

Draft Title 17 Zoning and Development Amendments for C-2 Zoning District



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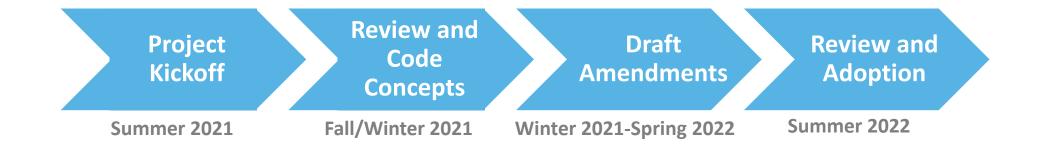


Purpose

- Implement code and policy recommendations in the Downtown Plan (2017)
- Meet future growth needs by creating more opportunities for housing choice
- Involve the community and decision makers in understanding potential changes



Process





Housing Needs Analysis (2019)

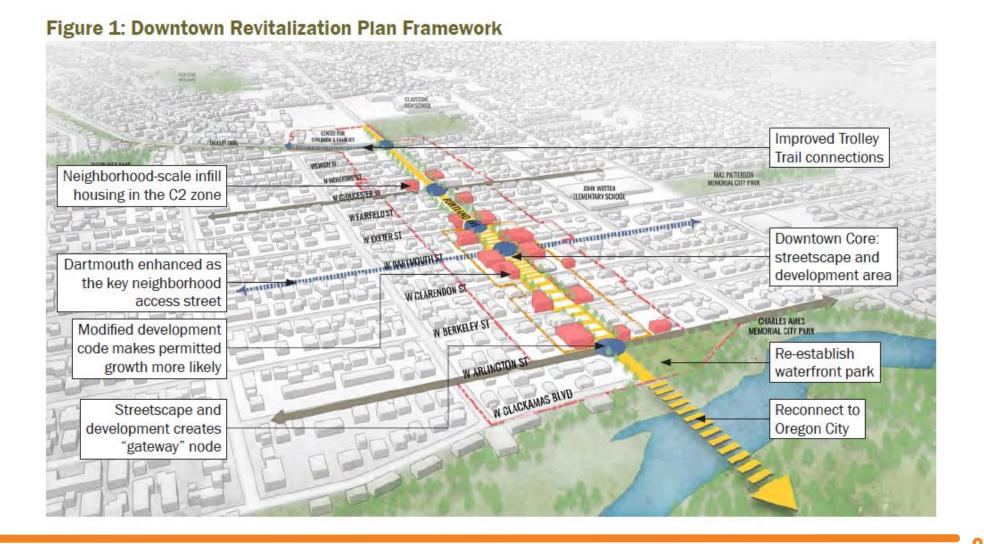
- Deficits of capacity for housing in all plan designations (low, mid and high density)
- Consider a wider range of housing or increase the density on Low Density residential lands, or a combination

Code Audit (2019)

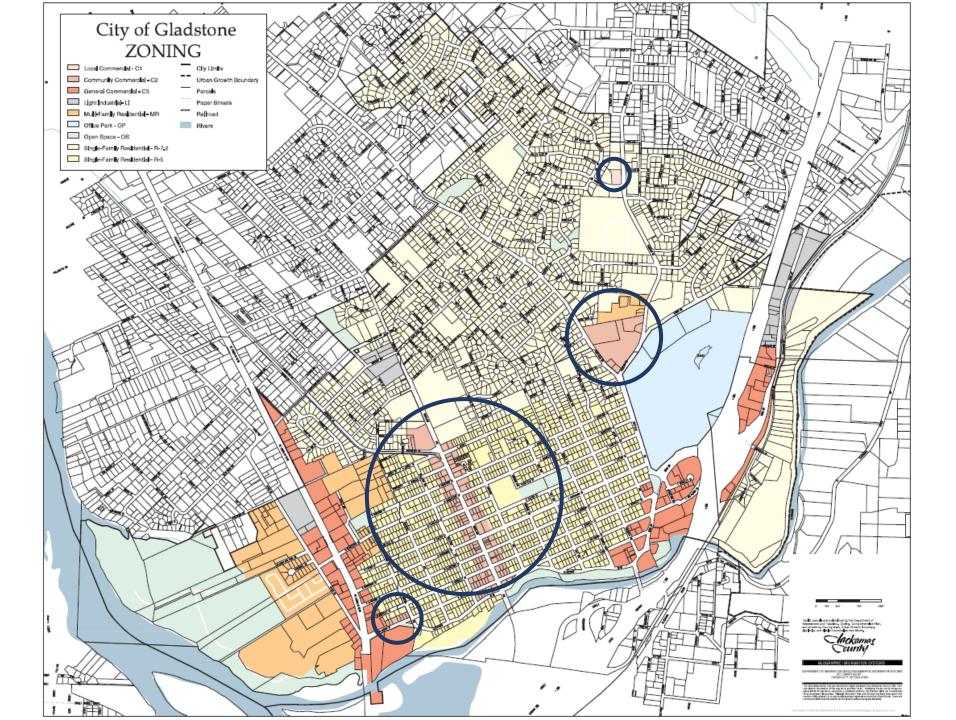
- Broaden types of housing permitted in residential zones to meet housing needs
- Update review process to not impede needed housing



