City of North Richland Hills
Transit Oriented Development Code

1. Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Code is to support the development of the community’s Station Areas into pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use urban development environments, with convenient access to rail transit, shopping, employment, housing, and neighborhood retail services. The goal of each Station Area is to encourage an efficient, compact land use pattern; encouraging pedestrian activity; reducing the reliance on private automobiles; promoting a more functional and attractive community through the use of recognized principles of urban design; and allowing property owners flexibility in land use, while prescribing a high level of detail in building design and form.

The TOD Code implements the vision for each Station Area as established in the city’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Illustrative Master Plans. Each Station Area is envisioned as a distinct neighborhood with unique development and redevelopment opportunities. Specifically, the zoning district will guide the private development decisions on a market based approach with flexibility in use and density for both Station Areas.

a. Smithfield Station Area: The goals for the Smithfield Station Area are to foster a vibrant, mixed use urban neighborhood within a ¼ mile walking distance from the future commuter rail stop. This code is intended to allow existing buildings and uses to transition to a higher intensity, walkable areas with shops, cafes, employment, residences, and civic uses. In addition, development within the Smithfield Station area would be sensitive to the existing historic resources and adjacent stable residential neighborhoods while providing opportunities for future redevelopment and new development.

b. Iron Horse Station Area: The goals for the Iron Horse Station area are to foster a major regional employment center with significant regional retail and residential uses within convenient walking distance from the future transit station. Development and redevelopment within this station area would be higher intensity accommodating large scale office and retail users while providing for moderate scale mixed use in the immediate vicinity of the station.

The Transit Oriented Development Code provides clear graphic standards for the location, height, and building elements to achieve good urban design. The Smithfield and Iron Horse Illustrative Master Plans provide general guidance to property owners, developers, and the City on the form, character, and intensity of future development in these station areas.

2. Components of the Code:

a. The TOD Code shall apply to both Station Areas unless otherwise specified in the Code.

b. The Regulating Plan for each Station Area shall be the official zoning map for that Station Area. It shall establish the development standards for all lots within the two Station Areas including:
   i. Character Zones - Each Station Area is further distinguished into “Character Zones”. A Character Zone within each Station Area is intended to create a distinct urban form different from other Character Zones. Each Character Zone shall establish use and building standards including height, bulk, building and parking location, and
functional design for all lots within that Character Zone. The Regulating Plan classifies all lots within both Station Areas into one of seven Character Zones. Some Character Zones are Station Area specific. The different Character Zones are based on historic and regional architectural traditions and development intent to create a built environment that is consistent with the vision for the two Station Areas.

ii. Special Frontage Standards – The Special Frontage standards in each Station Area establishes exceptions and special conditions for new and redeveloped buildings along that designated frontage. These Special Frontage standards shall apply in lieu of or in addition to the underlying Character Zone standards.

iii. Street Type Specifications – The Street Type Specifications illustrate configurations for significant existing and new streets within each station area. The Specifications address vehicular lane widths, number of lanes, pedestrian accommodation, street tree requirements, on-street parking, and parkway and median standards (streetscape standards).

iv. Required Street Network – The Required Street Network are the future streets needed to implement the Station Area Illustrative Master Plan. The Required Streets shall be mandatory and shall generally meet the locational and connectivity goals of the Regulating Plan and the associated Illustrative Master Plan. Their design shall be guided by the Street-Type Specifications.

v. Recommended Street Network – The Recommended Street Network indicates the future desired streets to implement the Station Area Illustrative Master Plan. Their location is not mandatory and their design shall be guided by the Street Type Specifications.

vi. Required Civic/Open Space – The Required Civic/Open Space shall be the location of existing and proposed civic buildings (public buildings and religious buildings) and civic/open spaces (including parks, plazas, and squares).

vii. Recommended Civic/Open Space – The Recommended Civic/Open Space designation shall indicate the locations of desired civic buildings (public buildings and religious buildings) and open spaces (including parks, plazas, and squares) to implement the Illustrative Master Plan.

c. Transit Oriented Development Code Text: The *Transit Oriented Development Code text* (the text portion of this Ordinance) shall enumerate the use and development standards with text and graphics including Character Zones, Special Frontage, street type, civic space, landscape, architectural, signage, lighting, and all related standards for all streets, and public and private development.

d. The development standards under Chapter 118 of the City of North Richland Hills, as amended, shall not apply to the Station Areas except as specifically referenced herein. Development standards not addressed in this ordinance shall be governed by the City of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance to the extent they are not in conflict with the intent of the Transit Oriented Development Code.

e. Using this Code:
   Wherever a word begins with a capital letter, consult the definitions for the specific meaning. In order to understand what the Ordinance allows on property within each Station Area there are three basic steps:
   1. Look at the Regulating Plan for the corresponding station area. Find the subject property on the Regulating Plan. Identify the Character Zone the property is located in and the Street Type designation along all its street frontages. In addition identify any Special Frontage Requirements applicable to the subject property.
2. The Schedule of Uses by Character Zone is listed in Table 5.1 and for Building Form and Development Standards refer to the corresponding zone standards in Section 6 of this ordinance.

3. Refer to Section 4(c) for Special Frontage Standards, Section 7 for Street Type and Streetscape Standards, and Section 8 for Architectural and Urban Design Standards.

The information from the above listed three steps explains where the building will sit on the lot, the limits on its three dimensional form, the range of uses, and the palette of materials that will cover it. For exact dimensions specific to a particular property, application process, or for information on Special Development Plans, consult with City Staff.

3. Definitions

In addition to Definitions in Chapter 118-1 in the City of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance, the following terms shall have the corresponding interpretations.

*Attics/Mezzanines:* the interior part of a building contained within a pitched roof structure or a partial story between two main stories of a building.

*Auto-Related Sales and Service Uses:* are establishments that provide retail sales and services related to automobiles including, but not limited to, cars, tires, batteries, gasoline, etc.

*Bonus Provisions:* the specific development incentives available for development within some Character Zones based on desirable criteria.

*Build-to Zone:* the area within which the principal building’s front façade is to be built.

*Build-to Line:* the line at which the principal building’s front façade shall be built.

*Building Form Standards:* the standards established for each Character Zone that specifies the height, bulk, orientation, and elements for all new construction and redevelopment.

*Building Frontage:* the percentage of the building’s front façade that is required to be located at the front Build-to Line or Zone as a proportion of the block frontage along that public street. Parks, plazas, squares, and pedestrian breezeway frontages shall be considered as buildings for the calculation of building frontage.

![Image showing how building frontage is calculated along a block.](image-url)
Building Types: the classifications of different buildings by general function (building use) that also has implications on the scale, proportions, and architectural design of that specific building.

Character Zone: each Character Zone is intended to create a distinct urban form different from other Character Zones.

Civic/Open Space: means publicly accessible open space in the form of parks, courtyards, forecourts, plazas, greens, pocket parks, playgrounds, etc. They may be privately or publicly owned. For all residential uses, privately accessible open spaces such as courtyards, porches, and balconies may also be considered as Civic/Open Space for the purposes of this ordinance.

Square means a civic/open space available for unstructured recreation and civic purposes. A square is spatially defined by buildings. Its landscape shall consist of landscaping, hardscaping, water features, pathways, and pedestrian amenities arranged in formal and informal patterns. Squares shall be located at the intersection of important streets.

Plaza means a primarily hardscaped civic/open space with formal landscaping, available for civic purposes and commercial activities. A plaza shall be spatially defined by buildings.

Playground means a civic/open space designed and equipped for children’s recreation. A playground shall be fenced and may include an open shelter. Playgrounds shall be located within residential areas and may be placed within a block as illustrated. They may be included in other open spaces.

Comprehensive Land Use Plan: City of North Richland Hills Comprehensive Land Use Plan that establishes the blueprint for the long-term growth and development of the City.

Concept Plan: a plan that is intended to illustrate the general development pattern proposed and meets the requirements of Section 11 of this ordinance.

Development Review Committee (DRC): is a committee comprised of a representative from each of the various city departments in charge of reviewing and approving development applications within the two TOD areas.

Encroachment: any structural element that breaks the plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit, extending into a Setback, into the Public R-O-W, or above a height limit.
Illustrative Master Plan: is the building scale master plan that provides the guidance for future development and redevelopment of each of the two station areas. It indicates the general location of buildings, uses, streets, open spaces, and parking within both TOD areas.

Land Use Mix Criteria: shall be the relative percentages of commercial, civic, residential, and other uses within a specific Character Zone. The Land Use Mix Criteria may apply to a specific development or to an entire Character Zone.

Light Manufacturing & Industrial Uses: Includes assembly and light manufacturing of commodities (incl. electronics) fully enclosed within the building without producing any noxious odors, gas, or other pollutants. This category shall include workshops and studios for cottage industries such as pottery, glass-blowing, metal working, screen printing, weaving, etc.

Live-Work Unit: A live-work unit is a dwelling unit that is also used for work purposes, provided that the ‘work’ component is restricted to the uses of professional office, artist’s workshop, studio, or other similar uses and is located on the street level. The ‘live’ component may be located on the street level (behind the work component) or any other level of the building.

Living Fence: shall be a Street Screen composed of landscaping in the form of vegetation.

Regulating Plan: is a Zoning Map or set of maps that shows the Character Zones, Civic Spaces, location of Special Frontages, Streets, and Special Requirements applicable to the two Station Areas subject to the standards in this Ordinance.

