WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission is charged, by the adopting resolution of the Zoning Resolution of Jefferson County, Alabama, with promoting the public health, safety, convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the County through zoning and subdivision regulations; and,

WHEREAS, in December of 2006, the County Commission directed the Planning & Zoning Commission, with the assistance of the Land Planning & Development Services Department, to begin the process of developing a new Comprehensive Plan for Jefferson County; and,

WHEREAS, in August of 2008, the County Commission endorsed the first installment of the new Comprehensive Plan as approved and adopted by the Planning & Zoning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, a major component of that Comprehensive Plan focuses on building healthier, livable, more self-sufficient mixed-use neighborhoods and communities rather than simply rezoning individual properties for single-purpose uses; and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan called for the adoption of new development regulations patterned after the SmartCode, created by Andres Duany and others, as being the best tool for achieving the goals and objectives of the Neighborhood and Community Planning element of the Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan itself was based on the principles set forth in the SmartCode, and adoption of a SmartCode constitutes the final step in the implementation of that Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Land Planning & Development Services Department has, through an extensive research and development effort, prepared a version of the SmartCode that is tailored specifically to meet the unique needs and issues of Jefferson County, Alabama; and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Planning & Zoning Commission, having duly held a public hearing regarding the proposed SmartCode Floating Overlay District, has recommended that the County Commission amend the Zoning Resolution of Jefferson County, Alabama, to include said District as an option that can be used in lieu of the standard zoning districts and regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Commission has also duly advertised and held a public hearing regarding the proposed SmartCode Floating Overlay District (as amended);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson County Commission that the SmartCode Floating Overlay District (as amended) is hereby adopted and enacted as an amendment to the Zoning Resolution of Jefferson County, Alabama, effective this day October 19, 2010.
JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

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1.1  AUTHORITY

1.1.1  The action of Jefferson County, Alabama in the adoption of this Code as an
overlay zone is authorized under: Act 344, General Acts of Alabama 1947;
Subdivisions 27 & 28 of the Appendix to the Code of Alabama 1958; and any
amendments thereto; and As Found in the Acts of Alabama.

1.1.2  This Code is adopted as one of the instruments of implementation of the public
goals and objectives of the adopted Comprehensive Plan of Jefferson County,
Alabama.  This Code is declared to be in accord with the County Comprehensive
Plan.

1.1.3  This Code was adopted to promote the health, safety and general welfare of
Jefferson County, Alabama and its citizens, including environmental
sustainability, conservation of land, energy and natural resources, reduction in
vehicular traffic congestion, more efficient use of public funds, health benefits
of a pedestrian environment, historic preservation, education and recreation,
reduction in sprawl development, and improvement of the built environment.

1.1.4  This Code was adopted and may be amended by vote of the Jefferson County
Commission following recommendation of the Jefferson County Planning and
Zoning Commission ("Planning and Zoning Commission").

1.2  APPLICABILITY

1.2.1  Provisions of this Code are activated by “shall” when required; “should” when
recommended; and “may” when optional.  In addition, the Planning & Zoning
Commission shall have the authority to require provisions which are herein
stated as recommended or optional per the Code as the Planning and Zoning
Commission deems necessary and appropriate.

1.2.2  The provisions of this Code, when in conflict, shall take precedence over those of
other codes, ordinances, regulations and standards except State and Federal
Laws or Permits, and the Local Health, Safety, Building and Fire, and Historic
Preservation Ordinances.

1.2.3  The existing Zoning Resolution of Jefferson County, Alabama and the
Subdivision and Construction Regulations of Jefferson County, Alabama (the
"Existing Local Codes") shall continue to be applicable to issues not covered by
this Code except where the Existing Local Codes would be in conflict with
Section 1.3 Intent.

1.2.4  Capitalized terms used throughout this Code may be defined in Article 7
Definitions of Terms. Article 7 contains regulatory language that is integral to this
Code. Those terms not defined in Article 7 shall be accorded their commonly
accepted meanings. In the event of conflicts between these definitions and those
of the Existing Local Codes, those of this Code shall take precedence.

1.2.5  The specifications of Article 6 Standards and Tables are an integral part of this
Code. However, the diagrams and illustrations that accompany them should be
considered guidelines, with the exception of those on Table 15 Form-Based Code Graphics, which are also legally binding.

