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# BUILT FORM OVERLAY DISTRICT HANDBOOK

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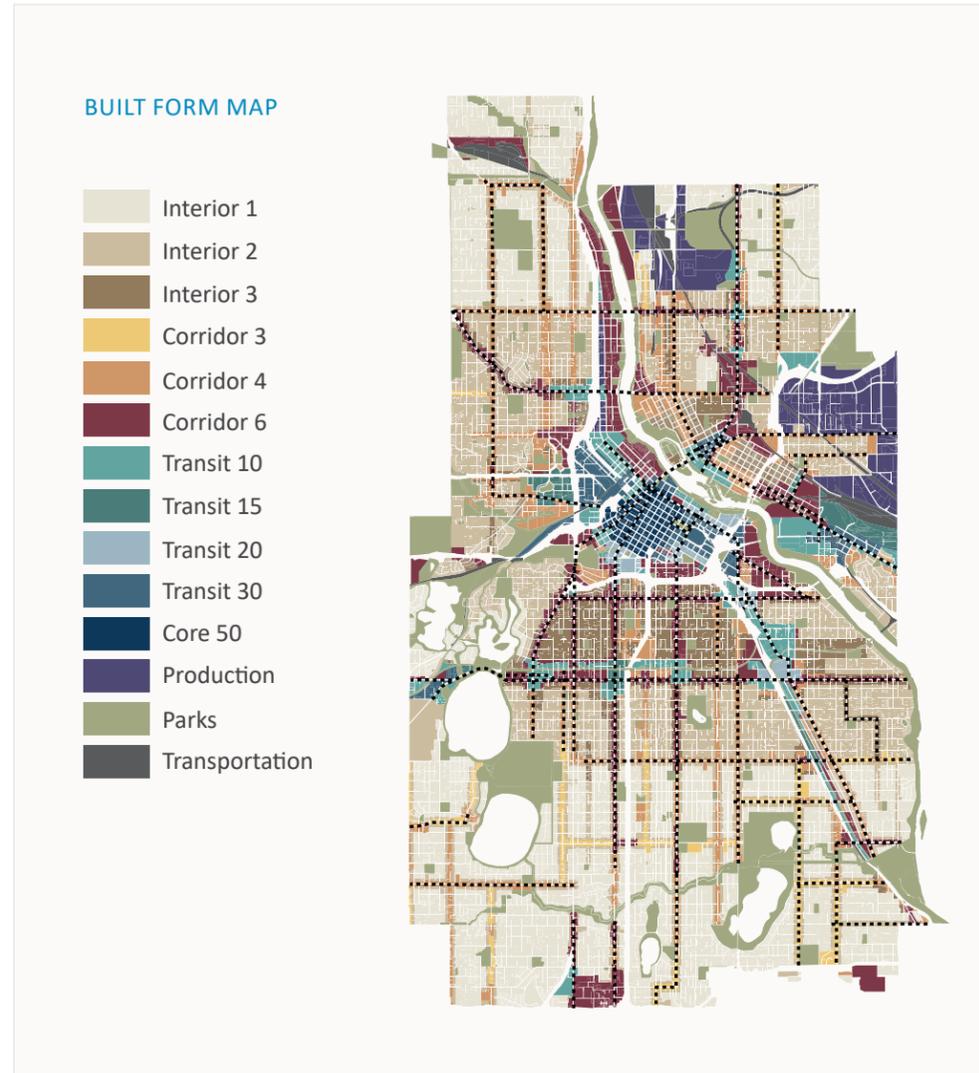
# INTRODUCTION

The Built Form Overlay Districts handbook is a quick reference guide, but not necessarily a complete picture of all the City's built form regulations! It is still important to connect with a planner from the City of Minneapolis' Department of Community Planning & Economic Development. These regulations are expected to increase the level of predictability in the development process for all stakeholders. Consistent with this higher level of predictability, fewer variances are expected to be requested and granted.

The City of Minneapolis created 13 built form overlay districts divided into six categories: Interior, Corridor, Transit, Core, Production, and Parks. Citywide built form regulations went into effect on January 1, 2021. Each property in the City was rezoned to add a built form overlay district in accordance with the built form maps adopted in the Minneapolis 2040 comprehensive plan. The built form ordinance includes regulations for floor area ratio, height, lot dimensions, yard setbacks, and impervious surface and lot coverage. The built form regulations are found in Chapter 540, Built Form Overlay Districts.

Each property in the City has a primary zoning district classification and a built form overlay district classification. The built form regulations do not change the allowed uses in the primary zoning district. A standard of the built form overlay districts can only be varied if section 525.470 of the zoning code includes an authorized variance for such standard. Note that a property may also be in another overlay district, in addition to a built form overlay district.

City of Minneapolis Zoning Districts can be found at [www2.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/planning-zoning/zoning-maps/](http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/business-services/planning-zoning/zoning-maps/)



**Note:** This map is from the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, it is not a zoning map! Zoning districts applied to the transportation built form district match the adjacent built form zoning.

### Key for Acronyms

- CM | Commercial Mixed-Use Zoning District
- CUP | Conditional Use Permit
- DT | Downtown Zoning District
- FAR | Floor Area Ratio
- MR | Mississippi Critical Corridor Area Overlay District
- PR | Production & Production Mixed-Use Zoning District
- PUD | Planned Unit Development
- RM | Residential Mixed-Use Zoning District
- SH | Shoreland Overlay District
- TR | Transportation Zoning District
- UN | Urban Neighborhood Zoning District



For more definitions read: [Chapter 565 Definitions \(PDF\)](#)

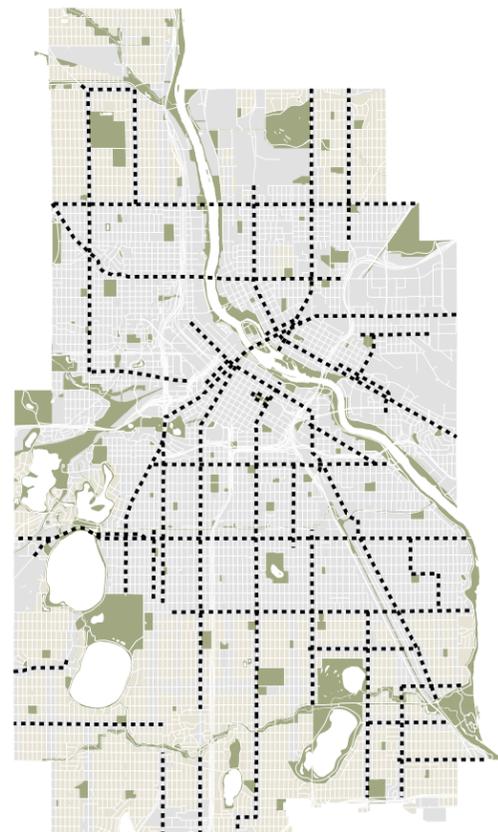
# INTERIOR 1

## DESCRIPTION

The Interior 1 district is typically applied in parts of the city farthest from downtown, in the areas between transit routes.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Interior 1 district should be small-scale residential. Individual lots are permitted to have up to three dwelling units. Combining of lots is generally not permitted. Building heights should be 1 to 2.5 stories.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Interior 1   Parks   --- Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Use         | 1-3 Unit Dwellings | Cluster Developments | Institutional and Civic Uses            | All Other Uses                          |
|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|---|
| Maximum FAR | 0.5 <sup>1</sup>   | 0.5                  | UN, RM: 0.8<br>All other districts: 1.4 | UN, RM: 0.5<br>All other districts: 1.4 |

<sup>1</sup> Administrative increases to maximum FAR for dwellings with 1-3 units may be allowed as authorized by sections 540.120 and 540.230.

## MAXIMUM HEIGHT<sup>2</sup>

| 1-3 Unit Dwellings and Cluster Developments  | Institutional and Civic Uses | All Other Principal Uses |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2.5 stories, 28 feet<br><i>The highest point of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof shall not exceed 33 feet.</i> <sup>3</sup> | 3 stories, 42 feet           | 2.5 stories, 35 feet     |

<sup>2</sup> Allowed height exemptions (except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District) are located in Chapter 540--Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

<sup>3</sup> The maximum height of 1-3 unit dwellings may increase to 35 feet when the established height of a minimum of 50% of the 1-3 unit dwellings within 100 feet of the subject site exceed the maximum height. The highest point of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof shall not exceed 40 feet..

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS<sup>4,5</sup>

| Interior Side and Rear Yard <sup>6,7,8</sup> | Front Yard <sup>9</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>10</sup> |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 feet min.                                  | 20 feet min.            | 8 feet min.                    |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 45%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) <sup>10</sup> | Surface (other) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 60%                            | 100%            |

<sup>10</sup> Impervious surfaces shall not cover more than 65% of any zoning lot with less than 6,000 sq. ft. of lot area and no access to a public alley or a second street frontage (540.920 b).

## LOT DIMENSIONS

| Regulation                                   | District            | 1-3 Unit Dwellings              | 4+ Unit Dwellings <sup>11</sup> | Cluster & Common Lot Developments  | Institutional and Civic Uses                        | All Other Uses  |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Minimum lot width by primary zoning district | UN, RM              | 40 feet                         | 50 feet                         | 40 feet  | None  | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | None                            | 50 feet                         | 40 feet  |   |   |
| Minimum lot area by primary zoning district  | UN, RM              | 5,000 square feet <sup>12</sup> | 9,000 square feet               | 5,000 square feet <sup>12</sup>  | Refer to Table 540-15 for specific use requirements | Refer to Table 240-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 5,000 square feet <sup>12</sup> | 9,000 square feet               | 5,000 square feet  |   |   |
| Maximum lot area                             | UN, RM              | 8,999 square feet               | 14,000 square feet              | As determined by CUP for cluster developments. 14,000 square feet for common lot developments, except the maximum shall be 8,999 sq. ft. when no more than 3 dwelling units are proposed <sup>12</sup> | Not applicable                                      | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 14,000 square feet              | 14,000 square feet              |  |   |   |

<sup>11</sup> Residential uses with 4+ units are generally not allowed in Interior 1. Minimum lot area is shown here in the event that the primary zoning district allows the use, and to note the minimum lot area for existing, nonconforming residential uses with 4+ units.

<sup>12</sup> A greater minimum lot area requirement may apply if the average lot area of 1-3 unit dwelling lots within 350 feet is 9,000 square feet or more. Where a greater minimum lot area requirement applies, maximum lot area requirement shall be 130% (Table 540-15 and 598.240 2 a).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOOTNOTES

<sup>4</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN, RM districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties.

<sup>5</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards" (540.890).

<sup>6</sup> Buildings that are 42 feet in height or greater require a larger setback as found in Table 540-19 and Table 540-20. For the purpose of calculating building height, authorized height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410) are not included.

<sup>7</sup> For institutional and civic uses that exceed 28 feet in height, the minimum interior side yard requirement is 7 feet (540.870 c).

<sup>8</sup> A minimum 15 foot interior side yard may apply when a principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b 3).

<sup>9</sup> Front yard setback requirements can also vary based on the established setbacks of the adjacent principal buildings. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 a, b & c).

Built Form Vignette from Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan



## KEY PROVISIONS OF INTERIOR 1

- Specific requirements apply for calculating gross floor area of 1-3 unit residential uses (540.120).
- The maximum height requirement for 1-3 unit residential uses is 2.5 stories, 28 feet. Further, the highest point of a gable, hip or gambrel roof cannot exceed 33 feet (Table 540-7).
- The maximum allowed height in stories of all principal structures is 2.5 stories, except institutional and civic uses are subject to a maximum height requirement of 3 stories, 42 feet (Table 540-7).
- The maximum height of any principal structure can only be increased by variance (540.510).
- Maximum lot size requirements apply to most uses except for Institutional and Civic uses (Chapter 540, Article VIII).