Retail Sales: Retail establishments are the final step in the distribution of merchandise. They are organized to sell in small quantities to many customers. Establishments in stores operate as fixed point-of-sale locations, which are designed to attract walk-in customers. Retail establishments often have displays of merchandise and sell to the general public for personal or household consumption, though they may also serve businesses and institutions. Some establishments may further provide after-sales services, such as repair and installation. Included in, but not limited to this category, are durable consumer goods sales and service, consumer goods, other grocery, food, specialty food, beverage, dairy, etc, and health and personal services.

Service Uses: This is a category for limited personal service establishments which offer a range of personal services that include (but not limited to) clothing alterations, shoe repair, dry cleaners, laundry, health and beauty spas, tanning and nail salons, hair care, etc.

Special Development Plan: A development application that meets Section 11(e) of this Ordinance.

Special Frontage Requirements: are standards applied to certain properties as indicated in the Regulating Plan in order to address specific requirements and transitions based on street frontage and adjacency in addition to or in lieu of the underlying Character Zone standards.

Station Area: the area included in one of the Character Zones as established in the Regulating Plans for the two future rail stations.

Street Screen: a freestanding wall or living fence built along the frontage line or in line with the building façade along the street. It may mask a parking lot or a loading/service area from
view or provide privacy to a side yard and/or strengthen the spatial definition of the public realm.

Street Type: is a specific designation for streets in the TOD Zones that establish a certain character and cross-sections to improve walkability within each Station Area.

Street Network: is the required and recommended network for new and existing streets within both the Station Areas as established in the Regulating Plans and identified in the Illustrative Master Plans.

Transition Zones: are the areas with specific adjacencies (single-family residential or Character Zones) within which certain limitations on building heights apply as established for each Character Zone.

Transitional Surface Parking Lot: are surface parking lots that are ultimately intended to be infilled with buildings to support the City’s goals for Transit-Oriented Development.

4. The Regulating Plans

a. The Regulating Plans for Smithfield (Appendix A) and Iron Horse Station (Appendix B) Areas are hereby adopted. The standards in this Code shall apply mandatorily to all properties within the two Station Areas as designated in the respective Regulating Plans.

b. Character Zones Established – the following Character Zones are established. The boundaries of the specific Character Zones are established in the Regulating Plan for each Station Area.
   i. Historic TOD: The Historic TOD Character zone is intended to preserve existing historic buildings in the Smithfield Station Area. It includes properties along Main Street, west of Davis and the Smithfield Cemetery.
   ii. TOD Core: The TOD Core provides the most opportunities for redevelopment and new development in both the Station Areas. It is the area that has the most development impact due to the location of the transit station.
   iii. TOD Residential: The TOD Residential zones in both Station Areas provide the transitions from the higher intensity development of the TOD Core and existing residential neighborhoods.
   iv. General Mixed Use – Iron Horse: The General Mixed Use - Iron Horse zone is located in the Iron Horse Station Area and is generally outside the immediate influence of the transit station. This area is characterized by large scale office and industrial uses or vacant land that will potentially redevelop after the TOD Core areas. This area is intended for a wider range of uses that includes retail, office, residential, and industrial uses.
   v. General Mixed Use – Smithfield: The General Mixed Use - Smithfield zone is located in the Smithfield Station Area and is generally located east of Davis Blvd., outside the immediate influence of the transit station. This area is characterized by office and industrial uses or vacant land and adjacent to established residential neighborhoods that will potentially redevelop after the TOD Core areas. This area is intended for a wider range of uses that includes retail, office, residential, and industrial uses.
   vi. Arterial Mixed Use: The Arterial Mixed Use zone is intended to provide appropriate transitions to major regional roadways while taking advantage of that frontage for limited auto-oriented uses and sites.
vii. High Intensity Mixed Use: The High Intensity Mixed Use is intended for large scale commercial uses and supporting retail, restaurant, and residential uses.

c. Special Frontage Requirements – In order to address specific requirements and transitions based on street frontage and adjacency, the following Special Frontage Requirements as established in the Regulating Plan shall apply to both Station Areas:
   i. Commercial Frontage: This requirement establishes mandatory commercial uses along the ground floor of all buildings to a minimum depth of 40 ft. as measured from the front building line. Commercial uses include retail, restaurant, office, lodging, personal service, financial institutions, and other non-residential uses.
   ii. Arterial Frontage (Davis and Mid-Cities Blvd.): For all buildings and building sites designated as Arterial Frontage in the Regulating Plan, the following rules apply:
      (1) A building setback of a minimum of 20 ft. shall apply along the designated frontage. Of the 20 ft. setback, 15 ft. shall be dedicated to a landscaped parkway. A maximum building setback of 85 ft. shall be required along the designated Arterial Frontage.
      (2) Surface parking lots no deeper than 70 ft. as measured from the back of the landscaped parkway may be permitted.
      (3) Commercial driveways that meet the city and TxDOT design criteria are permitted.
      (4) Structured parking may be permitted along this frontage. Building Setback standards in Subsection (1) shall apply to any parking structure.
   iii. Boulevard Frontage (Iron Horse): For all buildings and building sites designated as Boulevard Frontage in the Regulating Plan, the following rules apply:
      (1) Setbacks and build-to-zones shall be based on the underlying character district.
      (2) Surface parking lots no deeper than 70 ft. may be permitted so long as its frontage along the boulevard is no more than 50% of the lot frontage (see figure 4.1)
      (3) Driveways shall be limited to a maximum of 24 ft. in width and one driveway per every 200 ft. of block frontage.

![Figure 4.1 Boulevard Frontage Requirements](image-url)
d. **Required Street Network by Street Type** – In order to achieve streets that balance mobility with pedestrian orientation in both the Station Areas, the Regulating Plan establishes the network of required streets. The Regulating Plan also designates all streets by Street Type. All new and redesigned streets in both the Station Areas shall meet the street design standards established in Section 7.

e. **Civic Buildings and Civic/Open Space** – The Regulating Plan indicates existing Civic Buildings (schools, public uses, and churches) and Civic/Open Space (parks, plazas, and squares). In addition, it indicates the recommended Civic/Open Spaces based on the Illustrative Master Plan. The specific standards for civic buildings and Civic/Open Space are established in Section 11.

### 5. Schedule of Permitted Uses by Character Zone

a. **Generally**: Due to the emphasis on urban form over land uses in the Station Areas, general use categories have been identified by character zones. Uses not listed in the following schedule, but are substantially similar, may be permitted upon the approval of the City Manager or his or her designee, subject to appeal to the City Council.

b. **Compliance with the Land Use Mix Criteria**: Review criteria and standards for recommended land use mix are established as a part of the Building Form and Development Standards in Section 6.

c. **Schedule of Uses**:
Table 5.1

<table>
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<th>Land Use</th>
<th>Character Zone</th>
<th>Historic TOD</th>
<th>TOD Core</th>
<th>General Mixed Use (Iron Horse &amp; Smithfield)</th>
<th>TOD Residential</th>
<th>Arterial Mixed Use</th>
<th>High Intensity Mixed Use</th>
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<tr>
<td>Commercial Uses (Office &amp; Retail Uses)</td>
<td>- Retail Sales or Service with no drive through facility (includes alcohol sales). Excluded from this category are retail sales and services establishments geared towards the automobile (see Section 3 of this Ordinance for Definition of Retail, Service uses, and Auto-related Sales and Service)</td>
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<td>- Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate establishments including banks, credit unions, real estate, and property management services, with no drive through facility</td>
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<td>- Offices for business, professional, and technical uses such as accountants, architects, lawyers, doctors, etc.</td>
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<td>- Food Service Uses such as full-service restaurants, cafeterias, and snack bars with no drive through facilities including café seating within a public or private sidewalk area with no obstruction of pedestrian circulation</td>
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<td>- Funeral homes</td>
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<td>Residential Uses</td>
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¹ Residential uses shall be permitted by right in the upper floors of all buildings
d. Use Criteria: All uses listed as P/C in Table 5.1 shall also meet the following standards in Table 5.2