1.2.6 Where in conflict, numerical specifications shall take precedence over graphic illustrations.

1.3 INTENT
The intent and purpose of this Code is to enable, encourage and qualify the implementation of the following policies:

1.3.1 THE REGION
a. That the region should retain its natural infrastructure and visual character derived from topography, woodlands, farmlands, and riparian corridors.
b. That growth strategies should encourage Infill and redevelopment in parity with New Communities.
c. That development contiguous to urban areas should be structured in the pattern of Infill Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) or Infill Regional Center Development (RCD) and be integrated with the existing urban pattern.
d. That development non-contiguous to urban areas should be organized in the pattern of Clustered Land Development (CLD), Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND), or Regional Center Development (RCD).
e. That Affordable Housing should be distributed throughout the region to match job opportunities and to avoid concentrations of poverty.
f. That transportation Corridors should be planned and reserved in coordination with land use.
g. That green corridors should be used to define and connect the urbanized areas.
h. That the region should include a framework of transit, pedestrian, and bicycle systems that provide alternatives to the automobile.

1.3.2 THE COMMUNITY
a. That neighborhoods and Regional Centers should be compact, pedestrian-oriented and Mixed Use.
b. That neighborhoods and Regional Centers should be the preferred pattern of development and that Districts specializing in a single use should be the exception.
c. That ordinary activities of daily living should occur within walking distance of most dwellings, allowing independence to those who do not drive.
d. That interconnected networks of Thoroughfares should be designed to disperse traffic and reduce the length of automobile trips.
e. That within neighborhoods, a range of housing types and price levels should be provided to accommodate diverse ages and incomes.
f. That appropriate building Densities and land uses should be provided within walking distance of transit stops.
g. That Civic, institutional, and Commercial activity should be embedded in
downtowns, not isolated in remote single-use complexes.
h. That schools should be sized and located to enable children to walk or bicycle to them.
i. That a range of Open Space including Parks, Squares, Greenways, and playgrounds should be distributed within neighborhoods and downtowns.

1.3.3 THE BLOCK AND THE BUILDING
a. That buildings and landscaping should contribute to the physical definition of Thoroughfares as Civic places.
b. That development should adequately accommodate automobiles while respecting the pedestrian and the spatial form of public areas.
c. That the design of streets and buildings should reinforce safe environments in harmony with accessibility.
d. That architecture and landscape design should grow from local climate, topography, history, and building practice.
e. That buildings should provide their inhabitants with a clear sense of geography and climate through energy and water efficient methods.
f. That Civic Buildings and public gathering places should be provided as locations that reinforce community identity and support self-government.
g. That Civic Buildings should be distinctive and appropriate to a role more important than the other buildings that constitute the fabric of the city.
h. That the preservation and renewal of historic buildings should be encouraged, to affirm the continuity and evolution of society.
i. That the harmonious and orderly evolution of urban areas should be secured through form-based codes.

1.3.4 THE TRANSECT
a. That Communities should provide meaningful choices in living arrangements as manifested by distinct physical environments.
b. That the Transect Zone descriptions on Table 1 shall constitute the Intent of this Code with regard to the general character of each of these environments.

1.4 PROCESS
1.4.1 The Jefferson County Department of Land Planning and Development Services shall include a Consolidated Review Committee ("CRC") comprised of the President of the Jefferson County Association of Fire Departments, a traffic engineer and a drainage engineer from the Department of Roads and Transportation, a representative from the Department of Environmental Services, a representative from Land Planning and Development Services Inspection Services Division, an engineer from Land Planning and Development Services Watershed Section, a landscape architect from Land Planning and Development Services, representatives from Land Planning and Development Services Planning Division, the chairman of the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Planning and Zoning Commission members who represent the district in which the Code is sought, to process administratively applications.
and plans for proposed projects. Representatives of other departments, agencies, authorities, boards or the community should be consulted as deemed appropriate by the CRC.

1.4.2 The geographic locations of the Growth Sectors and parallel Plansect Zones shall be determined by the Watershed-based Sector Plans as set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. The geographic locations of village designations shall be determined by the Watershed-based Sector Plans or plan amendments. The standards for Community Types and the standards for Transect Zones shall be determined as set forth in the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan, and Article 3, Article 4, and Article 5 of this Code through a process of public consultation with approval by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission. Once these determinations have been incorporated into this Code and its associated plans, then projects in a village designation which require no Exceptions or Warrants, or only Warrants, may be processed administratively without further recourse to public hearing.

1.4.3 An owner may appeal a decision of the CRC to the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission. Issues relating to engineering and construction requirements should be directed to the respective departments.

1.4.4 Should a violation of an approved Regulating Plan occur during construction, or should any construction, site work, or development be commenced without an approved Regulating Plan or Building Scale Plan, Jefferson County has the right to require the owner to stop, remove, and/or mitigate the violation. A Variance may be required to cover the violation before construction, site work, or development may be resumed.

