

A New Zoning Code for a 21st Century Los Angeles

To create livable communities, encourage sustainable development and foster economic vitality, we need a modern and user-friendly zoning code we need to re:code LA.

DOWNTOWN PROGRESS REPORT

Goal: To create a flexible (yet defined and rigorous) toolkit of zones that can be used in the community planning process across the City to address the variety of known developmentrelated issues.



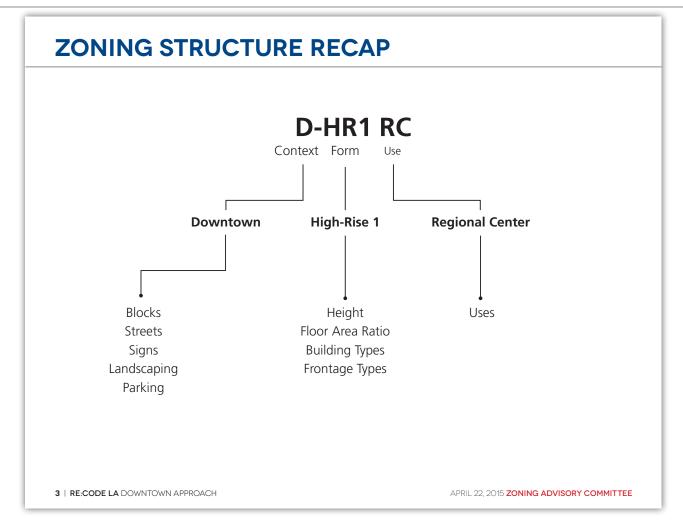
TONIGHT'S PRESENTATION

- » Where We Have Been
- » Downtown Policy Overview
- » Regulating Form
- » Downtown Zones
- » FAQ's
- » Next Steps

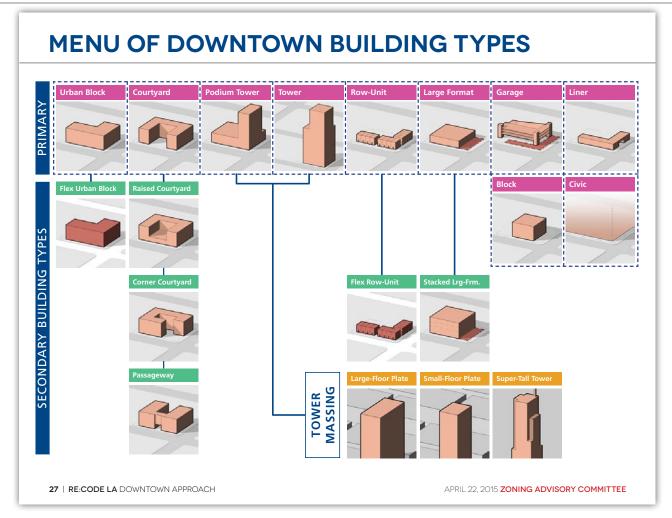
WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

- » Last Downtown ZAC Presentation (April)
- » AIA Meeting (April)
- » Residential ICOs, Boyle Heights (May, June, July)
- Downtown Week 2 Intensive Work Session (Aug 25-28)
- » Refined Downtown Strategy

