MEMORANDUM

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This memorandum contains draft text for the following proposed zoning changes:

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Amend Section 94-2.1. Division into districts.

Add the following row to the table of zoning districts, as shown below:

Full Name	Classification	Abbreviation
Neighborhood Residential 1	Residential	NR-1
Neighborhood Residential 2	Residential	NR-2
Neighborhood Residential 3	Residential	NR-3
Urban Residential 1	Residential	UR-1
Urban Residential 2	Residential	UR-2

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Amend Section 94-3.2 Table of Use Regulations (Table A) by incorporating the following table into the existing table and renumbering as appropriate:

	Res	sidentia	al Distri	cts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
A. RESIDENTIAL USES							
Detached one-unit dwelling	Y	Y	Y	N	N	2 per Dwelling Unit	NA
2. Attached one-unit dwelling (Rowhouse)	N	N	Y	Y	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
3. Detached two-unit dwelling (Duplex)	N	Y	Y	Y	N	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
4. Three-unit dwelling, Detached.	N	N	Y	Y	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
5. Multiplex (4-6 units)	N	N	N	Y	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
6. Multiple dwelling (>6 units)	N	N	N	N	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
7. Dormitory, fraternity or sorority house	Ν	N	Z	<mark>Z</mark>	Z	1 per 4 beds	1/15,00 0 s.f.
8. Lodging or boarding house	N	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per Guestroo m	1/15,00 0 s.f.
Senior housing facility	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per 2 Units	1/15,00 0 s.f.
10. Co-housing.	N	N	N	CDB	CDB	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
11. Congregate Housing.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
12. Townhouse	N	N	N	Y	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
13. Historic Conversion	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1.5 per Dwelling Unit ⁴	NA
B. COMMUNITY USES							

	Re	sidentia	al Distri	rts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
1. Museum	CDB	CDB	CDB	Y	Y	1 per 750	1/15,00
						s.f.	0 s.f.
2. Community center or	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per 750	1/15,00
adult recreational						s.f.	0 s.f.
center, nonprofit							
3. Use of land or	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	1 per 140	NA
structures for religious						s.f.	
purposes on land							
owned or leased by a							
religious sect or denomination							
4. Use of land or	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	1 por 750	1/15,00
structures for	ı	ī	ī	ī	ī	1 per 750 s.f.	0 s.f.
educational purposes						3.1.	0 3.1.
on land owned or							
leased by the							
Commonwealth or any							
of its agencies,							
subdivisions or bodies							
politic or by a religious							
sect or denomination or							
by a nonprofit							
educational corporation							
5. Child care center or	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	1 per 750	1/15,00
school aged child care						s.f.	0 s.f.
program	V	V	V	V	V	1 2	4/50.00
6. Public fire station	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	1 per 2	1/50,00 0 s.f.
						employee	0 5.1.
7. Public library	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	s 1 per 750	1/15,00
7.1 dono nordry		'	,		,	s.f.	0 s.f.
8. Other municipal uses	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA
9. Essential services	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	NA	NA
10. Hospital, nonprofit	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 4	1/15,00
						beds	0 s.f.
11. Other Institution	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per 750	1/15,00
C ODEN						s.f.	0 s.f.
C. OPEN RECREATIONAL AND							
AGRICULTURAL							
USES							
1. Private open	N	N	N	CDB	CDB	1 per 750	1/15,00
recreational uses,						s.f.	0 s.f.
available to the public							

