Center provided a list of recommended updates and clarifications to the City's current sign code for ease of interpretation and administration as well as clarity for applicants and other users of the sign code.
- D. City of Spokane Comprehensive Plan, Urban Design and Historic Preservation Chapter, Goal DP 2.16, On-Premises Advertising states: Ensure that on-premises business signs are of a size, number, quality, and style to provide identification of the business they support while contributing a positive visual character to the community. Policy 2.17, Billboards states: Prohibit new construction of billboards and eliminate existing billboards over time. Policy 2.19, Off-premises Advertising states: Identify and implement ways to control various forms of off-premises advertising.
- E. Two of the goals that the City's sign code seeks to advance are traffic safety and the appearance of the city, which have long been recognized by the courts as substantial governmental goals. *E.g., Metromedia, Inc. v. City of San Diego,* 453 U.S. 507-08 (1981). There is a cumulative body of literature that closely links sign design, placement, maintenance and clutter to traffic accidents and safety. The following list is illustrative:
  - Relationship Between Roadside Signs and Traffic Accidents-A Field Investigation (1977)

- <u>Digital Display Safety Preliminary Investigation 9-19-12 Caltrans</u> Study done by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)
- The Impact of Billboards on Driver Visual Behavior: A Systematic Literature
  Review From the National Institutes of Health
- <u>The Effects of Visual Clutter on Driving Performance</u> An undated Doctoral thesis by Jessica Edquist
- Why Street Signs Make Traffic More Dangerous Jalopnik.com article primarily regarding the impact of traffic sign clutter
- What is sign clutter and how does it get reduced?

This information supports the need to ensure signage regulations are current and responsive to changing conditions, and provides support for the City's goals of furthering traffic safety and the appearance of the City.

- **F.** A website was created in early July to provide easy access to information and allow the public to comment directly through the website. This website was continually updated with presentations, materials, and other documents as they became available.
- **G.** Staff organized a work group to review the proposed changes and provide feedback and insight into potential outcomes. The work group was comprised of representatives from the Plan Commission, Community Assembly, real estate industry, sign code industry and various City departments.
- **H.** On September 5, 2017, staff hosted a focus group with representatives from the off-premise billboard industry to review and provide feedback on the proposed changes to the off-premises sign section.
- I. The City hosted a digital open house on the City's website from September 12-14, which included two live "chat with a planner" sessions and a Facebook Live event to garner feedback on the proposed changes.
- **J.** On September 21, staff presented the proposed changes to the Community Assembly Land Use Committee.
- **K.** On June 14, September 13, and September 27, 2017, the Spokane City Plan Commission held workshops to study the proposed updates to the City's sign code.
- L. On September 1, 2017, pursuant to RCW 36.70A.106, the City notified the Washington State Department of Commerce of its intent to adopt proposed changes to chapter 17C.240 SMC. On September 5, 2017, the City received an acknowledgement letter from the Department of Commerce.
- **M.** On September 27 and October 4, 2017, the City caused Notice of the proposed ordinance and announcement of the Plan Commission's October 11, 2017 hearing to be published in the Spokesman Review.
- N. On September 27, 2017, the responsible official issued a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Checklist and Determination of Non-Significance for the proposed

- amendments to SMC chapter 17C.240. The public comment period for the SEPA determination ended on October 11, 2017.
- **O.** A public hearing was held before the Plan Commission on October 11, 2017.
- **P.** At the Plan Commission hearing on October 11, 2017, staff presented the following modifications to the proposed text amendment for Plan Commission consideration, as based on recommendations coming out of a study session with City Council on September 29, 2017:
  - In SMC Section 17C.240.210, Temporary Signs, item B, it was proposed to be amended to eliminate "Temporary signs may be displayed for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days";
  - In SMC Section 17C.240.250, Off-Premises Signs, item B.2.e, it was proposed to be amended to include Neighborhood Retail and residential to the list of prohibited zoning designations for the relocation of off-premises signs.

#### **Public Testimony:**

- **A.** Neal Schreibeis, representing Lamar Sign Company, testified in opposition to the proposed amendments for the relocation of off premise signs under the "public works exception". He argued that by prohibiting the relocation of such signs in center and corridor zoning, historic districts, residential zones and neighborhood retail would result in an over-concentration of billboards in a particular location. He also testified that limiting the definition of "roadway", as it applies in the "public works exception" has a similar effect.
- **B.** No other testimony was heard.

#### **Plan Commission Deliberations:**

- **A.** During deliberations, the Plan Commission discussed incorporating the following modifications to the proposed text amendment, as presented by staff, based upon City Council recommendations:
  - In SMC Section 17C.240.244, Temporary Signs, item B, it was proposed to be amended to eliminate "Temporary signs may be displayed for a period not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days";
  - In SMC Section 17C.240.250, Off-Premises Signs, item B.2.e, it was proposed to be amended to include Neighborhood Retail and residential to the list of prohibited zoning designations for the relocation of off-premises signs.

By a vote of 7 to 00, the Plan Commission approved incorporating the above listed modifications to the draft sign code amendment being considered.

**B.** Also during deliberations, the Plan Commission considered the following modifications to the proposed text amendment, as based upon a motion by Christy Jeffers, and seconded by Chris Batten:

• For off premise signs being relocated under the public works exception, the term "roadway" shall apply to both directions of a couplet.

By a vote of 4 to 3, the Plan Commission approved incorporating the above listed modifications to the draft sign code amendment being considered.

#### **Conclusions:**

With regard as to whether the proposed amendments to Chapter 17C.240 SMC, as amended, meet the approval criteria of SMC 17G.025.010(F) for text amendments to the Development Code, the Plan Commission made the following findings:

- **A.** The proposed amendments are consistent with the applicable provisions of the City's Comprehensive Plan.
- **B.** The proposed amendments bear a substantial relation to public health, safety, welfare, and protection of the environment.

#### Recommendation:

By a vote of 7 to 0, the Plan Commission recommended to the City Council the APPROVAL of the proposed amendments to Chapter 17C.240 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

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Dennis Dellwo, President Spokane Plan Commission October 11, 2017



Spokane is a safe, compassionate, resilient, sustainable, and growing city known for its natural beauty, economic prosperity, and exceptional quality of life for all.

Joint Administration-Council 6-Year Strategic Plan



### Goals

To build and effectively and effectively manage innovative infrastructure that upports community accessibility, mobility, and resiliency

Safe and Healthy

To create a community so that all people can feel safe, empowered, and

#### MAYOR/COUNCIL **COLLABORATION** Released first joint strategic plan draft



**ENCOURAGING** PRIVATE INVESTMENT Partnering with large investors to support catalytic development projectss

**CLEANER RIVER FASTER** Completed \$350M investment that protects the Spokane River

#### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM** Re-established the Spokane Regional Law and Justice Council

**AFFORDABLE UTILITY RATES** Limited annual utility rate growth to 2.9%



#### SAFER COMMUNITY Reduce property crime



RIGHT RESOURCE. RIGHT TIME Develop improved integrated response to

**MAXIMIZE PUBLIC ASSETS** Support smart use of public land while protecting natural resources emergencies

#### **IMPROVING STREETS**

2-YEAR ACTION PLAN

Accelerate street improvement, such as grind-and-overlay and surface projects, to catch up on deferred maintenance



**OUR MOST VULNERABLE** Reduce homelessness and protect vulnerable populations

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM** Advance public safety through criminal justice reform

#### **AFFORDABLE SERVICES** Maintain affordable and predictable taxes and rates

2021



**SUSTAINABILITY** Redefine sustainability and advance as a core principle

2020



Promote resiliency and protect our natural environment

2023

**BEAUTIFICATION** Beautify Spokane through citywide clean and safe actions

2022

#### **Strategic** Measures

**INCREASED** MEDIAN **HOUSEHOLD INCOME LEVELS** 

**INCREASED PROPERTY VALUES** 

SAFEST CITY OF **WA LIKE-CITIES** 

**INCREASED** LIVABLE-WAGE **JOBS** 

**INCREASED BOND RATING** 

**INCREASED POPULATION GROWTH** 

**INCREASED SOCIAL CAPITAL** 

### **2014-2017 HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS** Eliminated gap between revenue and expenses



#### **GROWING HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

At \$44,350, median household income at highest level in more than 10 years

#### **PLANNING FOR GROWTH**

Updated forward-thinking growth plan for our community

#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

More than \$1.9B invested in Spokane over past four-plus years



2018

#### **MARKETING SPOKANE** Market Spokane's

urban advantages and experiences to grow jobs and economic investment

### RIVER CONNECTION

Develop public trails and access points to Spokane River

#### **21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE**

2019

Increase and embrace diversity

Build and advance a more responsive, adaptable workforce



#### **GROW TARGETED AREAS**

Invest in key neighborhoods and business centers, especially PDAs, for local and regional economic growth

#### **SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES**

Develop and implement human and financial management practices that are sustainable, transparent, efficient and accountable

**AVAILABLE HOUSING** Increase housing quality and diversity

**REGIONAL CENTER** Advance downtown as region's largest and strongest center

#### **REGIONAL COLLABORATION** Work collaboratively

**PUBLIC AMENITIES** with regional partners Invest in key public amenities and facilities



cultural activities





**ARTS AND CULTURE** Support arts and

Urban Experience To promote significant growth that connects people to place and builds upon cultural, historic, and natural resource assets

To make sustainable sustainable financial decisions that support strategic goals, deliver excellent customer service, and contribute to economic

prosperity

## BRIEFING PAPER City of Spokane

Plan Commission October 25, 2017

#### **Subject**

Updates to the SMC as a result of proposed changes to the Sign Code.

#### Background

Staff began working on updates to the City's sign code in May 2017. Three workshops were held with the Plan Commission on June 14, September 13, and September 27 and a public hearing was held on October 11, 2017. Within that time frame, public outreach was conducted and a SEPA determination of non-significance was issued. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended the City Council adopt the changes proposed at the hearing.

As a result of those changes to the City's sign code, several housekeeping changes were needed in other parts of the SMC. The changes impact chapters 17A.020 – Definitions, 17C.340.110 – Home Occupation Development Standards, and 17C.370.030 - Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures in Residential Zones.

As discussed in the workshops, the current organization of sign related definitions is confusing, with some terms being listed under specific letters and others being listed under "S" for sign. For example interpretative signs are listed under 17A.020.090 – "I" Definitions while animated sign is listed under 17A.020.190 "S" Definitions. Because these definitions are particular to the sign code and it is common practice for these definitions to be included in the chapter, staff has recommended incorporating all sign related definitions into the sign code chapter. The changes proposed today provide a reference in the definitions chapter to where the term can be found in the sign code chapter.

The current sign code, under Section 17C.240.260(C), states that "sites with home occupations must meet the sign regulations for household living." However, Section 17C.340.110 (E) of the Home Occupation chapter provides conflicting signage standards. Staff recommends that the standards currently listed in the sign code be applied and the standards listed in the home occupation chapter be eliminated.

The recently updated Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures in Residential Zones chapter provides that signage for projects regulated under that chapter shall comply with the signage standards listed for the CC4 zone. Staff is recommending this provision be changed so that projects will comply with the signage standards listed in table 17C.240-1 – Standards for Permanent Signs in

Residential Zones. These standards are similar to those for CC4 zones but provides for an additional 5 feet of height and slightly more flexibility under certain circumstances.