1.4.5 Upon approval by the CRC, a New Community Plan or an Infill Plan shall, upon request in writing submitted to the CRC by the landowner or the landowner's agent, be placed on the next available agenda for subdivision plat approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

1.5 WARRANTS AND EXCEPTIONS

1.5.1 There shall be two types of deviation from the requirements of this Code: Warrants and Exceptions. Whether a deviation requires a Warrant or Exception shall be determined by the CRC.

1.5.2 A Warrant is a ruling that would permit a practice that is not consistent with a specific provision of this Code but is justified by the provisions of Section 1.3 Intent. The CRC shall have the authority to approve or disapprove administratively a request for a Warrant pursuant to regulations established by the CRC.

1.5.3 A Exception is any ruling on a deviation other than a Warrant. Exceptions permit a practice that is not consistent with a provision or the Intent Section 1.3, as determined by the CRC. Exceptions shall be granted only by the Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Commission.
1.5.4 The request for a Warrant disapproved by the CRC or an Exception shall not subject the entire application to public hearing, but only that portion necessary to rule on the specific issue requiring the relief.

1.5.5 The following standards and requirements shall not be available for Warrants or Exceptions:
   a. [Reserved]
   b. The required provision of Rear Alleys and Rear Lanes.
   c. The minimum Base Residential Densities. (See Table 14b.)
   d. The permission to build Accessory Dwellings.
   e. [Reserved]

1.6 SUCCESSION
1.6.1 [Reserved]

1.7 INCENTIVES
1.7.1 To encourage the use of this Code, the County Commission grants the following incentives, to the extent authorized by state law:
   a. Applications in village designations which meet the requirements of this Code may be processed administratively by the CRC rather than through public hearing.
   b. The County may increase Density by Exception in exchange for an easement or conveyance of property to the County or Land Trust, which will preserve land as a greenway, park, or open space as deemed appropriate by public hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
   c. The County shall maintain those Internal Thoroughfares that through-connect to adjacent sites.
   d. [Reserved for additional incentives.]

1.8 PRE-EXISTING AND POST-EMERGENCY CONDITIONS
1.8.1 [Reserved]
ARTICLE 2. REGIONAL SCALE PLANS

2.1 [Reserved]
3.1  INSTRUCTIONS

3.1.1 Within areas designated as village sites on an adopted Area or Watershed-based Sector Plan (“Sector Plan”), Article 3 (New Community Plans) is available as an Overlay by Right pursuant to the requirements set forth in this Code. Article 3 may be used in areas where there is not already an adopted village designation subject to public review and public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission to amend the Plan by establishing a new village site under the process set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission will make a determination on the plan amendment and may permit the usage of Article 3.

3.1.2 Prior to application for a plan amendment or preparation/submittal of development plans under the SmartCode, the land owner or designated agent of said proposal should meet with County staff to discuss the proposal and determine the appropriate manner of proceeding. Such procedure may include review by the Planning and Zoning Commission for determination as to whether a plan amendment is required. New Community Plans may contain more than one Community Unit and/or more than one Community Unit type.

3.1.3 Once the CRC or Planning and Zoning Commission approves a New Community Plan, the parcel shall become a Community Planning Area and shall be marked as such on the Zoning Map of Jefferson County. Within the Community Planning Area, this Code shall be the exclusive and mandatory zoning regulation, and its provisions shall be applied in their entirety.

3.1.4 New Community Plans submitted in accordance with the provisions of this Code, for the appropriate Growth Sector of a Watershed-based Sector Plan and requiring no Exceptions, may be approved administratively by the CRC.

3.1.5 New Community Plans may be prepared by a land owner or by the Department of Land Planning and Development Services.

3.1.6 New Community Plans shall include a Regulating Plan consisting of one or more maps showing the following for each Community Unit in the plan area, in compliance with the standards described in this Article:
   a. Transect Zones (as per Section 3.4 and Tables 1, 2, & 14, while accommodating the environmental requirements as specified in Section 3.7)
   b. Civic Zones (as per Section 3.5 and Tables 13 & 14)
   c. Thoroughfare network (as per Section 3.7 and Tables 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, 7 & 14)
   d. Special Districts, if any (as per Section 3.6)
   e. Special Requirements, if any (as per Section 3.9)
   f. Number of Warrants or Exceptions, if any (as per Section 1.5).

3.1.7 New Community Plans shall include one set of preliminary site plans for each Transect Zone, as provided by Table 15 and Section 5.1.3a.
3.2  SEQUENCE OF COMMUNITY DESIGN

3.2.1 The site shall be structured using one or several Pedestrian Sheds, which should
be located according to existing conditions, such as traffic intersections, adjacent
developments, and natural features. The site or any Community Unit within it
may be smaller or larger than its Pedestrian Shed.