WHERE WE HAVE BEEN: ZONE STRING

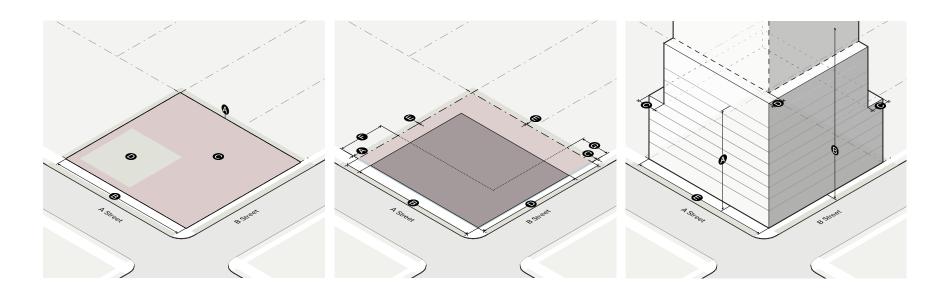


WHERE WE HAVE BEEN: BUILDING TYPES

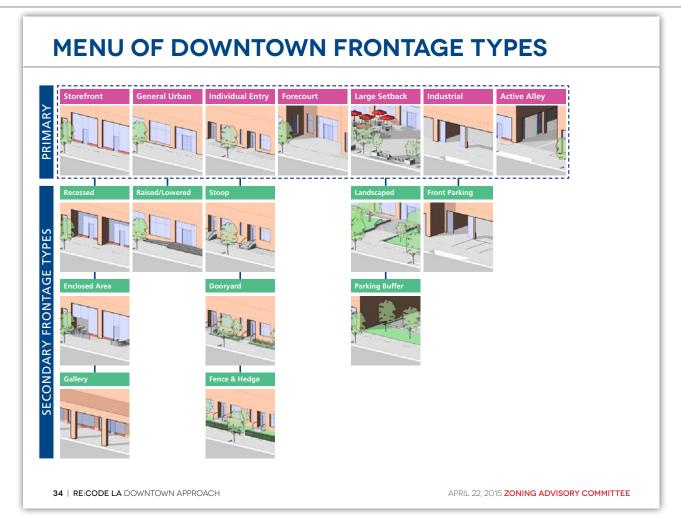


WHERE WE'RE GOING: BUILDING ENVELOPES

- » No Building Types
- » Envelope Created by Setbacks, Stepbacks, Height
- » Handbook to Illustrate Design Options that Meet Regulations

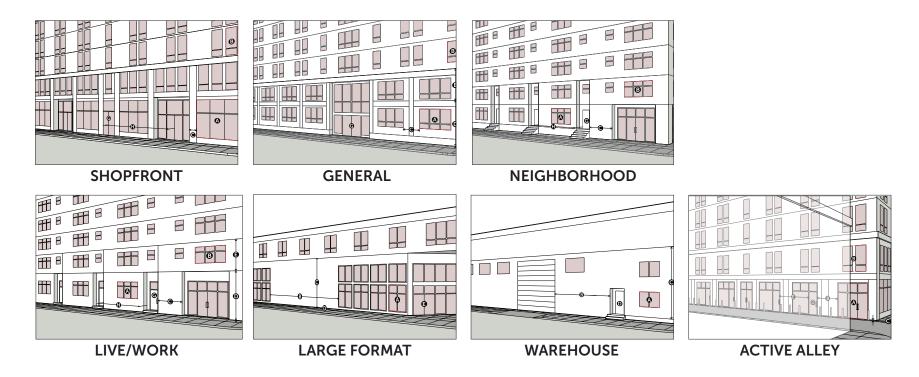


WHERE WE HAVE BEEN: FRONTAGES

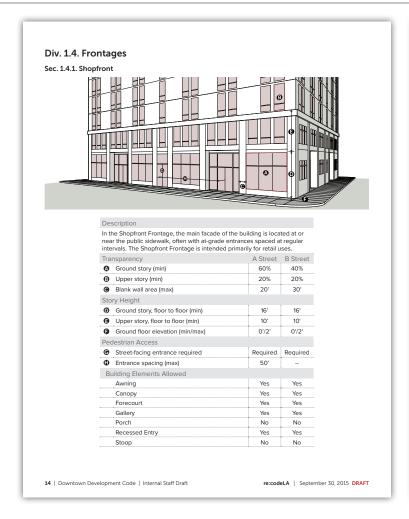


WHERE WE'RE GOING: FRONTAGES

- » No Secondary Frontages, Fewer Elements Regulated
- » Allow for a Wider Variety of Architectural Responses



WHERE WE'RE GOING: A & B STREETS



	ne Shopfront Frontage, the main facade of the bui or the public sidewalk, often with at-grade entrance orvals. The Shopfront Frontage is intended primari	es spaced a	t regular
Tra	nsparency	A Street	R Street
A	Ground story (min)	60%	40%
3	Upper story (min)	20%	20%
•	Blank wall area (max)	20'	30'
Sto	ry Height		
•	Ground story, floor to floor (min)	16'	16'
3	Upper story, floor to floor (min)	10'	10'
•	Ground floor elevation (min/max)	0'/2'	0'/2'
Ped	destrian Access		
G	Street-facing entrance required	Required	Required
•	Entrance spacing (max)	50'	
Вι	uilding Elements Allowed		
	Awning	Yes	Yes
	Canopy	Yes	Yes
	Forecourt	Yes	Yes
	Gallery	Yes	Yes
	Porch	No	No
	Recessed Entry	Yes	Yes
	Stoop	No	No

COMPONENTS OF A ZONE

» Form District

- » District Intent
- » Lot Criteria
- » Building Placement
- » Bulk and Mass
- » Activation (Frontage Options)