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<tr>
<th>Non-Residential Uses</th>
<th>Use</th>
<th>Zone</th>
<th>Location &amp; Design Criteria</th>
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<tr>
<td>Retail Sales &amp; Service (Excluded from this category are retail sales and services establishments geared towards the automobile, including gasoline service stations.)</td>
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<td>TOD Residential</td>
<td><strong>Shall be limited to ground floor uses on corner lots in the TOD Residential Zone.</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>Commercial uses shall be limited to a total of 6,000 sq. ft. per corner lot.</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate establishments including banks, credit unions, real estate, and property management services (no drive through facility).</td>
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<td>TOD Residential</td>
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<td>Offices for business, professional, and technical uses such as accountants, architects, lawyers, doctors, etc.</td>
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<td>Fitness, recreational sports, gym, or athletic club</td>
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<td>Offices for business, professional, and technical uses such as accountants, architects, lawyers, doctors, etc.</td>
<td>TOD Residential</td>
<td>• Shall be permitted as the ground floor use in a Live-Work unit only (except for corner lots)</td>
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<td>Art, antique, furniture or electronic studio (retail, repair, or fabrication)</td>
<td>TOD Residential</td>
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<td>Child day care and preschools</td>
<td>TOD Residential</td>
<td>• Schools shall be limited to elementary schools within the district.</td>
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<td>Schools, libraries, and community halls</td>
<td>TOD Core, General Mixed Use, &amp; High Intensity Mixed Use</td>
<td>• All other uses shall be limited to 10,000 sq. ft.</td>
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<td>Universities and Colleges</td>
<td>TOD Core, General Mixed Use, &amp; High Intensity Mixed Use</td>
<td>• Shall be required to provide structured parking as part of the build-out for the university/college campus</td>
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<td>Civic uses</td>
<td>TOD Residential</td>
<td>• Shall be limited to ground floor uses on corner lots in the TOD Residential.</td>
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<td>Social and fraternal organizations</td>
<td>TOD Residential</td>
<td>• Uses shall be limited to 10,000 sq. ft.</td>
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<td>Religious institutions</td>
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| Retail Sales or Service including establishments geared towards the automobile | Arterial Mixed Use, High Intensity Mixed Use, and General Mixed Use | • Shall have the auto-oriented sales and services oriented towards Davis, Mid-Cities, and Loop 820 Access Road only.  
  • In no case shall gas pumps and canopies along the major roadway exceed 50% of that street frontage.  
  • Service bays shall be oriented internal to the site away from the arterial roadway or towards alleys. |
| Residential Uses                         |                                           |                                                                                            |
| Residential Lofts                        | Historic TOD, Arterial Mixed Use, & High Intensity Mixed Use | • Shall be permitted only in conjunction with a ground floor non-residential use as permitted above. |
| Apartments/Condos (Stacked Residential)  | Arterial Mixed Use & High Intensity Mixed Use | • Shall be limited to a one-block area immediately adjacent to the TOD Core or TOD Residential zones provided the residential use does not have direct ground floor frontage on the arterial or freeway.  
  • Ground floors shall be built to commercial standards including floor to floor heights and floors at-grade to the sidewalk. |
| Other Uses                               |                                           |                                                                                            |
| Parking, surface (accessory use)         | All                                       | • Building form standards shall apply based on character zone (Section 6).                 |
| Parking, structured                      | All                                       | • All structured parking shall be lined by active uses along the entire ground floor frontage of all Commercial “Main” Streets, Avenues, and TOD Boulevards.  
  • All structured parking shall be lined by active uses along a minimum of 50% of all other streets (with the exception of arterials, freeways, and alleys).  
  • Driveways into the garages shall be from alleys, TOD Boulevards, or TOD General Streets. |
| Any permitted use with a drive through facility | Arterial Mixed Use and High Intensity Mixed Use | • All drive through access (driveways) shall be from arterial, TOD General Street, freeway frontage road, or alleys.  
  • Drive through lanes and/or canopies shall not front on or be located along any Commercial “Main” Street, Avenue, or TOD Boulevard. |

### 6. Building Form & Development Standards:

...
A. Historic TOD

**Key**

- Property Line
- Setback Line
- Build-to Zone
- Building Area

### Building Placement

**Build-to Zone (BTZ)** (See #15)

(Discount from property line to edge of the zone)

- Front (Primary Street): 0 ft. – 5 ft.
- Front (Secondary Street): 0 ft. – 5 ft.

### Setback

- Side: 0 ft. (see #1)
- Rear:
  - Adjacent to SF residential: 15 ft.
  - Adjacent to any other use: 10 ft.

### Building Frontage

- % of building built to primary street BTZ: 80% (min.) (see #2)
- % of building built to secondary street BTZ: 40% (min.) (see #2)

### Block and Lot Standards

- Block face dimensions: 600 ft. (maximum)
- Block perimeter: 1,600 ft. (maximum)
- Lot Width: 200 ft. (max.)
- Lot Depth: 200 ft. (max.)
- Lot coverage: 90% (max.)

### Mixed Use Criteria (see #4)

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### Building Types

- Shopfront: Civic building
- Residential Loft: Live/Work

### Notes

- #1 – Side setbacks shall be based on minimum fire separation required between buildings, if applicable
- #2 – Corner building street facades must be built to the BTZ for a minimum of 30 ft. from the corner along both streets.
- #3 – Attics and mezzanines less than 7 ft. (avg.) height shall not be counted as a story.
- #4 – All development that exceeds 6,000 sq.ft. of building area or more than 2 acres of property shall meet the mixed use criteria.
- #5 – Mansard roofs are not permitted
- #6 – All buildings in the Historic TOD shall meet the Architectural Standards and Guidelines in Section 8.
- #7 – Any frontage along a public street (except alleys) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. high Street Screen that is built within the BTZ.
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Key

--- Property Line

Parking Area

Location (distance from property line) (See #16 for an exception for Transitional Surface Parking lots)

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Required Spaces

Ground Floor

- Buildings under 3,000 sq.ft.: No off-street parking req’d
- Buildings over 3,000 sq.ft.: 1 space/300 sq.ft.

Upper Floors

- Residential uses: 1 space/unit; 0.5 space/studio
- Other uses: 1 space per 300 sq.ft.

Notes

#8 – Parking driveway width 20 ft. max.
#9 - On corner lots, driveway shall not be located on a primary street.
#10 – Shared driveways and cross access easements are encouraged between lots to minimize curb cuts.
#11 – Parking may be provided off-site within 1,200 feet or as shared parking.
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Encroachments (see #13)

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Notes

#13 – Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may encroach over the BTZ and setback areas as indicated in the shaded areas. Any supports provided within the encroachment area shall be non-structural. A minimum vertical clearance of 8 ft. shall be required as measured from the finished grade of the sidewalk below the encroachment.

#14 - Ground and roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screen from direct view of adjoining public rights-of-way. In addition to a parapet wall no higher than 42 in., the perimeter of any visible roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be circumscribed by an appropriate device that is at least as tall as the equipment itself.

#15 – The area between the building and the edge of the BTZ at the public sidewalk shall be paved flush with the sidewalk.

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#5 – Mansard roofs are not permitted

#6 – All buildings in the TOD Core shall meet the Architectural Standards in Section 8.

#7 – Any frontage along a public street (except alleys) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. high Street Screen built within the BTZ.
### Key
- **Property Line**
- **Parking Area**

### Parking

**Location (distance from property line)** (See #18 for an exception for Transitional Surface Parking lots)

- **Front setback (min.):** 25 ft.
- **Side setback (min.):** 0 ft.
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- **Rear setback (min.):** 5 ft.

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#### Upper Floors

- Residential uses: 1 space/unit; 0.5 space/studio
- Other uses: 1 space per 300 sq.ft.

### Notes

- **#8 – Parking driveway width:** 20 ft. max. (except service drives which may be a max. of 30 ft. wide)
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### Residential Transition Standards

The following applies to all buildings located adjacent to an existing, zoned single-family detached residential.

- **Transition Zone:** 25 ft. (min.)
- **Max. Building Height at within Transition Zone:** 3 stories
- **#15 – A 6 ft. high masonry fence shall be installed at the property line adjacent to the existing residential use.**
- **#16 – Building mass shall be stepped down along the residential edge.**
- **#17 – The area between the building and the edge of the BTZ at the public sidewalk shall be paved flush with the sidewalk.**
- **#18 – Transitional Surface Parking lots may be exempted from the parking setback standards in this section if all surface parking lots accommodating 50 cars or more in one or more contiguous lots obtain Special Development Plan (SDP) approval from City Council. A time limit of 3 years may be imposed by City Council for all transitional surface parking lots. In addition City Council may require a phasing plan for development on the site.**
C. HIGH INTENSITY MIXED USE

Key

- Property Line
- Setback Line
- Build-to Zone
- Building Area

Building Placement

Build-to Zone (BTZ) (see #17)
(Distance from property line to edge of the zone)

Front (Primary Street) 5 ft. – 20 ft.
Front (Secondary Street) 5 ft. – 20 ft.

Setback

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Building Frontage

% of building built to primary street BTZ 60% (min.)
(see #2)

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(see #2)

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Notes

#1 – Side setbacks shall be based on minimum fire separation required between buildings, if applicable.

Height

| Building minimum | 15 ft. |
| Building maximum | 10 stories (see #3 and #8) |
| Ground floor finish | 12 in. max. above sidewalk |
| First floor height | 15 ft. min. |
| Upper floor(s) height | 10 ft. min. |

Mixed Use Criteria (see #4)

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Notes

#2 – Corner building street facades must be built to the BTZ for a minimum of 20 ft. from the corner along both streets.

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#4 – All development that exceeds 30,000 sq.ft. of building area or more than 10 acres of property shall meet the mixed use criteria.

#5 – Mansard roofs are not permitted

#6 – All buildings in the High Intensity Mixed Use zone shall meet the Architectural Standards in Section 8.

#7 – Any frontage along a public street (except alleys) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. high Street Screen within the BTZ.

#8 - Buildings may exceed the building height limitations and deviate from the mixed use criteria if they meet the Special Development Standards as established in Section 11. Also see Bonus provisions for SDP criteria.
**Key**
- Property Line
- Parking Area

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**Parking**

**Location (distance from property line)**

- Front setback (min.) 25 ft.
- Side setback (min.) 0 ft.
- Secondary street setback (min.) 10 ft.
- Rear setback (min.) 5 ft.

**Required Spaces**

- **Ground Floor**
  - Buildings under 3,000 sq.ft.: No off-street parking req’d
  - Buildings over 3,000 sq.ft.: 1 space/300 sq.ft.

- **Upper Floors**
  - Residential uses: 1 space/unit; 0.5 space/studio
  - Other uses: 1 space per 300 sq.ft.

**Notes**

- #9 – Parking driveway width 20 ft. max. (except service drives which may be a max. of 30 ft. wide)
- #10 - On corner lots, driveway shall not be located on a primary street.
- #11 – Shared driveways and cross access easements are encouraged between lots to minimize curb cuts.
- #12 – Parking may be provided off-site within 1,200 feet or as shared parking.
- #13 - Section 118-834 of the City of NRH Zoning Ordinance shall apply for design of off-street parking areas.
- #14 – Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may encroach over the BTZ and setback areas with a minimum vertical clearance of 8 ft. from the finished grade of the sidewalk in front of the façade with the encroachment.