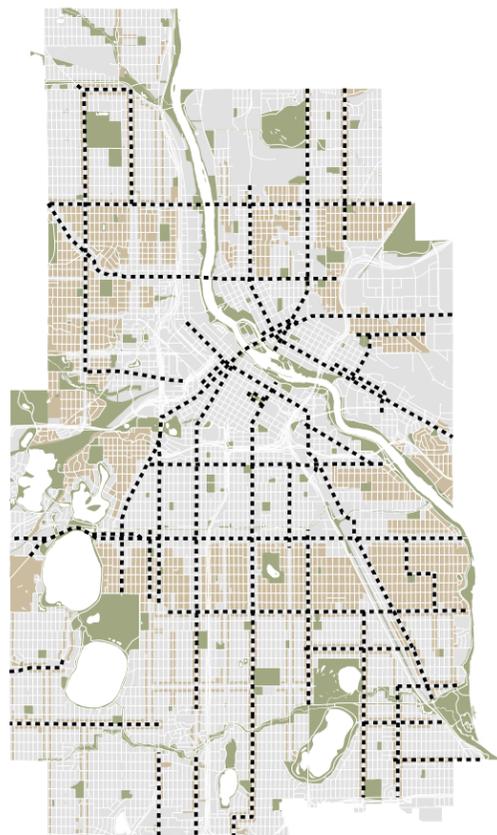
# INTERIOR 2

## DESCRIPTION

The Interior 2 district is typically applied in parts of the city that developed during the era when streetcars were a primary mode of transportation, in the areas in between transit routes, and on select streets with intermittent local transit service. It is also applied adjacent to the Corridor 4 and Corridor 6 districts, serving as a transition to lower intensity residential areas.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Interior 2 district should be small-scale residential. Individual lots are permitted to have up to three dwelling units. Multifamily buildings with more than three units are permitted on larger lots. Limited combining of lots is permitted. Building heights should be 1 to 2.5 stories.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Interior 2 Parks --- Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Use         | 1-3 Unit Dwellings | Cluster Developments                    | Institutional and Civic Uses | All Other Uses                          |
|-------------|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Maximum FAR | 0.5 <sup>1</sup>   | UN, RM: 0.8<br>All other districts: 1.4 | 0.5                          | UN, RM: 0.8<br>All other districts: 1.4 |

<sup>1</sup> Administrative increases to maximum FAR for dwellings with 1-3 units may be allowed as authorized by sections 540.120 and 540.230.

## MAXIMUM HEIGHT<sup>2</sup>

| 1-3 Unit Dwellings and Cluster Developments  | Institutional and Civic Uses | All Other Principal Uses |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2.5 stories, 28 feet<br><i>The highest point of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof shall not exceed 33 feet.</i> <sup>3</sup> | 3 stories, 42 feet           | 2.5 stories, 35 feet     |

<sup>2</sup> Allowed height exemptions (except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District) are located in Chapter 540—Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

<sup>3</sup> The maximum height of 1-3 unit dwellings may increase to 35 feet when the established height of a minimum of 50% of the 1-3 unit dwellings within 100 feet of the subject site exceed the maximum height. The highest point of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof shall not exceed 40 feet.

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS<sup>4,5</sup>

| Interior Side and Rear Yard <sup>5,6,7,8</sup> | Front Yard <sup>9</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>6</sup> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5 feet min.                                    | 20 feet min.            | 8 feet min.                   |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 45%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) <sup>10</sup> | Surface (other) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 60%                            | 100%            |

<sup>10</sup> Impervious surfaces shall not cover more than 65% of any zoning lot with less than 6,000 sq. ft. of lot area and no access to a public alley or a second street frontage (540.920 b).

## LOT DIMENSIONS

| Regulation                                   | District            | 1-3 Unit Dwellings              | 4+ Unit Dwellings                | Cluster & Common Lot Developments  | Institutional & Civic Uses                          | All Other Uses  |
|--|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Minimum lot width by primary zoning district | UN, RM              | 40 feet                         | 50 feet <sup>11</sup>            | 40 feet  | None  | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | None                            | 50 feet <sup>11</sup>            | 40 feet  |   |   |
| Minimum lot area by primary zoning district  | UN, RM              | 5,000 square feet <sup>12</sup> | 7,500 square feet <sup>13</sup>  | 5,000 square feet <sup>12</sup>  | Refer to Table 540-15 for specific use requirements | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 5,000 square feet <sup>12</sup> | 7,500 square feet <sup>13</sup>  | 5,000 square feet  |   |   |
| Maximum lot area                             | UN, RM              | 8,999 square feet               | 14,000 square feet <sup>14</sup> | As determined by CUP for cluster developments. 14,000 square feet for common lot developments, except the maximum shall be 8,999 sq. ft. when no more than 3 dwelling units are proposed <sup>12</sup> | Not applicable                                      | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 14,000 square feet              | 14,000 square feet <sup>14</sup> |  |   |   |

<sup>11</sup> In the SH Overlay District, the minimum width shall be 80 feet.

<sup>12</sup> A greater minimum lot area requirement may apply if the average lot area of 1-3 unit dwelling lots within 350 feet is 9,000 square feet or more. Where a greater minimum lot area requirement applies, maximum lot area requirement shall be 130%. (Table 540-15 and 598.240 2 a).

<sup>13</sup> In the SH Overlay District, the minimum lot area shall be 10,000 square feet.

<sup>14</sup> PUD/cluster/common lot development requirement for a 4+ unit developments that exceeds the maximum lot size requirement (540.740 c).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOOTNOTES

<sup>4</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN, RM zoning or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties.

<sup>5</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540—Article IX "Yards" (540.890).

<sup>6</sup> Buildings that are 42 feet in height or greater require a larger setback as found in Table 540-19 and Table 540-20. For the purpose of calculating building height, authorized height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410) are not included.

<sup>7</sup> A minimum 15 foot interior side yard may apply when a principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b 3).

<sup>8</sup> For institutional and civic uses that exceed 28 feet in height, the minimum interior side yard requirement is 7 feet (540.870 c).

<sup>9</sup> Front yard setback requirements can also vary based on the established setbacks of the adjacent principal buildings. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 a, b & c).

Built Form Vignette from Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan



## KEY PROVISIONS OF INTERIOR 2

- Specific requirements apply for calculating gross floor area of 1-3 unit residential uses (540.120).
- The maximum height requirement for 1-3 unit residential uses is 2.5 stories, 28 feet. Further, the highest point of a gable, hip or gambrel roof cannot exceed 33 feet (Table 540-7).
- The maximum allowed height in stories of all principal structures is 2.5 stories, except institutional and civic uses are subject to a maximum height requirement of 3 stories, 42 feet (Table 540-7).
- The maximum height of any principal structure can only be increased by variance (540.510).
- Maximum lot size requirements apply to most uses except Institutional and Civic uses (Chapter 540, Article VIII).
- A planned, cluster or common lot development is required when the maximum lot size is exceeded (540.740).

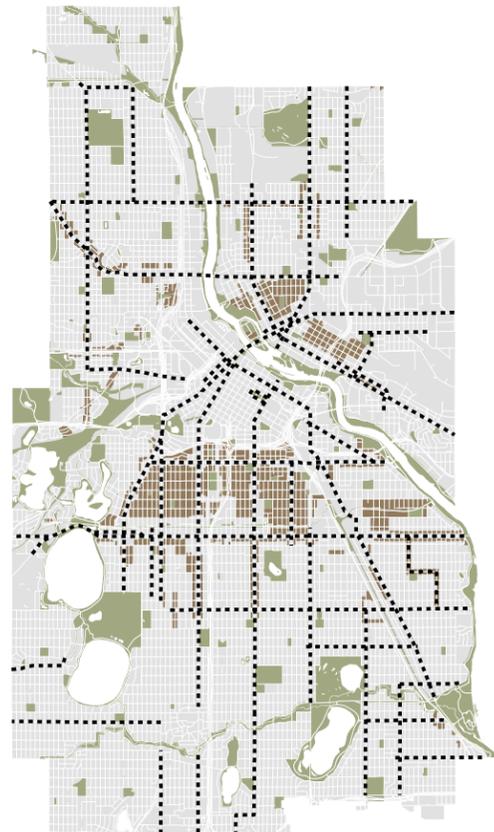
# INTERIOR 3

## DESCRIPTION

The Interior 3 district is typically applied in parts of the city closest to downtown, in the areas in between transit routes. It is also applied adjacent to select corridors and near METRO stations, serving as a transition to lower intensity residential areas.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Interior 3 district should reflect a variety of building types on both small and moderate-sized lots, including on combined lots. Building heights should be 1 to 3 stories.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Interior 3 Parks --- Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) <sup>1</sup>

| Use         | 1-3 Unit Dwellings <sup>2</sup>                            | 4+ Unit Dwellings                       | Cluster Developments | All Other Uses <sup>3</sup>             |
|-------------|--|---|----------------------|---|
| Maximum FAR | Single-family: 0.5<br>Two-family: 0.6<br>Three-family: 0.7 | UN, RM: 1.4<br>All other districts: 1.6 | 0.7                  | UN, RM: 1.4<br>All other districts: 1.6 |

<sup>1</sup> Premium for enclosed parking is the only option for increasing FAR of uses other than 1-3 unit dwellings.

<sup>2</sup> Administrative increases to maximum FAR for dwellings with 1-3 units may be allowed as authorized by sections 540.120 and 540.230.

<sup>3</sup> The max FAR for state credentialed care facilities serving 6 or fewer persons in all districts is 0.5

## MAXIMUM HEIGHT <sup>4</sup>

| 1-2 Unit Dwellings                | 3 Unit Dwellings and Cluster    | Institutional and Civic Uses | All Other Principal Uses |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2.5 stories, 28 feet <sup>5</sup> | 3 stories, 42 feet <sup>6</sup> | 3 stories, 42 feet           | 3 stories, 42 feet       |

<sup>4</sup> Allowed height exemptions (except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District) are located in Chapter 540 – Article V. "height of principal buildings" (540.410).

<sup>5</sup> The maximum height of 1-3 unit dwellings may increase to 35 feet when the established height of a minimum of 50% of the 1-3 unit dwellings within 100 feet of the subject site exceed the maximum height. The highest point of a gable, hip, or gambrel roof shall not exceed 40 feet.

<sup>6</sup> Reference the height table compatibility design standards in Table 540-7 for 3rd story triplex additions and cluster developments.

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS <sup>7, 8</sup>

| Interior Side and Rear Yard <sup>9, 10</sup> | Front Yard <sup>11</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>10</sup> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 5 feet min.                                  | 20 feet min.             | 8 feet min.                    |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 60%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 75%              | 100%            |

## LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>12</sup>

| Regulation                                   | District            | 1-3 Unit Dwellings | 4+ Unit Dwellings                | Cluster & Common Lot Developments  | Institutional and Civic Uses                        | All Other Uses  |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Minimum lot width by primary zoning district | UN, RM              | 40 feet            | 40 feet                          | 40 feet  | None  | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | None               | 40 feet                          | 40 feet  |   |   |
| Minimum lot area by primary zoning district  | UN, RM              | 5,000 square feet  | 5,000 square feet                | 5,000 square feet  | Refer to Table 540-15 for specific use requirements | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 5,000 square feet  | 5,000 square feet                | 5,000 square feet  |   |   |
| Maximum lot area                             | UN, RM              | 8,999 square feet  | 18,000 square feet <sup>12</sup> | As determined by CUP for cluster developments. 18,000 square feet for common lot developments, except the maximum shall be 8,999 sq. ft. when no more than 3 dwelling units are proposed | Not applicable                                      | Refer to Table 540-15 for other specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 18,000 square feet | 18,000 square feet <sup>12</sup> |  |   |   |

<sup>12</sup> PUD/cluster/common lot requirement for 4+ unit developments that exceed the maximum lot size requirement (540.740 c).

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<sup>7</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN, RM zoning or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties.

<sup>8</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540 – Article IX "Yards."

<sup>9</sup> A minimum 15 foot interior side yard may apply when a principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b 3).