3.2.2 The Pedestrian Sheds may be adjusted to include land falling between or outside
them, but the extent of each shall not exceed the acreage limit specified in
Section 3.3 for the applicable Community Unit type. An Adjusted Pedestrian
Shed becomes the boundary of a Community Unit.

3.2.3 Areas of Transect Zones (Section 3.4) shall be allocated within the boundaries of
each Community Unit as appropriate to its type. See Section 3.3 and Table 14a.

3.2.4 Civic Zones shall be assigned according to Section 3.5.

3.2.5 Special Districts, if any, shall be assigned according to Section 3.6.

3.2.6 The Thoroughfare network shall be laid out according to Section 3.8.

3.2.7 Density shall be calculated according to Section 3.9.

3.2.8 Remnants of the site outside the Adjusted Pedestrian Shed(s) shall be assigned
to Transect Zones or Civic Space by Warrant or Special District by Exception.

3.3  COMMUNITY UNIT TYPES (CLD, TND, RCD, TOD)

3.3.1 CLUSTERED LAND DEVELOPMENT (CLD)

a. A Clustered Land Development (CLD) may be permitted within areas
designated as village sites on an adopted Area or Sector plan. The developer
must provide sanitary sewer if not already available, or install a similar
community sewage disposal system.

b. A CLD should be structured by one Standard Pedestrian Shed and consist of
no fewer than 30 acres and no more than 80 acres. CLD’s less than 30 acres
may be permitted by Warrant.

c. A CLD shall include Transect Zones as allocated on Table 2 and Table 14a. A
minimum of 50% of the Community Unit (i.e., the CLD) shall be permanently
allocated to a T1 Natural Zone and/or T2 Rural Zone.

3.3.2 TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT (TND)

a. A Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) may be permitted within
areas designated as village sites on an adopted Area or Sector plan. The
developer must provide sanitary sewer if not already available, or install a
similar community sewage disposal system.

b. A TND shall be structured by one Standard or Linear Pedestrian Shed and
shall be no fewer than 80 acres and no more than 160 acres. See Article 4 for
Infill TND acreage requirements in the G-4 Infill Growth Sector.

c. A TND shall include Transect Zones as allocated on Table 2 and Table 14a.
d. Larger sites shall be designed and developed as multiple Communities, each subject to the individual Transect Zone requirements for its type as allocated on Table 2 and Table 14a. The simultaneous planning of adjacent parcels is encouraged. 

e. In the T-4 General Urban Zone, a minimum Residential mix of three Building Disposition types (none less than 20%) shall be required, selected from Table 9.

3.3.3 **REGIONAL CENTER DEVELOPMENT (RCD)**

a. [Reserved]

3.3.4 **TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD)**

a. Any TND or RCD on an existing or projected rail or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network may be redesignated in whole or in part as TOD and permitted the higher Density represented by the Effective Parking allowance in Section 5.9.2d.

b. The use of a TOD overlay requires approval by Exception.

3.4 **TRANSECT ZONES**

3.4.1 Transect Zones shall be assigned and mapped on each New Community Plan according to the percentages allocated on Tables 2 and 14a.

3.4.2 A Transect Zone may include any of the elements indicated for its T-zone number throughout this Code, in accordance with Intent described in the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and Table 1 of this Code, and the metric standards summarized in Table 14 of this Code.

3.5 **CIVIC ZONES**

3.5.1 **GENERAL**

a. Civic Zones dedicated for public use shall be required for each Community Unit and designated on the New Community Plan as Civic Space (CS) and Civic Building (CB).

b. Civic Space Zones are public sites permanently dedicated to Open Space.

c. Civic Building Zones are sites dedicated for buildings generally operated by not-for-profit organizations dedicated to culture, education, religion, government, transit and municipal parking, or for a use approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

d. A Civic Zone may be permitted by Warrant if it does not occupy more than 20% of a Pedestrian Shed; otherwise it is subject to the creation of a Special District. See Section 3.6.

e. Parking for Civic Zones shall be determined by Warrant. Civic parking lots may remain unpaved if graded, compacted and landscaped by Warrant.