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**Encroachments into Required Yards (see #14)**

- Encroachments are permitted into any required yard and may occupy no more than 50% of that yard.
- Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may not encroach over the property line.

**Bonus Provisions**

- Building heights over 10 stories may be permitted with SDP. The following criteria shall apply for evaluating the SDP:
  - Provision of plazas, squares, or civic open spaces based on the Illustrative Master Plan
  - Provision of structured parking and shared parking
  - Provision of a minimum of 10% of residential uses

**High Intensity Transition Standards**

The following applies to all buildings located within the High Intensity Transition Zone as designated on the Regulating Plan

- Transition Zone: 250 ft. (min.)
- Max. Building Height at within Transition Zone: No more than 2 stories above the maximum permitted in the adjoining zone

**Notes**

- #15 - Ground and roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screen from direct view of adjoining public rights-of-way or single-family residential uses. In addition to a parapet wall no higher than 42 in., the perimeter of any visible roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be circumscribed by an appropriate device that is at least as tall as the equipment itself.
- #16 - Building mass shall be stepped down along the residential edge.
- #17 – Loading and unloading shall be located along TOD General Streets or alleys only.
D. GENERAL MIXED USE ZONE - IRON HORSE

**Key**

- Property Line
- Setback Line
- Build-to Zone
- Building Area

**Building Placement**

**Build-to Zone (BTZ)**
(Distance from property line to edge of the zone)

- Front (Primary Street): 5 ft. – 20 ft.
- Front (Secondary Street): 5 ft. – 20 ft.

**Setback**

- Side: 5 ft. (see #1)
- Rear:
  - Adjacent to SF residential: 15 ft.
  - Adjacent to any other use: 10 ft.

**Building Form**

- % of building built to primary street BTZ: 60% (min.) (see #2)
- % of building built to secondary street BTZ: 40% (min.) (see #2)

**Block and Lot Standards**

- Block face dimensions: 1,000 ft. (maximum)
- Block perimeter: 3,600 ft. (maximum)
- Lot Width: 400 ft. (max.)
- Lot Depth: 400 ft. (max.)
- Lot coverage: 75% (max.)
- Residential density: 18 du/ac (max.)

**Height**

- Building minimum: 15 ft.
- Building maximum: 3 stories (see #3)
- Accessory building max.: 2 stories (see #3)
- Ground floor finish level:
  - for commercial: 12 in. max. above sidewalk
  - for residential: 18 in. min.
- First floor height:
  - for commercial: 15 ft. min.
  - for residential: 10 ft. min.
- Upper floor(s) height: 10 ft. min.

**Mixed Use Criteria**

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**Location Standards**

- Existing residential neighborhoods shall be buffered by residential uses in the General Mixed Use Iron Horse zone to a depth of 100 ft.
- Commercial uses (except live-work) shall be located within 200 ft. of Iron Horse Blvd, Browning Dr. (east of the rail road line), and Hilltop Dr.
- Development that exceeds 5 acres or 10,000 sq.ft. on all other remaining areas shall conform to the following criteria for mixed use:
  - Minimum of 25% of the cumulative ground floor building area of the proposed development shall be a non-residential use.

**Building Types**

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# Notes

- #1 – Side setbacks shall be either 5 ft. or based on minimum fire separation required between buildings, if applicable.
- #2 – Corner building street facades must be built to the BTZ for a minimum of 15 ft. from the corner along both streets.
- #3 – Attics and mezzanines less than 7 ft. (avg.) height shall not be counted as a story.

#4 – Mansard roofs are not permitted

#5 – Any frontage along all public streets (except alleys, arterial roadways, and highways) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. high Street Screen built within the BTZ.
Encroachments in to Required Yards
- Encroachments are permitted into any required yard and may occupy no more than 50% of that yard.
- Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may not encroach over the property line.

Bonus Provisions
A development may be eligible for the following bonuses:
- A 10%! increase in residential density for every 5% increase in commercial land use over 15% of the development

Residential Transition Standards
The following applies to all buildings located adjacent to an existing, zoned single-family detached residential.

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#11 - A 6 ft. high masonry fence shall be installed at the property line adjacent to the existing residential use.

#12 - Building mass shall be stepped down along the residential edge.

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Notes
- Parking driveway width 24 ft. max. (except service drives which may be a max. of 30 ft. wide)
- On corner lots, driveway shall not be located on a primary street.
- Shared driveways and cross access easements are encouraged between non-residential lots to minimize curb cuts.
- Parking may be provided off-site within 1,200 feet or as shared parking. A shared parking plan has to be approved by the City Manager or his/her designee.
- Section 118-834 of the City of NRH Zoning Ordinance shall apply for design of off-street parking areas.
E. GENERAL MIXED USE ZONE - SMITHFIELD

Key

Property Line
Build-to Zone
Setback Line
Building Area

Building Placement

Build-to Zone (BTZ)
(Distance from property line to edge of the zone)

Front (Primary Street) 5 ft. – 20 ft.
Front (Secondary Street) 5 ft. – 20 ft.

Setback

Side 5 ft. (see #1)
Rear
- Adjacent to SF residential 15 ft.
- Adjacent to any other use 10 ft.

Building Form

% of building built to primary street BTZ 60% (min.) (see #2)
% of building built to secondary street BTZ 40% (min.) (see #2)

Block and Lot Standards

Block face dimensions 1,000 ft. (maximum)
Block perimeter 3,600 ft. (maximum)
Lot Width 400 ft. (max.)
Lot Depth 400 ft. (max.)
Lot coverage 75% (max.)
Residential density 18 du/ac (max.)

Notes

#1 – Side setbacks shall be either 5 ft. or based on minimum fire separation required between buildings, if applicable.
#2 – Corner building street facades must be built to the BTZ for a minimum of 15 ft. from the corner along both streets.

Height

Building minimum 15 ft.
Building maximum 3 stories (see #3)
Accessory building max. 2 stories (see #3)
Ground floor finish level 12 in. max. above sidewalk for commercial
18 in. min. for residential
First floor height 15 ft. min. for commercial
10 ft. min for residential
Upper floor(s) height 10 ft. min.

Mixed Use Criteria

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Location Standards

Mixed Use location criteria within this zone shall be based on adjacency to existing roadways and neighborhoods.
- Existing residential neighborhoods shall be buffered by residential uses in the General Mixed Use Smithfield zone to a depth of 100 ft. (min).
- Commercial uses (except live-work) shall be located along a 200 ft. wide area parallel to Davis Blvd.
- Development that exceeds 5 acres or 10,000 sq.ft. on all other remaining areas shall conform to the following criteria for mixed use:
  - Minimum of 25% of the cumulative ground floor building area of the proposed development shall be a non-residential use.

Building Types

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Key

- Property Line
- Parking Area

Parking

Location (distance from property line)

Front setback 25 ft.
Side setback 0 ft. (next to commercial)
Secondary street setback 5 ft. (next to residential)
Rear setback 10 ft.

Required Spaces

All uses (except residential) 1 space/250 sq.ft.
Residential uses 1 space/1 bedroom unit and studio; 0.5 for every additional bedroom

Notes

#3 – Attics and mezzanines less than 7 ft. (avg.) height shall not be counted as a story.
#4 – Mansard roofs are not permitted
#5 – Parking driveway width 24 ft. max. (except service drives which may be a max. of 30 ft. wide)
#6 - On corner lots, driveway shall not be located on a primary street.
#7 – Shared driveways and cross access easements are encouraged between non-residential lots to minimize curb cuts.
#8 – Parking may be provided off-site within 1,200 feet or as shared parking. A shared parking plan has to be approved by the City Manager or his/her designee.
#9 - Section 118-834 of the City of NRH Zoning Ordinance shall apply for design of off-street parking areas.

Encroachments into Required Yards

- Encroachments are permitted into any required yard and may occupy no more than 50% of that yard.
- Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may not encroach over the property line.

Bonus Provisions

A development may be eligible for the following bonuses:

- A 10% increase in residential density for every 5% increase in commercial land use over 15% of the development

Residential Transition Standards

The following applies to all buildings located adjacent to an existing, zoned single-family detached residential.

Transition Zone 25 ft. (min.)
Max. Building Height at within Transition Zone 2 stories

#10 - A 6 ft. high masonry fence shall be installed at the property line adjacent to the existing residential use.
#11 - Building mass shall be stepped down along the residential edge.
#12 – Any frontage along all public streets (except alleys, arterial roadways, and highways) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. high Street Screen built within the BTZ.
#13 - Ground and roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screen from direct view of adjoining public rights-of-way or single-family residential uses. In addition to a parapet wall no higher than 42 in., the perimeter of any visible roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be circumscribed by an appropriate device that is at least as tall as the equipment itself.
#14 – Loading and unloading shall be located along TOD General Streets or alleys only.
### F. ARTERIAL MIXED USE

#### Building Placement

**Build-to Zone (BTZ)**
(Distance from property line to edge of the zone)

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Build-to Zone (Distance)</th>
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<td>Front (Arterial Street)</td>
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#### Setback

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<td>Side</td>
<td>5 ft. (see #1)</td>
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<td>Rear</td>
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<td>Adjacent to SF residential</td>
<td>15 ft. (see #2)</td>
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<td>400 ft. (max.)</td>
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<td>Lot Depth</td>
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<td>Lot coverage</td>
<td>75% (max.)</td>
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#### Notes

1. Side setbacks shall be either 5 ft. or based on minimum fire separation required between buildings, if applicable.
2. Corner building street facades must be built to the BTZ for a minimum of 15 ft. from the corner along both streets.
3. Attics and mezzanines less than 7 ft. (avg.) height shall not be counted as a story.
4. Mansard roofs are not permitted.
5. Any frontage along all TOD streets (except alleys, arterial roadways, and highways) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. high Street Screen built within the BTZ.
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Required Spaces

Shall meet Section 118-833 of the city of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance.