	Re	sidentia	al Distri	cts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
2. Public open	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	1 per 750	NA
recreational uses						s.f.	
3. Exempt agriculture	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA
4. Production of crops,	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	1/15,00
horticulture and							0 s.f.
floriculture							
5. Keeping and raising	N	N	N	N	N	NA	1/15,00
of livestock, including							0 s.f.
animal stable or kennel							
D. COMMERCIAL USES							
Private entertainment	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
or recreation facility						s.f.	0 s.f.
excluding adult uses							
2. Public entertainment	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
or recreation facility	CDD	CDD	CDD	Υ	Υ	s.f.	0 s.f.
3. Private nonprofit	CDB	CDB	CDB	Y	Y	1 per 750 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
members only recreational club or						8.1.	0 8.1.
lodge							
4. Trade, professional,	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 750	1/15,00
or other school	'`	'`				s.f.	0 s.f.
operated for profit						• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
5. Hotel	N	N	N	N	N	1 per	1/15,00
						Guestroo	0 s.f.
						m	
7. Mortuary,	N	N	Ν	Ν	N	1 per 140	1/15,00
undertaking or funeral						s.f.	0 s.f.
establishment							
8. Adult use	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
0 D	N :	. .	N.	A.	A.	s.f.	0 s.f.
9. Brewery or taproom ¹	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
10 Articonal	N I	N I	N.I	N.I	N.I	s.f.	0 s.f.
10. Artisanal Fabrication.	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00
11. Artistic/Creative	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	0 s.f. 1/15,00
Production.	'1	'1	I IN	IN	I IN	s.f.	0 s.f.
12. Work-Only Artists'	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
Studio.	'`	'`	14	'*	14	s.f.	0 s.f.
13. Co-working Space.	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
To the menting opaso.	'`	'`	'	'	'`	s.f.	0 s.f.
14. Retail Store or	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
Shop for Sale of						s.f.	0 s.f.

	Re	sidentia	al Distri	cts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
Custom Work or Articles Made on the Premises.							
E. OFFICE USES							
Business, professional, or government office	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
Bank and other financial institution	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
Neighborhood Medical Office	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
4. Medical Office	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
5. Clinic	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
F. RETAIL AND SERVICE USES							
1. Retail sales²	Ν	N	Ν	N	Ν	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
2. Convenience retail ²	Ν	Ν	Ν	Z	Z	1 per 500 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
3. Neighborhood retail	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ζ	Z	1 per 750 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
4. Drive through retail sales and consumer service	N	N	N	N	Z	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
5. Consumer service establishment	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/50,00 0 s.f.
7. Body art establishment	N	N	N	Ν	Z	1 per 850 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
8. Adult Use Marijuana Establishment — Cultivation	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/50,00 0 s.f.
9. Adult Use Marijuana Establishment — Manufacture and processing	Ν	N	Ν	Ζ	Ζ	1 per 350 s.f.	1/50,00 0 s.f.
10. Adult Use Marijuana Establishment —Retail	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
11. Adult Use Marijuana Establishment — Independent laboratory	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.

	Res	sidentia	al Distri	cts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
12. Doggy Daycare	N	N	N	N	N		
G. EATING,							
DRINKING, AND							
ENTERTAINMENT							
ESTABLISHMENTS							
1. Eating place, without	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/50,00
drive through						s.f.	0 s.f.
2. Eating place, with	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/15,00
drive through						s.f.	0 s.f.
3. Neighborhood Café	N	N	N	N	Ν	1 per 350	1/50,00
						s.f.	0 s.f.
H. MOTOR VEHICLE							
RELATED USES							
Motor vehicle light	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/50,00
service station						s.f.	0 s.f.
2. Motor vehicle repair	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/50,00
establishment						s.f.	0 s.f.
3. Motor vehicle sales	N	N	N	N	N	1 per	1/50,00
or rental of new						1,040 s.f.	0 s.f.
vehicles only,							
accessory storage							
entirely within enclosed							
structure							
4. Outdoor motor	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
vehicle sales and							
storage accessory to							
H.3							
5. Motor vehicle sales	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
and storage, outdoors							
6. Class II used motor	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
vehicle sales							
7. Motor vehicle wash	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350	1/50,00
within enclosed						s.f.	0 s.f.
structure							
I. MISCELLANEOUS							
COMMERCIAL USES							
1. Parking area or							
garage not accessory							
to permitted principal							
use:			055	055	055	N.1.5	N.1.0
Residential	N	N	CDB	CDB	CDB	NA	NA
Nonresidential	-	-	-	-	-	NA	NA