3.5.2 **CIVIC ZONES SPECIFIC TO T1 & T2 ZONES**

a. Civic Buildings and Civic Spaces within T1 Natural and T2 Rural Zones shall be permitted only by Exception.

b. Parking for Civic Zones shall be determined by Warrant. Civic parking lots may remain unpaved if graded, compacted, and landscaped.
3.5.3 **Civic Space (CS) Specific to T3-T6 Zones**

a. Each Pedestrian Shed shall assign at least 5% of its Urbanized area to Civic Space.

b. Civic Spaces shall be designed as generally described in Table 13, approved by Warrant, and distributed throughout Transect Zones as described in Table 14e.

c. Those portions of the T1 Natural Zone that occur within a development parcel shall be part of the Civic Space allocation and should conform to the Civic Space types specified in Table 13a or 13b.

d. Each Pedestrian Shed shall contain at least one Main Civic Space. The Main Civic Space shall be within 800 feet of the geographic center of each Pedestrian Shed, unless topographic conditions, pre-existing Thoroughfare alignments or other circumstances prevent such location. A Main Civic Space shall conform to one of the types specified in Table 13b, 13c, or 13d.

e. Within 800 feet of every Lot in Residential use, a Civic Space designed and equipped as a playground should be provided. A playground shall conform to Table 13e.

f. Each Civic Space shall front a Thoroughfare and should have a minimum of 50% of its perimeter fronting a Thoroughfare, except for playgrounds.

g. Civic Spaces may be permitted within Special Districts by Warrant.

h. Parks may be permitted in Transect Zones T4, T5 and T6 by Warrant.

3.5.4 **Civic Buildings (CB) Specific to T3-T6 Zones**

a. The owner shall covenant to construct a Meeting Hall or a Third Place in proximity to the Main Civic Space of each Pedestrian Shed. Its corresponding Public Frontage shall be equipped with a shelter and bench for a transit stop.

b. One Civic Building Lot should be reserved for an elementary school. Its area shall be one (1) acre for each increment of 100 dwelling units provided by the Community Plan, with a minimum of three (3) acres. The school site may be within any Transect Zone. Any playing fields should be outside the Pedestrian Shed.

c. One Civic Building Lot suitable for a childcare building should be reserved within each Pedestrian Shed. The owner or a homeowners’ association or other community council may organize, fund and construct an appropriate building as the need arises.

d. Civic Building sites shall not occupy more than 20% of the area of each Pedestrian Shed.

e. Civic Building sites should be located within or adjacent to a Civic Space, or at the axial termination of a significant Thoroughfare.

f. Civic Buildings shall not be subject to the standards of Article 5. The particulars of their design shall be determined by Warrant.

g. Civic Buildings may be permitted within Special Districts by Warrant.

3.6 **SPECIAL DISTRICTS**
3.6.1 Special District designations shall be assigned to areas that, by their intrinsic size, Function, or Configuration, cannot conform to the requirements of any Transect Zone or combination of zones. Conditions of development for Special Districts shall be determined in public hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission and recorded on Table 16.

3.7 ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

3.7.1 GENERAL
a. Transect Zones manifest a range of natural and urban conditions. In case of conflict, the natural environment should have priority in the more rural zones (T1-T3) and the built environment should have priority in the more urban zones (T4-T6). All Transect Zones should utilize low impact development practices and green infrastructure practices to the maximum extent practical.
b. These standards shall apply to the encroachment and modification of areas, which include but are not limited to the conditions listed in the description of the O1-Preserved Open Space Sector and O2-Reserved Open Space Sector of the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan.
c. There shall be two classes of Streams: Class I Perennial and Class II Intermittent, each generating a Stream Buffer subject to a standard for crossing and protection of its riparian condition as specified below for each Transect Zone.
d. There shall be two classes of Wetlands: Class I Connected and Class II Isolated, each subject to a standard of restoration, retention, and mitigation as specified below for each Transect Zone.

3.7.2 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T1, T2
a. Within T1 Zones and T2 Zones, the encroachment and modification of natural conditions listed in Section 3.7.1 shall be limited according to applicable local, state and federal law.
b. The Stream Buffers for Class I Streams shall be a minimum of an average of 150 feet in width each side, and maintain a minimum setback of 120 feet at any point, respective of resources, site design and topography. Class II Streams shall be a minimum of an average of 100 feet in width each side and maintain a minimum setback of 80 feet at any point, respective of resources, site design and topography. Stream Buffers shall be maintained free of structures or other modifications to the natural landscape. Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings shall be permitted by Exception only.
c. Class I and Class II Wetlands shall be retained (and restored if in degraded condition). Additional Buffers shall be maintained at a minimum of 100 feet for Class I and II Wetlands. Wetland Buffers shall be maintained free from structures or other modifications to the natural landscape. Thoroughfare and
pedestrian crossings shall be permitted by Exception only.