<sup>10</sup> Buildings that are 42 feet in height or greater require a larger setback as found in Table 540-19 and Table 540-20. For the purpose of calculating building height, authorized height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410) are not included.

<sup>11</sup> Front yard setback requirements can also vary based on the established setbacks of the adjacent principal buildings. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 a, b & c).

## KEY PROVISIONS OF INTERIOR 3

- The enclosed parking premium is the only incentive authorized for increasing floor area of principal structures (except dwellings with 1-3 units) in Interior 3 (Table 540-5).
- The Interior 3 built form district is the only Interior district that allows more floor area ratio for 2- and 3-unit dwellings than single-family dwellings as-of-right (Table 540-2).
- Specific requirements apply for calculating gross floor area of 1-3 unit residential uses (540.120).
- The maximum height requirement for 1-2 unit residential uses is 2.5 stories, 28 feet. Further, the highest point of a gable, hip or gambrel roof cannot exceed 33 feet (Table 540-7).
- Third story additions to 3-unit dwellings and cluster developments are subject to compatibility design standards (Table 540-7).
- The maximum height of any principal structure can only be increased by variance (540.510).
- Maximum lot size requirements apply to most uses except Institutional and Civic uses (Chapter 540, Article VIII).
- A planned unit development, cluster or common lot development is required when the maximum lot size is exceeded (540.740).

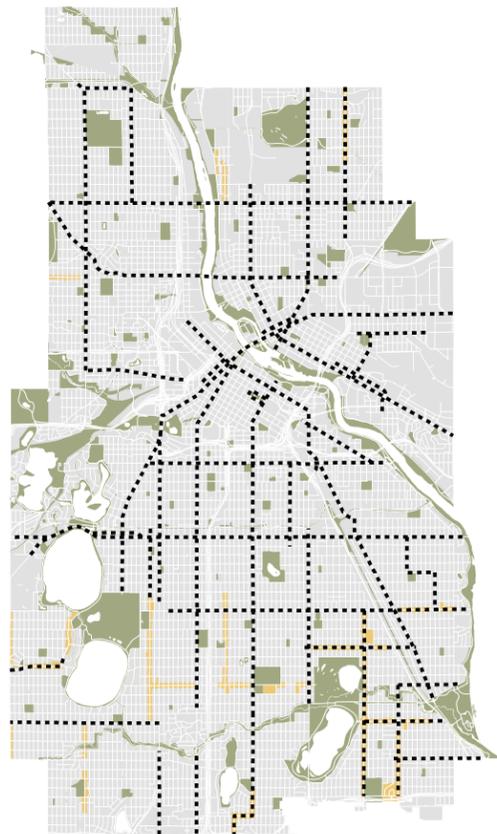
# CORRIDOR 3

## DESCRIPTION

The Corridor 3 district is typically applied along transit routes farther from downtown that are on narrower rights of way, and serves as a transition between lower intensity residential areas and areas immediately surrounding METRO stations.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Corridor 3 district should reflect a variety of building types on both small and moderate-sized lots, including on combined lots. Building heights should be 1 to 3 stories. Requests to exceed 3 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Corridor 3 Parks --- Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum <sup>1</sup> | 1 Premium                                  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                               | Max. of 2 Premiums Value = 0.3 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN, RM                  | -           | 1.5                           | 1.8  | 2.1        | -          | 2.1                        |
| All other districts     | -           | 1.9                           | 2.2  | 2.5        | -          | 2.5                        |

<sup>1</sup> Cluster developments have a maximum FAR of 0.7 (Table 540-3).

## LOT DIMENSIONS<sup>2,3,4</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living) <sup>4</sup> | Lot Area (Institutional & Civic)                              |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min. / 28,000 sf max.  | 28,000 sf max.                            | Refer to Table 540-15 for specific use minimums / No maximums |

<sup>2</sup> Developments that exceed the maximum lot area in Corridor 3 can be accomplished through a PUD, cluster development, and common lot development (540.740 c). See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

<sup>3</sup> The mixed use buildings exemption is in 540.720 d.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>5</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| -              | 42 feet (3 stories)         |

<sup>5</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 4 stories, 56 feet (Table 540-9). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410). Cluster developments are subject to compatibility design standards for 3rd story additions Table 540-7.

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 60%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 75%              | 100%            |

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS<sup>6,7</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>8</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>9</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>10</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                    |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                   |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                   |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                   |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                   |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                              |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                              |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                              |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                              |

| Front Yard                 |
|----------------------------|
| 15 feet min. <sup>10</sup> |

<sup>5</sup> The maximum requirement for state credentialed care facilities serving 6 or fewer persons shall be 8,999 square feet. Minimum lot dimensions for congregate living uses shall be governed by Table 540-15. Board and care home/nursing home/assisted living uses are exempt from maximum lot area requirements.

## KEY PROVISIONS OF CORRIDOR 3

- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings and cluster developments; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540, Article VI).
- Maximum lot size requirements apply to most uses (Chapter 540, Article VIII).
- PUD/cluster/common lot development required when maximum lot size is exceeded (540.740).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>6</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards."

<sup>7</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN, RM districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties.

<sup>8</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410), such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side or rear yard requirements.

<sup>9</sup> There is an increased setback requirement for longer buildings and where a principal residential entrance faces and interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>10</sup> Front yard setback and corner side yard setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 c & d and 540.860 b).

## 1-3 UNIT RESIDENTIAL USES

IN CORRIDOR 3

| FLOOR AREA RATIO | Base Zoning District | Minimum FAR <sup>11</sup> | Base FAR Maximum <sup>12</sup> |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                  | UN, RM               | 0                         | 1.5                            |
|                  | All other districts  | 0                         | 1.9                            |

<sup>11</sup> Min FAR (540.130) and <sup>12</sup> Max FAR: (Table 540-2), note GFA calculations in 540.120.

| LOT DIMENSIONS | Base Zoning District | Minimum Lot Width | Minimum Lot Area  | Maximum Lot Area   |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                | UN, RM               | 40 feet           | 5,000 square feet | 8,999 square feet  |
|                | All other districts  | --                | 5,000 square feet | 28,000 square feet |

| HEIGHT | Use       | Minimum Height <sup>13</sup> | Maximum Height <sup>14</sup> |
|--------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|        | 1-2 Units | 0                            | 28 feet (2.5 stories)        |
|        | 3 Units   | 0                            | 42 feet (3 stories)          |

<sup>13</sup> Min. height (540.420) and <sup>14</sup> Max. height can only be increased by variance or the exception authorized in the Table 540-7 footnote. Reference the compatibility design standards in Table 540-7 for 3rd story triplex additions.

- Increase to maximum FAR only authorized by sections 540.120 and 540.230.
- Lot dimensions are governed by Table 540-15.
- Yard requirements in UN and RM are the same as all other uses in Corridor 3; all other primary districts are noted in (Table 540-21 except triplexes are subject to Table 540-20).
- Lot and impervious coverage are the same as all other uses in Corridor 3.

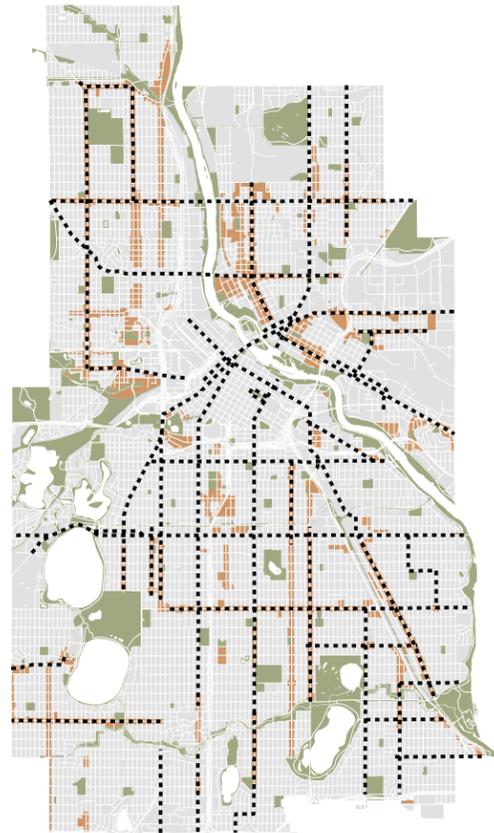
# CORRIDOR 4

## DESCRIPTION

The Corridor 4 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes farther from downtown, that are on narrower rights of way, and on select streets with local transit service. It is also applied near downtown in areas between transit routes, and serves as a transition between lower intensity residential areas and areas immediately surrounding METRO stations.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Corridor 4 district should reflect a variety of building types on both small and moderate-sized lots, including on combined lots. Building heights should be 1 to 4 stories. Requests to exceed 4 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Corridor 4 Parks --- Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum <sup>1</sup> | 1 Premium                                  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                               | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 0.4 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN, RM                  | -           | 2.0                           | 2.4  | 2.8        | 3.2        | 3.2                        |
| All other districts     | -           | 2.4                           | 2.8  | 3.2        | 3.6        | 3.6                        |

<sup>1</sup> Cluster developments have a maximum FAR of 0.7 (Table 540-3).

## LOT DIMENSIONS<sup>2,3</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living) | Lot Area (Commercial)   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min. / 28,000 sf max.  | See Table 540-15             | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM and PR zoning districts do not have minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses, with a maximum of 28,000 sf. |

<sup>2</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements. Developments that exceed the maximum lot area in Corridor 4 can be accomplished through a PUD, common lot development or cluster development (540.740).

<sup>3</sup> The mixed-use development exemption is in 540.720 d.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>4</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| -              | 56 feet (4 stories)         |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 70%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 85%              | 100%            |

<sup>4</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 6 stories, 84 feet (Table 540-9). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410). Cluster developments are subject to a maximum height of 3 stories, 42 feet and compatibility design standards for third story additions (Table 540-7).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS<sup>5,6</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>7</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>8</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>9</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                   |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                  |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                  |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                  |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                  |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                             |

| Front Yard                |
|---------------------------|
| 15 feet min. <sup>9</sup> |

<sup>5</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards."

<sup>6</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN and RM districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties.

## KEY PROVISIONS OF CORRIDOR 4

- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings and cluster developments; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540, Article VI).
- Maximum lot size requirements apply to most uses (Chapter 540, Article VIII).
- PUD/cluster/common lot development required when maximum lot size is exceeded (540.740).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or when a residential principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).
- Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements.

<sup>7</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410), such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side or rear yard requirements.

<sup>8</sup> There is an increased setback requirement for longer buildings and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line in (540.870 b 1 and 3).

<sup>9</sup> Front yard setback and corner side yard setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 c & d and 540.860 b).

## 1-3 UNIT RESIDENTIAL USES IN CORRIDOR 4

| FLOOR AREA RATIO | Base Zoning District | Minimum FAR <sup>10</sup> | Base FAR Maximum <sup>11</sup> |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                  | UN, RM               | 0                         | 2.0                            |
|                  | All other districts  | 0                         | 2.4                            |

<sup>10</sup> Min FAR (540.130) and <sup>11</sup> Max FAR: (Table 540-2), note GFA calculations in 540.120.

| LOT DIMENSIONS | Base Zoning District | Minimum Lot Width | Minimum Lot Area  | Maximum Lot Area   |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                | UN, RM               | 40 feet           | 5,000 square feet | 8,999 square feet  |
|                | All other districts  | --                | 5,000 square feet | 28,000 square feet |

| HEIGHT | Use       | Minimum Height <sup>12</sup> | Maximum Height <sup>13</sup> |
|--------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|        | 1-2 Units | 0                            | 28 feet (2.5 stories)        |
|        | 3 Units   | 0                            | 42 feet (3 stories)          |

<sup>12</sup> Min. height (540.420) and <sup>13</sup> Max. height can only be increased by variance or the exception authorized in the Table 540-7 footnote. Reference the compatibility design standards in Table 540-7 for 3rd story triplex additions.