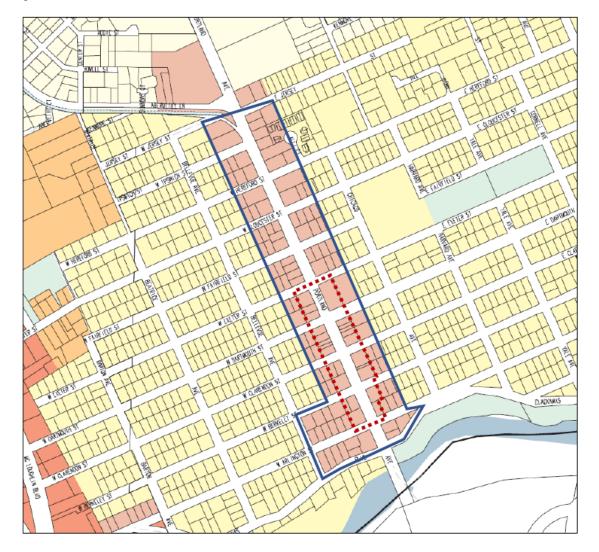
Downtown Revitalization Plan Framework







Study Area

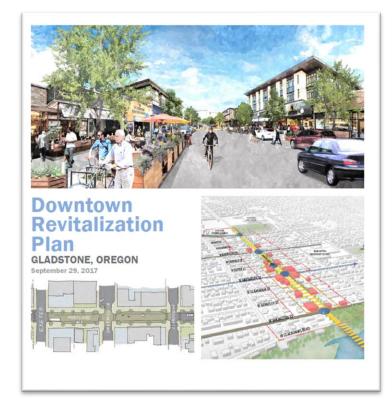






Downtown Revitalization Plan Strategies

- Establish a Downtown Code overlay zone
- Reduce off-street parking requirements in downtown core
- Permit attached and multi-family housing and mixed-uses
- Prohibit new single-family detached housing
- Maintain existing height limit
- Clarify and strengthen design standards





Draft Amendments Summary: C-2 Zone



Key Recommendations from Downtown Plan

- Allow for multi-household, middle housing, and attached residential dwellings.
- Prohibit new detached single-family dwellings.
- Allow for minimum parking reduction when on-street parking is available or when affordable housing close to transit is provided.
- Restrict off-street parking between the building and street or front setback.



Section	Standard	Plan Recommendation	Proposed Amendment
17.18.040(2)	Residential dwellings are a conditional use in C-2 zone.	 Permit attached single-family and multi-family residential uses outright. Prohibit new detached-single family. 	 Permit attached housing, townhouses, cottage clusters. Permit multi-family residential uses outright. Prohibit new detached single-family.
17.18.040	N/A	• N/A	Allow certain manufacturing uses as a conditional use
17.48.030	Multi-Family Residential: 1.5 spaces per unit Retail, Bank, or Eating and Drinking Establishment: 1 space per 300 sq. ft. Office: 1 space per 370 sq. ft	 Reduce off-street parking requirements. Reduce parking requirements if a development includes affordable housing. 	 (a) Residential: 1 space per dwelling unit. (b) Office, Retail, Bank, or Eating and Drinking Establishment: 1 space per 600 sq. ft. Multi-household development may reduce the total minimum number of required parking spaces by up to 20% if affordable housing is provided and within ¼ mile of transit.