#### **Impact**

The proposed changes will be applied citywide and have a corresponding impact.

#### Action

Staff is requesting Plan Commission's comments and feedback on the proposed changes. A public hearing with the Plan Commission is scheduled for December 13, 2017.

#### <u>Funding</u>

Not applicable

#### Section 17A.020.010 "A" Definitions

A. Abandoned Sign Structure.

A sign structure where no sign has been in place for a continuous period of at least six months. See SMC 17C.240.015

#### Section 17A.020.020 "B" Definitions

A. Backed Sign.

A sign where the faces of the sign are parallel or within twenty degrees of parallel to each other. See SMC 17C.240.015

B. Balloon Sign.

A sign that is blown up with air or gas. See SMC 17C.240.015

F. Banner.

A sign made of fabric or other similar non-rigid material with no enclosing framework or electrical components that is supported or anchored on two or more edges or at all four corners. Banners also include non-rigid signs anchored along one edge, or two corners, with weights installed that reduce the reaction of the sign to wind. See also Flag. See SMC 17C.240.015

#### Section 17A.020.030 "C" Definitions

Y. Community Banner.

A temporary banner made of sturdy cloth or vinyl that is not commercial advertising that has the purpose of the promotion of a civic event, public service announcement, holiday decorations, or similar community and cultural interests and is placed on a structure located in the public right of-way, subject to procedures authorized by city administrator. See SMC 17C.240.015

PP. Copy.

Letters, characters, illustrations, logos, graphics, symbols, writing, or any combination thereof designed to communicate information of any kind, or to advertise, announce or identify a person, entity, business, business product, or to advertise the sale, rental, or lease of premises <a href="See SMC">See SMC</a> 17C.240.015

#### Section 17A.020.040 "D" Definitions

Z. Directional Sign.

A sign exclusively limited to guiding the circulation of motorists or pedestrians on the site. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.050 "E" Definitions

#### H. Electric Sign.

Any sign containing electrical wiring, lighting, or other electrical components, but not including signs illuminated by a detached exterior light source. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.060 "F" Definitions

#### A. Facade.

All the wall planes of a structure as seen from one side or view. For example, the front facade of a building would include all of the wall area that would be shown on the front elevation of the building plans. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### F. Fascia Sign.

A single-faced sign attached flush to a building or other structure or a sign consisting of light projected onto a building or other structure. Fascia signs do not include signs that are attached to or projected onto structures defined as sign structures by this chapter. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### M. Flag.

A sign made of fabric or other similar non-rigid material supported or anchored along only one edge or supported or anchored at only two corners. If any dimension of the flag is more than three times as long as any other dimension, it is classified and regulated as a banner regardless of how it is anchored or supported. See also "Banner." See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### X. Freestanding Sign.

A sign on a frame, pole, or other support structure that is not attached to any building. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.090 "I" Definitions

#### Q. Interpretive Signs.

A sign that identifies historic buildings or sites where important events occurred or which serve educational, cultural, historical, or scientific purposes. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.130 "M" Definitions

#### E. Marquee Sign.

A sign incorporated into or attached to a marquee or permanent canopy. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### R. Monument Sign.

A freestanding sign where the base of the sign structure is on the ground or a maximum of twelve inches above the lowest point of the ground adjacent to the sign. The width of the top of the sign structure can be no more than one hundred twenty percent of the width of the base. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.140 "N" Definitions

P. Nonconforming Sign.

A sign that was created and issued a permit in conformance with development regulations, but which subsequently, due to a change in the zone or land use regulations, is no longer in conformance with the current applicable development standards. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.160 "P" Definitions

A. Painted Wall Highlights.

Painted areas that highlight a building's architectural or structural features and that do not convey a message or image. See SMC 17C.240.015.

B. Painted Wall Sign.

A sign applied to a building wall with paint or a thin layer of vinyl, paper, or similar material adhered directly to the building surface and that has no sign structure. See SMC 17C.240.015.

J. Pedestrian-Scaled Signs

Permanent, first-floor, exterior signs designed and placed to address pedestrian traffic; may be mounted flush with or projecting from a column, building wall, awning or transom. See SMC 17C.240.015.

O. Permanent Sign.

Any sign not classified as a temporary sign. See SMC 17C.240.015.

AU. Projecting Sign.

A sign attached to and projecting out from a building face or wall, generally at right angles to the building. Projecting signs include signs that are totally in the right of way, partially in the right of-way, or fully on private property. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Section 17A.020.190 "S" Definitions

A. Sandwich Board Sign.

A self-supporting A shaped freestanding temporary sign with only two visible sides that are situated adjacent to a business, typically on a sidewalk. See SMC 17C.240.015.

- A. Sign.
  - 1. Materials placed or constructed or light projected, but not including any lawful display of merchandise, that:
    - a. Conveys a message or image, and
    - b. Is used to inform or attract the attention of the public

- 2. Some examples of signs are materials or lights meeting the definition of the preceding sentence and which are commonly referred to as signs, placards, A-boards, posters, murals, diagrams, banners, flags, or projected slides, images, or holograms.
- 3.1. The scope of the term sign does not depend on the content of the message or image conveyed. See SMC 17C.240.015.
- B. Sign Animated Sign.

A sign that uses movement, by either natural or mechanical means, to depict action to create a special effect or scene. See SMC 17C.240.015.

C. Sign – Electronic Message Center Sign.

An on-premises sign capable of displaying words, symbols, figures, or images that can be electronically or mechanically changed by remote or automatic means including signs using a video display method. See SMC 17C.240.015.

D. Sign Face.

The portion of a sign which contains lettering, logo, trademark, or other graphic representations. (See SMC 17C.240.140, Sign Face Area.) See SMC 17C.240.015.

- E. Sign Flashing Sign.
  - 1. A pattern of changing light illumination where the sign illumination alternates suddenly between fully illuminated and fully non-illuminated in a strobe-like fashion for the purpose of drawing attention to the sign.
  - 2. Time and temperature signs are excluded from this definition.
  - 3.1. For the purpose of this title, electronic message centers consistent with the standards of SMC 17C.240.240(J) shall not be considered flashing signs. See SMC 17C.240.015.
- F. Sign Maintenance.

Normal care needed to keep a sign functional, such as cleaning, painting, oiling, and changing of light bulbs. See SMC 17C.240.015.

G. Sign – Off-premises.

A sign relating, through its message and content, to a business activity, use, product, or service not available on the premises upon which the sign is erected. See SMC 17C.240.015.

H. Sign Repair.

Fixing or replacement of broken or worn parts. Replacement includes comparable materials only. Repairs may be made with the sign in position or with the sign removed. See SMC 17C.240.015.

I. Sign Structure.

A structure specifically intended for supporting or containing a sign. See SMC 17C.240.015.

A. Special Event Sign.

A temporary sign used to announce a circus, a carnival, festivals, or other similar events. <u>See</u> SMC 17C.240.015.

- J. Structural Alteration.
  - 1. Modification of a sign, sign structure, or awning that affects size, shape, height, or sign location.
  - 2. Changes in structural materials; or
  - 3. Replacement of electrical components with other than comparable materials.
  - 4. The replacement of wood parts with metal parts, the replacement of incandescent bulbs with light emitting diodes (LED), or the addition of electronic elements to a non-electrified sign would all be structural alterations.
  - 5.1. Structural alteration does not include ordinary maintenance or repair, repainting an existing sign surface, including changes of message or image, exchanging painted and pasted or glued materials on painted wall signs, or exchanging display panels of a sign through release and closing of clips or other brackets. See SMC 17C.240.015.

#### Chapter 17C.370 Existing Neighborhood Commercial Structures in Residential Zones

#### Section 17C.370.030 Procedure

- A. Planning Director Administrative or Hearing Examiner Decision.
  - 1. Establishing a use under this chapter in an eligible structure requires following the same application and posting process as a Type II or III Conditional Use Process as provided in <a href="chapter 17G.060 SMC">chapter 17G.060 SMC</a>. A Type III application is required for projects that have a floor area of three thousand square feet or more, including building additions, and for any non-residential project on a site that does not have frontage on a designated arterial (principal, minor, or collector). For projects that do not exceed this threshold, a Type II conditional use permit application is required, except the planning director may require a Type II conditional use permit application be processed as a Type III application when the director issues written findings that the Type III process is in the public interest.
  - 2. The planning director administrative decision or hearing examiner decision is only for the use approved through the process. If a proposed change of use for the site proposes other uses that are not within the use category description approved for the site, a new planning director administrative decision or hearing examiner decision is required to determine the requirements that the new use shall follow.
- B. The fee for the planning director administrative decision is the same as a Type I application. The fee for a Type III hearing examiner decision shall be the same as a Type III application.
- C. A predevelopment meeting as provided in <u>SMC 17G.060.040</u> is required before an application may be submitted.
- D. Decision criteria are found in <u>SMC 17G.060.170</u> and applications shall follow the same procedures for a Type II or III conditional use process, as may be applicable depending on the type of application reviewed.
- E. If the planning director or hearing examiner makes a determination with supporting findings that the benefits of the proposed use and improvements to the existing structure and the property on which the structure is located would mitigate potential negative impacts on the residential character of the area, then a planning director administrative decision or hearing examiner decision may be granted consistent with the following uses. The director or hearing examiner may make a determination with supporting findings that a proposed use is not permitted because the nature of the use would have negative impacts on the residential character of the area that cannot be mitigated with conditions of approval.
  - Uses Not Allowed.
     Sale or leasing of:
    - a. motorized consumer vehicles,

- b. fire arms,
- c. weapons,
- d. marijuana.

#### 2. Uses Allowed:

- a. Office uses found in SMC 17C.190.250;
- b. Retail sales and service uses found in SMC 17C.190.270; and
- c. Uses allowed within the RMF zone found in <u>SMC 17C.110.100</u>.
- F. Development and operation standards in addition to the base zone:
  - The structure on the site must have been originally legally built to accommodate a non-residential use and, at the time of application, its existing use must not be classified within the institutional use category as described in Article V of <a href="https://chapter17c.190SMC">chapter 17c.190SMC</a>, which may be converted under <a href="https://chapter17c.320.060">SMC 17c.320.060</a>.
  - 2. Reserved.
  - 3. The site must be located within the RA, RSF, RTF, RMF, or RHD zones.
  - 4. The site size may not be expanded and the uses approved under this section may not expand onto surrounding sites beyond the site area existing on July 26, 2012. Any expansion of existing structures is subject to the current applicable development standards, except structures larger than five thousand square feet shall not be expanded. A planting of L2 see-through buffer as described by <a href="SMC 17C.200.030">SMC 17C.200.030</a> shall be required for any structural expansion or provision of additional off-street parking.
  - 5. Parking and loading requirements are specific to the use authorized by the hearing examiner or director and shall follow the standards in <a href="mailto:chapter17C.230 SMC">chapter 17C.230 SMC</a> Parking and Loading for a Neighborhood Retail Zone (NR).
  - 6. Business operation hours shall be determined by the <u>hearing examiner or</u> director. Operational hours for non-residential uses operating later than ten p.m. and earlier than five a.m. will need to demonstrate that all off-site impacts will be fully mitigated.
  - 7. Drive though facilities are prohibited.
  - 8. Outdoor storage is prohibited. Outdoor seating areas and daytime display of merchandise is allowed.