Notes

#6 – Parking driveway width City/TXDOT standards on Arterial Roadways and 24 ft. max. on all TOD Streets

#7 - On corner lots, driveway shall not be located on a primary street (with the exception of arterial roads).

#8 – Shared driveways and cross access easements are encouraged between non-residential lots to minimize curb cuts.

#9 – Parking may be provided off-site within 1,200 feet or as shared parking. A shared parking plan has to be approved by the City Manager or his/her designee.

Encroachments in to Required Yards

- Encroachments are permitted into any required yard and may be no more than 10 ft.
- Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may not encroach over the property line.

Residential Transition Standards

The following applies to all buildings located adjacent to an existing, zoned single-family detached residential.

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#10 – 118-834 of the City of NRH Zoning Ordinance shall apply for design of off-street parking areas.

#11 - A 6 ft. high masonry fence shall be installed at the property line adjacent to the existing residential use.

#12 - Building mass shall be stepped down along the residential edge.

#13 - Ground and roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screen from direct view of adjoining public rights-of-way or single-family residential uses. In addition to a parapet wall no higher than 42 in., the perimeter of any visible roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be circumscribed by an appropriate device that is at least as tall as the equipment itself.

#14 – Loading and unloading shall be located along TOD General Streets or alleys only.
### G. TOD RESIDENTIAL

#### Building Placement

**Build-to Zone (BTZ)**  
(Distance from property line to edge of the zone)

**Corner Lots:**  
- Front (Primary Street): 0 ft. – 10 ft.
- Front (Secondary Street): 0 ft. – 10 ft.

**Interior Lots:**  
- Front (Primary Street): 10 ft. – 25 ft.
- Front (Secondary Street): 10 ft. – 25 ft.

**Setback:**
- Side: 0 ft. (see #1)
- Rear: 10 ft.

**Building Form:**
- % of building built to primary street BTZ: 60% (min.) (see #2)
- % of building built to secondary street BTZ: 40% (min.) (see #2)

**Block and Lot Standards:**
- Block face dimensions: 600 ft. (maximum)
- Block perimeter: 2,000 ft. (maximum)
- Lot Width: 200 ft. (max.)
- Lot Depth: 200 ft. (max.)
- Lot coverage: 75% (max.)
- Residential density: 18 du/ac (max.)

**Height**

- Building minimum: 15 ft.
- Building maximum: 3 stories (see #3)
- Accessory building max.: 2 stories (see #3)
- Ground floor finish level: 12 in. max. above sidewalk (for commercial uses); 18 in. min. (for residential uses)
- First floor height: 15 ft. min. for commercial; 10 ft. min. for residential
- Upper floor(s) height: 10 ft. min.

**Mixed Use Criteria**

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**Location Standards**

Mixed Use location criteria within this zone shall be based on adjacency to existing roadways and neighborhoods. The percentages above are guidelines for evaluating the mix of uses within the overall area designated as TOD Residential, rather than on an individual lot basis.
- Commercial buildings shall be located adjacent to existing commercial uses, or adjacent to the TOD Core zone, or on corner lots only on TOD Avenues and Boulevards only.
- Live-work uses are permitted on blocks immediately adjacent to TOD Core, General Mixed Use, Arterial Mixed Use, or High Intensity Mixed Use zones only.

**Building Types**

- Shopfront
- Civic building
- Stacked flats (apartment building)
- Residential Loft
- Townhouse
- Single-family detached
- Live-Work Unit
### Residential Transition Standards

The following applies to all buildings located adjacent to an existing, zoned single-family detached residential.

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<td>15 ft. (min.)</td>
<td>2 stories</td>
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#4 – All buildings shall meet the Architectural Standards in Section 8.

#5 – Mansard roofs are not permitted

#6 – All buildings in the TOD Residential shall meet the Architectural Standards in Section 8.

#7 – Any frontage along a public street (except alleys) not defined by a building at the BTZ shall be defined by a 4 ft. Street Screen built within the BTZ.

#8 – Parking driveway width 20 ft. max.

#9 – On corner lots, driveway shall not be located on a primary street.

#10 – Shared driveways and cross access easements are encouraged between lots to minimize curb cuts.

#11 – Parking may be provided off-site within 1,200 feet or as shared parking.

#12 – Section 118-834 of the City of NRH Zoning Ordinance shall apply for design of off-street parking areas.

#13 – Canopies, awnings, signs, and balconies may encroach over the BTZ and setback areas.

#14 – Ground and roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be screen from direct view of adjoining public rights-of-way or single-family residential uses. In addition to a parapet wall no higher than 42 in., the perimeter of any visible roof mounted mechanical equipment shall be circumscribed by an appropriate device that is at least as tall as the equipment itself.

#15 – Building mass shall be stepped down along the residential edge.

#16 – Loading and unloading shall be located along TOD General Streets or alleys only.

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### Key

- Property Line
- Parking Area

### Parking

**Location (distance from property line)**

- Front setback (min.) 25 ft.
- Side setback (min.) 0 ft.
- Secondary street setback (min.) 10 ft.
- Rear setback (min.) 5 ft.

### Required Spaces

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<th>Uses over 3,000 sq.ft.</th>
<th>1 space/300 sq.ft.</th>
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<td>1 space/unit;</td>
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<td>0.5 space/studio</td>
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### Encroachments (see #13)

- Corner Lots: Canopies, signs, awnings, and balconies may encroach over the sidewalk as long as the vertical clearance is a minimum of 8 ft. and the encroachment does not exceed 50% of the required sidewalk width.

- Interior lots: Porches, stoops, awnings, signs, balconies, bay windows and other architectural features may encroach into required yards, provided they do not encroach over the front property line.

### Notes

- #1 – Side setbacks shall be based on minimum fire separation required between buildings, if applicable.
- #2 – Corner building street facades must be built to the BTZ for a minimum of 30 ft. from the corner along both streets.
- #3 – Attics and mezzanines less than 7 ft. (avg.) height shall not be counted as a story.
7. Street & Streetscape Design Standards

a. Generally: Streets in the Station Areas need to support the overall goal of a mixed use, compact, pedestrian oriented district. They should balance all forms of mobility while maximizing convenience for residents and visitors.

The Regulating Plan designates the required and recommended street network within each Station Area. This section specifies the typical configuration of streets within both the Station Areas. The specifications address vehicular lane width, parkway widths, R-O-W widths, number of travel lanes, on-street parking, and pedestrian accommodation. The character of streets in the Station Area will vary based on the location. Some streets, such as Davis Blvd., Mid-Cities Blvd., and Loop 820, are under the purview of TxDOT while the remaining streets are city streets.

b. New Streets: In addition to standards for existing streets, this section specifies standards for new streets in both station areas. New streets in both station areas shall be based on the required or recommended designation on the corresponding Regulating Plan. New streets that are designated as “TOD Street” may use any of the available street types established for the Station Areas.

c. Street Types Established. Table 7.1 and associated cross sections shall establish the cross sections for each street type. The cross sections may be adjusted to fit existing contexts with the approval of the Director of Public Works. In addition, the proposed cross sections may be adjusted to meet the needs of the Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the City.

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<td>6 ft.</td>
<td>Intersections and min. of 1 mid-block</td>
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<td>Commercial Avenue</td>
<td>80 ft. + 6 ft. sidewalk easement</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>11 ft.</td>
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<td>6 ft.</td>
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<td>TOD Boulevard</td>
<td>80 ft. + 6 ft. sidewalk easement</td>
<td>4 + turn lanes</td>
<td>11 ft.</td>
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<td>6 ft.</td>
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<td>Parking 6 ft. wide</td>
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<td>Avenue</td>
<td>68 ft.</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>11 ft.</td>
<td>Yes, both sides, parallel or angled*</td>
<td>8 ft.</td>
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<td>Parking; 6 ft. wide</td>
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<td>TOD General Street</td>
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*Angled parking may be permitted along these streets if an additional right-of-way of 16 ft. is made available.
d. Street Cross Sections

Commercial Main Street (Main Street)

Commercial Avenue

TOD Boulevard
Avenue

TOD General Street

TOD Alley

Screen for surface parking
e. Streetscape & Landscape Standards

Streetscape standards shall apply to all streets within the Station Areas. Streetscape standards shall address all elements between the building face and edge of the curb. Typical streetscape elements addressed are street trees, lighting, street furniture and pedestrian amenities, and materials.

Typical Streetscape Elements in TOD Streets

**Street Trees (within public R-O-Ws):**
- i. Street trees shall be required on all TOD Streets (except on alleys, arterial roadways, and highway access roads).
- ii. Street trees shall be planted approximately 3 ft. behind the curb line.
- iii. Spacing shall be an average of 30 ft. on center (measured per block face).
- iv. The minimum caliper size for each tree shall be 3 in. and shall be a minimum of 12 ft. in height at planting. Each tree shall be planted in a planting area no less than 40 sq. ft.
- v. Species shall be selected from the TOD District Planting List in Appendix C of this ordinance.
- vi. Along the TOD Boulevard, trees shall be required in the center median and spacing and species shall be the same as the trees in the parkway.