- Increase to maximum FAR only authorized by sections 540.120 & 540.230.
- Lot dimensions are governed by Table 540-15.
- Yard requirements in UN and RM districts are the same as all other uses in Corridor 4; all other primary districts are noted in (Table 540-21 except triplexes are subject to Table 540-20).
- Lot and impervious coverage are the same as all other uses in Corridor 4.

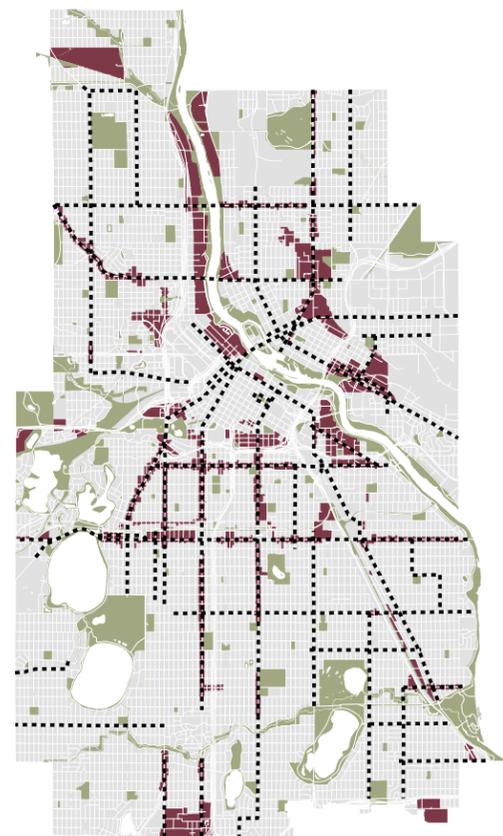
# CORRIDOR 6

## DESCRIPTION

The Corridor 6 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes as well as in areas near METRO stations.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Corridor 6 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. Building heights should be 2 to 6 stories. Building heights should be at least 2 stories in order to best take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Corridor 6 district. Requests to exceed 6 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



■ Corridor 6   ■ Parks   - - - Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum <sup>1</sup> | 1 Premium                                   | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|---|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                               | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 0.65 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN, RM                  | 1           | 3                             | 3.65  | 4.3        | 4.95       | 4.95                       |
| All other districts     | 1           | 3.4                           | 4.05  | 4.7        | 5.35       | 5.35                       |

Built Form Vignette from Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan



## LOT DIMENSIONS<sup>2,3</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living) <sup>3</sup> | Lot Area (Commercial)  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min. / 43,560 sf max.  | See Table 540-15                          | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM and PR zoning districts do not have minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses, with a maximum of 1 acre. |

<sup>2</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements. Developments that exceed the maximum lot area in Corridor 6 can be accomplished through a PUD or common lot development (540.740).

<sup>3</sup> The mixed-use development exemption is in 540.720 d.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height      | Maximum Height <sup>4</sup> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 20 feet (2 stories) | 84 feet (6 stories)         |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 70%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 85%              | 100%            |

<sup>4</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 140 feet (10 stories). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS<sup>5,6</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>7</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>8</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>9</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                   |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                  |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                  |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                  |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                  |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                             |

| Front Yard                |
|---------------------------|
| 15 feet min. <sup>9</sup> |

| Front Yard on a Goods & Services Corridor |
|---|
| 10 feet <sup>9</sup>                      |

<sup>5</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards."

<sup>6</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN, RM districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

## KEY PROVISIONS OF CORRIDOR 6

- Minimum FAR requirements apply, but not when expanding existing buildings or on lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area (540.130).
- Minimum height requirements apply to the majority of the building footprint and can also apply when expanding existing buildings. Lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area are exempt (540.420).
- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings and cluster developments; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540 - Article VI).
- PUD/common lot development required when maximum lot size is exceeded (540.740).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or when a property is adjacent to Interior 1 or 2 "or when a residential principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>7</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410), such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side or rear yard requirements.

<sup>8</sup> There is an increased setback requirement when properties in Corridor 6 and transit districts are adjacent to Interior 1 or 2, for longer buildings, and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>9</sup> Front yard setback and corner side setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 c & d and 540.860 b & c).

## 1-3 UNIT RESIDENTIAL USES IN CORRIDOR 6

| FLOOR AREA RATIO | Base Zoning District | Minimum FAR <sup>10</sup> | Base FAR Maximum <sup>11</sup> |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                  | UN, RM               | 1                         | 3                              |
|                  | All other districts  | 1                         | 3.4                            |

| LOT DIMENSIONS | Base Zoning District | Minimum Lot Width | Minimum Lot Area  | Maximum Lot Area   |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
|                | UN, RM               | 40 feet           | 5,000 square feet | 8,999 square feet  |
|                | All other districts  | --                | 5,000 square feet | 43,560 square feet |

| HEIGHT | Use       | Minimum Height      | Maximum Height <sup>12</sup> |
|--------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|        | 1-2 Units | 20 feet (2 stories) | 28 feet (2.5 stories)        |
|        | 3 Units   | 20 feet (2 stories) | 42 feet (3 stories)          |

<sup>10</sup> Min FAR (540.130) and <sup>11</sup> Max FAR: (Table 540-2), note GFA calculations in 540.120

<sup>12</sup> Max. height can only be increased by variance or the exception authorized in the Table 540-7 footnote. Reference the height table compatibility design standards in Table 540-7 for 3rd story triplex additions.

- Increase to maximum FAR only authorized by sections 540.120 & 540.230.
- Lot dimensions are governed by Table 540-15
- Yard requirements in UN and RM are the same as all other uses in Corridor 6; all other primary districts are noted in (Table 540-21 except triplexes are subject to Table 540-20)
- Lot and impervious coverage are the same as all other uses in Corridor 6

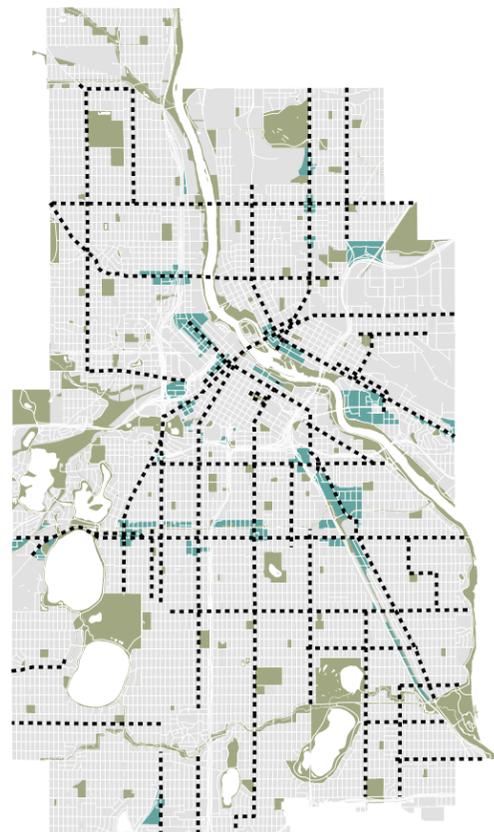
# TRANSIT 10

## DESCRIPTION

The Transit 10 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes, adjacent to METRO stations, in neighborhoods near downtown, and in downtown.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Transit 10 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. Building heights should be 2 to 10 stories. Building heights should be at least 2 stories in order to best take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 10 district. Requests to exceed 10 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



■ Transit 10   
 ■ Parks   
 - - - Goods & Services Corridor

### FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium                                  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 0.8 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN, RM                  | 1           | 5                | 5.8  | 6.6        | 7.4        | 7.4                        |
| All other districts     | 1           | 5.4              | 6.2  | 7.0        | 7.8        | 7.8                        |



Built Form Vignette from Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan

### LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>1</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living)  | Lot Area (Commercial)  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min.                   | Minimum lot dimensions for congregate living uses are governed by the Table 540-15. | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM and PR zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses. |

<sup>1</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

### HEIGHT

| Minimum Height      | Maximum Height <sup>2</sup> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 20 feet (2 stories) | 140 feet (10 stories)       |

### MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 80%                   | 100%                 |

### MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 90%              | 100%            |

<sup>2</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 210 feet (15 stories). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

### MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS <sup>3,4</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>5</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>6</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>7</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                   |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                  |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                  |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                  |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                  |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                             |

| Front Yard                |
|---------------------------|
| 15 feet min. <sup>7</sup> |

| Front Yard on a Goods & Services Corridor |
|---|
| 10 feet <sup>7</sup>                      |

<sup>3</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards."

## KEY PROVISIONS OF TRANSIT 10

- Minimum FAR requirements apply, but not when expanding existing buildings or on lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area (540.130).
- Minimum height requirements apply to the majority of the building footprint and can also apply when expanding existing buildings. Lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area are exempt (540.420).  
Height increases are allowed to be administrative
- for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings and cluster developments; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540 - Article VI).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or when a property is adjacent to Interior 1 or 2 and when a residential principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>4</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN and RM zoning districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

<sup>5</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410)", such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not be included in the height that determines side or rear yard requirements.

<sup>6</sup> There is an increased setback requirement when properties in Corridor 6 and transit districts are adjacent to Interior 1 or 2, for longer buildings, and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>7</sup> Front yard setback and corner side setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" 540.850 c and d and 540.860 b & c.

### 1-3 UNIT RESIDENTIAL USES IN TRANSIT 10

| FLOOR AREA RATIO | Base Zoning District | Minimum FAR <sup>8</sup> | Base FAR Maximum <sup>9</sup> |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                  | UN, RM               | 1                        | 5.0                           |
|                  | All other districts  | 1                        | 5.4                           |

| LOT DIMENSIONS | Base Zoning District | Minimum Lot Width | Minimum Lot Area  | Maximum Lot Area  |
|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                | UN, RM               | 40 feet           | 5,000 square feet | 8,999 square feet |
|                | All other districts  | --                | 5,000 square feet | --                |

| HEIGHT | Use       | Minimum Height      | Maximum Height <sup>10</sup> |
|--------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|
|        | 1-2 Units | 20 feet (2 stories) | 28 feet (2.5 stories)        |
|        | 3 Units   | 20 feet (2 stories) | 42 feet (3 stories)          |

<sup>8</sup> Min FAR (540.130) and <sup>9</sup> Max FAR: (Table 540-2), note GFA calculations in 540.120

<sup>10</sup> Max. height can only be increased by variance or the exception authorized in the Table 540-7 footnote. Reference the height table compatibility design standards in Table 540-7 for 3rd story triplex additions.