Section	Standard	Plan Recommendation	Proposed Amendment
17.18.060	Dimensional Standards	Reduce setbacks	 Maximum setbacks of 5' for residential uses No minimum setbacks for non-residential uses (except max. of 5' along Portland Ave.)
17.18.050(1)	Drive-throughs permitted	Prohibit drive-throughs in the C2 zone.	 Drive-throughs in the C2 zone are prohibited.
17.18.060(3)(a)	Allowance for additional story above 35' if automatic sprinkler system is provided.	Eliminate height bonus for sprinkler system installation.	Removed height bonus for sprinkler system installation.

Draft Amendments Summary: Downtown Core Overlay Zone



Key Recommendations from Downtown Plan

- Establish a Downtown Overlay zone.
- Allow for mixed-use development and middle housing downtown.
- Require non-residential uses on the ground floor along Portland Ave.
- Increase the maximum height to 40' when a 15' ground floor is provided.
- Site and building design standards.
- Reduced off-street parking standards.
- Reduced landscaping requirements.



Section	Standard	Plan Recommendation	Proposed Amendment
17.18.020 17.18.040	Residential and commercial uses permitted throughout the C-2 zone.	Require commercial uses on ground floor.	Require non-residential uses on ground floor.
n/a	No design standards for ground floor residential.	Develop design standards specific to residential uses with a small front setback.	Site and building design standards added to the Downtown Overlay zone.
17.18.060(3)	35' height limit (excludes projections)	Maintain 35' height limit, but allow for heights up to 40' if the ground floor height is at least 15'.	35' maximum height limit (excluding projections), 40' allowed if ground floor height is at least 15'.

Section	Standard	Plan Recommendation	Proposed Amendment
17.18.050(5)(b)	Location of primary entrance not required to be adjacent to sidewalk on Portland Avenue	Specify primary entrance location should be adjacent to sidewalk on Portland Avenue.	 Primary entrance required to be adjacent to sidewalk along Portland Avenue.
17.12.050(4) 17.46.020(2)	Landscaping: 20% of lot area for multi- family, 15% of lot area for all other development 10' strip adjacent to street	Reduce landscaping requirements.	 Parcels fronting Portland Avenue: No minimum Surface parking areas shall have a five foot (5') wide landscape buffer between the parking area and any adjacent public street.
17.48.030Table1	Commercial Uses Retail, Bank, or Eating and Drinking Establishment: 1 space per 300 sq. ft. Office: 1 space per 370 sq. ft. Residential Uses Multi-Family Residential: 1.5 spaces per unit	Reduce off-street parking requirements.	 Residential Uses: 0.5 parking spaces per unit Office, Retail, Bank, or Eating and Drinking Establishment: 1 space per 600 sq. ft. Mixed-Use Development: (A) Residential: 0.5 spaces per unit (B) Commercial: 1 space per 600 square feet

Additional Potential Changes



Increase Height

What is currently permitted?

35' (excluding projections), 40' with a 15' ground floor.

What should we consider?

4 stories or 50' with a 15' ground floor height.

What is the benefit?

- The maximum height at 40'with a 15' floor to ceiling height may not provide sufficient incentive for redevelopment.
- Increasing the maximum height to 50' would increase feasibility for redevelopment.

Off-street Parking is Optional

What is currently permitted?

Minimum required (varies by use)

What should we consider?

Off-street parking is optional (eliminate minimum)

What is the benefit?

- Reduce barriers to redevelopment
- Provide a more walkable and pedestrian friendly downtown



Extend Boundaries

What is currently permitted?

Portland Ave. between Arlington and Exeter (4 blocks)

What should we consider?

Extend further north or east/west

What is the benefit?

- Capture more existing commercial and multi-family uses
- Provide more redevelopment opportunity



Downtown Open House (June 29th)









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- Community members, business owners, and property owners.
- Extended the option for feedback via an online poll.
- Major themes:
 - Overall support for proposed changes.
 - Interest in being included in the overlay district.
 - Interest in mixed-use, more residential downtown.
 - Some concern around removing parking minimums/increasing height.
 - Some misconceptions around changes and impacts.





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