3.7.3 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T1, T2**

a. Stormwater management along Thoroughfares shall be primarily through retention, detention, and percolation, channeled by low impact development practices and green infrastructure practices.

3.7.4 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T3**

a. Stormwater management along Thoroughfares should be primarily through retention, detention, and percolation, channeled by low impact development practices and green infrastructure practices.

b. Within T3 Zones, the continuity of the urbanized areas shall be subject to the precedence of the natural environmental conditions listed in Section 3.7.1. The alteration of such conditions shall be limited according to local, state and federal law.

c. The Stream Buffers for Class I and Class II Streams shall be a minimum of an average of 100 feet in width from each side, and maintain a minimum setback of 80 feet at any point, respective of resources, site design and topography. Stream Buffers shall be maintained free of structures or other modifications to the natural landscape. Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings shall be permitted by Warrant.

d. Class I and Class II Wetlands shall be retained (and restored if in degraded condition). Additional Buffers shall be maintained at a minimum of 50 feet for Class I and II Wetlands. Wetland Buffers shall be maintained free from structures or other modifications to the natural landscape. Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings shall be permitted only by Exception.

3.7.5 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T4**

a. Within T4 Zones, the continuity of the urbanized areas shall take precedence over the natural environmental conditions listed in Section 3.7.1. The alteration of such conditions should be mitigated off-site, and the determination for modification and mitigation shall be made by Warrant.

b. The Stream Buffers for Class I and Class II Streams shall be a minimum of an average of 50 feet in width each side, and maintain a minimum setback of 40 feet at any point, respective of resources, site design and topography. Stream Buffers and Streams of all Classes may be crossed by Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings as required by the thoroughfare network.

c. Class I and Class II Wetlands shall be retained and maintained free of structures or other modifications to the natural landscape [and restored if in degraded condition.] Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings may be permitted by Warrant.

3.7.6 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T5**

a. Within T5 Zones, the continuity of the urbanized areas shall take precedence over the natural environmental conditions listed in Section 3.7.1. The alteration of
such conditions should be mitigated off-site, and the determination for modification and mitigation shall be made by Warrant.
b. The Stream Buffers for Class I and Class II Streams shall be a minimum of 25 feet in width each side, with the exception that Stream Buffers and Streams of all Classes may be embanked and crossed by Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings as required by the Thoroughfare network.
c. Class I and Class II Wetlands may be modified if mitigated off-site at a two to one ratio. Thoroughfare and pedestrian crossings as required by the thoroughfare network shall be permitted by Right.

3.7.7 SPECIFIC TO ZONE T6
a. [Reserved]

3.7.8 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T4, T5
a. Stormwater management along Thoroughfares and Lots should be primarily through underground storm drainage channeled by raised curbs, and there may be no retention or detention required on the individual Lot. Additional runoff generated and water quality may be mitigated off-site, and the determination for modification and mitigation shall be made by Warrant.

3.8 THOROUGHFARE STANDARDS
3.8.1 GENERAL
a. Thoroughfares are intended for use by vehicular and pedestrian traffic and to provide access to Lots and Open Spaces.
b. Thoroughfares shall generally consist of vehicular lanes and Public Frontages.
c. Thoroughfares shall be designed in context with the urban form and desired design speed of the Transect Zones through which they pass. The Public Frontages of Thoroughfares that pass from one Transect Zone to another shall be adjusted accordingly or, alternatively, the Transect Zone may follow the alignment of the Thoroughfare to the depth of one Lot, retaining a single Public Frontage throughout its trajectory.
d. Within the most rural Zones (T1 and T2) pedestrian comfort shall be a secondary consideration of the Thoroughfare. Design conflict between vehicular and pedestrian generally shall be decided in favor of the vehicle. Within the more urban Transect Zones (T3 through T6) pedestrian comfort shall be a primary consideration of the Thoroughfare. Design conflict between vehicular and pedestrian movement generally shall be decided in favor of the pedestrian.
e. The Thoroughfare network should be designed to define Blocks not exceeding the size prescribed in Table 14c. The perimeter shall be measured as the sum of Lot Frontage Lines. Block perimeter at the edge of the development parcel shall be subject to approval by Warrant.
f. All Thoroughfares shall terminate at other Thoroughfares, forming a network. Internal Thoroughfares shall connect wherever possible to those on adjacent sites. Cul-de-sacs shall be subject to approval by Warrant to accommodate specific site conditions only.

g. Each Lot shall front a vehicular Thoroughfare, except that 20% of the Lots within each Transect Zone may front a Passage.

h. Thoroughfares along a designated Secondary-Grid may be exempted by Warrant from one or more of the specified Public Frontage or Private Frontage requirements. See Table 7.

i. Standards for Paths and Bicycle Trails shall be approved by Warrant.

j. The standards for Thoroughfares within Special Districts shall be determined by Exception.