- Increase to maximum FAR only authorized by sections 540.120 & 542.230.
- Lot dimensions are governed by Table 540-15
- Yard requirements in UN and RM are the same as all other uses in Transit 10; all other primary districts are noted in (Table 540-21 except triplexes are subject to Table 540-20)
- Lot and impervious coverage are the same as all other uses in Transit 10

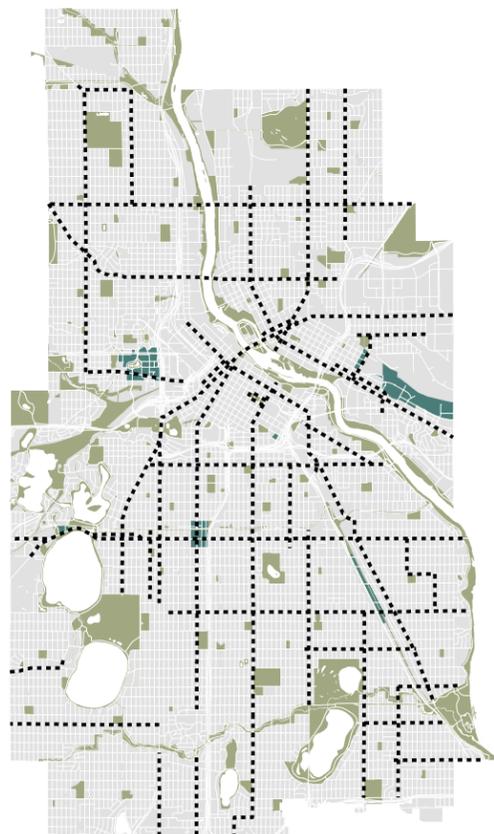
# TRANSIT 15

## DESCRIPTION

The Transit 15 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes, adjacent to METRO stations, in neighborhoods near downtown, and in downtown.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Transit 15 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. Building heights should be 4 to 15 stories. Building heights should be at least 4 stories in order to best take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 15 district. Requests to exceed 15 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Transit 15
  Parks
  Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium                                  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 0.9 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN, RM                  | 1.5         | 6                | 6.9  | 7.8        | 8.7        | 8.7                        |
| All other districts     | 1.5         | 6.4              | 7.3  | 8.2        | 9.1        | 9.1                        |



## LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>1</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living)   | Lot Area (Commercial)   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min.                   | Minimum lot dimensions for congregate living uses are governed by the Table 540-15 | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses. |

<sup>1</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 4 stories      | 210 feet (15 stories)       |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 80%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 90%              | 100%            |

<sup>2</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 280 feet (20 stories). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS <sup>3,4</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>5</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>6</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>7</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                   |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                  |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                  |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                  |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                  |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                             |

<sup>3</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards"

| Front Yard                                |
|---|
| 15 feet min. <sup>7</sup>                 |
| Front Yard on a Goods & Services Corridor |
| 10 feet <sup>7</sup>                      |

## KEY PROVISIONS OF TRANSIT 15

- Minimum FAR requirements apply, but not when expanding existing buildings or on lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area (540.130).
- Minimum height requirements apply on existing lots with 5,000 sq. ft. or more of lot area and can also apply when expanding existing buildings. The minimum height requirement is met when any portion of the building complies with the minimum (540.420).
- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540 - Article VI).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or when a property is adjacent to Interior 1 or 2 and when a residential principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>4</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN and RM zoning districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

<sup>5</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings", such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side and rear yard requirements (540.410).

<sup>6</sup> Increased setback requirement when properties in Corridor 6 and transit districts are adjacent to Interior 1 or 2, for longer buildings, and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.410 b).

<sup>7</sup> Front yard setback and corner side setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.850 c & d and 540.860 b & c).

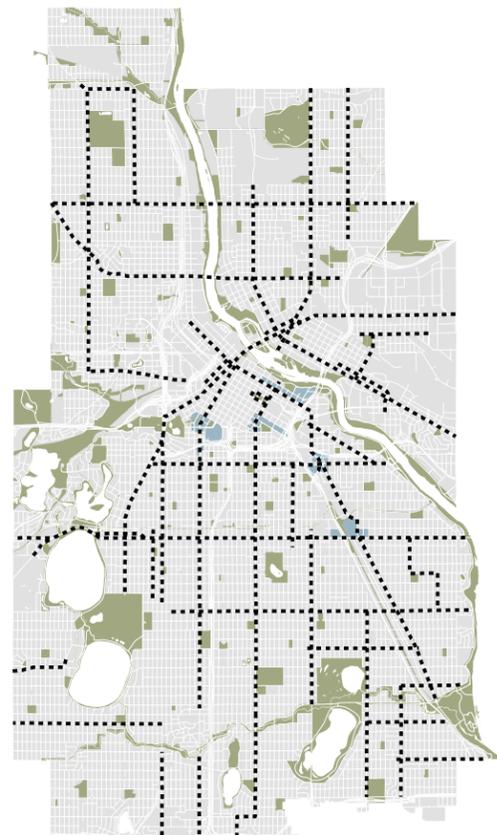
# TRANSIT 20

## DESCRIPTION

The Transit 20 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes, adjacent to METRO stations, in neighborhoods near downtown, and in downtown.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Transit 20 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. Upper floors of taller buildings should be set back to increase access to light and air. Building heights should be 6 to 20 stories. Building heights should be at least 6 stories in order to best take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 20 district. Requests to exceed 20 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



■ Transit 20   ■ Parks   - - - Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium                                | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 1 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN, RM                  | 2           | 7                | 8  | 9          | 10         | 10                         |
| All other districts     | 2           | 7.4              | 8.4                                      | 9.4        | 10.4       | 10.4                       |



## LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>1</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living)  | Lot Area (Commercial)  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min.                   | Minimum lot dimensions for congregate living uses are governed by Table 540-15. | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM and DT zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses. |

<sup>1</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 6 stories      | 280 feet (20 stories)       |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 80%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 90%              | 100%            |

<sup>2</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 420 feet (30 stories). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS <sup>3,4</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>5</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>6</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>7</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                   |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                  |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                  |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                  |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                  |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                             |

<sup>3</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards."

| Front Yard                |
|---------------------------|
| 15 feet min. <sup>7</sup> |

| Front Yard on a Goods & Services Corridor |
|---|
| 10 feet <sup>7</sup>                      |

## KEY PROVISIONS OF TRANSIT 20

- Minimum FAR requirements apply, but not when expanding existing buildings or on lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area (540.130).
- Minimum height requirements apply on existing lots with 5,000 sq. ft. or more of lot area and can also apply when expanding existing buildings. The minimum height requirement is met when any portion of the building complies with the minimum (540.420).
- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540 - Article VI).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or when a property is adjacent to Interior 1 or 2 and when a residential principal entrance faces an interior side lot line ( 540.870 b).
- Sites in downtown districts with a historic structure(s) may be eligible to transfer development rights (Chapter 540, Article IV).

<sup>4</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN and RM zoning districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

<sup>5</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings", such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side and rear yard requirements (540.410).

<sup>6</sup> Increased setback requirement when properties in Corridor 6 and transit districts are adjacent to Interior 1 or 2, for longer buildings, and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

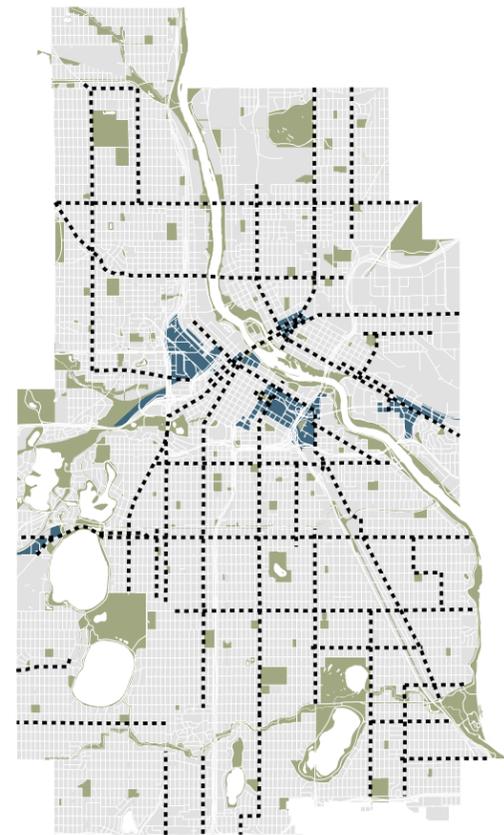
<sup>7</sup> Front yard setback and corner side setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.860 b).

# TRANSIT 30

## DESCRIPTION

The Transit 30 district is typically applied along high frequency transit routes, adjacent to METRO stations, in neighborhoods near downtown, and adjacent to the downtown office core.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Transit 30 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots. Upper floors of taller buildings should be set back to increase access to light and air. Building heights should be 10 to 30 stories. Building heights should be at least 10 stories in order to best take advantage of the access to transit, jobs, and goods and services provided by the Transit 30 district. Requests to exceed 30 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.



■ Transit 30 ■ Parks --- Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums      |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Downtown premiums  |            |            |                                 |
| UN, RM                  | 3           | 10               | Numerous options for premiums in Transit 30 and Core 50. |            |            | Only limited by awarded bonuses |
| All other districts     | 3           | 10.4             | No limit on the number that may be awarded.              |            |            |                                 |



## LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>1</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living)  | Lot Area (Commercial)  |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min.                   | Minimum lot dimensions for congregate living uses are governed by Table 540-15. | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in CM and DT zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses. |

<sup>1</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 10 stories     | 420 feet (30 stories)       |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 80%                   | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 90%              | 100%            |

<sup>2</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 700 feet (50 stories). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

## MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS <sup>3,4</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>5</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>6</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>7</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                   |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                  |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                  |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                  |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                  |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                             |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                             |

<sup>3</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards"

| Front Yard                |
|---------------------------|
| 15 feet min. <sup>7</sup> |

| Front Yard on a Goods & Services Corridor |
|---|
| 10 feet <sup>7</sup>                      |

## KEY PROVISIONS OF TRANSIT 30

- Minimum FAR requirements apply, but not when expanding existing buildings or on lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area (540.130).
- No limit applies to the number of allowed FAR premiums (Table 540-5).
- More FAR premiums and greater values are available to properties in Transit 30 than other Transit districts (Table 540-13).
- Minimum height requirements apply on existing lots with 5,000 sq. ft. or more of lot area and can also apply when expanding existing buildings. The minimum height requirement is met when any portion of the building complies with the minimum (540.420).
- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540 - Article VI).
- Minimum interior side yard requirements increase when the building exceeds 75% of the lot length or when a property is adjacent to Interior 1 or 2 and when a residential principal entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).
- Sites in downtown districts with a historic structure(s) may be eligible to transfer development rights (Chapter 540, Article IV).

<sup>4</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN and RM zoning districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880)

<sup>5</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings", such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side and rear yard requirements

<sup>6</sup> Increased setback requirement when properties in Corridor 6 and transit districts are adjacent to Interior 1 or 2, for longer buildings, and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line (540.870 b).

<sup>7</sup> Front yard setback and corner side setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" (540.860 b).

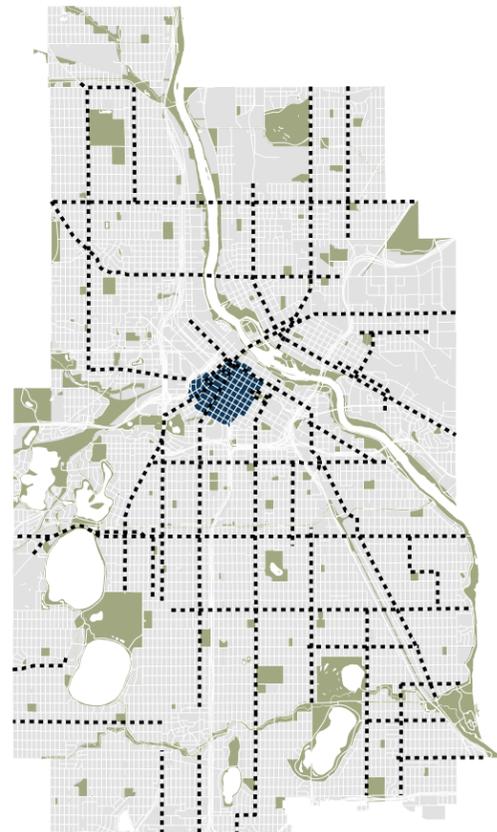
# CORE 50

## DESCRIPTION

The Core 50 district is applied in the downtown central business district. The district supports the office core as the center of the region’s economy by allowing the largest building types in the city.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Core 50 district should reflect a variety of building types on both moderate and large sized lots, with multiple buildings per block. The Core 50 district supports the office core as the center of the region’s economy, with the largest building types in the city. Building heights should be at least 10 stories, with no maximum.