**Street Furniture, Lighting, and Materials:**
- i. Pedestrian scale lighting shall be required along all TOD streets (except on alleys, arterial roadways, and highway access roads). They shall be no taller than 14 ft.
- ii. Street lights shall be placed at 50 ft. on center, approximately 3 ft. behind the curb line.
- iii. The light standard selected shall be compatible with the design of the street and buildings.
- iv. Trash receptacles and bike racks shall be required along the following TOD streets – Core Main Street, Avenue, Commercial Avenue, and TOD Boulevard. They shall be located at an average of 100 ft. on center (measured per block face).
- v. Street furniture and pedestrian amenities such as benches are recommended along the following TOD Streets - Core Main Street and Commercial Avenue.
- vi. All street furniture shall be located in such a manner as to allow a clear sidewalk passageway of a minimum of 6 ft.
- vii. Materials selected for paving and street furniture shall be of durable quality and require minimal maintenance.
Landscape Standards (on private property):

i. All surface parking lots that accommodate more than 10 cars shall be required to plant one canopy tree and three shrubs per every 1,000 sq. ft. of paved area.

ii. Trees and shrubs shall be planted in landscape islands no smaller than 200 sq. ft. each. In addition, each tree shall be required a minimum of 40 sq. ft. of planting area. Trees and shrubs shall be selected from the TOD District Planting List in Appendix C of this ordinance.

iii. All lot frontages along a public street (except alleys and highways) not defined by a building at the Build-to Zone may plant a 4 ft. high (min.) living fence in as the required Street Screen. Such a living fence shall be composed of shrubs planted at 2 ft. on center and 2 ft. high when planted. Species shall be selected from the TOD District Planting List in Appendix C of this ordinance. The required Street Screen shall be located within the build-to zone along the corresponding street frontage.

iv. Maintenance of all landscape materials shall meet the requirements of Chapter 114 of the City of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance.

v. Along arterials and highway access roads, street trees shall be planted within the required landscape parkway as per Chapter 114 of the City of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance.

vi. Turf and groundcover: When clearly visible from the street and alleys, all unpaved ground areas shall be planted with low growing shrubs or ground cover, ornamental grasses, or a combination thereof. Turf grass must be installed as solid sod and not seeded on. Ground cover is encouraged over turf/sod.

8. Architectural Standards and Guidelines

The Architectural Standards and Guidelines for the TOD Station Areas shall establish a coherent urban character and encourage enduring and attractive development. Building plans shall be reviewed by the DRC for compliance with the standards below.

The key design principles establish essential goals for development in both the Station Areas to ensure the preservation, sustainability, and visual quality of this unique environment. Buildings shall be located and designed so that they provide visual interest and create enjoyable, human-scaled spaces. The key design principles are:

- New buildings/building facades shall utilize building elements and details to achieve a pedestrian-oriented public realm.

- Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is compatible with the size, scale, color, material, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment.

- Infill design can be approached with non-historic designs using simple and neutral elements which will fit better with the character of the neighborhood. New designs generally should not copy existing structures, but must be consistent with the character, style and scale of those structures.

- Compatibility is not meant to be achieved through uniformity, but through the use of variations in building elements to achieve individual building identity.

- Building facades must include appropriate architectural details and ornament to create variety and interest.

- Open space(s) shall be incorporated to provide usable public areas integral to the downtown environment.
The Smithfield area has an historic existing character that shall be preserved by rehabilitation of existing significant buildings. In addition, new and infill construction in the district shall reflect the character of the district during its historic period of significance.

a. Standards Specific to Historic TOD Zone:

In addition to Standards in Subsection B, the following Guidelines shall apply for all development within the Historic TOD Zone. All changes to existing facades or new buildings within this zone shall receive a “compliance” permit from the Planning and Zoning Commission after DRC review and recommendations on the extent to which the proposed changes or new construction meets the following guidelines.

Building Form & Massing:
- Buildings shall consist of rectangular building forms limited to one- or two-stories in height.
- Simple architectural ornamentation at the street level of buildings such as wood cornices or cast iron columns can both accent buildings, and provide visual interest for pedestrians and motorists. Do not incorporate high style architectural ornamentation that does not reflect the vernacular early 20th century design context of Smithfield.
- Recessed entries provide weather protection, protect passing pedestrians from opening doors, and add attractive detail to the storefront. Do not recess the entire storefront.

Images showing appropriate building form and massing within the Historic Core

Horizontal Rhythm:
- A building larger than the width seen traditionally in the district (greater than 40 ft.) should be divided into modules (20 ft. – 25 ft.) that are similar in scale to typical buildings.
- Large project sites should be developed with several buildings, rather than a single structure.
- The horizontal rhythm of the street wall shall be reinforced in new buildings by using a similar alignment of windowsills, building lines, floor lines, cornices, rooflines, and floor-to-floor spacing along a blockface.
- Using building design elements such as cornice lines, ground floor canopies and awnings, overhangs and windowsills helps to maintain a clear visual division in building design between the street level (ground floor retail uses) and upper floors.
Examples of buildings with a good horizontal rhythm along the street.

Doors and Windows:
- Windows and doors shall be vertically oriented.
- The primary entrance to buildings shall be clearly defined and oriented to the street, and not to parking areas or side or rear elevations.
- Clear glass should be used in upper story and storefront windows. No reflective, heavily tinted, patterned or sandblasted glass should be used in storefront or upper story windows. Patterned, colored or sandblasted glass can be appropriately used in transoms above storefront windows, however.

Buildings with appropriate door and window openings

Roof Form:
- Flat roof forms with parapets, or gable roofs either facing or perpendicular to the street with a 5/12 or similar pitch are appropriate to the character and image of historic Smithfield.
- Roof forms consistent with the character of Smithfield are recommended. Sloped roof shapes on one-story commercial buildings are not recommended unless they are hidden along all visible sides with a false parapet.
- A visual terminus, such as a simple cornice, at the tops of two-story buildings helps reinforce the character of Smithfield architecture.

Building Materials:
- At least 75% of each façade visible from any public right-of-way or adjoining properties (except alleys) of new buildings shall use materials typical of common building materials of the historic period and location, including brick and stone indigenous to North Texas such as dark fieldstone. Masonry materials shall be installed in a craftsman like manner that are a minimum of one inch thick and imbedded in a cementitious reinforced substrate.
• Stone patterns, sizes and color of individual stones should be similar to those found in historic stone buildings in the area, or typical of structures of this type, age or vicinity.
• Masonry bonding patterns, sizes and color should be similar to those found in the historic commercial and institutional buildings nearby, or typical of structures of the type, age and vicinity.
• Traditional materials such as horizontal wood siding of dimensions similar to novelty, shiplap or tongue-and-groove, or Cementitious horizontal siding, in a smooth, paintable finish and of traditional dimensions may be used as accent materials not to exceed 25% of each facade. Other non-traditional building materials shall only be permitted as accent materials (no more than 25% of each façade visible from any public right-of-way or adjoining properties).

**Awnings and Canopies:**
• Canopies of wood or metal and awnings of wood, metal, or canvas may be used to protect pedestrians and create interest along the street.
• Fixed, rolled front awnings of corrugated metal, as found in many early 20th century North Texas commercial districts, are appropriate for the Smithfield district.
• Fixed canopies may extend the width of a commercial building, and may be supported at the outer edge by simple wood or metal posts, as long as the supports are non-structural and do not interfere with pedestrian passage along the front sidewalk.

Buildings with canopies and awnings providing interest along the street and shade to pedestrians

b. Standards Specific to TOD Core, General Mixed Use, Arterial Mixed Use, and High Intensity Mixed Use Zones:

The following design standards and guidelines shall provide property owners, developers, city staff, and decision makers adequate design guidance for new and existing commercial buildings.

1. Location on the street:
   (i) Buildings shall be oriented toward the major street with the primary entrance located on that street. All primary entrances shall be oriented to the public sidewalk for ease of pedestrian access.
(ii) At key intersections, buildings located on corner lots may utilize variations in building massing to emphasize street intersections as points of interest in the district. Maximum building heights shall be permitted to exceed by 25% for approximately 25% of the building frontage along each street façade.

2. Pedestrian-Friendly Building Massing and Scale:
   (i) A building’s massing shall serve to define entry points and help orient pedestrians.
   (ii) Buildings and/or facades shall emphasize and frame or terminate important vistas.
   (iii) Buildings in the TOD Core zone, to the extent practicable, shall maintain a 25 ft. – 35 ft. building facade widths or multiples thereof.
   (iv) Variations in the rhythms within individual building facades shall be achieved within any block of building facades with architectural elements such as bays, columns, doors, windows, etc.
   (v) Breaks in the predominant rhythm may also be used to reinforce changes in massing and important elements such as building entrances, terminated vistas, or corner sites.
   (vi) Porches, stoops, eaves, awnings, blade signs, arcades, colonnades and balconies should be used along commercial storefronts and they may protrude beyond the setback line provided that they do not inhibit pedestrian movement within the public right-of-way.
3. Feature Buildings  
   (i) Buildings which are located on axis with a terminating street or at the intersection of streets shall be considered as Feature Buildings. Such buildings shall be designed with features which take advantage of that location, such as an accentuated entry and a unique building articulation which is off-set from the front wall planes and goes above the main building eave or parapet line.

4. Architectural Elements and Storefronts:  
   (i) Shopfront buildings shall be designed and built in tri-partite architecture so that they have a distinct base, middle, and top.
(ii) Architectural elements shall be designed to the appropriate scale and proportions of the selected architectural style.

(iii) An expression line or equivalent architectural element shall delineate the base of all buildings, and a cornice shall delineate the tops of facades that do not utilize a pitched roof. For retail storefronts, a transom, display window area and bulkhead at the base shall be utilized.

(iv) Infill buildings shall maintain the alignment of horizontal elements along the block.