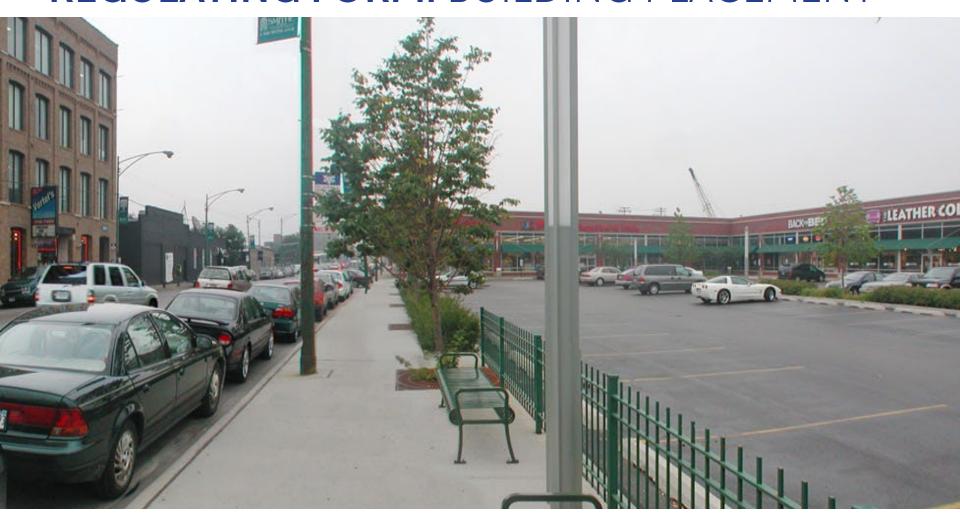
» Use District

- » Use Table
- » Use Categories, Use Groups
- » Individual Uses

REGULATING FORM: BUILDING PLACEMENT



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REGULATING FORM: PARKING LOCATION



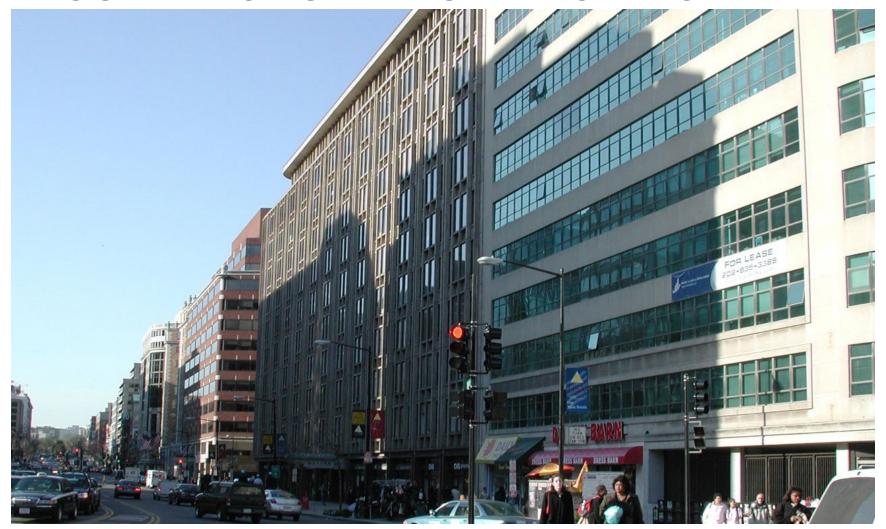
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REGULATING FORM: BUILDING HEIGHT



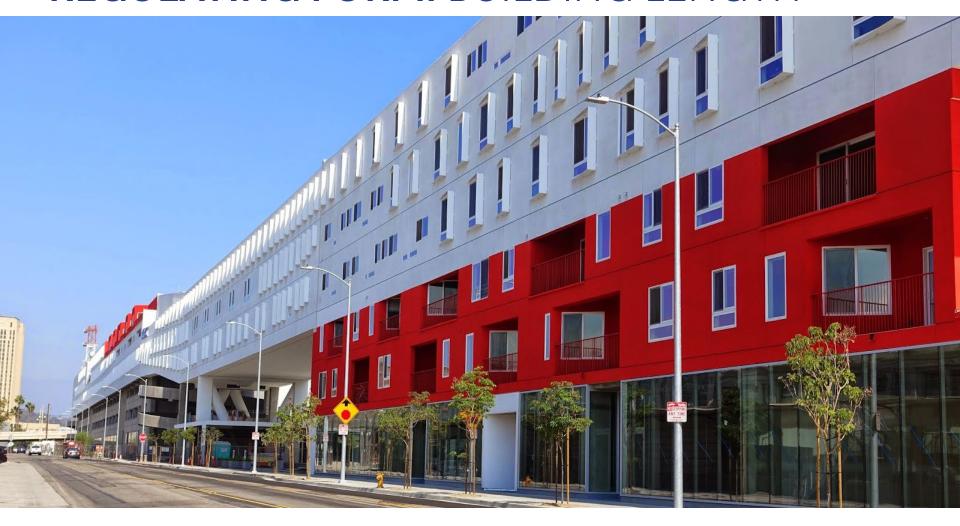
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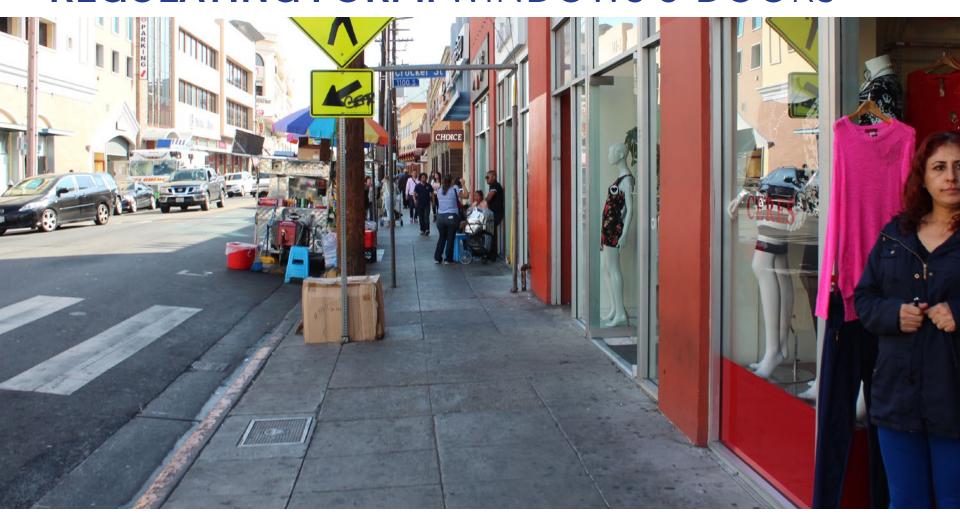
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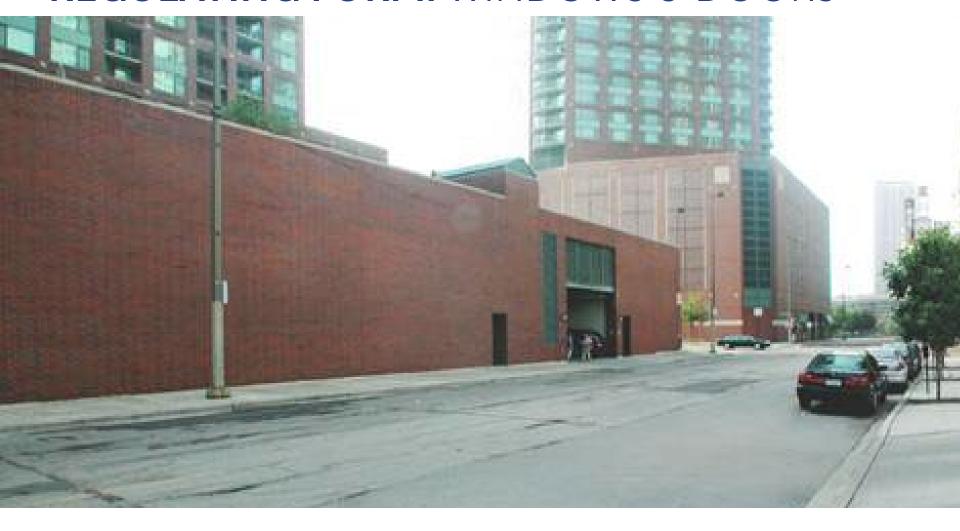
REGULATING FORM: BUILDING LENGTH



REGULATING FORM: WINDOWS & DOORS



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DOWNTOWN FORM DISTRICTS

ARTICLE 1. ZONES

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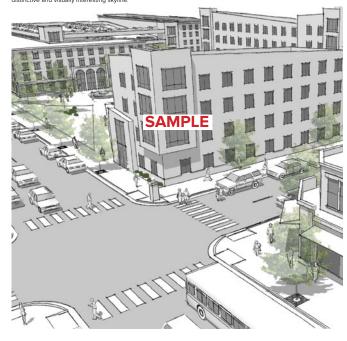
HIGH RISE FORM DISTRICTS

High Rise (HR1, HR2)

Div. 1.1. High Rise (HR1, HR2)

Sec. 1.1.1. Description

High Rise Form Districts implement the General Plan by fostering an intensive and active urban environment in the most prominent locations in Downtown Los Angeles. These districts are intended to enhance the vitality of the urban core with a variety of mid- to high-rise buildings that define and activate the public realm and reinforce the walkable nature of the city center. High Rise Form Districts are also intended to support the continued development of a distinctive and visually interesting skyline.



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(HR1, HR2) High Rise

Sec. 1.1.2. Form Districts

A. High Rise (HR1)

- Promote a variety of building types in a densely developed and walkable environment.
- Support a pedestrian-oriented Downtown core through a strong building-to-street interface.
- 3. Applies to areas where a building scale of at least 4 stories is desired.

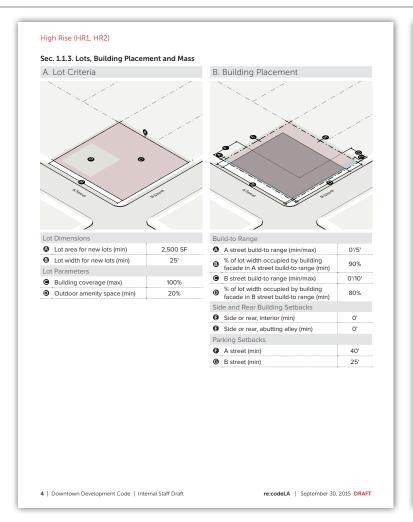
B. High Rise (HR2)

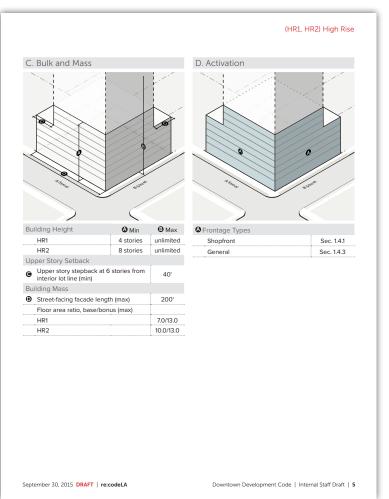
- Promote the highest intensity built environment in areas with the highest levels of transit access.
- 2. Limit underdevelopment of key sites near major rail stations.
- 3. Create a high quality pedestrian environment that offers improved linkages to transit.
- 4. Applies to areas where a building scale of at least 8 stories is desired.

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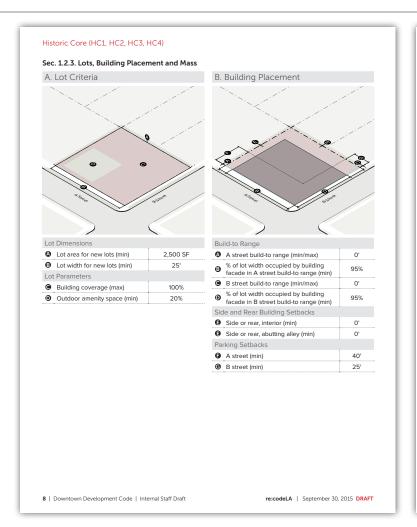
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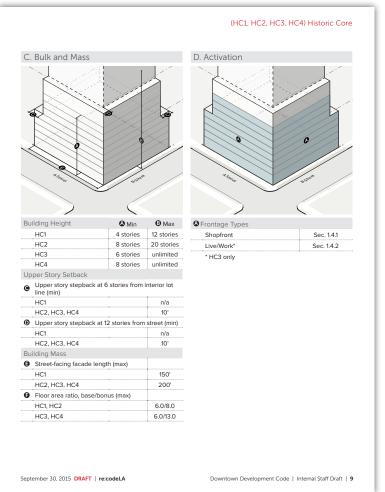
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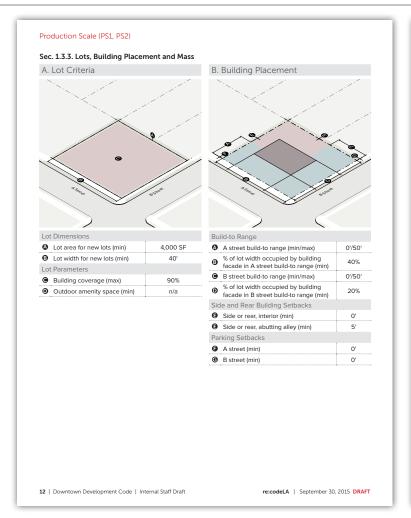


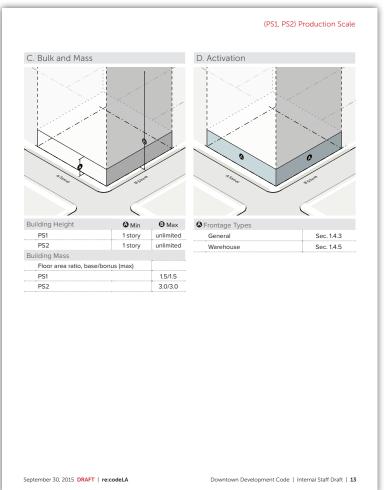
HISTORIC CORE FORM DISTRICTS





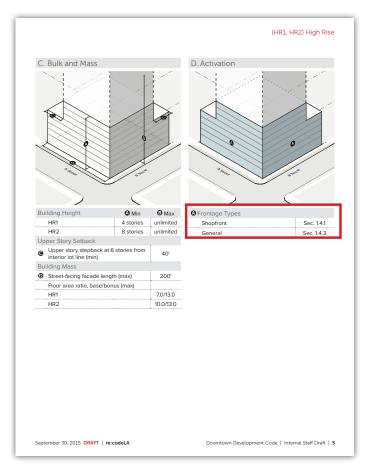
PRODUCTION SCALE FORM DISTRICTS

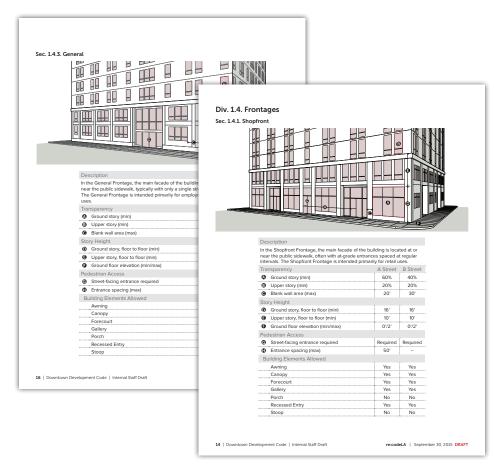




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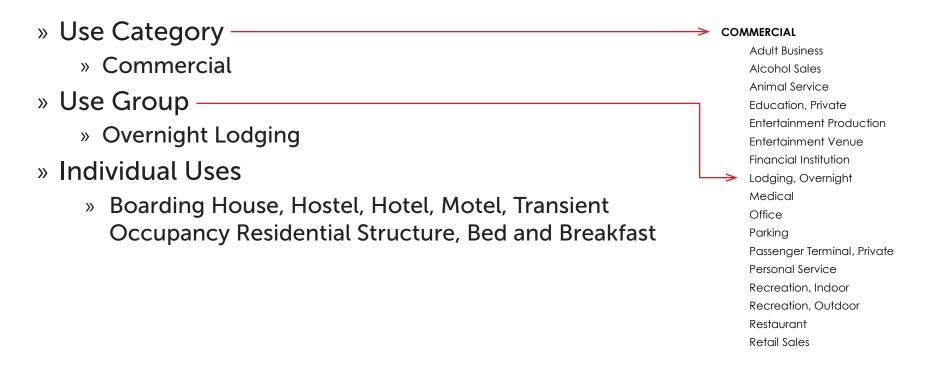
Developer's Choice Unless Included in Zone Name String





USE DISTRICTS

» Package of Uses: Can Be Applied to Any Form District



MIXED USE REGIONAL (MXR) USE DISTRICT

	Parks/Open Sp	oace/Civic	Residential Only	Reside	ential Emphasis Mi	xed Use		Mixe	ed Use		Commercial Emphasis Mixed Use			Hybrid Indus	trial Mixed Use			Heav	y Commercial & I	ndustrial
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Social Service Living			**			P			P				P							
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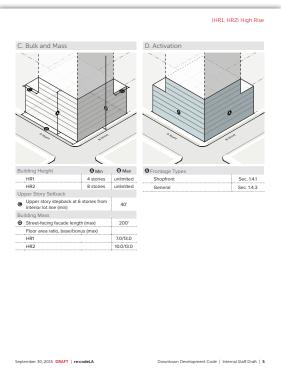
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USE CATEGORY/USE GROUP	Mixed Use Neighborhood	Mixed Use Community	Mixed Use Regional	Mixed Use Entertainment	Mixed Use Office	Mixed Use Wholesale	Mixed Use Hybrid Industrial I	Mixed Use Hybrid Industrial II	Mixed Use Hybrid Industrial III
	MXN	MXC	MXR	MXE	MXO	MXW	MXH1	MXH2	MXH3
Retail Size	10k	50k	144k+	Unlimited					
AGRICULTURE									
Agriculture	Р	Р	Р				P	P	P
RESIDENTIAL									
Household Living		P	P	L	ı	С	С		
Group Living		P	P				77		
Social Service Living		P	P				P	P	
Adaptive Reuse Apartment		P	P	P	L	L	P		
Live/Work		P	P	P		L	L L	L	L
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PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL		-				_		-	_
Civic		P				P P	P	P	P
Education, Public		P	Р		l P	P	P	P	P
Parks/Open Space		P	P			P	P	P	P
Passenger Terminal, Public		P	P			P	P	P	P
Utilities	P	P	Р —	_ _ _	— Т	P	P	P	P
COMMERCIAL									
Adult Business									
Alcohol Sales			P	P	P	P	P	P	P
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Financial Institution		P	P	P	P	•	C	С	C
Lodging, Overnight					P	P	L		L
Medical		P	P	7	г	T T	С	С	С
Office		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Parking		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Passenger Terminal, Private		P	P						
Personal Service		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

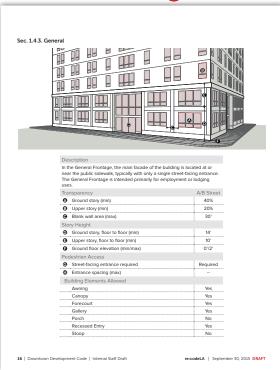
ZONE DISTRICT: HR2-MXR

- » High Rise Form District with General Frontage
- » Mixed Use Regional Use District

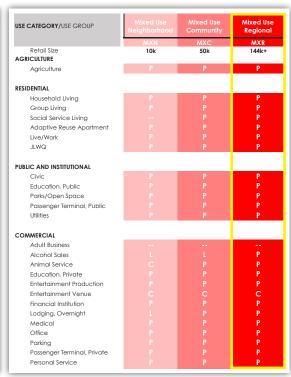
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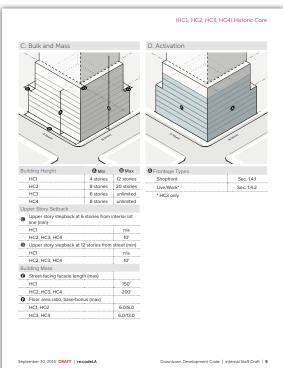
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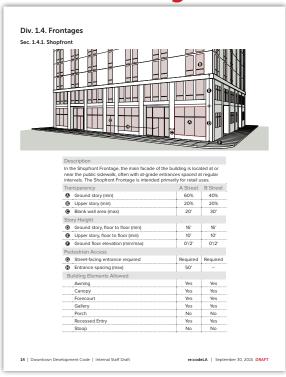
ZONE DISTRICT: HC4S-MXE

- » Historic Core Form District with Shopfront Frontage
- » Mixed Use Entertainment Use District

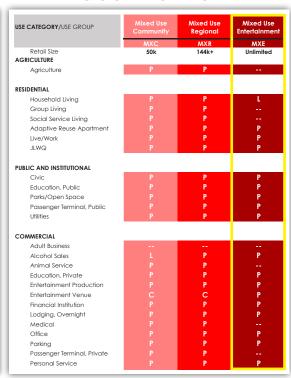
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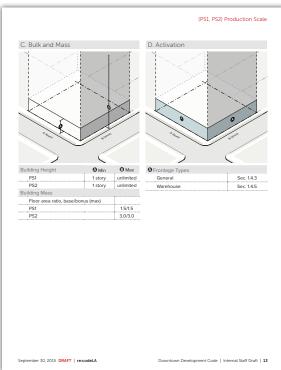
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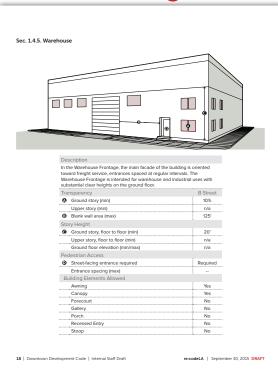
ZONE DISTRICT: PS2-II