3.8.2 VEHICULAR Lanes

a. Thoroughfares may include vehicular lanes in a variety of widths for parked and for moving vehicles, including bicycles. The standards for vehicular lanes shall be as shown in Table 3A.

b. A bicycle network consisting of Bicycle Trails, Bicycle Routes and Bicycle Lanes should be provided throughout as defined in Article 7 Definitions of Terms and allocated as specified in Table 14d. Bicycle Routes should be marked with Sharrows. The community bicycle network shall be connected to existing or proposed regional networks wherever possible.

3.8.3 PUBLIC FRONTAGES

a. GENERAL TO ALL ZONES T1, T2, T3, T4, T5

i. The Public Frontage contributes to the character of the Transect Zone, and includes the types of Sidewalk, Curb, planter, bicycle rack, and street trees.

ii. Public Frontages shall be designed as shown in Table 4A and Table 4B and allocated within Transect Zones as specified in Table 14d.

iii. Within the Public Frontages, the prescribed types of Public Planting and Public Lighting shall be as shown in Table 4A, Table 4B, Table 5 and Table 6. The spacing may be adjusted by Warrant to accommodate specific site conditions.

iv. Trees should be planted below the grade of the sidewalk and the street in structural cells with sufficient root space.

v. Rain gardens and Bioswales should be installed to infiltrate runoff from parking lots, Thoroughfares, Plazas and other impervious surfaces.

vi. Where vegetative solutions are not feasible, porous concrete or porous asphalt should be specified for Sidewalks, parking lots, and Plazas to infiltrate stormwater.

b. SPECIFIC TO ZONES T1, T2, T3

i. The Public Frontage shall include trees of various species, naturalistically clustered, as well as understory.
ii. The introduced landscape shall consist primarily of native species requiring minimal irrigation, fertilization and maintenance.

c. **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T3, T4**
   i. Native plant perennial landscapes should replace turf grass where possible and be very diverse. They should be placed lower than walkways, not mounded up.

d. **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T4, T5**
   i. The introduced landscape shall consist primarily of durable species tolerant of soil compaction.

**e. SPECIFIC TO ZONE T4**
   i. The Public Frontage shall include trees planted in a regularly-spaced Allee pattern of single or alternated species with shade canopies of a height that, at maturity, clears at least one Story.

**f. SPECIFIC TO ZONES T5**
   i. The Public Frontage shall include trees planted in a regularly-spaced Allee pattern of single species with shade canopies of a height that, at maturity, clears at least one Story. At Retail Frontages, the spacing of the trees may be irregular, to avoid visually obscuring the shopfronts.
   ii. Streets with a Right-of-Way width of 40 feet or less shall be exempt from the tree requirement.

### 3.9 DENSITY CALCULATIONS

3.9.1 All areas of the New Community Plan site that are not part of the O-1 Preserved Sector shall be considered cumulatively the Net Site Area. The Net Site Area shall be allocated to the various Transect Zones according to the parameters specified in Table 14a.

3.9.2 Density shall be expressed in terms of housing units per acre as specified for the area of each Transect Zone by Table 14b. For purposes of Density calculation, the Transect Zones include the Thoroughfares but not land assigned to Civic Zones. At least ten percent (10%) of housing units should be in the Affordable Housing Range.

3.9.3 Within the percentage range shown on Table 14b for Other Functions, the housing units specified on Table 14b shall be exchanged at the following rates:
   a. For Lodging: 2 bedrooms for each unit of Net Site Area Density.
   b. For Office or Retail: 1000 square feet for each unit of Net Site Area Density.
   c. The number of units exchanged shall be subject to approval by Warrant.

3.9.4 The housing and other Functions for each Transect Zone shall be subject to further adjustment at the building scale as limited by Table 10, Table 11 and Section 5.9.