## BUILT FORM MAP



Core 50
  Parks
  Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums      |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Downtown premiums  |            |            |                                 |
| All primary districts   | 4           | 16               | Numerous options for premiums in Transit 30 and Core 50. No limit on the number that may be awarded. |            |            | Only limited by awarded bonuses |

## LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>1</sup>

| Minimum Lot Width | Lot Area (Residential 4+ units) | Lot Area (Congregate Living)   | Lot Area (Commercial)   |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|
| 40 feet           | 5,000 sf min.                   | Minimum lot area requirements for congregate living uses are regulated by Table 540-15 | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in DT zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses. |

<sup>1</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height |
|----------------|----------------|
| 10 stories     | -              |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 100%                  | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 100%             | 100%            |

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## KEY PROVISIONS OF CORE 50

- Minimum FAR requirements apply, but not when expanding existing buildings or on lots existing on the effective date of the ordinance with less than 5,000 sq. ft. of lot area (540.130).
- No limit applies to the number of allowed FAR premiums (Table 540-5).
- More FAR premiums and greater values are available to properties in Core 50 than other districts (Table 540-13).
- Sites in downtown districts with a historic structure(s) may be eligible to transfer development rights (Chapter 540, Article IV).
- No maximum height requirements apply, except for 1-3 unit dwellings (Table 540-6).
- Minimum height requirements apply on existing lots with 5,000 sq. ft. or more of lot area and can also apply when expanding existing buildings. The minimum height requirement is met when any portion of the building complies with the minimum (540.420).
- No lot coverage or impervious surface requirements apply regardless of the primary zoning district (Table 540-23 and Table 540-24).
- Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the downtown districts except adjacent to UN and RM zoning districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

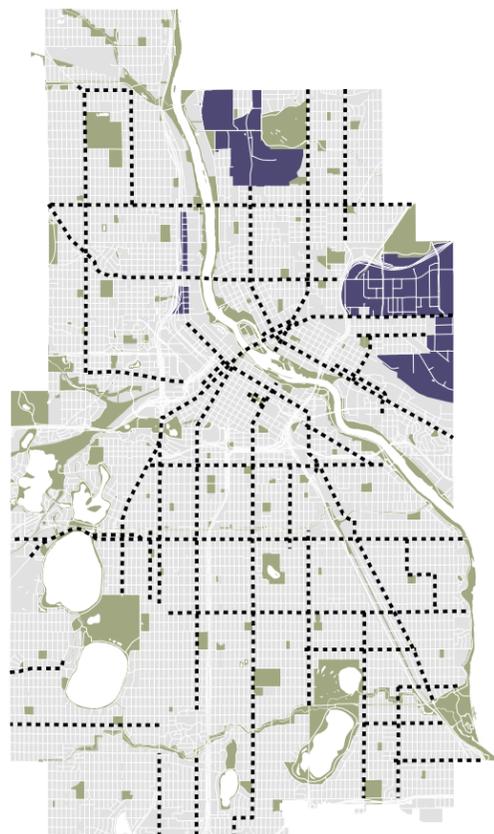
# PRODUCTION

## DESCRIPTION

The Production district is typically applied in areas of the city that are intended for the long term preservation of production, transportation, and job generating uses.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Production built form district should reflect a variety of building types, usually on large sized lots. Building heights should be 1 to 10 stories. Requests to exceed 10 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan Goals

## BUILT FORM MAP



Production
  Parks
  Goods & Services Corridor

## FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium                                   | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|---|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 0.75 per premium |            |            |                            |
| All primary districts   | -           | 3                | 3.75  | 4.5        | 5.25       | 5.25                       |

## LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>1</sup>

| Lot Area (Production)  | Lot Area (Commercial)   |
|--|---|
| Most production uses in production districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot width, except High Impact Production and Processing uses | Most commercial uses and mixed use development in PR zoning districts do not have a minimum lot width or lot area requirements except auto-oriented uses. |

<sup>1</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

## HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>2</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| -              | 140 feet (10 stories)       |

## MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 100%                  | 100%                 |

## MAXIMUM IMPERIOUS SURFACE

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 100%             | 100%            |

<sup>2</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 280 feet (20 stories). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410)

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## KEY PROVISIONS OF PRODUCTION

- For specific use premiums to increase FAR or height, the use must be allowed by the zoning district or districts in which the property is located for a development to be eligible for the premium (540.240 and 540.540).
- Yard requirements do not generally apply unless adjacent to UN and RM zoning districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

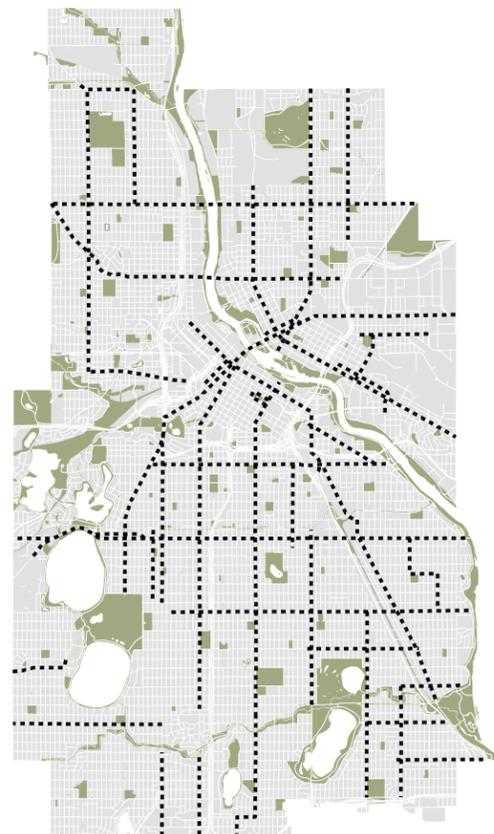
# PARKS

## DESCRIPTION

The Parks district is typically applied in areas with the Parks and Open Space future land use designation.

**Built Form Guidance:** New and remodeled buildings in the Parks built form district should be designed to support typical parks activities such as shelters, amphitheaters, food service, and equipment rental. Building heights should be 1 to 2.5 stories. Requests to exceed 2.5 stories will be evaluated on the basis of whether or not a taller building is a reasonable means for further achieving Comprehensive Plan goals.

## BUILT FORM MAP



■ Parks     Goods & Services Corridor

### FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) <sup>1</sup>

| Primary Zoning District | Minimum FAR | Base FAR Maximum | 1 Premium                                  | 2 Premiums | 3 Premiums | Max. FAR with all premiums |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------|--|------------|------------|----------------------------|
|                         |             |                  | Max. of 3 Premiums Value = 0.4 per premium |            |            |                            |
| UN                      | -           | 0.8              | 1.2  | 1.6        | 2.0        | 2.0                        |
| All other districts     | -           | 2.0              | 2.4  | 2.8        | 3.2        | 3.2                        |

<sup>1</sup> Cluster developments have a maximum FAR of 0.7 (Table 540-3).

### LOT DIMENSIONS <sup>2</sup>

| Regulation                                   | District            | 4 Unit Dwellings <sup>3</sup> | Cluster & Common Lot Developments | Commercial and Production Uses   | All Other Uses                                      |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Minimum lot width by primary zoning district | UN                  | 40 feet                       | 40 feet                           | Most commercial and production uses and mixed-use development in CM and PR zoning districts do not have minimum lot width or lot area requirements | Refer to Table 540-15 for specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 40 feet                       | 40 feet                           |  |   |
| Minimum lot area by primary zoning district  | UN                  | 5,000 square feet             | 5,000 square feet                 |  | Refer to Table 540-15 for specific use requirements |
|  | All other districts | 5,000 square feet             | 5,000 square feet                 |  |   |
| Maximum lot area                             | All districts       | --                            | --                                | --   | --  |

<sup>2</sup> See section 540.720 for all applicable minimum and maximum requirements.

<sup>3</sup> The mixed-use development exemption is in 540.720 d.

### HEIGHT

| Minimum Height | Maximum Height <sup>4</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| --             | 35 feet (2.5 stories)       |

### MAXIMUM LOT COVERAGE

| Lot Coverage (UN, RM) | Lot Coverage (other) |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 45%                   | 45%                  |

### MAXIMUM IMPERVIOUS SURFACE <sup>10</sup>

| Surface (UN, RM) | Surface (other) |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 60%              | 60%             |

<sup>4</sup> Maximum height with authorized increase is 6 stories, 84 feet (Table 540-9). Allowed height exemptions, except in the SH Overlay District and when not allowed in the MR Overlay District are located in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410).

### MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS FOR UN, RM DISTRICTS <sup>5,6,7</sup>

| Building Height in Feet <sup>8</sup> | Interior Side Yards and Rear Yard <sup>9</sup> | Corner Side Yard <sup>10</sup> | Front Yard <sup>10</sup> |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Less than 42                         | 5 feet min.                                    | 8 feet min.                    | 20 feet min.             |
| 42 - 52.99                           | 7 feet min.                                    | 10 feet min.                   |                          |
| 53 - 63.99                           | 9 feet min.                                    | 12 feet min.                   |                          |
| 64 - 74.99                           | 11 feet min.                                   | 14 feet min.                   |                          |
| 75 - 85.99                           | 13 feet min.                                   | 15 feet min.                   |                          |
| 86 - 96.99                           | 15 feet min.                                   | "                              |                          |
| 97 - 107.99                          | 17 feet min.                                   | "                              |                          |
| 108 - 119.99                         | 19 feet min.                                   | "                              |                          |
| 120 or greater                       | 20 feet min.                                   | "                              |                          |

<sup>6</sup> Permitted obstructions are found in Chapter 540--Article IX "Yards"

<sup>7</sup> Minimum setback requirements generally do not apply in the CM, DT, PR and TR zoning districts except adjacent to UN and RM districts or to maintain clearance from residential windows on adjacent properties (540.880).

## KEY PROVISIONS OF PARKS

- Height increases are allowed to be administrative for most uses, except 1-3 unit dwellings and cluster developments; subject to maximum allowed height increase, adequate required premiums, and required findings (Chapter 540, Article VI).
- Public park accessory functions, including but not limited to athletic fields and courts, backstops, playgrounds, pool facilities, benches, bleachers, and skateboard parks are permitted obstructions in required front yards. Buildings are not allowed as a permitted obstruction (Table 540-22).
- Maximum lot coverage and impervious surface requirements apply in all primary zoning districts, including CM and PR zoning districts.

<sup>5</sup> Impervious surfaces shall not cover more than 65% of any zoning lot with less than 6,000 square feet of lot area and no access to a public alley or a second street frontage 540.920 b.

<sup>8</sup> Allowed height exemptions in Chapter 540 - Article V. "Height of Principal Buildings" (540.410), such as parapets and rooftop mechanical equipment, are not included in the height that determines side or rear yard requirements.

<sup>9</sup> There is an increased setback requirement for longer, long buildings and where a principal residential entrance faces an interior side lot line 540.870 b 1 and 3.

<sup>10</sup> Front yard setback and corner side setback reductions may apply. Further explanation is located in Chapter 540 - Article IX. "Yards" 540.850 c and d.

### 1-3 UNIT RESIDENTIAL USES IN PARKS

| FLOOR AREA RATIO    | Base Zoning District | Minimum FAR <sup>11</sup> | Base FAR Maximum <sup>12</sup> |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                     | UN, RM               | --                        | 0.5                            |
| All other districts | --                   | 2.0                       |                                |

<sup>11</sup> Min FAR (540.130) and <sup>12</sup> Max FAR (Table 540-2), note GFA calculations in 540.120.

| LOT DIMENSIONS      | Base Zoning District | Minimum Lot Width | Minimum Lot Area  | Maximum Lot Area  |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                     | UN, RM               | 40 feet           | 5,000 square feet | 8,999 square feet |
| All other districts | --                   | 5,000 square feet | --                |                   |

| HEIGHT  | Use       | Minimum Height <sup>13</sup> | Maximum Height <sup>14</sup> |
|---------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|         | 1-2 Units | 0                            | 28 feet (2.5 stories)        |
| 3 Units | 0         | 35 feet (2.5 stories)        |                              |

<sup>13</sup> Min. height (540.420) and <sup>14</sup> Max. height can only be increased by variance or the except on authorized in the Table 540-7 footnote.

- Increases to maximum FAR only authorized by sections 540.120 and 540.230.
- Yard requirements in UN and RM are the same as all other uses in Parks; all other primary districts are noted in Table 540-21, except triplexes are subject to Table 540-20.
- Lot and impervious coverage are the same as all other uses in Parks.

# PREMIUMS

## DESCRIPTION

Premiums are established to promote development of exceptional quality by allowing the maximum height and floor area ratio of structures on a zoning lot to be increased where it is determined that the development on such zoning lot includes features that further advance policies of the City’s comprehensive plan and that contribute positively to the design and function of the applicable built form overlay districts.

The range of height premiums are additions to the bonuses for FAR increases that are currently offered, but the cumulative increase allowed through premiums in most districts would be capped to ensure that increases remain consistent with the intent of each built form district (see Table 540.9).

## KEY PROVISIONS OF PREMIUMS

There is not a limit to the number of FAR premiums a development could qualify for in Transit 30 or Core 50, whereas the other districts would all be subject to a limit (see tables 540 to the right).

Although there are similar types of incentives for the FAR and height increase premiums, similarly titled premiums do not typically have all of the same requirements when it comes to FAR vs height premiums. The height increase premiums are generally intended to be a little more difficult to achieve than the FAR premiums, so additional standards or a higher threshold usually apply to the height increase premiums.

- 1) For specific use premiums, the use must be allowed by the zoning district or districts in which the property is located for a development to be eligible for the premium.
- 2) Premiums do not apply to dwellings with 1-3 units
- 3) All premium standards must be met to qualify for the premium.
- 4) For small additions to existing buildings, refer also to section 540.540(b) for height increases.

TABLE 540-5  
NUMBER OF ALLOWED FAR PREMIUMS AND VALUE OF EACH PREMIUM

| Built Form Overlay Districts | Maximum Number of Premiums | Value of Each Premium |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Interior 1                   | None                       | N/A                   |
| Interior 2                   | None                       | N/A                   |
| Interior 3                   | 1*                         | 0.3                   |
| Corridor 3                   | 2                          | 0.3                   |
| Corridor 4                   | 3                          | 0.4                   |
| Corridor 6                   | 3                          | 0.65                  |
| Transit 10                   | 3                          | 0.8                   |
| Transit 15                   | 3                          | 0.9                   |
| Transit 20                   | 3                          | 1                     |
| Transit 30                   | No Limit                   | See Table 540-13      |
| Core 50                      | No Limit                   | See Table 540-13      |
| Production                   | 3                          | 0.75                  |
| Parks                        | 3                          | 0.4                   |

\* The BF13 Interior 3 Built Form Overlay District shall only be eligible for the Enclosed Parking premium and no others.

TABLE 540-9  
MAXIMUM ALLOWED HEIGHT INCREASE

| Built Form Overlay Districts | Height May Be Increased Up To, but Not Exceed a Total of |
|------------------------------|--|
| Corridor 3                   | 4 stories, 56 feet                                       |
| Corridor 4                   | 6 stories, 84 feet                                       |
| Corridor 6                   | 10 stories, 140 feet                                     |
| Transit 10                   | 15 stories, 210 feet                                     |
| Transit 15                   | 20 stories, 280 feet                                     |
| Transit 20                   | 30 stories, 420 feet                                     |
| Transit 30                   | 50 stories, 700 feet                                     |
| Production                   | 20 stories, 280 feet                                     |
| Parks                        | 6 stories, 84 feet                                       |

TABLE 540-10 & TABLE 540-11  
ALLOWED HEIGHT INCREASE PER PREMIUM

| Premium                      | Built Form Overlay District and Premium Value |                  |                  |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |                  |
|------------------------------|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|
|                              | Corridor 3                                    | Corridor 4       | Corridor 6       | Transit 10         | Transit 15         | Transit 20         | Transit 30         | Production         | Parks            |
| Affordable housing           | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Child care center            | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Environmental sustainability | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Grocery store                | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Historic preservation        | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Mixed use building           | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Outdoor open space           | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |
| Through-block connections    | 1 story, 14 feet                              | 1 story, 14 feet | 1 story, 14 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 3 stories, 42 feet | 2 stories, 28 feet | 1 story, 14 feet |

TABLE 540-12

**AUTHORIZED FLOOR AREA RATIO PREMIUMS**

| Premium   | Standards  |
|---|--|
|   | <i>Interior 3*, Corridor 3, Corridor 4, Corridor 6, Transit 10, Transit 15, Transit 20, Production, and Parks</i>  |
| Affordable housing                                | <p>a. The development shall comply with the City’s inclusionary housing requirements by providing affordable units on-site rather than utilizing one of the compliance alternatives.</p> <p>b. The development must include at least twenty (20) dwelling units to qualify for the affordable housing bonus. In developments with fewer than fifty (50) units, all inclusionary housing standards that apply to developments with fifty (50) or more units shall apply to the development.</p> <p>c. The premium value shall be double when the affordable units are on-site and affordable at or below thirty (30) percent of the area median income, without income averaging.</p>                       |
| Child care center                                 | <p>The development includes a child care center that meets the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Not less than two thousand (2,000) square feet of enclosed space.</li> <li>2) The use shall comply with the specific development standards for child care centers in Chapter 545, Use Regulations.</li> </ol>  |
| Construction type                                 | <p>a. Not less than sixty (60) percent of the floor area of the development on the zoning lot is within a structure or structures classified by the building code as one the following construction types: Type IA, Type IB, Type IIA, or Type IV.</p>   |
| Enclosed Parking                                  | <p>a. All off-street parking on the zoning lot, other than temporary drop-off and pick-up spaces, shall be located within the building, entirely below grade, or in a parking garage of at least two (2) levels.</p> <p>b. All drive aisles that facilitate maneuvering into and out of parking spaces shall be located within the structure. Exception: In the Interior 3 District, drive aisles and vehicle maneuvering areas may be located outdoors.</p> <p>c. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure must be provided in accordance with section 555.320, Specific electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards.</p>  |
| Environmental sustainability - climate resiliency | <p>The project shall achieve at least one (1) of the following standards:</p> <p>a. Any performance standard (LEED, PHIUS, EGC, etc.) that achieves the Minnesota Sustainable Building 2030 (SB 2030) 2010-2014 Energy Standard, a sixty (60) percent energy/carbon reduction from the 2003 Average Building Baseline. The evaluation shall be submitted by a certified architect. Building utility energy and water information shall be submitted annually as part of the Minneapolis Energy Benchmarking program.</p> <p>b. Not less than forty (40) percent of electricity usage shall be derived from renewable energy sources through on-site generation and/or renewable energy credits (RECs).</p> |

| Premium  | Standards   |
|--|---|
|  | <i>Interior 3*, Corridor 3, Corridor 4, Corridor 6, Transit 10, Transit 15, Transit 20, Production, and Parks</i>   |
| Environmental sustainability - ecological function | <p>The development shall include a green roof and landscaping elements that meet the following standards:</p> <p>a. Installation of an extensive, intensive, semi-intensive, modular or integrated green roof system that covers a minimum of fifty (50) percent of the total roof area proposed for the development.</p> <p>b. Not less than fifty (50) percent of the site not occupied by buildings including all required landscaped yards shall be landscaped per the standards in Chapter 550, Article V, Site Plan Review Standards.</p> <p>c. Native species, climate resilient species, and edible plantings shall be prioritized on the landscaping plan, including plantings that support pollinators.</p>   |
| Grocery store                                      | <p>The development includes a grocery store that meets the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Not less than five thousand (5,000) square feet of public space.</li> <li>2) The store shall include fresh produce in compliance with the staple food requirements of Chapter 203, Grocery Stores, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.</li> </ol>  |
| Mixed use commercial and residential               | <p>a. The commercial space within the development must comply with at least two (2) of the of the following three (3) standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The commercial space shall occupy at least sixty (60) percent of the building’s ground-floor street frontage and a minimum interior depth of twenty (20) feet.</li> <li>2) The commercial spaces shall occupy at least twenty (20) percent of the floor area of the building footprint or one thousand (1,000) square feet, whichever is greater.</li> <li>3) The commercial space shall occupy at least five (5) percent of the gross floor area of the building or one thousand (1,000) square feet, whichever is greater.</li> </ol> <p>b. The development shall include no fewer than four (4) residential units above the commercial space.</p> |

# PREMIUMS

TABLE 540-13  
**AUTHORIZED FLOOR AREA RATIO PREMIUMS**

| Premium   | Standards   |                                 |
|---|---|---------------------------------|
|   | Transit 30 and Core 50  | District and Premium Value      |
| Affordable housing                                | a. The development shall comply with the City’s inclusionary housing requirements by providing affordable units on-site rather than utilizing one of the compliance alternatives.<br>b. The development must include at least twenty (20) dwelling units to qualify for the affordable housing bonus. In developments with fewer than fifty (50) units, all inclusionary housing standards that apply to developments with fifty (50) or more units shall apply to the development.<br>c. The premium value shall be double when the affordable units are on-site and affordable at or below thirty (30) percent of the area median income, without income averaging.   | Core 50: 4.0<br>Transit 30: 2.0 |
| Child care center                                 | The development includes a child care center that meets the following standards:<br>1) Not less than two thousand (2,000) square feet of enclosed space.<br>2) The use shall comply with the specific development standards for child care centers in Chapter 545, Use Regulations.   | Core 50: 2.0<br>Transit 30: 1.0 |
| Enclosed Parking                                  | a. All off-street parking on the zoning lot, other than temporary drop-off and pick-up spaces, shall be located within the building, entirely below grade, or in a parking garage of at least two (2) levels.<br>b. All drive aisles that facilitate maneuvering into and out of parking spaces shall be located within the structure.<br>c. Electric vehicle charging infrastructure must be provided in accordance with section 555.320, Specific electric vehicle charging infrastructure standards.   | Core 50: 4.0<br>Transit 30: 2.0 |
| Environmental sustainability - climate resiliency | The project shall achieve at least one (1) of the following standards:<br>a. Any performance standard (LEED, PHIUS, EGC, etc.) that achieves the Minnesota Sustainable Building 2030 (SB 2030) 2010-2014 Energy Standard, a sixty (60) percent energy/carbon reduction from the 2003 Average Building Baseline. The evaluation shall be submitted by a certified architect. Building utility energy and water information shall be submitted annually as part of the Minneapolis Energy Benchmarking program.<br>b. Not less than forty (40) percent of electricity usage shall be derived from renewable energy sources through on-site generation and/or renewable energy credits (RECs).   | Core 50: 4.0<br>Transit 30: 2.0 |
| Freight loading terminal                          | a. All freight loading facilities shall be located entirely below grade or entirely enclosed within the principal structure served.<br>b. The freight loading facilities shall be designed to meet the needs and requirements of all uses on the zoning lot.  | Core 50: 2.0<br>Transit 30: 2.0 |
| Grocery store                                     | The development includes a grocery store that meets the following standards:<br>1) Not less than five thousand (5,000) square feet of public space.<br>2) The store shall include fresh produce in compliance with the staple food requirements of Chapter 203, Grocery Stores, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.  | Core 50: 2.0<br>Transit 30: 1.0 |
| Historic preservation                             | a. The structure shall be a locally designated historic structure or shall be determined to be eligible to be locally designated as a historic structure, as provided in Chapter 599 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Heritage Preservation.<br>b. The historic structure, if undesignated, shall be subject to the same restrictions that are applicable to locally designated historic structures and the recommendations contained in The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.<br>c. The historic structure shall be rehabilitated pursuant to the applicable guidelines of the heritage preservation ordinance and the recommendations contained in The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, if necessary.<br>d. A zoning lot may qualify for a historic preservation premium or as a sending site for transfer of development rights pursuant to Article IV, Transfer of Development Rights, but not both. | Core 50: 4.0<br>Transit 30: 2.0 |
| Mixed use commercial and residential              | a. The commercial space within the development must comply with at least two (2) of the following three (3) standards:<br>1) The commercial space shall occupy at least sixty (60) percent of the building’s ground-floor street frontage and a minimum interior depth of twenty (20) feet,<br>2) The commercial spaces shall occupy at least twenty (20) percent of the floor area of the building footprint or one thousand (1,000) square feet, whichever is greater,<br>3) The commercial space shall occupy at least five (5) percent of the gross floor area of the building or one thousand (1,000) square feet, whichever is greater.<br>b. The development shall include no fewer than four (4) residential units above the commercial space.  | Core 50: 4.0<br>Transit 30: 2.0 |
| Public Art  | a. The art shall be valued at not less than one-fourth (1/4) of one (1) percent of the capital cost of the principal structure.<br>b. The art shall be located where it is highly visible to the public. If the art is located indoors, such space shall meet the minimum requirements for an indoor open space, interior through-block connection, or skyway connecting corridor, as specified in this article.  | Core 50: 2.0<br>Transit 30: 1.0 |

TABLE 540-13

**AUTHORIZED FLOOR AREA RATIO PREMIUMS**

| Premium                   | Standards   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|
|                           | Transit 30 and Core 50  | District and Premium Value  |
| Through-block connections | <p>a. The connection shall connect two (2) public streets on opposite sides of the block, or shall connect a public street to an urban open space on the opposite side of the block, or shall connect two (2) urban open spaces on opposite sides of the block, or shall connect to another interior through-block connection. The through-block connection shall not require walking across or through driveways, parking areas, or other areas with vehicle maneuvering. In addition, on developments involving less than one-half (1/2) block, the interior through-block connection may connect two (2) public streets on opposite sides of the block in combination with corridors in one (1) or more buildings.</p> <p>b. The connection shall be located not more than three (3) feet above or below the level of the sidewalk, shall have a minimum interior clear width of twelve (12) feet and a minimum height of twelve (12) feet. The maximum interior through-block connection premium shall be increased by one (1) where the interior through-block connection has a minimum interior clear width of sixteen (16) feet.</p> <p>c. The connection may be outdoors or enclosed but shall be accessible year-round and open to the general public at least during the normal business hours of the surrounding area.</p> <p>d. Not less than forty (40) percent of the first floor facing an outdoor through-block connection shall include windows of clear or lightly tinted glass that allow views into and out of the building at eye level.</p> <p>e. The connection entrances shall be clearly visible from adjacent sidewalks or streets.</p>   | <p>Core 50: 2.0<br/>Transit 30: 1.0</p> <p>Multiple through-block connections on a zoning lot may be awarded multiple premiums but shall result in a maximum premium of 4.0 in Core 50 and 2.0 in Transit 30.</p> |
| Transit facility          | <p>a. The transit facility shall be located at a transit stop location approved by the planning director in consultation with the city engineer and Metro Transit. The maximum transit facility premium shall be increased by one (1) where the transit facility is located at an approved light rail transit stop.</p> <p>b. The transit facility shall be open to the general public at least during the normal hours of transit service.</p> <p>c. The transit facility shall be weather protected, heated and lighted, and shall contain at least two (2) entries.</p> <p>d. The transit facility shall be clearly visible from the street and sidewalk, and transit users shall be able to see oncoming transit vehicles from the facility. For bus transit facilities, the facility shall be located within fifty (50) feet of the sign identifying the bus stop.</p>   | <p>Core 50: 2.0<br/>Transit 30: 2.0</p>   |
| Urban open space, indoor  | <p>a. Indoor open space shall be located at street level and shall be not more than three (3) feet above or below the level of the sidewalk. Small indoor open space shall contain not less than five thousand (5,000) contiguous square feet. Large indoor open space shall contain not less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) contiguous square feet.</p> <p>b. Indoor open space shall easily accessible from adjacent sidewalks or streets. Walls of an indoor open space area facing sidewalks or an outdoor open space area shall provide a clear view between interior and exterior space.</p> <p>c. Indoor open space shall include an average height not less than thirty-five (35) feet and a minimum height of twenty (20) feet, and shall include natural light through a glazed roof or windows at a level sufficient to sustain a variety of plants and trees.</p> <p>d. Indoor open space shall be designed to encourage use by the general public through the provision of facilities and features including convenient and comfortable seating at a rate of not less than one (1) seat per two hundred (200) square feet of open space, tables, trash receptacles, plants and trees, water features, drinking fountains and toilet facilities, and areas for public entertainment or public display of art or cultural exhibits.</p> <p>e. Indoor open space may contain tables and facilities for food service, but a majority of the space shall be available for general public use without charge. Food preparation areas shall not qualify as required space.</p> <p>f. The indoor open space shall be open to the general public at least during the normal business hours of the surrounding area.</p> | <p>Large urban open space, indoor<br/>Core 50: 8.0<br/>Transit 30: 4.0</p> <p>Small urban open space<br/>Core 50: 4.0<br/>Transit 30: 2.0</p>   |
| Urban open space, outdoor | <p>a. Outdoor open space shall comprise at least fifty (50) feet of the street frontage of the zoning lot. Small outdoor open space shall contain not less than five thousand (5,000) contiguous square feet. Large outdoor open space shall contain not less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) contiguous square feet.</p> <p>b. An outdoor open space that meets the definition of a plaza under Chapter 550, Article XIV, Plazas, shall be subject to the requirements of that article. Variances granted from the development standards for plazas do not disqualify the plaza from being awarded the premium provided the standards of this Article are met.</p> <p>c. Not less than forty (40) percent of the first floor façade facing the outdoor open space shall include windows of clear or lightly tinted glass that allow views into and out of the building at eye level.</p> <p>d. Outdoor open space may contain tables and facilities for food service, but a majority of the space shall be available for general public use without charge.</p> <p>e. The outdoor open space shall be open to the general public at least during the normal business hours of the surrounding area.</p>   | <p>Large urban open space, indoor<br/>Core 50: 8.0<br/>Transit 30: 4.0</p> <p>Small urban open space<br/>Core 50: 4.0<br/>Transit 30: 2.0</p>   |

# PREMIUMS

TABLE 540-14  
HEIGHT INCREASE PREMIUMS

| Premium   | Standards  |
|---|--|
| Affordable housing                                | <p>a. The development shall comply with the City’s inclusionary housing requirements by providing affordable units on-site rather than utilizing one of the compliance alternatives.</p> <p>b. The development must include at least twenty (20) dwelling units to qualify for the affordable housing bonus. In developments with fewer than fifty (50) units, all inclusionary housing standards that apply to developments with fifty (50) or more units shall apply to the development.</p> <p>c. The premium value shall be double when the affordable units are on-site and affordable at or below thirty (30) percent of the area median income, without income averaging.</p>   |
| Child care center                                 | <p>The development includes a child care center that meets the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Not less than two thousand (2,000) square feet of enclosed space.</li> <li>2) The use shall comply with the specific development standards for child care centers in Chapter 545, Use Regulations</li> <li>3) The development shall include on-site, dedicated outdoor space with at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet total and at least seventy-five (75) square feet per child.</li> </ol>  |
| Environmental sustainability - climate resiliency | <p>The project shall achieve at least one of the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Any performance standard (LEED, PHIUS, EGC, etc.) that achieves the Minnesota Sustainable Building 2030 (SB 2030) 2010-2014 Energy Standard, a sixty (60) percent energy/carbon reduction from the 2003 Average Building Baseline. The evaluation shall be submitted by a certified architect. Building utility energy and water information shall be submitted annually as part of the Minneapolis Energy Benchmarking program.</li> <li>b. Not less than forty (40) percent of electricity usage shall be derived from renewable energy sources through on-site generation and/or renewable energy credits (RECs).</li> </ol>  |
| Grocery store                                     | <p>The development includes a grocery store that meets the following standards:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Not less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet of public space.</li> <li>2) The store shall include fresh produce in compliance with the staple food requirements of Chapter 203, Grocery Stores, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.</li> </ol>   |
| Historic preservation                             | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The structure shall be a locally designated historic structure or shall be determined to be eligible to be locally designated as a historic structure, as provided in Chapter 599 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Heritage Preservation.</li> <li>b. The historic structure, if undesignated, shall be subject to the same restrictions that are applicable to locally designated historic structures and the recommendations contained in The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation.</li> <li>c. The historic structure shall be rehabilitated pursuant to the applicable guidelines of the heritage preservation ordinance and the recommendations contained in The Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation, if necessary.</li> </ol> |

| Premium                              | Standards   |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Mixed use commercial and residential | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The commercial space within the development must comply with at least two (2) of the of the following three (3) standards: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The commercial space shall occupy at least sixty-five (65) percent of the building’s ground-floor street frontage and a minimum interior depth of thirty (30) feet,</li> <li>2) The commercial spaces shall occupy at least twenty-five (25) percent of the floor area of the building footprint,</li> <li>3) The commercial space shall occupy at least five (5) percent of the gross floor area of the building.</li> </ol> </li> <li>b. The development shall include no fewer than four (4) residential units above the commercial space.</li> <li>c. For properties located in commercial mixed-use and downtown districts where ground floor active or commercial uses are required, the required commercial space shall comply with all three (3) standards of part (a).</li> </ol>   |
| Outdoor open space                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Outdoor open space shall comprise at least fifty (50) feet of the street frontage of the zoning lot and shall contain not less than five thousand (5,000) contiguous square feet. The outdoor open space shall be a plaza, pocket park, or community garden.</li> <li>b. An outdoor open space that meets the definition of a plaza under CChapter 550, Article XIV, Plazas, shall be subject to the requirements of that article. Variances granted from the development standards for plazas do not disqualify the plaza from being awarded the premium provided the standards of this Article are met.</li> <li>c. An outdoor open space designed as a pocket park shall also be subject to the plaza standards under Chapter 550, Article XIV, Plazas.</li> <li>d. An outdoor open space designed as a community garden shall have permanent and viable growing space, which provide fencing, watering systems, soil, secured storage space for tools, solar access, and pedestrian access as applicable. The facility shall be designed to be architecturally compatible with the development and to minimize the visibility of mechanical equipment.</li> <li>e. Not less than forty (40) percent of the first-floor façade facing the outdoor open space shall include windows or doors of clear or lightly tinted glass that allow views into and out of the building at eye level. The first floor or ground level of buildings shall be designed to accommodate active functions by ensuring that parking, loading, storage, or mechanical equipment rooms are limited to no more than fifty (50) percent of the linear building frontage along each wall facing the outdoor open space.</li> <li>f. Outdoor open space may contain tables and facilities for food service, but a majority of the space shall be available for general public use without charge.</li> <li>g. The outdoor open space shall be open to the general public at least during the normal business hours of the surrounding area.</li> <li>h. At least one (1) short-term bicycle space shall be provided for each one thousand five hundred (1,500) square feet of the outdoor open space area, or fraction thereof. Bicycle parking provided to meet this requirement shall not count toward the minimum requirement of the development.</li> </ol> |

# PREMIUMS

TABLE 540-14  
HEIGHT INCREASE PREMIUMS

| Premium                  | <i>Standards</i>  |
|--------------------------|---|
| Through-block connection | <p>a. The connection shall connect two (2) public streets on opposite sides of the block, or shall connect a public street to an urban open space on the opposite side of the block, or shall connect two (2) urban open spaces on opposite sides of the block, or shall connect to another interior through-block connection. The through-block connection shall not require walking across or through driveways, parking areas, or other areas with vehicle maneuvering. In addition, on developments involving less than one-half (½) block, the interior through-block connection may connect two (2) public streets on opposite sides of the block in combination with corridors in one (1) or more buildings.</p> <p>b. The connection shall be located not more than three (3) feet above or below the level of the sidewalk, shall have a minimum interior clear width of twelve (12) feet and a minimum height of twelve (12) feet. The maximum interior through-block connection premium shall be increased by one (1) where the interior through-block connection has a minimum interior clear width of sixteen (16) feet.</p> <p>c. The connection may be outdoors or enclosed but shall be accessible year-round and open to the general public at least during the normal business hours of the surrounding area.</p> <p>d. Not less than forty (40) percent of the first floor facing an outdoor through-block connection shall include windows of clear or lightly tinted glass that allow views into and out of the building at eye level.</p> <p>e. The connection entrances shall be clearly visible from adjacent sidewalks or streets.</p> |