(v) Building entrances may be defined and articulated by architectural elements such as lintels, pediments, pilasters, columns, porticos, porches, overhangs, railings, balustrades, and others as appropriate. All building elements should be compatible with the architectural style, materials, colors, and details of the building as a whole. Entrances to upper level uses may be defined and integrated into the design of the overall building facade. Doors and windows that operate as sliders are prohibited along the following streets - Core Main Street, Avenue, Commercial Avenue, and TOD Boulevard.

(vi) Roofs: Mansard roofs are prohibited and flat membrane-type roofs that are visible are prohibited.

(vii) Doors and Windows: Generally, windows shall be oriented vertically, and bay windows shall have external bottom supports. Dormer windows shall also be vertically proportioned and slightly shorter than the windows below.

(viii) Transparency required: For all new construction and renovation in the TOD Core zone, the street-level floor shall have transparent storefront windows covering no less than 65% of the façade area. Each upper floor of all building façades facing a street or plaza shall contain transparent windows covering at least 35% of the façade area. Glass curtain wall buildings are prohibited. For all new construction and renovation in the General Mixed Use, Arterial Mixed Use, and High Intensity Mixed Use zones, the required street facing façade transparency (each floor) shall be at least 30%.

(ix) Ground floor commercial and mixed use building plate heights (floor to floor) shall be at least 15 ft. in height. Upper floor to floor heights shall be a minimum of 10 ft.

(x) Storefronts: Retailers located at the street level shall primarily use storefronts to orient and advertise merchandise to customers. Retail buildings shall provide street-level pedestrian-oriented uses at the ground floor level. Storefronts on facades that span multiple tenants shall use architecturally compatible materials, colors, details, awnings, signage, and lighting fixtures.
5. Building Materials:

(i) At least 75% of each façade (excluding doors and windows) visible from any public right-of-way or adjoining properties (except alleys) of new buildings shall be finished in one of the following materials:
- Masonry (brick, stone, cast stone, rock, marble, granite, glass block and/or tile). Masonry materials shall be installed in a craftsman like manner that are a minimum of one inch thick and imbedded in a cementitious reinforced substrate.
- Split face concrete block or poured-in-place concrete

(ii) No more than 25% each façade (excluding doors and windows) visible from any public right-of-way or adjoining properties (except alleys) of new buildings may use accent materials such as decorative wood (naturally resistant to decay), metal, synthetic materials, or reinforced Exterior Insulating Finishing System (EIFS).

(iii) Cementitious-horizontal siding in a smooth, paintable finish and of traditional dimensions with at least a 50-year warranty may only be used on the upper floors within the TOD Core and General Mixed Use Zones. This material is not permitted in the High Intensity Mixed Use and Arterial Mixed Use Zones.

(iv) Side facades and rear facades shall be of finished quality and of the same color and materials that blend with the front of the building. Rear facades may be painted tilt-wall or painted block matching the same color of the rest of the building if the rear façade faces an alley or is not viewable from a public street or right-of-way. Rear facades shall not be designed as blank walls and while they may not have the same level of detailing as the other facades, they shall be designed to incorporate vertical and horizontal changes in color, materials, and articulation that are in keeping with the other street facing facades.

c. Standards Specific to TOD Residential Zone:

1. Location on the street:
   (i) For corner buildings, at least one primary entrance shall address the primary street unless configured as a courtyard or forecourt building.
   (ii) Garages generally shall be located on alleys at the rear of residential buildings; pull-through garages are allowed if the garage door is set back behind the rear façade of the main structure. If front-loaded garages or carports are utilized on single-family residential lots, the garages and carports shall be no greater than 12 ft. wide, and set back at least 20 ft. measured from the face of the main structure closest to the garage/carport or rotated 90 degrees with windows on the wall facing the street. All garage doors shall be divided into single bays separated by at least an 18 in. column. Front-loaded garages on residential lots less than 50 ft. wide shall not be allowed. Town homes and courtyard apartments shall utilize rear-loaded garages.
2. Pedestrian-Friendly Building Massing and Scale:
   (i) On residential buildings, at least one of the following shall be utilized: porches, stoops, bay windows, balconies, masonry clad chimneys, attached pergolas or colonnades. Those architectural elements may encroach beyond the setback line to a maximum of 50% of the setback.
   (ii) The grade of the slab or main floor elevation shall be elevated at least 18 in. above the grade of the sidewalk.

3. Architectural Elements:
   (i) Residential buildings shall have relatively flat fronts and simple roofs with most building wing articulations set at the rear of the structure. Window projections, stoops, porches, balconies, and similar extensions are exempt from this standard.
   (ii) Gable roofs, if provided, shall have a minimum pitch of 5/12. When hipped roofs are used, the minimum pitch shall be 5/12. Other roof types shall be appropriate to the architectural style of the building.
   (iii) Architectural embellishments that add visual interest to the roofs, such as dormers and masonry chimneys may be provided.
   (iv) All new residential buildings shall have windows or doors covering no less than 30% of all street facing façades.
4. Building Materials:
   (i) At least 75% of each façade (excluding doors and windows) visible from any public
       right-of-way or adjoining properties (except alleys) of new buildings shall be finished
       in one the following materials. No more than any combination of three of the
       following different materials shall be used on any single façade:
       - Masonry (brick; stone; man-made stone or stucco utilizing a three-step process).
         Masonry materials shall be installed in a craftsman like manner that are a
       minimum of one inch thick and imbedded in a cementitious reinforced substrate;
       - Cementitious horizontal siding, in a smooth, paintable finish and of traditional
         dimensions with a 50-year warranty.
   (ii) The following shall be only allowed up to 25% of each façade as an accent material:
       - Decorative wood (naturally resistant to decay), metal, synthetic materials or
         reinforced Exterior Insulating Finishing System (EIFS) or similar material over a
         cementitious base, rock, glass block and tile.
   (iii) Alley facing facades shall be of finished quality and of the same color and materials
       that blend with the front of the building.
   (iv) Roofing materials (visible from any public right-of-way): copper, factory finished
       painted metal, slate, synthetic slate, terra cotta, cement tile, glass fiber and asphalt
       shingles.
   (v) An enclosed garage or carport shall be designed and constructed of the same material
       as the primary building.

d. Building Types permitted by Character Zone: Table 8.1 shall establish the building types
   permitted by Character Zone.

Table 8.1 Building Type Matrix

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### 9. Signage

Except as specifically listed below, all other signage and sign standards must comply with Chapter 106 of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances, as amended.

1. For conforming uses and new signs for non-conforming uses, the standards in Table 9.1 shall apply and sign permits may be approved administratively unless specifically noted in this section. An applicant has the option to establish unique sign standards including size, color, type, design, and location based upon specific performance criteria. Such sign standards shall be reviewed by the Sign Review Committee and is subject to approval of the Sign Review Board. Non conforming signs shall meet Chapter 106 of the City of North Richland Hills Code of Ordinances.
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| (1) Wall (Building) Signs          | P             | P        | P            | P           | P                | P        | • For all commercial uses fronting on I-820 access road: One sign per tenant space; area to be calculated at 0.75 sq. ft. per linear foot of highway frontage with a maximum of 200 sq. ft.  
  • For all other commercial uses (retail, office, and restaurant): One sign per tenant space; area to be calculated at 1 sq. ft. per linear foot of public street frontage with a maximum of 50 sq. ft.  
  • Second floor commercial uses may also be permitted one second floor wall sign per tenant space per public street frontage; area to be calculated at 0.75 sq. ft. per linear foot of second floor frontage along that public street.  
  • Live-Work and Home occupations: One sign limited to an area of 12 sq. ft. max.  
  • May encroach a maximum of 12” on to a sidewalk while maintaining a vertical clearance of 8 ft. from the finished sidewalk.  
  • Wall signs may be internally or externally lit.  
  • In the TOD Residential Zone, wall signs are only permitted for commercial uses (including the “work” component of live-work uses).  |
| (2) Monument Signs                 | NP            | NP       | P            | P           | P                | NP       | One monument sign per lot per street frontage (no more than 2 per lot separated by at least 100 ft.) limited to a maximum of 50 sq. ft. per sign face and 6 ft. in height. |
| (3) Window Signs                   | P             | P        | P            | P           | P                | P        | • Limited to 10% of the window area.  
  • In the TOD Residential Zone, window signs are only permitted for commercial uses (including the “work” component of live-work uses).  
  The following shall be exempt from this limitation:  
  • Addresses, closed/open signs, hours of operation, credit card logos, real estate signs, and now hiring signs.  
  • Mannequins and storefront displays of merchandise sold.  
  • Interior directory signage identifying shopping aisles and merchandise display areas. |
| (4) Blade Signs                    | P             | P        | NP           | NP          | NP               | NP       | • Shall be permitted for all commercial uses only (retail, restaurant, and office)  
  • 15 sq. ft. maximum per sign face.  
  • May encroach a maximum of 3 ft. over a public sidewalk/R-O-W.  
  • Blade signs may be attached to the building or hung under the soffit of an arcade or under a canopy/awning while maintaining a vertical clearance of 8 ft. from the finished sidewalk.  
  • In the TOD Residential Zone, blade signs are only permitted for commercial uses (including the “work” component of live-work uses). |
| (5) For sale/for lease signs       | P             | P        | P            | P           | P                | P        | • Size is limited to 32 sq. ft. per sign face  
  • All other standards are the same as Sign Ordinance |
| (6) Address signs                  | P             | P        | P            | P           | P                | P        | Same as Sign Ordinance |
| (7) Temporary construction signs   | P             | P        | P            | P           | P                | P        | 1 free standing sign per lot during construction only, limited to 32 sq. ft. |
| (8) Banners                        | P             | P        | P            | P           | P                | P        | Same as Sign Ordinance |
10. Civic/Open Space standards

a. The location, scale, and design of Civic/Open Spaces in the two Station Areas shall be based on the Illustrative Master Plan for each Station Area.

b. Square, parks, and greens are appropriate in any Character Zone. Plazas may serve as open spaces and shall only be appropriate in the Historic Core and the TOD Core Character Zones.

c. All new development and redevelopment within the two Station Areas shall provide a minimum of 10% of the gross area of the site in usable Civic/Open Space. No more than 50% of the required Civic/Open Space may be in the form of private open space (excluding any required yards or retention/detention areas).

d. All new development and redevelopment of property less than 10 acres may pay a park dedication fee based on the city’s Code of Ordinances Chapter 62 in lieu of the above requirement.

e. The following criteria shall be used to locate and design Civic/Open Spaces in the two station areas:
   i. Locate and design plazas or squares to link the station platform to adjoining retail and commercial areas. Plazas shall be no smaller than ¼ acre and no larger than 1 acre. Squares shall be no smaller than ½ acre and no larger than 2 acres.
   ii. All Civic/Open Spaces should be designed to be prominently featured and add value to development.
iii. Civic/Open Spaces may be in the form of pocket parks, children’s play areas, greens, squares, and linear greens. Active sports fields and structured recreational activities shall be limited to less than 10% of any parks located in each Station Area.