- » Production Scale Form District with Warehouse Frontage
- » Light Industrial Use District

Form District



Frontage



Use District

USE CATEGORY/USE GROUP	Industrial Mixed Use 2	Wholesale	Industrial Ligh
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Retail Size			
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Agriculture	**		
RESIDENTIAL			
Household Living			
Group Living	С		
Social Service Living	С		
Adaptive Reuse Apartment			
Live/Work			
JLWQ	L		
PUBLIC AND INSTITUTIONAL			
Civic	P	P	
Education, Public	P	P	
Parks/Open Space	P	P	
Passenger Terminal, Public	P	P	
Utilities	P	P	
COMMERCIAL			
Adult Business			Р
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Animal Service			
Education, Private	С		
Entertainment Production	Р	P	P
Entertainment Venue			1.
Financial Institution	Р		
Lodging, Overnight	i i		
Medical			
Office	Р	Р	
Parking	P	P	Р
Passenger Terminal, Private			
Personal Service	Р		

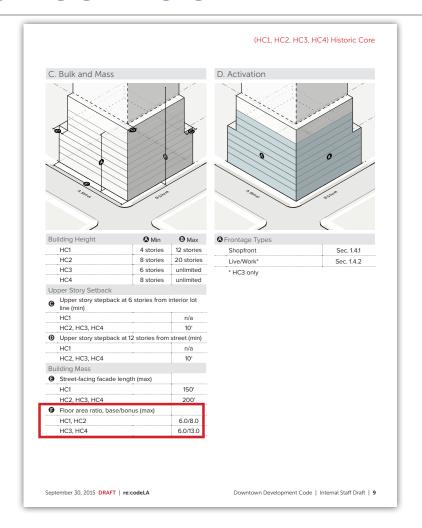
PROPOSED DOWNTOWN ZONES

- » 26 Form Districts
- » 20 Use Districts
- » 41 Zones = Total Downtown Combinations Envisioned Today (without Public Facilities zones)



FAQ: HOW DO I GET BONUS FLOOR AREA?

- » Public Benefits in Exchange for Additional Floor Area
- » Mechanics Under Discussion
- » Prioritize Affordable Housing (State law requirement)
- » Examples: Affordable Housing, Open Space, Historic Resources
- » Expect Modifications to TFAR
- » Option to Tailor by Location
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Du	ilding Height	A Min	B Max					
	HC1	4 stories	12 stories					
	HC2	8 stories	20 stories					
	HC3	6 stories	unlimited					
	HC4	8 stories	unlimited					
Up	per Story Setback							
•	Upper story stepback at 6 line (min)	stories from i	interior lot					
	HC1		n/a					
	HC2, HC3, HC4		10'					
O	Upper story stepback at 12	street (min)						
	HC1	n/a						
	HC2, HC3, HC4	10'						
Bu	ilding Mass							
(3	Street-facing facade lengtl							
	HC1	150'						
	HC2, HC3, HC4		200'					
Ø	Floor area ratio, base/boni	us (max)						
	HC1, HC2		6.0/8.0					
	HC3, HC4		6.0/13.0					
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FAQ: HOW DO PROJECTS GET APPROVED?

- » Below Site Plan Review Threshold:
 - » Administrative Sign-Off
 - » Building Permit Clearance
 - » Design Guidelines May Apply
- » Site Plan Review:
 - » Director's Determination
 - » Design Guidelines May Apply
- » Historic Preservation Review Continues to Apply
- » CEQA Continues to Apply
 - » Modification of CEQA Thresholds is NOT part of re:code LA

FAQ: HOW DO PROJECTS GET RELIEF?

» Adjustment

- » Allows Adjustments Specified in Zoning
- » Director's Decision (Appeal to Area Planning Commission)
- » No Public Hearing

» Alternative Compliance

- » Based on "Equivalent or Better" Concept -- Meet or Exceed Intent of Standard
- » Director's Decision (Appeal to Area Planning Commission)
- » No Public Hearing

» Variance:

- » Allows Partial or Complete Waiver of Standard Based on Hardship
- » Zoning Administrator Decision (Appeal to Area Planning Commission)
- » Public Hearing Required

NEXT STEPS

- » Downtown Community Plans
 - » Staff Meets with Public to Discuss Downtown Policy Issues
- » Code Studio Team/Code Studies
 - » Remaining Form Districts, Frontages
 - » Use Districts and Standards
 - » Development Standards
 - » Administration
- » re:code LA
 - » Regional Forums to Discuss Code Progress