	Ra	sidontia	al Distri	rte			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
2. Parking area or	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA NA	NA NA
garage accessory to a	'	'	'	'	'	INA	INA
principal use which is							
on the same lot as a							
conforming principal							
use							
3. Parking area or	N	N	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA
garage accessory to a	'`		•	•	•	101	1 47 1
principal use which is							
within 500 feet of a							
conforming principal							
use but not necessarily							
in the same district							
4. Parking area or	N	N	CDB	CDB	CDB	NA	NA
garage accessory to a							
principal use which is							
on the same lot as a							
nonconforming principal							
use							
5. Parking area or	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
garage accessory to a							
principal use which is							
within 500 feet of a							
conforming principal							
use in the same MUZ							
district ³							
6. Open Storage	N	N	N	N	N	1 per	1/15,00
7 Marriago of Land	N.I	N.I	N.I	N.I	N.I.	1,400 s.f.	0 s.f.
7. Moving of land	N	N	N	N N	N N	NA NA	NA NA
8. Radio and television tower	N	N	N	IN	IN	NA	NA
9. Solar energy system	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA
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TRANSPORTATION,							
INDUSTRIAL USES							
1. Fuel and ice sales	N	N	N	N	N	1 per	1/50,00
						1,400 s.f.	0 s.f.
2. Motor freight terminal	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
3. Printing and	N	N	N	N	Ν	Н	В
publishing							
4. Railroad right-of-way	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	NA	NA
5. Manufacturing	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 2	1/50,00
						employee	0 s.f.
						S	

	Re	sidentia	al Distri	cts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
6. Research and testing laboratory	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 2 employee s	1/50,00 0 s.f.
7. Plumbing or carpentry shop, and other similar service or repair shops	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
8. Wholesale bakery or food processing plant	N	N	N	N	Z	1 per 2 employee s	1/15,00 0 s.f.
9. Wholesale laundry, cleaner, dyer or similar use	N	N	N	N	N	H	1/50,00 0 s.f.
10. Warehouse, Wholesale establishment	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 1,400 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
11. Mini or self-storage warehouse	N	N	Z	Ζ	Z	1 per 1,400 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
12. Distillery or winery.	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
13. Food Production Facility	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 2 employee s	1/50,00 0 s.f.
14. Life Science Facility	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 2 employee s	1/50,00 0 s.f.
15. Light Manufacturing	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 2 employee s	1/50,00 0 s.f.
16. Maker Space	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 2 employee s	1/50,00 0 s.f.
17. Shared-use Kitchen	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 1,000 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
K. ACCESSORY USES							
1. Home occupation (see § 94-3.4)							
As of right	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	1 per 350 s.f.	NA
By special permit	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per 350 s.f.	NA

	Re	sidentia	al Distri	cts			
	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2	PC⁵	LC
Accessory child care center or school aged child care program	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
3. Family day care home	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 per 2 employee s	NA
4. Family day care home, large	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per 2 employee s	NA
5. Adult day care home	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	CDB	1 per 2 employee s	NA
6. Renting of one or two rooms without separate cooking facilities to lodgers within a dwelling unit to one or two total lodgers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 per Guestroo m	NA
7. Noncommercial greenhouse, tool shed, or similar accessory structure	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA
8. Swimming pool, on a lot with: Less than 4,500 sq. ft.	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	NA	NA
More than 4,500 sq.	¥	¥	¥	¥	¥	AA	<mark>NA</mark>
9. Scientific research and development, as provided at section 94-3.3.3.1	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
10. Keno	N	N	N	N	N	NA	NA
11. Open storage	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 1,400 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
12. Heavy repair operations	N	N	N	N	N	1 per 350 s.f.	1/15,00 0 s.f.
L. OTHER PRINCIPAL USES							
1. Mixed-Use, Community	N	N	N	N	<u>N</u>		
2. Mixed-Use Development	N	N	N	N	<u>N</u>		

