



# City of Stevenson

## Planning Department

(509)427-5970

7121 E Loop Road, PO Box 371  
Stevenson, Washington 98648

**TO:** R1 District Property Owners  
**FROM:** Ben Shumaker  
**DATE:** April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
**SUBJECT:** R1 Single-Family District Owners—Scaled-Back Zoning Change Text/Map

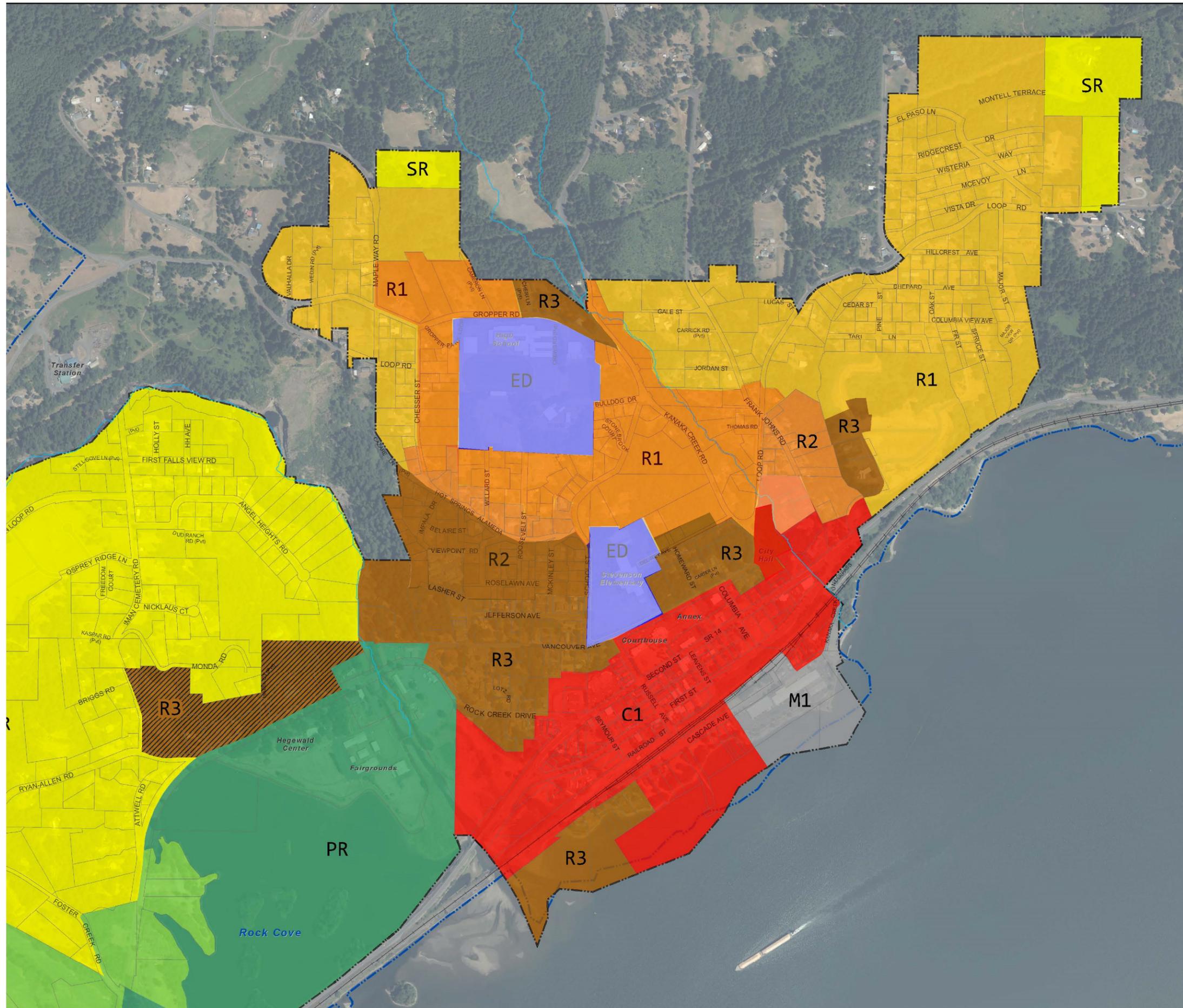
This letter updates you on the ongoing conversation to allow landowners in your area to do more with their property. Based on your participation in this conversation, it is clear to the Planning Commission that the previous direction would have allowed for too much. They have listened to the community's concerns and a scaled-back change is now being considered. The full updated draft amendments are attached. Key aspects of the new draft:

	Existing	Updated Draft	Previous Draft
<b>Uses Allowed</b>	61 total categories	8 categories changed	14 categories changed
<b>Minimum Lot Area</b>	5,999 sf or less = 1 dwelling 6,000 sf or more=2 dwellings	3,000 sf lot area per dwelling	2,000 sf lot area per dwelling
<b>Maximum # Dwellings</b>	2 units	4 units	No maximum, determined by lot area
<b>Maximum Lot Coverage</b>	35%	No maximum, determined by setbacks	No maximum, determined by setbacks
<b>Minimum Front Setback</b>	20 ft	15 ft (with caveats for driveway safety)	10 ft (with caveats for driveway safety)
<b>Maximum Building Height</b>	35 ft	Same as existing	Same as existing
<b>Required Parking</b>	1 space for studio/1 bedroom 2 spaces for 2 bedroom+	Same as existing	Same as existing
<b>Environmental</b>	See SMC Title 18	Same as existing	Same as existing
<b>Noise</b>	Quiet hours 10pm-7:00am	Same as existing	Same as existing
<b>New Septic Systems</b>	Prohibited when within 300 ft of sewer	Formally prohibited	Formally prohibited
<b>Required Street Improvements</b>	Not required for construction, Required for land division	Same as existing	Same as existing

The discussion on these draft changes is still ongoing, and the City is still not treating this draft as the desired endpoint of the discussion. Your contributions to this discussion remain important. The attachments provide more in depth comparisons between the current draft, previous draft and existing Zoning Maps/Codes. For more detailed, electronic versions of these maps, please go to: [http://ci.stevenson.wa.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SecondDraftConsiderationArea\\_BeforeAfter.pdf](http://ci.stevenson.wa.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SecondDraftConsiderationArea_BeforeAfter.pdf)

**Request:** Please plan to attend the Planning Commission meeting at 6:00pm on Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to learn more about the policies and process and to share your thoughts of apprehension or support. The meeting will have both in-person options at City Hall and a remote option through Zoom. Phone: 253-215-8782, ID: 882 6542 5672. Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88265425672>

If you have questions in advance, please feel free to contact me via telephone (509-427-5970), in writing ([planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:planning@ci.stevenson.wa.us) or PO Box 371, Stevenson, WA 98648). Two City Council members living in the R1 zone where a change is still being considered are available to discuss the project in more detail. Paul Hendricks ([paul.hendricks@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:paul.hendricks@ci.stevenson.wa.us)) or Annie McHale ([annie.mchale@ci.stevenson.wa.us](mailto:annie.mchale@ci.stevenson.wa.us)) are available to help you. Several of the neighbors on lower Frank Johns Road are also working to organize discussions which feel less formal than the City meetings. If you know any of them, please feel free to contact them for more information.

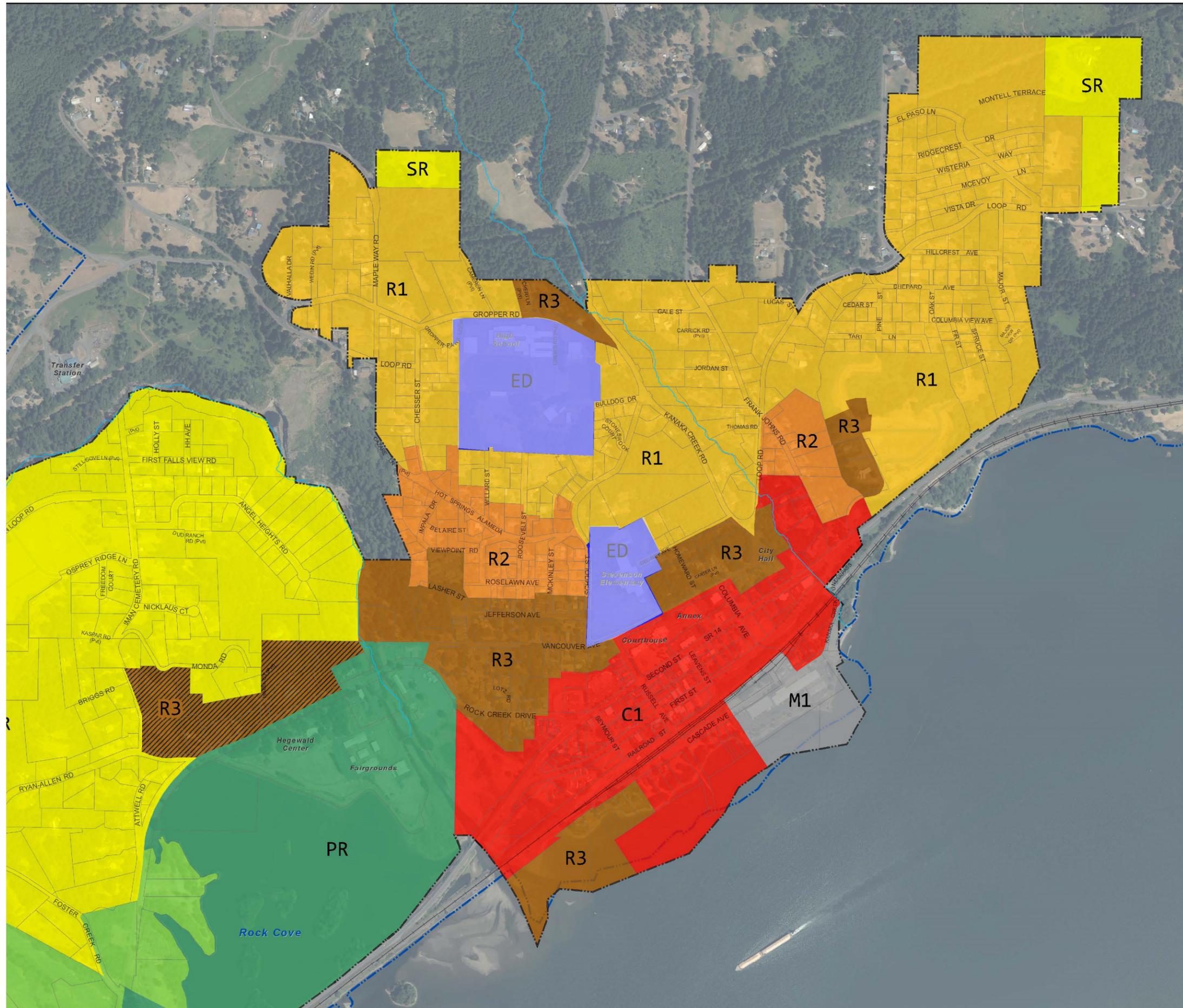


# Zoning Map

## April 12th Discussion Draft

- Commercial (C1)
- Education District (ED)
- Commercial Recreation (CR)
- Light Industrial (M1)
- Public Use and Recreation (PR)
- Single Family Residential (R1)
- Middle Density Residential (R2)
- Multi-Family Residential (R3)
- Multi-Family Residential Overlay (R3)
- Suburban Residential (SR)

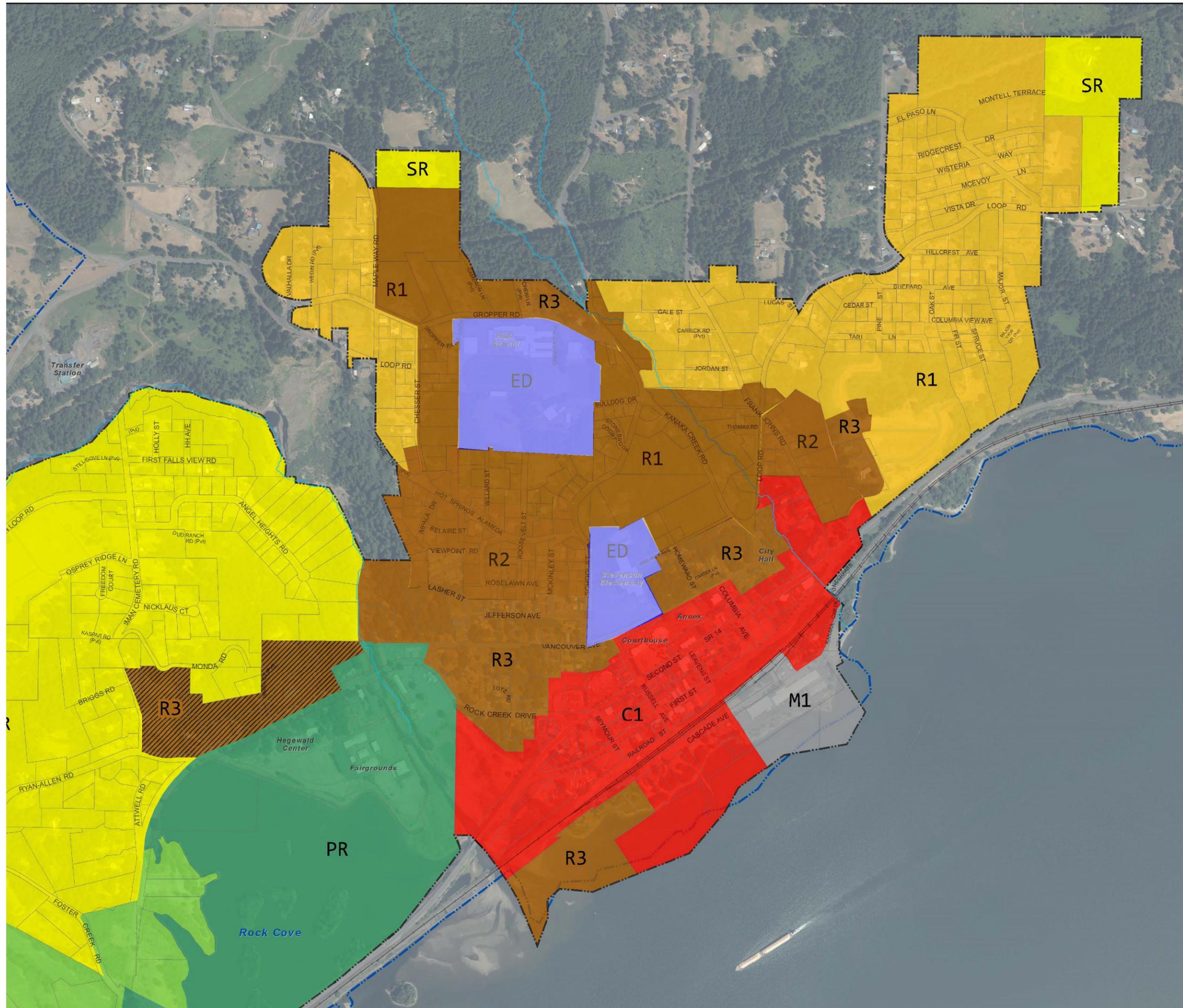
- Stream
- Parcel
- City Limits
- Urban Area



## Zoning Map Existing

- Commercial (C1)
- Education District (ED)
- Commercial Recreation (CR)
- Light Industrial (M1)
- Public Use and Recreation (PR)
- Single Family Residential (R1)
- Two Family Residential (R2)
- Multi-Family Residential (R3)
- Multi-Family Residential Overlay (R3)
- Suburban Residential (SR)

- Stream
- Parcel
- City Limits
- Urban Area



# Zoning Map

March 8th Discussion Draft

- Commercial (C1)
- Education District (ED)
- Commercial Recreation (CR)
- Light Industrial (M1)
- Public Use and Recreation (PR)
- Single Family Residential (R1)
- Multi-Family Residential (R3)
- Multi-Family Residential Overlay (R3)
- Suburban Residential (SR)

- Stream
- Parcel
- City Limits
- Urban Area

## Chapter 17.15 - RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

### 17.15.010 - Purpose.

Residential districts encourage a range of residential land uses, housing sizes, types, and price ranges for the diverse array of residents' personal preferences and financial capabilities. The standards in this chapter are intended to encourage mixtures of land uses and intensities while minimizing negative impacts related to conflicting land uses.

(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017)

### 17.15.020 - List of zoning districts.

- A. R1 Single-Family Residential District. The single-family residential district (R1) is intended to provide minimum development standards for residential uses where complete community services are available and where residential uses are separated from uses characteristic of more urban and/or rural areas.
- B. R2 ~~Two-Family-Middle Density~~ Residential District. The ~~two-family~~ Middle Density residential district (R2) is intended to ~~provide minimum development standards for~~ facilitate a range of higher-density residential uses in walkable areas where complete community services are available. ~~The development standards of the district -and where residential uses are separated~~ residential uses from uses characteristic of more urban and more rural areas.
- C. R3 Multi-Family Residential District. The multi-family residential district (R3) is intended to ~~provide minimum development standards for~~ facilitate higher-density ~~various~~ residential uses in walkable areas where complete community services are available. ~~The development standards of the district allow~~ and where residential uses ~~are~~ in close proximity to each other and to uses characteristic of more urban areas ~~and separated from uses characteristic of more rural areas~~.
- D. MHR Mobile Home Residential District. The mobile home residential district (MHR) is intended to provide minimum development standards for affordable residential uses within the city.
- E. SR Suburban Residential District. The suburban residential district (SR) is intended to provide minimum development standards for a variety of uses and provide a transition area where service levels are less than urban and where low-density residential uses coexist with uses otherwise characteristic of more rural areas.

(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017)

### 17.15.030 - Residential district location criteria.

- A. Residential districts can be appropriately applied and maintained within any LDR low density residential or HDR high density residential area on the future land use map.
- B. Areas designated as LDR low density residential and HDR high density residential shall not be rezoned for trade districts. Under limited circumstances HDR areas may be rezoned for public districts.

(Ord. No. 1103, § 3, 2-16-2017)

### 17.15.040 - Uses.

- A. Types of Uses: For the purposes of this chapter, there are 4 kinds of use:
  1. A permitted (P) use is one that is permitted outright, subject to all the applicable provisions of this title.
  2. An accessory (A) use is permitted on properties containing permitted uses, provided that:

- a. The accessory use or activity may be regarded as incidental or insubstantial in and of itself or in relation to the principal use on the lot; and
  - b. The accessory use or activity is commonly or frequently associated with the principal use on the lot.
3. A conditional (C) use is a discretionary use reviewed by the Planning Commission according to the process and criteria in SMC 17.39 - Conditional Uses.
  4. A prohibited (X) use is one that is not permitted in a zoning district under any circumstances.
  5. When a letter or use category is not listed in this table, an interpretation may be initiated under SMC 17.12.020.

B. Use Table. A list of permitted, accessory, conditional and prohibited uses in residential districts is presented in Table 17.15.040-1: Residential Districts Use Table.

<b>Table 17.15.040-1 Residential Districts Use Table</b>					
<b>Use</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>MHR</b>	<b>SR</b>
<b>Residence or Accommodation Uses</b>					
Dwelling					
Single-Family Detached Dwelling	P	P	P	P	P
Mobile Home	X	X	X	P	X
Travel Trailer	—	—	—	—	X
Accessory Dwelling Unit (SMC 17.40.040)	A	—	—	—	A
Multi-Family Dwelling	C <sup>1</sup>	<del>P</del> / <del>C</del> <sup>+</sup>	P	C <sup>1</sup>	C <sup>1</sup>
Temporary Emergency, Construction or Repair Residence	C <sup>2</sup>	C <sup>2</sup>	C <sup>2</sup>	—	C <sup>2</sup>
Townhome (SMC 17.38.085)	—	<del>C</del> / <del>P</del> <sup>8</sup>	P	—	—
Renting of no more than 2 rooms, rented by the month or longer, provided the parking requirements of SMC 17.42 are met.	A	A	A	A	A
Boarding House	C	C	C	—	C
Residential Care					
Adult Family Home	P	P	P	P	P
Assisted Living Facility	—	—	C	—	C
Nursing Home	—	—	C	—	—
Overnight Lodging					
Vacation Rental Home	P	P	P	P	P
Bed & Breakfast	C	C	P	C	C
Hostel	C	C	P	C	C
Hotel	X	X	C	X	C
Campground	X	X	X	C	C
Dormitory facility related to a public, private or parochial school	C	C	C	—	C
Miscellaneous Incidental Uses					
Residential Outbuilding	A/C <sub>3,4</sub>	A/C <sub>3,4</sub>	A/C <sup>4</sup>	A/C <sub>3,4</sub>	A/C <sub>3</sub>

Garage or storage building for the parking of commercial vehicles	—	—	—	—	C
Swimming pool, spa or hot tub, and associated equipment	A	A	A	A	A
Buildings and uses related to, and commonly associated with a mobile home park such as a recreation area, laundry, facility office, and meeting rooms	—	—	—	A	—
<b>General Sales or Service Uses</b>					
Electric Vehicle Station					
Restricted Access, Gradual Charging EV Station	A	A	A	A	A
Restricted Access, Rapid charging EV Station	C	C	C	C	C
Public Access, Gradual Charging EV Station	—	—	C	—	—
Street—Side Access, Gradual Charging EV Station	—	—	C	—	—
Retail and wholesale sales of agricultural and animal products raise or produced on the premises	—	—	—	—	A
Professional Office	—	C	C	—	—
Veterinarian	—	—	—	—	C
Child Day Care Facility					
Family Day Care Home	P	P	P	P	P
Mini-Day Care Center	C	C	C	C	C
Child Day Care Center	—	C	C	C	C
Home Occupation	A	A	A	A	A
<b>Transportation, Communication, Information, and Utilities Uses</b>					
Public Transportation Stop or Shelter	—	—	—	—	C
Utility or Communication Facility	C	C	C	C <sup>5</sup>	C
Wireless Telecommunications Facility <sup>6</sup>					
Minor Wireless Telecommunications Facility	P	P	P	P	P
Intermediate Wireless Telecommunications Facility (SMC 17.39.170)	C	C	C	C	C
Major Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (SMC 17.39.170)	C	—	—	—	C
Wind Power Generation Facility <sup>6</sup>					
Minor Wind Power Generation Facility (SMC 17.39.165)	C	C	C	C	C
Hazardous Waste Storage	C	C	C	C	C
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Uses</b>					
Public Assembly	—	—	—	-	-
Wedding Venue	—	—	—	—	C
Park, Playground or Outdoor Recreation Area	C	C	C	C	C
Golf Course	—	—	—	—	C
<b>Education, Public Administration, Health Care, and Other Institutions Uses</b>					
Public, Private or Parochial School	C	C	C	—	C
Nursery School or Similar Facility	—	—	—	C	—
Library	C	C	C	—	—
Government Administration Building	—	—	C	—	—

Fire, Police, or Emergency Services Station	C	C	C	—	C
Hospital	—	—	C	—	—
Church or Other Religious or Charitable Organization	C	C	C	—	C
Cemetery or Mausoleum	—	—	—	—	C
<b>Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting Uses</b>					
Subsistence or hobby type gardening	P	P	A	P	P
Indoor or Outdoor Horticultural Activity	P	P	P	P	P
Nursery	—	—	C	—	P
Farm Animals (SMC 17.40.095)	C <sup>7</sup>	X	X	X	P
Urban Farm Animals (SMC 17.40.095)	A	A	A	A	P
Pets	A	A	A	A	A
Kennel	C	X	X	X	C
<b>Miscellaneous/Other Uses</b>					
Signs listed with a "C" in Table 17.15.145-1 and any other sign identifying and/or related to any conditional use or existing nonconforming use.	C	C	C	C	C
Signs identifying and/or related to any principal or accessory use allowed in this chapter.	A	A	A	A	A

1-Conditional use permits for these uses are only considered when submitted as part of an R-PUD proposal under SMC 17.17 - Residential Planned Unit Developments.

2-A conditional use permit is only required for a temporary emergency, construction or repair residence after the expiration of the initial 6-month grace period.

3-Up to 4 residential outbuildings on a property is considered an accessory Use. When at least 4 residential outbuildings already exist on a lot then an additional residential outbuilding is considered a conditional use. During the conditional use review process, the planning commission may establish size, serial proliferation and other limitations on such buildings.

4-A residential outbuilding that is subordinate to the main use on the lot is considered an accessory use. A residential outbuilding which is not subordinate to the main use on the lot is considered a conditional use. During the conditional use review process, the planning commission may establish size, serial proliferation and other limitations on such buildings.

5-Despite the general exclusion of overhead elements from this use category, any utility or communication facility in the MHR district with an overhead element greater than 35 feet is considered a conditional use.

6-See also SMC 17.36-WW Wind/Wireless Overlay District.

7-In granting a conditional use request for farm animals in the R1 district, the planning commission shall find, at a minimum, that the proposal is compliant with the performance standards in SMC 17.40.095.

8-Townhomes in the R2 District are subject to review according to the density and parking requirements of the R3 Multi-Family Residential District ~~and shall connect to the municipal sewer system.~~

(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017; Ord. No. 1104, § 3A, 6-15-2017; Ord. No. 2019-1141, § 4, 5-16-2019)

**17.15.050 - Residential density standards.**

A. Density and Lot Size. The maximum density and minimum lot dimensions for Residential Districts are contained in Table 17.15.050-1: Residential Density Standards.

District	Utility Availability	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Width	Minimum Lot Depth	Maximum Number Dwelling Units	Maximum Lot Coverage
----------	----------------------	------------------	-------------------	-------------------	-------------------------------	----------------------

R1	Water, Sewer	6,000 sf	40 ft	90 ft	1 Unit <sup>2</sup>	35%
	Water, Septic	15,000 sf <sup>1</sup>	90 ft	120 ft	1 Unit <sup>2</sup>	25%
	Well, Septic	1 acre <sup>1</sup>	200 ft	200 ft	1 Unit <sup>2</sup>	10%
R2	Water, Sewer <sup>6,7</sup>	5,000 sf + 2,000 sf per unit over 13,000 sf per unit	50-30 ft <sup>3</sup>	90 ft	2-4 Units	50%-n/a
	Water, Septic	15,000 sf <sup>1</sup>	90 ft	120 ft	2 Units	30%
	Well, Septic <sup>6</sup>	—	—	—	—	—
R3	Water, Sewer <sup>6,7</sup>	2,000 sf per unit	20 ft	90 ft	—	n/a
MHR	Water, Sewer	5 ac + 5,000 sf per unit over 40	200 ft	200 ft	—	40%
	Water, Septic	5 ac + 2 acres per unit over 2	200 ft	200 ft	—	40%
	Well, Sewer	5 ac + 2 acres per unit over 2	200 ft	200 ft	—	40%
	Well, Septic	5 ac + 2 acres per unit over 2	200 ft	200 ft	—	40%
SR	Water, Sewer	15,000 sf	100 ft	100 ft	1 Unit <sup>2</sup>	25%
	Water, Septic	20,000 sf <sup>1</sup>	100 ft	100 ft	1 Unit <sup>2</sup>	20%
	Well, Septic	1 acre <sup>1</sup>	200 ft	200 ft	1 Unit <sup>2</sup>	10%

1-When sewer is unavailable, minimum lot area may be increased based on current health district regulations.