11. Administration

This section sets forth the provisions for reviewing and approving development applications within both the Station Areas. The intent is to ensure that all development and redevelopment is consistent with the provisions of this ordinance and the goals for Transit-Oriented Development in the City. All sections of this ordinance shall be applied during the review process.

a. Overview of the Development Review Process: Development and redevelopment within the two Station Areas is streamlined and shall follow the following guidelines:
   i. All non-residential or mixed use development or redevelopment of one or more properties that is 10 acres or larger may submit a concept plan prior to a site plan.
   ii. All residential development must have an approved Concept Plan prior to building permit application.
   iii. All non-residential or mixed use development must have a site plan approved by the city prior to building permit application.
   iv. All development or redevelopment must have a final plat approved by the city prior to building permit application.

b. Concept Plan: The Concept Plan in the TOD District is intended to illustrate that the general development pattern proposed is consistent with the purpose and intent of the TOD and Station Area Plans. The applicant shall submit a Concept Plan for the entire property under consideration for development. A Concept Plan is not intended to be a detailed proposal; rather, it shall illustrate general location of land uses, street layout, treatment of transition areas to adjacent uses and any other appropriate information required by this ordinance. The Concept Plan in this Zone shall illustrate the general design direction of the site(s) with adequate information on the design intent, intensity, and phasing of the project.

Requirements of Concept Plan Submittal: The applicant shall prepare a Concept Plan demonstrating compliance with the District’s purpose and standards and the City’s Comprehensive Land Use Plan for review by the Development Review Committee (DRC). A Concept Plan shall include the following:
   i. Map(s) and/or reports that include the following information (maps drawn to an appropriate scale):
      1) location of the subject property including delineation of Character Zones, required and recommended streets, and any special frontage requirements.
      2) the layout of proposed blocks, streets, alleys, and trails consistent with this ordinance and other city ordinances and plans;
      3) delineation of the proposed street type of each new and existing street
      4) the location, acreage, and type of open space areas with an indication for each whether it will be privately owned, a common area for residents only or dedicated to public use;
      5) the location, acreage, and percentages of retail, office, residential, civic, and open space uses by Character Zone and compliance with the Mixed Use Criteria for each Character Zone
      6) conceptual images of proposed buildings, open spaces, and streets including architectural renderings, typical elevations, photographs, and other graphics.
7) A schedule for the proposed development (or for each phase, if it is to be developed by phases), which schedule shall not be binding but shall be provided in order to show generally how the applicant will complete the project containing the following information:
- The order of construction by section delineated on the Concept Plan;
- The proposed schedule for construction of improvements to open space areas;
- The proposed schedule for the installation of required public or utilities improvements and the dedication of public rights-of-way, easements and properties.

c. Site Plan: All non-residential and mixed use development within the Station Areas must have a site plan approved by the city prior to the issuance of a Building Permit. All Site Plan applications shall meet the submittal requirements for a PD Site Plan in Section 118-241 of the City of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance.

d. The City’s Development Review Committee shall be responsible for the following:
   ii. Reviewing applications for concept plans, site plans, plats, and any other development related applications within the two Station Areas.
   iii. Make determinations on the applications and interpretations of guidelines, standards, and requirements of this ordinance.
   iv. Approval of Concept and Site plans within the two Station Areas that comply with all applicable city ordinances.

e. Appeals and Special Development Plans
   All applications that appeal the decision of the DRC, request a modification to any of the standards within this district, request any development bonuses, or development incentives shall be reviewed and processed as “Special Development Plans”

Special Development Plans: Special Development Plans are intended to allow applicants development flexibility to address specific market opportunities and/or contexts. An application for a Special Development Plan may only be approved by the City Council after a recommendation has been made by Planning and Zoning Commission. The DRC shall review and make recommendations on all SDPs prior to forwarding it to the Planning and Zoning Commission. In evaluating a Special Development Plan, City Council shall consider the extent to which the application meets the following:
- the goals and intent of Transit Oriented Development in the city
- provides an alternative “Master Plan” approach by consolidating multiple properties to create a predictable, market responsive development for the area
- fits the adjoining context by providing appropriate transitions
- provides public benefits such as usable civic and open spaces, livable streets, structured and shared parking, and linkages to transit
- does not hinder future opportunities for higher intensity transit-oriented development

Transitional Surface Parking Lots: In addition, all Transitional Surface Parking lots within the Historic TOD and TOD Core zones that accommodate 50 or more cars within one or more contiguous lots may only be permitted with a Special Development Plan approval by City Council. Applications for an SDP for a Transitional Surface Parking lot shall include a phasing plan for development on the site that would be in compliance with the standards for that specific character zone. In approving an SDP for a Transitional
Surface Parking lot, City Council may impose a time-limit on the use. An applicant may request 3-year extensions of such an SDP to City Council with any supporting information on future development phasing and justify the need to extend the use of the surface parking lot. A Transitional Surface Parking lot may be converted into a building site with Site Plan approval at any time.

*Legal non-conforming structures:* Any buildings or structures that were legally permitted and constructed at the time of adoption of this ordinance but do not meet the Building Form and Development Standards in Section 6 or Architectural Standards and Guidelines in Section 8 may continue to exist. However, any expansion shall meet the standards of this ordinance unless a Special Development Plan is approved by City Council. While considering approval of such an SDP, City Council shall evaluate the extent to which the application meets the intent of the TOD Building Form and Development Standards, and Architectural Standards and Guidelines.

f. Special Events and Special Use Permits: Special Events shall be regulated by Ordinance 118-715 and Special Use Permits shall be regulated by Ordinance 118-201 of the City of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance.

g. Plat Approval:
   i. Preliminary Plat Approval: An application for Preliminary Plat may be submitted only after approval of a Concept Plan or site plan for development. A Preliminary Plat may be submitted for all of a planned development or for a portion of development. The Preliminary Plat shall generally conform to the approved Concept Plan. The applicant shall follow Chapter 110, Article IV of the city’s Subdivision Regulations, for the Preliminary Plat Submittal Requirements.

   *Simultaneous Submittals* - Applications for a Preliminary Plat approval may be submitted for review simultaneously with the Concept or Site Plan application. In such cases, any approval of the Preliminary Plat must be conditioned upon the approval of the Concept or Site Plan. If the approved Concept or Site Plan includes any additions or conditions by the DRC, the Preliminary Plat undergoing simultaneous review must be amended to conform to the approved Concept or Site Plan.

   ii. Final Plat Approval: An application for Final Plat approval shall be submitted only after a Preliminary Plat has been approved for development. A Final Plat may be submitted for all of a planned development or for a portion of development. The Final Plat shall conform to the approved Preliminary Plat and Concept or Site Plan. The applicant shall follow Chapter 110, Article V of the city’s Subdivision Regulations, for the Final Plat Submittal Requirements.

h. Non Conforming Uses, Buildings, and Sites:

   All non conforming uses, buildings, and sites shall meet Section 118-151 of the city of North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance with the exception under Section 11(e) above under Special Development Plans of this Ordinance.

i. Amendments to Approved Site Plans

   The Planning Director may approve minor changes to and deviations from approved site plans with the applicant’s written justification of the nature of changes. Minor changes are
those that do not materially change the circulation and building location on the site, increase the building area, or change the relationship between the buildings and the street. Any significant changes to and deviations from approved site plans shall be regarded as an amendment to that particular plan and shall be reviewed and subject to DRC approval. The Planning Director shall make the determination as to whether a proposed change is minor or significant.

j. Amendments to the Regulating Plan and/or Zoning Text:

Amendments and changes to the Regulating Plan, text changes, property boundaries or requests for Special Development Plans shall be processed as an amendment to the zoning ordinance under Article II, Division 5 of the North Richland Hills Zoning Ordinance.
Appendix C
Recommended Planting List

The following lists contain all species approved for use in the two TOD Station Areas. It contains native and acceptable adapted species. Other species that are drought tolerant and adaptive may be used for planting within the TOD Station Areas. The use of alternative species may be permitted with the approval of the Zoning Administrator.

CANOPY/STREET TREE LIST

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AREA VEGETATION LIST
(In addition to the above list, these plantings may be placed in Civic/Open Spaces or used to meet the private landscaping requirements of the Code.)

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<td>Crepe Myrtle</td>
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The applicant shall select drought tolerant, low maintenance, and adaptable shrubs and ground cover based on the placement on the site subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator.