

3.5. *Planned Development Districts.*

3.5-1. *Purpose:* The planned development district is a free-standing district designed to provide for the development of land as an integral unit for single or mixed uses in accordance with a plan that may vary from the established regulations of other zoning districts. It is the intent in such a district to insure compliance with good zoning practices while allowing certain desirable departures from the strict provisions of specific zoning classifications.

3.5-2. *Application:* An application for a planned development district shall be processed in accordance with this Chapter. A pre-planning conference is required between the applicant and the Planning Director prior to the actual filing of the application.

3.5-3. *Base District.* A base zoning district shall be specified. The regulations in the base zoning district shall control unless specifically stated otherwise in the PD.

3.5-4. *District plans and requirements:* There are two types of plans that may be used in the planned development process. The general purpose and use of each plan is described as follows:

- (a) *Concept plan.* This plan is intended to be used as the first step in the planned development process. It establishes the most general guidelines for the district by identifying the land use types, development standards, approximate road locations and project boundaries and illustrates the integration of these elements into a master plan for the whole district.
- (b) *Detail plan.* The detail plan is the final step of the planned development process. It contains the details of development for the property. For smaller tracts or where final development plans are otherwise known, the detail plan may be used to establish the district and be the only required step in the planned development process.

3.5-5. *Concept plan requirements:* Said concept plan shall include the following:

- (a) *Relation to the comprehensive plan.* A general statement setting forth how the proposed district will relate to the city's comprehensive plan and the degree to which it is or is not consistent with that plan and the proposed base zoning district.
- (b) *Acreage.* The total acreage within the proposed district.
- (c) *Survey.* An accurate survey of the boundaries of the district.
- (d) *Land uses.* Proposed general land uses and the acreage for each use, including open space. For residential development, the total number of units and the number of units per acre.
- (e) *General thoroughfare layout.* Proposed streets, as a minimum to arterial street level. (Showing collector and local streets is optional.)
- (f) *Development standards.* Development standards, if different from the base zoning district, for each proposed land use, as follows:
 - (1) Minimum lot area.
 - (2) Minimum lot width and depth.
 - (3) Minimum front, side, and rear building setback areas.
 - (4) Maximum height of buildings.
 - (5) Maximum building coverage.
 - (6) Maximum floor to area ratios for nonresidential uses.
 - (7) Minimum parking standards for each general land use.
 - (8) Other standards as deemed appropriate.
- (g) *Existing conditions.* On a scaled map sufficient to determine detail, the following shall be shown for the area within the proposed district.
 - (1) Topographic contours of ten feet or less.

- (2) Existing streets.
- (3) Existing 100-year floodplain, floodway and major drainage ways.
- (4) City limits and E.T.J. boundaries.
- (5) Zoning districts within and adjacent to the proposed district.
- (6) Land use.
- (7) Utilities, including water, wastewater and electric lines.

3.5-6. *Detail plan requirements:* The application for a planned development district shall include a detail plan consistent with the concept plan. Said detail plan shall include the following:

- (a) *Acreage.* The acreage in the plan as shown by a survey, certified by a registered surveyor.
- (b) *Land uses.* Permitted uses, specified in detail, and the acreage for each use.
- (c) *Off-site information.* Adjacent or surrounding land uses, zoning, streets, drainage facilities and other existing or proposed off-site improvements, as specified by the department, sufficient to demonstrate the relationship and compatibility of the district to the surrounding properties, uses, and facilities.
- (d) *Traffic and transportation.* The location and size of all streets, alleys, parking lots and parking spaces, loading areas or other areas to be used for vehicular traffic; the proposed access and connection to existing or proposed streets adjacent to the district; and the traffic generated by the proposed uses.
- (e) *Buildings.* The locations, maximum height, maximum floor area and minimum setbacks for all nonresidential buildings.
- (f) *Residential development.* The numbers, location, and dimensions of the lots, the minimum setbacks, the number of dwelling units, and number of units per acre (density).
- (g) *Water and drainage.* The location of all creeks, ponds, lakes, floodplains or other water retention or major drainage facilities and improvements.
- (h) *Utilities.* The location and route of all major sewer, water, or electrical lines and facilities necessary to serve the district.
- (i) *Open space.* The approximate location and size of greenbelt, open, common, or recreation areas, the proposed use of such areas, and whether they are to be for public or private use.
- (j) *Sidewalks and bike paths.* Sidewalks or other improved ways for pedestrian or bicycle use.
- (k) If multifamily or non-residential development, a landscape plan.

A detailed plan, with all of the information required of a concept plan, may be submitted in lieu of a concept plan.

3.5-7. *Phasing schedule:* PD districts larger than 350 acres shall provide a phasing schedule depicting the different construction phases.

3.5-8. *Approval of district:* The City Council may, after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission, approve by Ordinance the creation of a district based upon a concept plan or a detail plan. The approved plan shall be made part of the ordinance establishing the district. Upon approval said change shall be indicated on the zoning maps of the city.

The development standards and requirements including, but not limited to, maximum height, lot width, lot depth, floor area, lot area, setbacks and maximum off-street parking and loading requirements for uses proposed shall be established for each planned development district based upon the particular merits of the development design and layout. Such standards and requirements shall comply with or

be more restrictive than the standards established in the base zoning district for the specific type uses allowed in the district, except that modifications in these regulations may be granted if it shall be found that such modifications are in the public interest, are in harmony with the purposes of this Chapter and will not adversely affect nearby properties.

3.5-9. *Planning Commission approval of detail plan:* The Planning Commission is authorized to approve a detail plan or the amendment of a detail plan for property for which a concept plan has been approved by the City Council. If the City Council initially approved a detail plan in establishing the district, the detail plan may only be amended by the City Council. The approved detail plan shall be permanently filed in the Planning Department. The Planning Commission shall approve the detail plan if it finds that:

- (a) *Compliance.* The plan complies with the concept plan approved for that property and the standards and conditions of the PD district;
- (b) *Compatibility.* The plan provides for a compatible arrangement of buildings and land uses and would not adversely affect adjoining neighborhood or properties outside the plan; and
- (c) *Circulation of vehicular traffic.* The plan provides for the adequate and safe circulation of vehicular traffic.

If no detail plan has been approved for the property within ten years of the date of approval of a concept plan, the detail plan must be approved by the City Council, after receiving a recommendation from the Planning Commission, after notice and hearing.

3.5-10. *Expiration of detail plan:* A detail plan shall be valid for five years from the date of its approval. If a building permit has not been issued or construction begun on the detail plan within the five years, the detail plan shall automatically expire and no longer be valid. The Planning Commission may, prior to expiration of the detail plan, for good cause shown, extend for up to 24 months the time for which the detail plan is valid.

3.5-11. *Appeals from Planning Commission action:* If the Planning Commission disapproves a detail plan over which it has final approval authority, or imposes conditions, or refuses to grant an extension of time for which a detail plan is valid, the applicant may appeal the decision to the City Council by filing a written request with the Planning Director within ten days of the decision.

3.5-12. *Changes in detail plan:* Changes in the detail plan shall be considered the same as changes in the zoning ordinance and shall be processed as required in Section 2.3. Those changes which do not alter the basic relationship of the proposed development to adjacent property and which do not alter the uses permitted or increase the density, floor area ratio, height, or coverage of the site, or which do not decrease the off-street parking ratio or reduce the yards provided at the boundary of the site, as indicated on the approved detail plan, may be authorized by the Planning Director. Any applicant may appeal the decision of the Planning Director to the Planning Commission for review and decision as to whether an amendment to the Planned Development District ordinance shall be required.

3.5-13. *Minimum development size:* The total initial development of any Planned Development District shall not be less than two acres for nonresidential developments and five acres for residential developments.

3.5-14. *Deviation from code standards:* The City Council may approve a PD concept plan with deviations from any provision in the Code of Ordinances. Such deviations shall be listed or shown as part of the Ordinance that approves the concept plan.