2-Unless an accessory dwelling unit (SMC 17.13.010) is allowed under SMC 17.40.040.

3-~~Except 40 ft for single-family detached dwellings.~~Reserved.

6-Service by the public water system is required.

7-Service by the public sewer system is required.

B. Exceptions. The following exceptions are permitted to the standards of Table 17.15.050-1:

1. Properties receiving approval to deviate from standards according to SMC 17.38 - Supplementary Provisions.
2. Properties obtaining variance approval in accordance with SMC 17.46 - Adjustments, Variances, and Appeals.
3. Properties receiving modification approval in accordance with SMC 17.17 - Residential Planned Unit Developments.

(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017; Ord. No. 1104, § 3.B.C, 6-15-2017)

**17.15.060 - Residential dimensional standards.**

A. Compliance Required. All structures in residential districts must comply with:

1. The applicable dimensional standards contained Table 17.15.060-1: Residential Dimensional Standards.
2. All other applicable standards and requirements contained in this title.

District	Maximum Height of Building	Front	Minimum Setbacks			
			Side, Interior	Side, Street	Rear, Interior Lot	Rear, Through Lot
R1	35 ft	20 ft	5 ft	15 ft	20 ft <sup>1</sup>	20 ft
R2	35 ft	20-15 ft <sup>3,4</sup>	5 ft	15 ft <sup>3,4</sup>	20 ft <sup>1</sup>	20 ft
R3	35 ft	10 ft <sup>3,4</sup>	5 ft <sup>2</sup>	15-10 ft <sup>3,4</sup>	20 ft <sup>1</sup>	20 ft
MHR	35 ft	30 ft	15 ft	20 ft	20 ft <sup>1</sup>	20 ft

SR	35 ft	30 ft	15 ft	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft
----	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------	-------

- 1-5 ft for residential outbuildings that are both 12 ft in height or less and 200 sq ft in size or less.
- 2-A 10-foot setback is required when adjacent to an R1 or R2 district.
- 3-See also SMC 17.15.130(B)(3).
- 4-~~10~~. However, no structure shall be located within a pedestrian visibility area [SMC 17.10.632].

B. Exceptions. The following exceptions are permitted to the standards of Table 17.15.060-1:

1. Properties receiving approval to deviate from standards according to SMC 17.38 - Supplementary Provisions.
2. Properties obtaining variance approval in accordance with SMC 17.46 - Adjustments, Variances, and Appeals.
3. Properties receiving modification approval in accordance with SMC 17.17 - Residential Planned Unit Developments.

(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017; Ord. No. 1104, § 3.D, 6-15-2017)

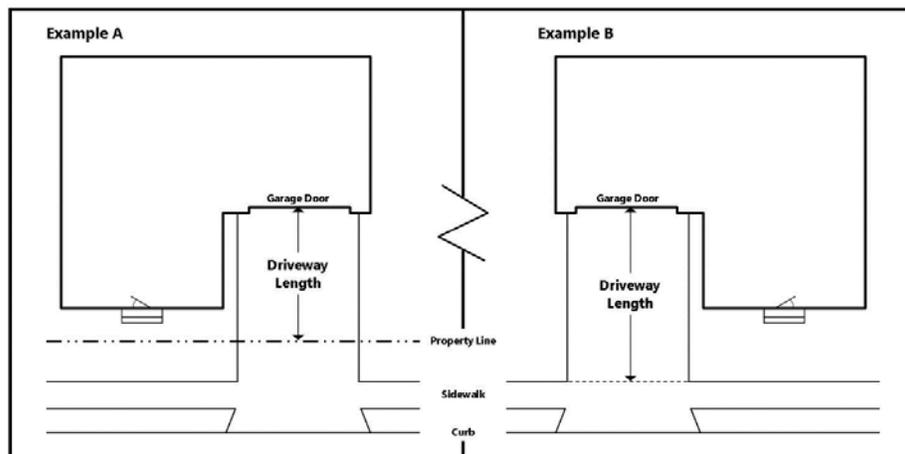
**17.15.130 - Residential districts parking.**

A. Off-Street Parking Required. Off-street parking shall be provided in all residential districts in accordance with the requirements of SMC 17.42: Parking and Loading Standards.

B. Parking Location Requirements.

1. Required parking shall be located on the same lot as the dwelling it serves.
2. No motor vehicle, recreational vehicle or equipment, or other equipment, whether operational or not, shall be parked, stored or otherwise located in an Interior Side Setback required by Table 17.15.060-1: Residential Dimensional Standards.
3. No driveway shall be less than 20 feet in length. This shall be done to eliminate the parking of vehicles on or over curbs, sidewalks, or vehicle travel areas [SMC 17.10.855]. For the purposes of this chapter driveway length is measured conservatively as the shortest distance between a) a garage door or other physical obstruction to the parking of a vehicle and b) a curb, sidewalk, public pedestrian way [SMC 17.10.660], property line, or right-of-way line.