- 9. Lighting shall be provided within parking lots and along pedestrian walkways. Lighting fixtures shall be limited to sixteen feet in height. All lighting shall be shielded from producing off-site glare.
- 10. All exterior garbage cans, garbage collection areas, and recycling collection areas must be screened from the street and any adjacent properties. Trash receptacles for pedestrian use are exempt.
- 11. The signage standards for the CC4 zones in SMC 17C.240.150, Table 17C.240-1 shall apply. Temporary outdoor signage is prohibited except that one sandwich board sign is permitted. If the sandwich board sign is erected in the public right-of-way it must be consistent with SMC 17C.240.240SMC 17C.240.244.
- G. If the hearing examiner or planning director determines that proposed use is appropriate for the site, the hearing examiner or director may attach additional conditions to the decision that may include items such as:
  - 1. Building and property improvements that must be completed prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy.
  - 2. Conditions needed to mitigate off-site impacts consistent with <u>SMC 17C.220</u> Off-Site Impacts.
  - 3. Specific conditions under which the use may operate.

#### H. Appeals.

The decisions of the planning director may be appealed to the hearing examiner as provided for in <u>SMC 17G.060.210</u> and follow an appeal process consistent with a Type II Conditional Use Permit application. The decisions of the hearing examiner may be appealed to superior court as provided for in <u>SMC 17G.060.210</u>.

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ORD C35535 Section 3

Title 17C Land Use Standards

**Chapter 17C.340** Home Occupations

Section 17C.340.110 Development Standards

Structural alteration to accommodate the occupation is not permitted:

- A. unless required by code, a separate outside access to the area devoted to the occupation is not permitted;
- B. the occupation, including storage, does not occupy more than twenty-five percent of the residence's finished floor area, nor in any case more than two hundred square feet;
- C. the occupation does not occupy any accessory structure, including an attached garage;
- D. the number of persons engaged in the home occupation may not exceed two persons. This may consist of either one family member and one nonfamily member or two family members;
  - E. there is no commercial advertising, except that there may be one nonilluminated sign, up to three square foot in area, bearing the name and occupation of the occupant, placed flat against the building;

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- <u>₣.Е.</u> There is no window or outdoor display.
- G.F. Any stock of goods has been produced on the premises.
- H.G. No use is made of equipment or material that produces vibration, noise, dust, smoke, odor, or electrical interference to the detriment of surrounding residences.
- **H.H.** There are no deliveries or shipments to or from the premises of such quantities or frequency as would involve commercial motor vehicles or suggest a need for a customer parking area.
- 1. The property shall retain its residential appearance and character.
- K.J. No commercial use of the streets shall be allowed as specified in SMC 17C.319.100.

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#### October 20, 2017

TO: City Plan Commission

FROM: Nathan Gwinn, Assistant Planner

RE: Infill Code Revisions - Cottage Housing and Pocket Residential Code Amendments

Key Topics for Discussion on October 25

The presentation in your workshop October 25 will review the following topics for discussion in the attached ordinance draft, dated October 20:

		SMC Section	Page#
	Compact Lot Standards The proposal is to apply the smaller standards of Residential Single-Family-Compact (RSF-C) to development near centers without a rezone, and include areas near frequent transit service. Footnotes [2], [4], and [11] of Table 17C.110-3, which is in section 17C.110.200, refer to locations defined in the new section 17C.110.209.	17C.110.200 17C.110.209	8 12
	Pocket Residential Development Standards  The proposal would allow Pocket Residential Development in the RSF zone (where a subdivision is required to maintain one dwelling unit per lot).	<b>17C.110.360</b> (B)	30
•	Alternative Residential (Unit Lot) Subdivisions  O Allow subdivision of new development	<b>17G.080.065</b> (B)	44
,	Cottage Housing	17C.110.350	
	<ul><li>Question from discussion at October 11 workshop:</li><li>Should basement floor area, including an underground attached garage, count toward total unit floor area?</li></ul>	(D)(2)(c)(i)	17
	Items for requested Plan Commission feedback:  Should a greater density bonus be granted for units with smaller floor area (tiny homes), with provision of a community building/clubhouse?	(D)(3)(a)	18
	<ul> <li>Should height be limited on buildings with footprints of 1,000 sq.ft. or less, in order to address such concerns as "skinny" houses and view impacts in back yards adjacent to new cottage development?</li> </ul>	(D)(4)	18
	Should the code specify no chain link fences in cottage developments?	(D)(8)(d)	22
	<ul> <li>Do design guidelines that address structural mass and landscaping help assure a transition to the surrounding development and ensure compatibility?</li> </ul>	(E)(2), (E)(6)(b)	26 28
	Anticipating required tracking in the case of development in subdivisions, if units are built at different times, should the City continue to regulate variety in placement of cottage housing units that repeat the same combinations of architectural elements?	(E)(6)(e-f)	29

#### **Infill Development Code Revisions**

### 1.1 Cottage Housing and Pocket Residential Code Amendments

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## Definitions proposed for insertion into the Cottage and Pocket Residential ordinance as separate sections:

#### 17A.020.010 "A" Definitions

#### AP. Articulation. [Definition moved from SMC 17C.110.350(E)(2)]

The emphasis of architectural elements, such as windows, balconies, and entries that create a complementary pattern or rhythm, dividing the buildings into smaller identifiable pieces.

#### 17A.020.030 "C" Definitions

#### AQ. Cottage Housing.

- 1. A grouping of individual structures where each structure contains one <u>or two</u> dwelling units.
- 2. The land underneath the structures is not may not be divided into separate lots.
- A cottage housing development may contain no less than six and no more than twelve individual structures in addition to detached accessory buildings for storing vehicles. It may also include a community building, garden shed, or other facility for use of the residents.
- 4. The types of units allowed in cottage housing developments are detached cottages, attached unit homes and carriage units. For the purposes of SMC 17C.110.350, the definitions of these types are:
  - a. Cottage. A detached, single-family residential building.



b. Attached Unit Home. A
 structure containing two
 dwelling units designed to look
 like a single-family home.



c. Carriage Unit. A
single-family dwelling
unit located above a
garage structure.



#### 17A.020.040 "D" Definitions

#### W. Development Plan, Site. [New definition]

The final site plan that accompanied a recommendation or approval for development permitted by this code and that may identify standards for bulk and location of activities, infrastructure and utilities specific to the development.

#### 17A.020.130 "M" Definitions

#### P. Modulation. [Definition moved from SMC 17C.110.350(E)(2)]

A measured and proportioned inflection in a building's face. Articulation, modulation, and their interval create a sense of scale important to residential buildings.

#### 17A.020.190 "S" Definitions

#### AX. Site, Parent. [New definition]

The initial aggregated area containing a development, and from which individual lots may be divided, as used in the context of SMC 17C.110.360 Pocket Residential Development, and SMC 17G.080.065, Alternative Residential Subdivisions.

Section . That SMC 17C.110.030 is amended to read as follows:

#### 17C.110.030 Characteristics of the Residential Zones

#### A. Residential Agriculture (RA).

The RA zone is a low-density single-family residential zone that is applied to areas that are designated agriculture on the land use plan map of the comprehensive plan. Uses allowed in this zone include farming, green house farming, single-family residences and minor structures used for sales of agricultural products produced on the premises.

#### B. Residential Single-family (RSF).

The RSF zone is a low-density single-family residential zone. It allows a minimum of four and a maximum of ten dwelling units per acre. One- and two-story buildings characterize the allowed housing. The major type of new development will be attached and detached single-family residences. In appropriate areas, more compact development patterns are permitted. The RSF zone is applied to areas that are designated residential 4-10 on the land use plan map of the comprehensive plan.

#### C. Residential Single-family Compact (RSF-C).

The RSF-C zone is a low-density single-family residential zone that is applied to areas that are designated residential 4-10 on the land use plan map of the comprehensive plan. It allows a minimum of four and a maximum of ten dwelling units per acre. One- and two-story attached and detached single-family residences characterize the allowed housing. The RSF-C zone allows lots as small as three thousand square feet provided that the overall maximum density of the development does not exceed ten units per acre. It is the intent of this zone to allow somewhat smaller lots in appropriate locations and to allow new development to move closer to achieving the maximum density of the residential 4-10 designation. To promote compatible infill development, the design standards of SMC 17C.110.310 are applied in this zone. The RSF-C zone is intended to be applied to parcels that are wholly or partially within one-quarter mile of a CC Core designated on the land use plan map of the comprehensive plan. The RSF-C zone may also be implemented on parcels that are adjacent to or across a street or alley from a zoning category that allows higher density uses than the RSF zone, including the RTF, RMF, RHD, Commercial, Center and Corridor and Downtown zones.

#### D. Residential Two-family (RTF).

The RTF zone is a low-density residential zone. It allows a minimum of ten and a maximum of twenty dwelling units per acre. Allowed housing is characterized by one and two story buildings but at a slightly larger amount of building coverage than the RSF zone. The major type of new development will be duplexes, townhouses, row houses and attached and detached single-family residences.

<u>Cottage-style and pocket residential development are allowed.</u> The RTF zone is applied to areas that are designated residential 10-20 on the land use plan map of the comprehensive plan. Generally, the RTF zone is applied to areas in which the predominant form of development is trending toward duplexes rather than single-family residences.

#### E. Residential Multifamily (RMF).

The RMF is a medium-density residential zone. Allowed housing is characterized by one to four story structures and a higher percentage of building coverage than in the RTF zone. The major types of development will include attached and detached single-family residential, condominiums, apartments, duplexes, townhouses and row houses. The minimum and maximum densities are fifteen and thirty units per acre.

#### F. Residential High Density (RHD).

The RHD is a high-density residential zone that allows the highest density of dwelling units in the residential zones. The allowed housing developments are characterized by high amount of building coverage. The major types of new housing development will be attached and detached single-family residential, duplexes, medium and high-rise apartments, condominiums (often with allowed accessory uses). The minimum density is fifteen units per acre; the maximum is limited by other code provisions (i.e., setbacks, height, parking, etc.).

Section \_\_\_. That SMC Table 17C.110-2 is amended as follows:

#### Section 17C.110.115 Housing Types Allowed

#### A. Purpose.

In the RA through RTF zones, housing types are limited to maintain the overall image and character of the city's residential neighborhoods. However, the standards allow options to increase housing variety and opportunities, and to promote affordable and energy-efficient housing. Other housing types, including multifamily units, are allowed in the higher density zones under the RMF and RHD categories.

B. The kinds of housing types allowed in the residential zones are stated in Table 17C.110-2.

# TABLE 17C.110-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE HOUSING TYPES ALLOWED (Click here to view PDF)

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Ì	<ul><li>P – Permitted</li><li>N – Not Permitted</li><li>CU – Conditional Use review required</li></ul>	RA	RSF <u>and RSF-C</u>	RTF	RMF	RHD	
	Single-family Residence (detached)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
	Attached Single-family Residence [1]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
	Cottage Housing [1]	CU	CU	N <u>CU</u>	N	N	
	Housing on Transitional Housing Sites [1]	Р	Р	Р			
	Zero Lot Line [1]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
	Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) [2]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
	Detached ADU [2]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
	Duplexes	N	N	Р	Р	Р	
	Manufactured Home [3]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	
	Mobile Home Parks [3]	CU	CU	N	N	N	
	Single Room Occupancy (SRO)	N	N	N	Р	Р	
	Group Living	See SMC 17C.330.100					
	Multidwelling Structure	N	N	N	Р	Р	
	Short Term Rentals [4]	P/CU	P/CU	P/CU	P/CU	P/CU	

#### Notes:

- [1] See SMC 17C.110.300 through 17C.110.360, Alternative Residential Development Standards.
- [2] See chapter 17C.300 SMC, Accessory Dwelling Units.
- [3] See chapter 17C.345 SMC, Manufactured Homes and Mobile Home Parks.
- [4] See chapter 17C.316 SMC, Short Term Rentals.

Section \_\_\_. That SMC Table 17C.110-2 is amended as follows:

#### Section 17C.110T.002 Table 17C.110-2 Residential Zone Housing Types Allowed

### TABLE 17C.110-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE HOUSING TYPES ALLOWED

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<ul><li>P – Permitted</li><li>N – Not Permitted</li><li>CU – Conditional Use review required</li></ul>	RA	RSF <u>and RSF-C</u>	RTF	RMF	RHD
Single-family Residence (detached)	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Attached Single-family Residence [1]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Cottage Housing [1]	CU	CU	N <u>CU</u>	H	N
Housing on Transitional Housing Sites [1]	Р	Р	Р		
Zero Lot Line [1]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) [2]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Detached ADU [2]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Duplexes	N	N	Р	Р	Р
Manufactured Home [3]	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Mobile Home Parks [3]	CU	CU	N	N	N
Single Room Occupancy (SRO)	N	N	N	Р	Р
Group Living	See SMC 17C.330.100				
Multidwelling Structure	N	N	N	Р	Р
Short Term Rentals [4]	P/CU	P/CU	P/CU	P/CU	P/CU
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#### Notes

- [1] See SMC 17C.110.300 through 17C.110.360, Alternative Residential Development Standards.
- [2] See chapter 17C.300 SMC, Accessory Dwelling Units.
- [3] See chapter 17C.345 SMC, Manufactured Homes and Mobile Home Parks.
- [4] See chapter 17C.316 SMC, Short Term Rentals.

Section \_\_. That SMC section 17C.110.200 and table 17C.110-3 are amended to read as follows:

Note: No changes are proposed to subsections (A) through (E).

The changes to the table are limited to the RSF and RSF-C zones. Further changes in the table to the RMF and RHD zones are proposed to the dimensional standards in a later stage of text amendments as part of the Phase 1 infill code revisions.

F. Lot Frontage. All residential lots shall front onto a public street and meet the minimum lot frontage requirements of Table 17C.110-3. Except, that frontage on a public street is not required for lots created through alternative residential subdivision under SMC 17G.080.065, and lots approved in a planned unit development or a manufactured home park may have lots or spaces fronting onto private streets, subject to the decision criteria of SMC 17H.010.090.

TABLE 17C.110-3 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS [1]							
DENSITY STANDARDS							
	RA	RSF <u>&amp;</u> <u>RSF-C</u>	RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD	
Density - Maximum	4,350 (10 units/acre)	4,350 (10 units/acre)	4,350 (10 units/acre)	2,100 (20 units/acre)	1,450 (30 units/acre)		
Density - Minimum	11,000 (4 units/acre)	11,000 (4 units/acre)	11,000 (4 units/acre)	4,350 (10 units/acre)	2,900 (15 units/acre)	2,900 (15 units/acre)	
	MINIMUM LOT DIMENSIONS LOTS TO BE DEVELOPED WITH:						
	Multi-	Dwelling Stru	ctures or Dev	/elopment			
RA RSF.& RSF-C RTF RMF RI							
Minimum Lorarea						2,900 sq. ft.	
Minimum Lot Width 25 ft. 25 ft.							
Minimum Lot Depth					70 ft.	70 ft.	
Minimum Front Lot Line					25 ft.	25 ft.	

		Compact L	ot Standards	[2]		
Minimum Lot Area [3]		3,000 sq. ft.				
Minimum Lot Width		<u>36 ft.</u>				
Minimum Lot Depth		<u>80 ft.</u>				
Minimum Front Lot Line		<u>30 ft.</u>				
		Attach	ed Houses			
Minimum Lot Area [23]	7,200 sq. ft.	4,350 sq. ft.	3,000 sq. ft.	1,600 sq. ft.	1,600 sq. ft.	None
Minimum Lot Width	40 ft.	40 ft.	<del>36 ft.</del>	36 ft. or 16 ft. with alley parking and no street curb cut	Same	Same
Minimum Lot Depth	80 ft.	80 ft.	<del>80 ft.</del>	50 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line	40 ft.	40 ft.	<del>30 ft.</del>	Same as lot width	Same as lot width	Same as lot Width
		Detach	ned Houses			
Minimum Lot Area [23]	7,200 sq. ft.	4,350 sq. ft.	3,000 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	None
Minimum Lot Width	40 ft.	40 ft.	<del>36 ft.</del>	36 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Lot Depth	80 ft.	80 ft.	<del>80 ft.</del>	40 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line	40 ft.	40 ft.	30 ft.	30 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
		Du	ıplexes			
Minimum Lot Area				4,200 sq. ft	2,900 sq. ft.	None
Minimum Lot Width				25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Lot Depth				40 ft.	40 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line				25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
		PRIMARY	STRUCTUR	E		
		Maximum B	uilding Cover	age		
	RA	RSF	RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD
Lots 5,000 sq. ft. or larger	40%	+35% for portion of lot over	2,250 sq. ft. +35% for portion of lot over 5,000 sq. ft.	+35% for portion of lot over	50%	60%
Lots 3,000 - 4,999 sq. ft.	1	,500 sq. ft. +	37.5% for por	tion of lot ove	r 3,000 sq.	ft.

Lots less than 3,000 sq. ft. 50%							
Building Height							
Maximum Roof Height [45]	35 ft.	35 ft.	<del>35 ft.</del>	35 ft.	35 ft. [ <del>5</del> 6]	35 ft. [ <mark>5</mark> 6]	
Maximum Wall Height	25 ft.	25 ft.	<del>25 ft.</del>	25 ft.	30 ft. [ <u>56</u> ]		
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)							
FAR	0.5	0.5 <u>[4]</u>	<del>0.5 [3]</del>	0.5 [ <del>3</del> <u>4</u> ]			
		Se	etbacks				
Front Setback [67, 78]	1 13 II						
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width more than 40 ft.	dth 5 ft.						
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width 40 ft. or less		3 ft.					
Street Side Lot Line Setback [67]		5 ft.					
Rear Setback [ <u>89</u> , <u>910</u> ]	25 ft.	25 ft. [11]	<del>15 ft.</del>	15 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	
		Required	Outdoor Area	a			
Required Outdoor Area for attached and detached houses. Minimum dimension (See SMC 17C.110.223)	250 sq. ft. 12 ft. x 12 ft.	200 sq. ft. 10 ft. x 10 ft.	48 sq. ft. 7 ft. x 7 ft.				
		ACCESSOR	Y STRUCTU	RES			
	RA	RSF <u>&amp;</u> RSF-C	RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD	
Maximum Roof Height	30 ft.	20 ft.	<del>20 ft.</del>	20 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	
Maximum Wall Height	30 ft.	15 ft.	<del>15 ft.</del>	15 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	
Maximum	20%	15%	<del>15%</del>	15%	See	See	

Coverage [ <del>10</del> <u>12</u> ]					Primary Structure	Primary Structure			
Front Setback		20 ft.							
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width 40 ft. or wider [4113]			5	ft.					
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width less than 40 ft. [44 <u>13</u> ]			3	ft.					
Street Side Lot Line [ <del>12</del> 14]			20	ft.					
Rear [ <del>11</del> 13]			5	ft.					
Rear with Alley	0 ft.								

#### Notes[npg1]:

- -- No requirement
- [1] Plan district, overlay zone, or SMC 17C.110.300, Alternative Residential Development, development standards contained in SMC 17C.110.310 through 360 may supersede these standards.
- [2] See SMC 17C.110.209, Compact Lot Standards.
- [23] Lots For developments two acres or greater, lots created through subdivision in the RA, RSF and the RSF-C zones are subject to the lot size transition requirements of SMC 17C.110.200(C)(1).
- [34] In the RSF-C and RTF zones, and sites in the RSF zone qualifying for compact lot development standards, described in SMC 17C.110.209, FAR may be increased to 0.65 for attached housing development only.
- [45] No structure located in the rear yard may exceed twenty feet in height.
- [56] Base zone height may be modified according to SMC 17C.110.215, Height.
- [67] Attached garage or carport entrance on a street is required to be setback twenty feet from the property line.
- [78] See SMC 17C.110.220(D)(1), setbacks regarding the use of front yard averaging.
- [89] See SMC 17C.110.220(D)(2), setbacks regarding reduction in the rear yard setback.
- [910] Attached garages may be built to five feet from the rear property line except, as specified in SMC 17C.110.225(C)(6)(b), but cannot contain any living space.
- [11] In the RSF-C zone and sites in the RSF zone qualifying for compact lot development standards, described in SMC 17C.110.209, the rear setback is 15 feet.
- [4012] Maximum site coverage for accessory structures is counted as part of the maximum site coverage of the base zone.
- [4413] Setback for a detached accessory structure and a covered accessory structure may be reduced to zero feet with a signed waiver from the neighboring property owner, except, as specified in SMC 17C.110.225(C)(5)(b).
- [1214] The setback for a covered accessory structure may be reduced to five feet from the property line.

Section \_\_\_\_. That there is adopted a new section 17C.110.209 to chapter 17C.110 of the Spokane Municipal Code to read as follows:

#### Section 17C.110.209 Compact Lot Standards

Note that the number of housing units per acre permitted (density) does not change for the development as a whole, although some individual lot dimensions within a development may be slightly smaller.

#### A. Purpose.

This section allows for development of sites one and a half acres or less for the purpose of compact residential development. It is the intent of these standards to allow somewhat smaller lots in appropriate locations and to allow new development to move closer to achieving the maximum density of the residential 4-10 designation.

#### B. Applicability.

The compact lot development standards apply for the housing types allowed in Table 17C.110-2 on sites defined in SMC 17C.110.209(B)(1) below in the RSF zone, and throughout the RSF-C zone, unless superseded by development standards of a plan district, overlay zone, or development standards contained in sections SMC 17C.110.310 through 17C.110.360.

- 1. The standards apply within the RSF zone only on developments meeting the size requirements of subsection (3) below and located:
  - a. At least partially within one thousand three hundred twenty feet of a CC, CA, or DT zone or CC3 zoning overlay; or
  - At least partially within one thousand three hundred twenty feet of a street with weekday transit service frequency of fifteen minutes or less; or
  - c. On a lot that is a transitional site as described in SMC 17C.110.330.
    - The text of (1)(a) and (c) above extends the smaller lot size and dimensions in Table 17C.110-3 within one quarter mile of CC zones; these are currently only available by RSF-C rezone.
    - The text of (1)(b) also adds areas within a quarter mile of frequent transit service.

- 2. To determine eligibility of a site, distances in subsections (1)(a) and (b) above are measured as the walking distance from the zone/overlay boundary, or public right-of-way edge of the nearest transit route, to the lot line of the site containing the development.
- 3. The maximum size for a development using the compact lot standards of Table 17C.110-3 in the RSF zone is one and a half acres. Compact lot developments over one and a half acres must be approved as a planned unit development.
- C. The design standards of SMC 17C.110.310 apply to projects using the compact lot standards in Table 17C.110-3 in order to complement and reinforce positive residential character.

#### Section \_\_\_. That SMC 17C.110.350 is amended to read as follows:

## 17C.110.350 Cottage Housing

- A. Purpose <u>and Intent</u>.

  The intent of cottage housing is to:
  - 1. support-Support thea diversity of housing, choices citywide by providing a housing type that responds to changing household sizes and ages (e.g., retirees, small families, single-person households); increases the variety of housing types for smaller households and provides the opportunity for small, detached single-family dwelling units within existing neighborhoods.



- 2. Require specific design standards on the perimeter of the development to improve compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood;
- 3. Incentivize higher levels of design, usable open space, and more livable developments through use of density bonuses;
- 4. Provide opportunities for ownership of small, detached and attached single-family housing types clustered around a centrally located, functional common open space that fosters a sense of community; and
- 5. Provide semi-private areas around the individual dwellings to enable diversity in landscape design and foster a sense of ownership.
- B. Qualifying Situations.

Cottage housing developments are allowed in the RA through RTF zones on sites of one half acrefourteen thousand five hundred square feet or larger with a minimum of six-four units and a maximum of twelve units.

C. Procedure.

Cottage housing is allowed by Type II <u>conditional use</u> permit in the RA, <u>and RSF</u>, <u>and RTF</u> zones, subject to <u>the compliance</u> with subsections (D) and (E) of this section. <u>When cottage housing development involves subdivision of land, the permit application shall be processed concurrently with a Type II or Type III application for <u>subdivision in accordance with the procedures of SMC 17G.080.065</u>, <u>Alternative</u></u>

Residential Subdivisions. If processed concurrently with a subdivision of greater than nine lots, the permit application shall be processed concurrently with the Type III subdivision application. Design This section is subject to the provisions of SMC 17C.110.015, Design Standards

Administration. Staff will review of the site plan and each building permit application is required for consistency with this chapter.

Note: Currently cottage housing does not allow subdivision. The text above would allow small lot subdivision.

- 1. A site plan depicting the building locations and orientation, open space, dimensions of common and private open space, fencing, landscaping, parking, setbacks, easements, footprints of all adjacent structures, and compliance with subsections (D) and (E) of this section is required shall be submitted with the Type II-permit application. The If the site plan, if is approved, is required to be recorded at the Spokane County auditor's office including deed restrictions for the subject property that enforces the elements of the cottage housing ordinance, including limitation on unit floor area, shall be recorded at the Spokane County Auditor's Office.
- 2. The permit application shall include elevations of all proposed model types, showing architectural expression and fenestration (to include window and door placement), and photographs of all adjacent structures.
- 23. A Common open space, parking areas, and common use buildings will be maintained by the owner or an appropriate property management entity, if under singular ownership. In the event that the development is subdivided or condominium platted, a homeowners' association is required to be created for the maintenance of the common open space, parking areas and other common use areas, buildings, and utilities within the development. This requirement shall be included in deed restrictions as required in paragraph 1.
- 4. With the exception of critical or natural areas, prior to occupancy of more than fifty percent of units approved for the development, the common open space, and private open space landscaping for those units, shall be completed in accordance with the approved landscaping plans. Occupancy of the last fifty percent shall be contingent upon the completion of all site landscaping.
- D. Cottage Housing Site Development Standards.
  This subsection provides development standards
  intended to achieve compatibility with adjacent singlefamily residential uses. Emergency access shall be
  provided to all units as required by applicable building
  and fire code regulations. The special cottage housing
  site development standards table displays basic
  requirements that vary from the development
  standards of the underlying zone.



TABLE 17C.110.350-1					
COTTAGE HOUSING SITE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS					
<u>STANDARD</u>	SITE REQUIREMENTS				
Cluster Size	4 or more units				
Maximum Floor Area [1]	Detached Cottage: 1,200 sq. ft.(1,000 sq. ft. footprint) Attached Unit Home: 2,000 sq. ft. total				
	Carriage Unit: 800 sq. ft.				
Density Bonus [2]	120 percent of density allowed in the underlying zone				
Maximum wall height for Cottage Housing Units [3]	<u>20 ft.</u>				
Maximum height for buildings with minimum roof slope of 6:12 [4]	<u>30 ft.</u>				
Minimum common open space per unit [5]	<u>300 sq. ft.</u>				
Minimum private open space per unit [6]	<u>200 sq. ft.</u>				
Common Open Space Setback [7]	<u>10 ft.</u>				
Rear Setback	15 ft. or as allowed in adjacent zone, whichever is less				
Minimum distance between structures (Including accessory structures) [8]	<u>10 ft.</u>				

#### **Notes**:

[1] See SMC 17C.110.350(D)(2) for limitation on total unit floor area and exclusions for below-grade basements and other spaces from floor area calculation.

[2] See SMC 17C.110.350(D)(3)

[3] The height of the lowest point of the roof structure intersects with the outside plane of the wall. See SMC 17C.110.350(D)(4)

[4] All parts of the roof above 20 ft. shall be pitched with a minimum roof slope of 6:12.

[5] No dimension of the common open space shall be less than 20 ft. See SMC

17C.110.350(D)(5)

[6] No dimension of the private open space shall be less than 10 ft. See SMC

17C.110.350(D)(6)

[7] Porches or patios are allowed up to 6 ft. within this setback.

[8] See SMC 17C.110.350(D)(7) for exceptions.

#### 1. Cluster Size.

At least four units are required around a common open space.

#### 42. Floor Area.

#### a. Dwelling Units.

Total floor area is the area included within the exterior walls, but excluding any space identified in SMC 17C.110.350(D)(2)(c), Exclusions, below. Cottage housing unit types are defined in chapter 17A.020 SMC.

i. The total floor area of each cottage unit shall not exceed one thousand two hundred square feet and the footprint shall not exceed one thousand square feet. Total floor area is the area included with the surrounding

exterior walls, but excluding any space where the floor to ceiling height is less than six feet.

- ii. The total combined floor area of attached unit homes, including all units in the structure, shall not exceed two thousand square feet.
- <u>iii.</u> The total floor area of a carriage unit home shall not exceed eight hundred square feet, with a building footprint not exceeding one thousand square feet.
- b. The maximum first floor or main floor area for an individual principal structure shall be as follows:
  - i. For at least fifty percent of the units, the floor area may not exceed six hundred fifty square feet; and
  - ii. For no more than fifty percent of the units, the floor area may be up to one thousand square feet.

#### eb. Limitation on Total Unit Floor Area.

The total square footage of a cottage <a href="housing">housing</a> dwelling unit may not be increased. A note shall be placed on the title to the property for purpose of notifying future property owners that any increase in the total square footage of a cottage <a href="housing unit">housing unit</a> is prohibited for the life of the cottage <a href="housing unit">housing unit</a> or the duration of the City cottage housing regulations.

## dc. Exclusions from Total Floor Area Calculation.

Cottage <u>housing unit</u> areas that <u>doe do</u> not count toward the total floor area calculation are:

- i. Unheated storage space located under the main floor of the cottageBelow-grade basement;
- ii. Architectural projections, such as bay windows, fireplaces or utility closets no greater than eighteen inches in depth or six feet in width;
- iii. Attached roof-porches, decks, and balconies (unenclosed);
- iv. Detached garages or carports, and garages located in the same structure as carriage units;
- v. Stairwells;
- vi. Covered breezeways, such as between a home and a garage or carport;

vvii. Spaces with ceiling height of sixfive feet or less-measured to the exterior walls; and

viviii. The director may approve oOther exemptions similar in nature provided the intent of this section is met and upon approval of the director.

2. Lot Coverage. The maximum lot coverage permitted for all structures shall not exceed forty percent.

- 3. Density.
  - a. The cottage housing development is permittedallows a twenty percent density bonus based on the minimum lot size permitted in the base zone to a maximum of twelve units in the development over what is allowed in the underlying zone.

[Plan Commission: Should we consider providing a greater density bonus (40 percent?) for a development where all units are 500 sf or less and detached, as long as a shared community facility is provided for the use of the residents.]

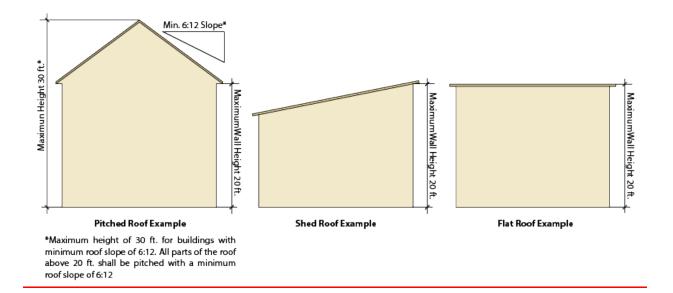
- b. To calculate the <u>maximum</u> permitted density, <u>divide the lot area by the minimum lot size of the base zone</u>, <u>and then</u> multiply <u>that the</u> number <u>of maximum units allowed on the site under SMC 17C.110.205</u> by <u>one hundred</u> twenty percent. The transition lot size requirements of SMC 17C.110.200(C) do not apply for purposes of calculating the number of units permitted in a cottage housing development.
- 4. Height.

[Plan Commission: Do we need to limit building height only on structures of 1,000 square feet or less, or do we need to limit heights differently from other development in the zone at all (25 ft. high wall; 35 ft. high roof)?]

The height for all structures with cottage housing units shall not exceed eighteen twenty feet. Cottage or amenity buildings Structures



with cottage housing units having pitched roofs with a minimum slope of 6:12 may extend up to twenty-fivethirty feet at the ridge of the roof. Height requirements for accessory structures are listed in Table 17C.110-3.



Note: Proposed height graphic to be added above.

#### 5. Porches.

- a. Cottage housing units shall be oriented around and have the covered porches of main entry from the common open space. Except, cottages adjacent to a public street shall orient the front of the cottage to the street including placement of the porch. This provision does not preclude the use of additional porches or architectural features of the cottage from being oriented to the common open space.
- b. Cottage housing units shall have a covered porch or entry at least sixty square feet in size with a minimum dimension of six feet on any side.

Note: The provisions above for porches are moved to Subsection (E)(3), below.

# 65. Common Open Space.

- a. This section requires units clustered around a common open space. The common open space must shall be at least two hundred fiftythree hundred square feet per cottage housing unit. Open space with a any dimension of less than twenty feet shall not be included in the calculated common open space.
- b. Each cottage housing unit shall be provided with a private use open space of two hundred fifty square feet with no dimension of less than ten feet on one side. It should be contiguous to each cottage, for the exclusive use of the cottage resident, and oriented toward the common open space.

Note: Provisions for private open space are moved to a new subsection 6, below.

- b. Common open space shall be located in a central area and be easily accessible to all dwellings within the surrounding cluster.
- c. Landscaping located in common areas shall be designed by a Landscape Architect registered in the State of Washington. The design shall follow standards in:
  - i. SMC 17C.110.350(D)(5)(d) for open space preservation in site design;
  - ii. Subsection (D)(8) for fences and screening;
  - iii. Subsection (D)(9) for parking areas;
  - iv. Subsection (D)(10) for pedestrian connectivity;
  - v. Subsection (E)(2) for open space and landscaping design standards and guidelines; and
  - vi. For all other parts of the common open space, the design shall be lawn or follow the general requirements and L3 open area landscaping described in SMC 17C.200.030 Landscape Types.
- c. The common open space is required to be landscaped prior to the occupancy of any of the structures and shall be maintained by a homeowners association.

Note: The landscaping requirement above is altered and moved to the Procedures section, in paragraph (C)(4) above.

- d. The following critical and natural areas, where proposed to be preserved through site design, may be used to meet up to fifty percent of the total requirement for common open space, provided that these areas are either accessible to pedestrians to the extent practical or visually accessible from adjacent common open space:
  - i. Wetlands and wetland buffers;
  - ii. Frequently flooded areas:

- iii. Shorelines and Shoreline buffers;
- iv. Natural features (such as basalt outcroppings); and
- v. Native vegetation (including stands of mature trees).

#### 6. Private Open Space.

A private use open space of two hundred square feet shall be provided for each cottage housing unit, which may include porches or balconies. Open space with any dimension of less than ten feet shall not be included in the calculated private open space. The private open space shall be contiguous to each unit, for the exclusive use of that unit's resident(s).

- 7. Setbacks and Subdivisions.
  - a. All <u>structures cottage housing units</u> shall maintain <u>no less than</u> <u>a minimum of</u> ten feet of separation <u>from structures</u> within the cluster, <u>except as allowed in paragraph</u> (b) below.
  - b. Projections may extend into the required separation as follows:
    - i. Eaves may extend up to twelve twenty-four inches.
    - ii. Architectural projections, such as bay windows, fireplaces or utility closets no greater than eighteen inches in depth or six feet in width.
    - ii. iii. Minor appurtenances such as pipes, gas and electrical meters, HVAC equipment, alarm systems, air vents, and downspouts.
  - bc. Setbacks for all structures from the exterior side and front property lines shall be an average of ten feet, but shall not be less that five feet, and not less than fifteen feet from a public street, similar to the front yard setback required of a standard detached single family residence the setbacks of the underlying zone. The exterior rear yard setback shall be fifteen feet.
  - c. Cottage housing may be developed as condominiums, and shall not be allowed as small lot subdivision.
  - d. All cottage housing units shall maintain a minimum setback of ten feet from the common open space. Patios or porches may extend up to six feet within this setback. Fences thirty-six inches in height or less may be located within this setback.



e. When cottage housing development involves subdivision of land, the application shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of SMC

<u>17G.080.065</u>, Alternative Residential Subdivisions. Frontage on a public street is not required for lots created in a cottage housing development.

#### 8. Fences and Screening.

- a. All fences on the interior of the development shall be no more than thirty-six inches in height.
- <u>b.</u> Fences along the exterior property lines are subject to the fence requirements of SMC 17C.110.230.
- c. Chain link fences shall not be allowed.

[Plan Commission: Should chain link fences be allowed, or at least allowed on the interior of the site?]

#### 9. Parking.

- a. The required minimum number of parking stalls Parking requirements for each cottage housing developments unit shall be provided as required for single-family are as stated for residential uses in chapter 17C.230 SMC-, Parking and Loading, except as modified in this subsection.
- b. Parking shall be clustered and separated from the common area by landscaping and/or architectural screen. Solid board fencing shall not be allowed as an architectural screen.
- c. Parking shall be screened from public streets and adjacent residential uses by landscaping and/or architectural screen. Solid board fencing shall not be allowed as an architectural screen.
- a. General Parking Requirements.
  - di. Parking, garages, and vehicular maneuvering areas, excluding driveways, shall be set back a minimum of twenty feet from a public street lot line.
  - ii. All parking shall be separated and screened from adjacent public streets, residential areas, and the common open space by landscaping and/or architectural screen, consistent with landscape type L2 see-through buffer in SMC 17C.200.030, Landscape Types.
  - iii. Parking areas shall be located to the side or rear of cottage clusters and not between a public street and cottage housing structures. Parking may be located between structures and an alley.
  - iv. Garage doors and/or carport openings shall not face a public right-of-way except where alley access is provided.

#### eb. Off-Street Surface Parking.

<u>Surface parking shall be located configured</u> in clusters of not more than five adjoining spaces. <u>To allow more efficient use of the site in some parking configurations, the minimum parking spaces and aisle dimensions shall follow the standards in Table 17C.230-4.</u>

- f. A pitched roof design is required for all parking structures.
- c. Attached Garages and Carports.
  - i. Garages may be attached to individual cottage housing units provided all other standards herein are met and the footprint of the ground floor, including the garage, does not exceed the maximum allowed under SMC 17C.110.350(D)(2). Such garages shall not abut the common open spaces, but may abut and shall access an alley, if provided under SMC 17H.010.130.
  - ii. Attached garages and carports shall not exceed four hundred square feet.
  - iii. Excavated basement garages may be allowed. The basement elevation shall be no more than three feet above grade. The basement elevation shall be measured as the distance between grade and the finished floor of the first story.
- d. Detached Garages and Carports.

Detached garage structures shall not exceed a total of one thousand four hundred square feet. If a carriage unit is located above a garage shared with other units for parking, the floor plate is limited to one thousand square feet, in addition to the residential space on the second floor permitted by subsection (D)(2)(a)(iii) above for carriage units.

#### 10. Pedestrian Connectivity.

All buildings and common spaces shall be served by a pedestrian circulation system that connects to an existing or planned sidewalk, public sidewalk or trail system.

- a. The pedestrian circulation system shall connect all main entrances on the site. For cottage housing units fronting the street, the public sidewalk may be used to meet this standard.
- b. Direct pedestrian access should be provided to adjacent, publicly accessible parks, open space, and trails, transit, rideshare, and bicycle storage facilities, where feasible.
- c. Pedestrian walkways shall be separated from structures by at least three feet.

d. Pathways in common open space and other shared areas of the development must be at least five feet wide and meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

## 11. Attached Unit Homes and Carriage Units.

Attached unit homes and carriage units, defined in chapter 17A.020 SMC, are permitted within cottage housing developments, subject to the applicable site development standards and design standards and guidelines of this section. A maximum of two units may be attached in a single structure.

## 12. Existing Structures.

- <u>a. Existing detached single-family residential structures may be permitted to remain.</u>
- b. Retained existing structures will be counted in calculating density and building coverage on the site.
- c. Existing structures may be modified to be more consistent with this section. For example, roof pitches may be increased consistent with subsection (D)(4) Height above, but neither the building ground floor nor total floor area may be increased beyond the maximum allowed in this section.

# E.\_\_\_Building Design Standards and Guidelines.

To prevent the repetitive use of the same combination of building features and site design elements within a cottage housing development, and to help provide compatabilty of the cottage housing development with the character of the surrounding neighborhood, building and site design shall provide variety and visual



interest. The following are required to be provided within a cottage housing development:

1. Variety in Building Design. The same combination of building elements, features and treatments shall not be repeated for more than twenty percent of the total dwelling units in a cottage housing development. Dwellings with the same combination of features and treatments shall not be located adjacent to each other.

Note: The two preceding sentences are moved to (E)(6)(e) and (f), below.

For example, each dwelling in a six unit cottage housing development could include a porch provided building elements such as the details of the porch, roof shape or color, building color or materials, or building accents were varied to achieve visual interest.

- 1. Orientation and Building Facades.
  - <u>a. Each building abutting a public street shall have A a minimum of four of the following building elements, features, and treatments incorporated into the street-facing facade that provide variety and visual interest shall be provided: (R)</u>
    - a. Additional porches and patios (required porch not included).
    - b. Varying roof shapes or gables between adjacent structures.
    - e.i. Windows with visible trim and mullions or recessed windows.
    - d. Roof brackets.
    - e.ii. Dormers.
    - f. Fascia boards.
    - giii. Bay windows.
    - hiv. Entry enhancement such as a well detailed door (multi-panel or glass insert), window adjacent to front door (sidelite), or roof extension.
    - i. Trellis.
    - i. Modulation.
    - k. Chimney (shown on the exterior of the house).
    - Variation in roof or building colors and materials on individual units, such as brick, stone or other masonry as accents.
    - m. Variation in housing type and size.
    - nvi. Other building elements, treatments, features, or site designs approved by the code administrator director that provide variety and visual interest.
  - b. Exterior stairs that provide access to an upper level are not allowed on the front facade of the building. (R)





- c. Parking lots, garages, and solid, blank wall facades shall not dominate common areas or other public areas. (R)
- d. Each of the units abutting a public street must have its address, windows, and main entrance oriented toward the street frontage. (R)
- e. Attached unit homes abutting public streets shall be designed to appear like a detached single-family home, with only one entry per building face/elevation. Attached unit homes on corner lots shall be designed so each unit is oriented towards a different street. This gives the structure the overall appearance of a house when viewed from either street. (R)
- f. Units that are on the interior of a development should be oriented toward the common open space or the most important path or street. (P)
- g. Design of attached units and carriage units shall be similar in terms of style, materials, color, detailing, articulation, fenestration (including window and door placement), etc., of the entire development. (P)

#### 2. Open Space and Landscaping.

- a. All street-facing facades must have landscaping along the foundation. There must be at least one three-gallon shrub for every three lineal feet of foundation. (R)
- b. Sixty percent of the area between the front lot line and the front building line must be landscaped. At a minimum, the required landscaped area must be planted with living ground cover. Up to one-third of the required landscaped area may be for recreational use, or for use by pedestrians. Examples include walkways, play areas, or patios. (R)
- c. Generous use of planting materials and landscape structures such as trellises, raised beds and fencing to unify the overall site design is encouraged. (P)

Note: The three preceding paragraphs are the same as existing text in pocket residential design standards, SMC 17C.110.360(E)(5)(a) through (c).

d. At least fifty percent of the units in the development shall abut a common open space. A cottage housing unit is considered to "abut" an area of open space if there is no structure between the unit and the open space. (P)

- e. Common area sidewalks should be located at the edge of the common open space, and separated from private open space by narrow plantings and/or fencing. (P)
- f. No more than one driveway per cottage cluster shall be permitted, except along an alley or where clusters front onto more than one street. (P)
- g. Landscaping and trees should be used to achieve compatibility in areas where these are unifying elements of community character. (C)
- h. To enhance the function of the required open spaces and delineate the thresholds between public and private areas, the following features are encouraged in the open spaces: (C)
  - i. When a sidewalk in a common open space is adjacent to a private residence, a perimeter buffer of two feet should be provided between the sidewalk and the residence's private open space.
  - ii. A residence's private open space should be generously planted with a variety of plantings, such as herbaceous shrubs and flowers, and foundational plantings near the home.

Note: A graphic will be inserted to illustrate (h)(i) and (ii) above.

#### 3. Patios and Porches.

- a. Cottage housing units shall have a covered, unenclosed porch or entry at least sixty square feet in size with a minimum depth of six feet and minimum width of eight feet. (R)
- b. If the cottage housing unit is fronting on a public street then at least one primary entry porch shall be located to face the street. If the unit is not fronting on a public street then the covered porch shall be located on the side of the home that serves as the main entry from a common open space. (R)



c. Porch or patio railings within the private open space should be semitransparent and a maximum of forty-two inches in height. (C)

#### 4. Roofs.

Building rooflines should be designed in reference to the surrounding architecture and contribute to the overall identity of the area. (C)

## 5. Exterior Building Lighting.

- a. The common open space shall be provided with lighting in the common area or alternately, the individual units fronting on the common open space shall have exterior lighting features. (P)
- b. The design shall incorporate lighting fixtures on any shared access or external lighting on units facing private access areas. (P)
- c. To diminish the amount of glare and spillover from lighting, the following standards shall apply: (R)
  - i. Intensity: Exterior lighting fixtures shall not exceed one foot-candle in intensity.
  - ii. Cutoffs Required: Lighting fixtures shall comply with the standards of SMC 17C.220.080.
- 6. Variety in Design and Architectural Features.
  - Buildings must be modulated along the public street at least every thirty feet.
     Building modulations must step the building wall back or forward at least four feet. (R)
  - <u>b. Reduce the potential impact of new cottage housing development on established and historic neighborhoods by incorporating elements and forms from nearby buildings. This may include reference to architectural details, building massing, proportionality, and use of high-quality materials such as wood, brick, and stone. (P)</u>
  - c. Create a human scale streetscape by including vertical and horizontal patterns as expressed by bays, belt lines, doors and windows. (P)
  - 2. Modulation and Articulation.
  - d. Modulation and articulation is acchieve through a combination of changes in

plan and materials detailing. They function should be incorporated on each individual building to add visual interest through shadows, human scale detailing, and textures while reuding reducing the apparent appearance of mass and scale of the buildings. The use of these techniques shall be varied between adjacent buildings. (P)



- a. Articulation is the giving of emphasis to architectural elements (like windows, balconies, entries, etc.), that create a complimentary pattern or rhythm, dividing the buildings into smaller identifiable pieces.
- b. Modulation is a measured and proportioned inflection in a building's face.

  Together articulation, modulation and their interval create a sense of scale important to residential buildings.

Note: The definition of these terms 'articulation' and 'modulation' are proposed to be moved to the Definitions chapter 17A.020 SMC.

e. The same combination of building elements, features and treatments shall not be repeated for more than twenty percent of the total dwelling units in a cottage housing development. (R)

[Plan Commission: The above provision could be problematic and cumbersome in administering subdivisions. It is an existing provision, but should it be included going forward?]

Note: The subsection above is existing text in SMC 17C.110.350(E)(1) removed to this location.

f. Dwellings with the same combination of features and treatments shall not be located adjacent to each other. (R)

[Plan Commission: The above provision could be problematic and cumbersome in administering subdivisions. It is an existing provision, but should it be included going forward?]

Note: The subsection above is existing text in SMC 17C.110.350(E)(1) removed to this location.

- g. Design of garage structures and carports shall be similar to the style, materials, color, detailing, articulation, fenestration, etc. of the cottage housing units. (R)
- h. Carriage unit homes shall not comprise more than fifty percent of the total dwelling units in a cottage housing development. (P)
- i. Detached, combined garages or carports are encouraged. (C)

Section \_\_\_. That SMC 17C.110.360 is amended to read as follows:

#### 17C.110.360 Pocket Residential Development

## A. Purpose.

The purpose of the pocket residential development is to:

- 1. Encourage greater efficiency of land use by allowing compact infill development on aggregate sites.
- 2. Stimulate new housing that is compatible in scale and character to established surrounding residential areas.
- 3. Produce a broader range of building forms for residential development.
- 4. Expand opportunities for affordable home ownership.
- 5. Promote high quality housing of a character compatible with existing neighborhoods.
- 6. Encourage adequate, usable open space.

#### B. Applicability.

Pocket residential development is permitted within the <u>RSF</u>, RSF-C, RTF, RMF, RHD, O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones.

- The text of subsection (B) above adds all areas zoned Residential Single-family (RSF) to allow pocket residential development. Currently, the only opportunity would be through a rezone, to RSF-Compact (RSF-C), available to areas described in SMC 17C.110.030(C).
- This proposed change would allow pocket residential development by right rather than requiring rezoning RSF to RSF-C; however, a short plat or subdivision would also be required because only one house is allowed per lot in the RSF zone.

# C. Application Procedure.

Pocket residential development is allowed outright with a <u>building</u> permit except when a subdivision of land is proposed. In the RTF zone a community meeting with the Planning Department and the neighborhood is required prior to the issuance of a development permit. When pocket residential development

involves subdivision of land, the application shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of chapter 17G.080 SMC, Subdivisions.

## D. Basic Development Standards.

1. Maximum Building Height.

The maximum height of structures within a pocket residential development is as allowed in the underlying zone.

2. Maximum Building Coverage.

The maximum building coverage within a pocket residential development site is forty percent in the RA, RSF-C, RTF zones; fifty percent in the RMF zone and sixty percent in the RHD zone of the aggregate buildings located upon the parent site shall not exceed the maximum building coverage permitted by the underlying zone. Maximum building coverage is not limited in the O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones.

The text of subsection (D)(2) above is moved here from SMC17G.080.065(D)(5). It makes maximum building coverage for pocket residential development the same as the underlying zone.

#### Setbacks.

Setbacks in a pocket residential development are measured from the exterior boundary of the <u>parent</u> site. The following setbacks are required except in commercial and center and corridor zones where the setbacks are as required in the underlying zoning district.

- a. Front Setback.
  - The front yard requirement for the <u>parent</u> site shall be fifteen feet except as allowed under the front yard averaging provisions of SMC 17C.110.220(D)(1).
- Side Setback, Abutting a Residential Zoning District.
   If the side yard of the site is adjacent to other residentially zoned property the side yard shall be a minimum of five feet.
- c. Side Setback, Interior to Parent Site.

  If platted, the side yard, interior to the parent site, may be zero, provided, however, that any structure located upon a lot created under SMC 17G.080.065 shall comply with applicable building and fire code and the setbacks applicable to the underlying site development plan.
- d. Side Setback, Street.

The street side yard requirement for the <u>parent</u> site shall be a minimum of five feet.

- Rear Setback of the <u>Parent Site</u>.
   Twenty-five feet or as required in the underlying zoning district.
- 4. Minimum and Maximum Parent Site Size:
  - a. The minimum <u>parent</u> site size for a pocket residential development is as follows:
    - i. <u>RSF and RSF-C zone</u>: Eight thousand seven hundred square feet.
    - ii. RTF zone: Four thousand two hundred square feet.
    - iii. RMF, RHD zones: Two thousand nine hundred square feet.
    - iv. O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones: No minimum <u>parent</u> site size.
  - b. The maximum <u>parent</u> site size for a pocket residential development is one and a half acres. Pocket residential developments over one and a half acres must be approved as a planned unit development.
- 5. Density.

The maximum density allowed in a pocket residential development is limited to that allowed in the underlying zoning district in which the <u>parent</u> site is located, <u>except as permitted by SMC 17C.110.330(C) for transitional sites</u>. The density of a pocket residential development is based on the gross site area including area set aside for public or private street rights-of-way and tracts of land dedicated for stormwater facilities.

6. Frontage.

Frontage on a public street is not required for lots created in a pocket residential development. Private streets or private access may be used to provide lot frontage when a private street or private access is approved in accordance with SMC 17H.010.090 and a street design variance request is approved in accordance with SMC 17H.010.020. The parent site shall have a minimum of twenty feet of frontage on a public street.

7. Parking.

The minimum required off-street parking for a pocket residential development is one stall for each dwelling unitshall comply with the required parking standards of the underlying zone for residential uses in chapter 17C.230 SMC Parking and Loading.

## 8. Required Outdoor Area.

Pocket residential developments shall comply with the required outdoor area standards of the underlying zone in accordance with SMC 17C.110.223 and Table 17C.110-3 Development Standards. Common outdoor areas designated to meet this requirement shall will be permanently maintained by and conveyed to the owner or an appropriate property management entity, if under singular ownership. In the event that the development is subdivided or condominium platted, a homeowners' or property owners' association as regulated by lawis required to be created for the maintenance of the common open space within the development. This requirement shall be included in deed restrictions as required in SMC 17G.080.065(D).

## 9. Permitted Housing Types.

The housing types allowed in a pocket residential development are those allowed in the underlying zone in accordance with Table 17C.110-2.

#### 10. Lot Size.

There is no minimum lot size for lots created within a pocket residential development.

## E. Design Standards:—.

#### 1. Ground Level Access.

In order to create the appearance of individual homes, rather than apartments, each <u>attached</u> dwelling unit shall have its own individual access from grade. Stacked units <u>are permitted to have one main entrance</u> with <u>an internal stairways</u> accessed from grade <u>are permitted to internal individual unit entrances</u>.

Individual Access from Grade



Example of Individual Access for Each Unit



Example of Individual Access with Shared Open Space



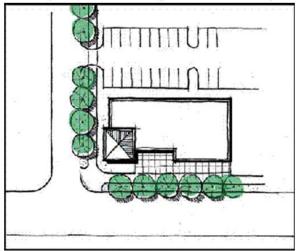
# 2. Parking Lots.

To ensure that parking is as unobtrusive as possible the following standards must be met:

a. Alley Access.

If the development abuts an alley, parking must be accessed from the alley.

Example of Surface Parking Accessed from Alley



b. Screening: Surface parking lots shall be screened both from the street and adjacent residential development by a combination of trees and shrubs. Trees shall be at least two inches in caliper at the time of planting and no more than thirty feet apart. Shrubs shall be at least thirty inches in height at the time of planting. landscape type L2 see-through buffer in SMC 17C.200.030, Landscape Types. Decorative walls or fences no more than forty-two inches in height may be used in lieu of shrubs. Parking is not allowed in a required front yard setback area.

Planting Material Screen



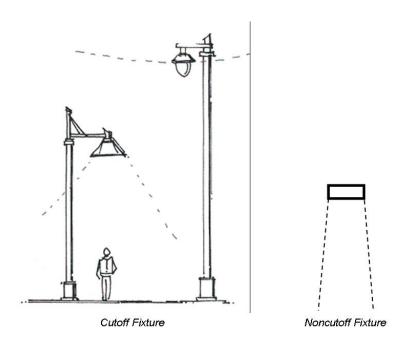
Example of Surface Parking Screened from Street



- c. Paving: All surface parking shall be improved in accordance with the standards of SMC 17C.230.140.
- 3. Lighting.

To diminish the amount of glare and spillover from lighting, the following standards shall apply:

- a. Intensity: Exterior lighting fixtures shall not exceed one foot-candle in intensity.
- Cutoffs Required: Lighting fixtures shall comply with the standards of SMC 17C.220.080



4. Fencing: To ensure a residential atmosphere, fencing higher than forty two inches shall not be permitted along any street frontage.

Residential Fencing



Residential Fence Along Street Frontage No Higher than 42 inches



- 5. Residential Building Design.
  - This section is subject to the provisions of SMC 17C.110.015, Design Standards Administration. For pocket residential development, the following design standards must be met:
  - a. All street-facing facades must have landscaping along the foundation. There must be at least one three-gallon shrub for every three lineal feet of foundation. (R)
  - b. Sixty percent of the area between the front lot line and the front building line must be landscaped. At a minimum, the required landscaped area must be planted with living ground cover. Up to one-third of the required landscaped area may be for recreational use, or for use by pedestrians. Examples include walkways, play areas, or patios. (R)
  - c. Generous use of planting materials and landscape structures such as trellises, raised beds and fencing to unify the overall site design is encouraged.(P)

- d. Front facade. Fire escapes, or exterior stairs that provide access to an upper level are not allowed on the front facade of the building.
   (R)
- e. Duplexes and attached houses on corner lots shall be designed so each unit is oriented towards a different street. This gives the structure the overall appearance of a house when viewed from either street. (R)
- f. All units must meet the following standards. Adjustments to this paragraph are prohibited, but modifications may be requested through a design departure. The standards are:
  - i. Entrances. Each of the units <u>fronting on the street</u> must have its address, <u>windows</u>, and main entrance oriented toward a street frontage. Units that are on the interior of a <u>parent</u> site may be oriented toward a private access or shared open space. Where an existing house is being converted to two units, one main entrance with internal access to both units is allowed. (R)
  - ii. Each unit must have a covered, main entry-related porch or stoop area of at least fifty square feet with no dimension less than five feet. (R)
  - iii. Buildings must be modulated along the public street at least every thirty feet. Building modulations must step the building wall back or forward at least four feet. (R)
  - iv. Reduce the potential impact of new Pocket Residential Development on established and historic neighborhoods by incorporating elements and forms from nearby buildings. This may include reference to architectural details, building massing, proportionality, and use of high-quality materials such as wood, brick, and stone. (P)
  - v. Create a human scale streetscape by including vertical and horizontal patterns as expressed by bays, belt lines, doors and windows. (P)

Section \_\_\_. That SMC section 17C.230.130 is amended to read as follows:

## 17C.230.130 Parking Exceptions

- A. In center and corridor downtown, and FBC CA1, CA2, and CA3 zones any new building or building addition with a floor area less than three thousand square feet shall have no parking requirement.
- B. In the neighborhood retail zone, any existing building, new building, or building addition, having a floor area less than three thousand square feet shall have no parking requirement. In addition, if a building has a floor area of five thousand square feet or less, the parking requirement will be determined after deducting the three thousand square foot exemption from the building's floor area. For example, the parking requirement for a four thousand square foot building would be based on one thousand square feet of floor area i.e., a four thousand square foot building size minus the three thousand square foot exemption.
- C. The director may approve ratios that are higher than the maximum or lower than the minimum if sufficient factual data is provided to indicate that a different amount is appropriate. The applicant assumes the burden of proof. Approval of parking above the maximum shall be conditioned upon increasing the amount of required landscaping by thirty percent. Approval of parking below the minimum shall be conditioned upon the project contributing towards a pedestrian and transit supportive environment both next to the immediate site and in the surrounding area. When determining if a different amount of parking is appropriate, the director shall consider the proximity of the site to frequent transit service, the intensity of the zoning designation of the site and surrounding sites, and the character of the proposed use.
- D. If property owners and businesses establish a parking management area program with shared parking agreements, the director may reduce or waive parking requirements.
- E. Except in the residential single-family and residential two-family zones, existing legal nonconforming buildings that do not have adequate parking to meet the standards of this section are not required to provide off-street parking when remodeling which increases the amount of required parking occurs within the existing structure.

TABLE 17C.230-2 PARKING SPACES BY USE [1] (Refer to Table 17C.230-1 for Parking Space Standards by Zone) CU = Conditional Use				
RESIDENTIAL CATEGORIES				
USE	SPECIFIC	MINIMUM PARKING MAXIMUM PARKING		

CATEGORIES	USES		
Group Living		1 per 4 residents	None
Residential Household Living		1 per unit plus 1 per bedroom after 3 bedrooms; 1 per Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU); Single Resident Occupancy (SRO) are exempt	None
	COM	MERCIAL CATEGORIES	
USE CATEGORIES	SPECIFIC USES	MINIMUM PARKING	MAXIMUM PARKING
Adult Business		1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Commercial Outdoor Recreation		20 per acre of site	30 per acre of site
Commercial Parking		Not applicable	None
Drive-through Facility		Not applicable	None
Major Event Entertainment		1 per 8 seats or per CU review	1 per 5 seats or per CU review
Office	General Office	1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
	Medical/Dental Office	1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Quick Vehicle Servicing		1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Retail Sales and Service	Retail, Personal Service, Repair-oriented	1 per 330 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
	Restaurants and Bars	1 per 250 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 60 sq. ft. of floor area
	Health Clubs, Gyms, Lodges, Meeting Rooms and similar continuous	1 per 330 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 180 sq. ft. of floor area

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	entertainment, such as Arcades and Bowling Alleys		
	Temporary Lodging	1 per rentable room; for associated uses such as Restaurants, see above	1.5 per rentable room; for associated uses such as Restaurants, see above
	Theaters	1 per 4 seats or 1 per 6 feet of bench area	1 per 2.7 seats or 1 per 4 feet of bench area
	Retail sales and services of large items, such as appliances, furniture and equipment	1 per 1,000 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Mini-storage Facilities		Same as Warehouse and Freight Movement	Same as Warehouse and Freight Movement
Vehicle Repair		1 per 750 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
	INDU	JSTRIAL CATEGORIES	
USE CATEGORIES	SPECIFIC USES	MINIMUM PARKING	MAXIMUM PARKING
Industrial Services, Railroad Yards, Wholesale Sales		1 per 1,000 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Manufacturing and Production		1 per 1,000 sq. ft. of floor area	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Warehouse and Freight Movement		1 per 1,000 sq. ft. of floor area for the first 3,000 sq. ft of floor area and then 1 per 3,500 sq. ft. of floor area thereafter	1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Waste-related		Per CU review	Per CU review

		INSTI	TUTION	IAL CATEGORIES	3
USE CATEGORIES	SPECIFIC USES		MINIMUM PARKING		MAXIMUM PARKING
Basic Utilities			None		None
Colleges			1 per 600 sq. ft. of floor area exclusive of dormitories, plus 1 per 4 dorm rooms		1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area exclusive of dormitories, plus 1 per 2.6 dorm room
Community Service			1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area		1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Daycare	re		1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area		1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Medical Centers			1 per 500 sq. ft. of floor area		1 per 200 sq. ft. of floor area
Parks and Open Areas			Per CU review for active areas		Per CU review for active areas
Religious Institutions			1 per 100 sq. ft. of main assembly area or per CU review		1 per 60 sq. ft. of main assembly area
Schools	Grade, Elementary, Junior High		1 per classroom		2.5 per classroom
	High Scho	High School		oer classroom	10.5 per classroom
		0	THER (	CATEGORIES	
HIGE CATEGODIES		SPEC USES		MINIMUM PARKING	MAXIMUM PARKING
Agriculture				None or per CU review	None or per CU review
Aviation and Surface Passenger Terminals				Per CU review	Per CU review
Detention Facilities				Per CU review	Per CU review
Essential Public Facilities			Per CU review	Per CU review	
Wireless Communication Facilities				None or per CU review	None or per CU review
Rail Lines and Utility Corridors				None	None
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[1] The director may approve different amounts of parking spaces under the exceptions listed in SMC 17C.230.130.

Section . That SMC section 17G.080.065 is amended to read as follows:

#### 17G.080.065 Unit Lot Alternative Residential Subdivisions.

## A. Purpose.

The purpose of these provisions is to allow for the creation of lots for types of alternative residential development as described in SMC 17C.110.300, including attached housing, and specified cottage housing projects, and similar developments with multiple dwelling units on a parent site, while applying only those site development standards applicable to the parent site as a whole, rather than to individual unit lots resulting from the subdivision.

#### B. Applicability.

The provisions of this section apply exclusively to the subdivision of land that is already developed with residential dwelling units. The types of existing development that may use the unit lotalternative residential subdivision are:

- Cottage housing projects previously approved under SMC 17C.110.350 and built prior to January 1, 2014;
- 2. <u>Housing developed under SMC 17C.110.360 Pocket Residential</u>
  <u>Development; or</u>
- 3. A similar existing development that consists of multiple dwelling units on a single parcel or site, provided that such existing structures shall comply with applicable building and fire code; or
- 3. An existing townhouse development in zones in which townhouse dwellings are a permitted use.
- C. Application Procedure.

<u>Unit lotAlternative residential</u> subdivisions of nine or fewer lots shall be processed as short plats and all others shall be processed as subdivisions according to the associated permit types in SMC chapter 17G.060.

## D. General Regulations.

1. The unit lotAn alternative residential subdivision as a whole shall meet development standards applicable to the underlying site development plan approval, if any, the basic development standards and design standards of SMC 17C.110.350 Cottage Housing or SMC 17C.110.360 Pocket Residential Development, and the provisions of this section. As a result of the unit lotalternative residential subdivision, development on individual unit lots may be nonconforming as to some or all of the development standards based on

analysis of the individual unit-lot. So long as the parent site meets the criteria of the underlying site development plan or the dwelling units are already in existence, each unit-lot will be deemed to be in conformance. If the existing dwelling units are already legally in existence and do not comply with development standards (i.e.: minimum building setbacks, maximum density, etc.), a unit-lot may be created for each existing dwelling unit. Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent letsite;

- 2. <u>Unit lotAlternative residential</u> subdivisions shall be subject to all applicable requirements of Title 17 SMC, except as otherwise modified by this section;
- 3. Unit Each lot's area and width per unit for purposes of subdivision may be as small as the coverage footprint of the individual dwelling unit;
- 4. Portions of the parent site not subdivided for individual unit lots shall be owned in common by the owners of the individual unit lots, or by a homeowners association comprised of the owners of the individual unit lots located within the parent site. A homeowners' association is required to be created for the maintenance of any shared required outdoor area or other open space, shared parking areas, and other common use areas, buildings, and utilities within the development. This requirement shall be included in deed restrictions as required in paragraph 7;
- Maximum <u>lot-building</u> coverage of the aggregate buildings located upon the parent site shall not exceed the maximum <u>lot-building</u> coverage permitted by the underlying zone;
- 6. Except for existing nonconforming development, building setbacks shall be as required for the zone as applied to the underlying parent site as a whole. There shall be no setback required from individual unit lot lines which are interior to the perimeter of the parent site; provided, however, that any structure located upon a unit lot created hereunder shall comply with the setbacks applicable to the underlying site development plan;
- 7. Internal drive aisles providing vehicular access to unit lots shall not be considered public or private streets when utilizing the provisions of this section:

The text of subsection (D)(7) is deleted because it is inconsistent with SMC 17C.110.360. Since these provisions have never been used since this section's adoption, subsections below are renumbered.

- 7. Access easements, joint use and maintenance agreements, and covenants, conditions and restrictions identifying the rights and responsibilities of property owners and/or the homeowners association shall be executed for use and maintenance of common garage, parking and vehicle access areas; on-site recreation; landscaping; underground utilities; common open space; exterior building facades and roofs; and other similar features, and shall be recorded with the county auditor's office. Each unit lotalternative residential subdivision shall make adequate provisions for ingress, egress and utilities access to and from each unit lot created by reserving such common areas or other easements over and across the parent site as deemed necessary to comply with all other design and development standards generally applicable to the underlying site development plan;
- 98. Notes shall be placed on the plat recorded with the county auditor's office to acknowledge the following:
  - Approval of the design and layout of the development was granted by the review of the development, as a whole, on the parent site by the site development plan approval (stating the subject project file number if applicable);
  - Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent site as a whole, and shall conform to the approved site development plan;
  - c. If a structure or portion of a structure has been damaged or destroyed, any repair, reconstruction or replacement of the structure(s) shall conform to the approved site development plan;
  - d. The individual unit lots are not separate building sites and a ditional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent site.

#### E. Conflicts.

Any conflicts between the provisions of this section and the text of other sections in the Unified Development Code shall be resolved in favor of the text of this section.