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Amend Section 94-4.1 Table of Dimensional Requirements (Table B) by incorporating the following table:

		Residentia	al Districts		
Dimensions	NR-1	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2
Lot Area sf (Min) – under review	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Frontage (Min)	<mark>40</mark>	<mark>40</mark>	40	40	40
Façade Build Out (Min)	NA	NA	60%	60%	60%
Residential Density (Units per lot) (Min-Max)	1 unit	1-2 units	1-3 units	2-6 units	<mark>3</mark> -N/A
Historical Conversion (Max) *1	No unit density limit				
Height					
Max Height. (Stories)	2.5	2.5	3	3	3
Setbacks (ft)					
Front (Min)	<mark>15</mark>	<mark>15</mark>	<mark>10</mark>	10	<mark>5</mark>
Side (Min)	<u>5</u>	<mark>5</mark>	5	5	5
Rear (Min)	10	10	10	10	10
Stormwater and Landscaping					
Building Coverage (Max)	50%	50%	50%	60%	60%
Green Score	-	-	-	-	25* ²
Pervious Surface (Min)	30%	30%	30%	25%	25%
Open Space Landscape (Min)	20%	20%	20%	15%	15%

^{*1} Maximum permissible number of units is determined by dividing the Gross Floor Area of the existing principal structure by 900 sf. Each unit within the existing building must have a minimum area of 900 sf. Additions and expansions to the existing building shall not increase the number of units allowed.

^{*2} The Green Score only applies to the construction of any new principal building or major renovation that:

- a) Is located within the FEMA National Flood Hazard Layers
- b) Requires Site Plan Review.

In those cases, Pervious Surface requirement does not apply.

Amend Section 94-12.0 Definitions

Historic Conversion. The conversion of an existing structure, a minimum of seventy five (75) years old, originally designed for one-unit use to a two-unit or multi-unit dwelling with no change to the exterior of the structure. Each unit has an independent entrance directly from outside the building or through a common vestibule.

Use Standards

No new dwelling unit created by the conversion of an existing dwelling into a greater number of units or by addition or enlargement of an existing dwelling shall be permitted unless the requirements of minimum lot area, maximum building coverage, and minimum pervious surface requirements of the district in which the structure is located are satisfied after the conversion or enlargement.

The required yards shall be those of the structure existing at the time of the conversion. However, any construction occurring outside the limits of the existing structure shall be subject to the yard requirements of the district in which the structure is located.

The maximum height shall be that height permitted in the district in which the structure is located, or the existing building height, whichever is greater.

Open space requirement shall be that required in the district in which the structure is located.

Off-street parking shall be provided as required in Section 94-3.2 Table of Use Regulations (Table A).

Multiplex. A residential building that contains four, five or six primary dwelling units on one lot. In order to qualify as a multiplex, at least one dwelling unit must be entirely or partially above another. Multiple units built side-by-side would generally be considered a townhouse or a semi-detached house.

Pervious Surface. A surface that allows water to infiltrate the soil beneath it. Also known as permeable surface.

Open Space Landscape. Open space designed and planted for pleasant appearance with trees, shrubs, ground cover and grass. Such space may not include lot area used for parking, loading, access drives, other areas with hard surfaces, or usable open space.

Private open recreational uses. An outdoor land area privately owned, designed or designated to be used for community recreation leagues, exercise, sports, education, or

similar activities, or an area intended to enhance the enjoyment of natural features or natural beauty. This use may include outdoor playfields, athletic fields or courts, other recreation facilities, and water features, picnic areas, natural areas, boating facilities, fishing facilities, arboreta, and botanic gardens.

Public open recreational uses. An outdoor land area publicly owned and operated parks, playgrounds, playing fields, and other facilities for active and passive recreation.