FIGURE 17.38.085-1 Driveway Length Illustration



(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017)

**17.15.145 - Residential districts signs.**

A. Allowed Sign Types and Characteristics. A list of permitted, accessory, conditional and prohibited sign types and characteristics in Residential Districts is presented in Table 17.15.145-1: Allowed Signage.

<b>Table 17.15.145-1: Allowed Signage</b>					
	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>MHR</b>	<b>SR</b>
<b>Animated Sign</b>	X	X	X <sup>1</sup>	X	X
<b>Sign Structure</b>					
Temporary	P	P	P	P	P
Awning/Marquee	X	X	X	X	X
Portable	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Sign Type</b>					
Community Information Sign	C	C	C	C	C
Dilapidated Sign	X <sup>2</sup>				
Mural	C	C	C	C	C
Off-Premises Sign	X	X	X	X	X
Sign Placed by a Governmental Agency	P	P	P	P	P
Sign of Outstanding Design	—	—	C	—	—
<b>Sign Illumination</b>					
Back-lit Cabinet	X	X	X	X	X
Back-lit Channel Letter	X	X	X <sup>1</sup>	X	X
Dark-Sky Friendly	C	C	P	C	C
Directly -Illuminated	X	X	A <sup>3</sup>	X	X
Externally-Illuminated	X	X	X <sup>1</sup>	X	X
Halo-Lighted	X	X	X <sup>1</sup>	X	X
Pedestrian-Oriented Video Display	X	X	—	X	X

1-Unless a bonus allowance is granted for a sign of outstanding design under SMC 17.39.145.

2-An existing sign, together with its sign structure, which becomes dilapidated shall be removed after notice to the property owner, unless upon appeal under SMC 17.46, the property owner establishes facts sufficient to rebut the presumption of dilapidation.

3-Allowed as an accessory sign only when placed in windows and limited to 4 sq ft in area.

B. Sign Standards. Signs allowed in Residential Districts are subject to the dimensional and duration standards in Table 17.15.145-2: Sign Standards.

<b>Table 17.15.145-2: Sign Standards</b>					
	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>MHR</b>	<b>SR</b>
<b>Number of Signs</b>	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
<b>Maximum Sign Area</b>					
Individual Sign	5 sf <sup>1</sup>	5 sf <sup>1</sup>	12 sf <sup>2,3</sup>	5 sf <sup>1</sup>	5 sf <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Cumulative Signage Allowed</b>	32 sf	32 sf	40 sf	32 sf	32 sf
<b>Maximum Sign Height</b>					
Building Sign	16 ft <sup>4</sup>	16 ft <sup>4</sup>	26 ft <sup>3,4</sup>	16 ft <sup>4</sup>	16 ft <sup>4</sup>

Freestanding Sign	6 ft	6 ft	12 ft <sup>3</sup>	6 ft	6 ft
Temporary Sign	6 ft	6 ft	6 ft <sup>3</sup>	6 ft	6 ft
<b>Minimum Sign Clearance</b>					
Building Sign Projecting More than 12" from a Building	8 ft				
<b>Sign Placement</b> <sup>5,6</sup>					
Setback from any property line	5 ft				
<b>Allowed Sign Duration</b>					
Temporary Sign	45 days <sup>7</sup>				
Political Sign <sup>8</sup>	Until 5 days after election				
Real Estate Sign	Until 5 days after the property is taken off the market	Until 5 days after the property is taken off the market	Until 5 days after the property is taken off the market	Until 5 days after the property is taken off the market	Until 5 days after the property is taken off the market

1-When allowed as conditional uses, the planning commission may permit individual signs no larger than 16 sq ft.

2-When allowed as conditional uses, the planning commission may permit individual signs no larger than 24 sq ft.

3-Subject to bonus allowance when approved as a Sign of Outstanding Design under SMC 17.39.145.

4-No part of a building sign shall be higher than the highest point of the building to which it is attached.

5-No sign may be placed in a Vision Clearance Area (SMC 17.10.862).

6-Signs within a public right-of-way may be permitted according to SMC 12.02-Use of City Rights-of-Way.

7-Signs related to a specific event, sale, etc. must be removed within 5 days after such event.

8-Political signs not related to an upcoming election in the voting district where the sign is placed are subject to the temporary sign duration standards.

(Ord. No. 1103, § 5, 2-16-2017)