### 3.10 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

3.10.1 A New Community Plan may designate any of the following Special Requirements:
a. A differentiation of the Thoroughfares as a Primary Grid (P-Grid) and a Secondary Grid (S-Grid). Buildings along the P-Grid shall be held to the highest standard of this Code in support of pedestrian activity. Buildings along the S-Grid may be more readily considered for Warrants allowing automobile-oriented standards. The Frontages assigned to the S-Grid shall not exceed 30% of the total length of Frontages within a Pedestrian Shed.

b. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Retail Frontage requiring or advising that a building provide a Shopfront at Sidewalk level along the entire length of its Private Frontage. The Shopfront shall be no less than 70% glazed in clear glass and shaded by an awning overlapping the Sidewalk as generally illustrated in Table 7 and specified in Article 5. The first floor shall be confined to Retail use through the depth of the Second Layer. (Table 17d)

c. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Gallery Frontage, requiring or advising that a building provide a permanent cover over the Sidewalk, either cantilevered or supported by columns. The Gallery Frontage designation may be combined with a Retail Frontage designation.

d. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Arcade Frontage, requiring or advising that a building overlap the Sidewalk such that the first floor Facade is a colonnade. The Arcade Frontage designation may be combined with a Retail Frontage designation.

e. A designation for Coordinated Frontage, requiring that the Public Frontage (Table 4A) and Private Frontage (Table 7) be coordinated as a single, coherent landscape and paving design.

f. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Terminated Vista locations, requiring or advising that the building be provided with architectural articulation of a type and character that responds visually to the location, as approved by the CRC.

g. A designation for Cross Block Passages, requiring that a minimum 8-foot-wide pedestrian access be reserved between buildings.

h. A designation for Buildings of Value, requiring that such buildings and structures may be altered or demolished only in accordance with Alabama Historical Commission and Jefferson County Historical Commission Standards and Protocols.
4.1 INSTRUCTIONS

4.1.1 Within the G-4 Infill Growth Sector of the Sector Plan, or other areas designated as Infill, the Department of Land Planning and Development Services may prepare, or have prepared on its behalf, Infill Regulating Plans to guide further development. Infill Regulating Plans shall be prepared in a process of public consultation subject to approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

4.1.2 Infill Regulating Plans shall regulate, at minimum, an area the size of the Pedestrian Shed commensurate with its Community Unit type as listed in Section 4.2. The Department of Land Planning and Development Services shall determine a Community Unit type based on existing conditions and intended evolution in the plan area.

4.1.3 Infill Regulating Plans shall consist of one or more maps showing the following:

a. The outline(s) of the Pedestrian Shed(s) and the boundaries of the Community Unit(s)

b. Transect Zones and any Civic Zones within each Pedestrian Shed, assigned according to an analysis of existing conditions and future needs

c. A Thoroughfare network, existing or planned (Table 3A, Table 3B, Table 4A, Table 4B, and Table 4C)

d. any Special Districts (Section 4.5)

e. any Special Requirements (Section 4.7)

f. a record of any Warrants or Exceptions.

4.1.4 Within any area subject to an approved Infill Regulating Plan, this Code becomes the exclusive and mandatory regulation. Property owners within the plan area may submit Building Scale Plans under Article 5 in accordance with the provisions of this Code. Building Scale Plans requiring no Exceptions shall be approved administratively by the CRC.

4.1.5 The owner of a parcel, or abutting parcels, who owns contiguous lots within an area subject to an Infill Regulating Plan may apply to prepare a Special Area Plan, if ownership consists of a minimum of 10 acres and a minimum of 10% of the total acreage of the Special Area Plan. In consultation with the Department of Land Planning and Development Services, a Special Area Plan may assign new Transect Zones, Civic Zones, Thoroughfares, Special Districts and/or Special Requirements as provided in this Code, with appropriate transitions to abutting areas. Special Area Plans may be approved by Warrant.

4.1.6 The owner of a parcel, or abutting parcels, consisting of 30 acres or more of contiguous lots, whether inside or outside an area already subject to an Infill Regulating Plan, may initiate the preparation of a New Community Plan. New Community Plans for the G-4 Sector, or other areas designated as Infill by Land Planning and Development Services, shall regulate, at minimum, an area the size of the Pedestrian Shed commensurate with its Community Unit type as listed in Section 4.2, even if it overlaps adjacent parcels. Both the site and plan
area shall connect and blend with surrounding urbanism.

4.2 COMMUNITY UNIT TYPES
4.2.1 Infill Regulating Plans shall encompass one or more of the following Community Unit types. The allocation percentages of Table 14a do not apply.

4.2.2 INFILL TND (TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT)
a. An Infill TND should be assigned to neighborhood areas that are predominantly residential with one or more Mixed Use Corridors or centers. An Infill TND shall be mapped as at least one complete Standard Pedestrian Shed, which may be adjusted as a Network Pedestrian Shed, oriented around one or more existing or planned Common Destinations.
b. The edges of an Infill TND should blend into adjacent neighborhoods and/or a downtown without buffers.
c. An Infill TND shall be developed consistent with the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan and developed in accordance with its designation as a Hamlet, Village, Urban Village, or Town.

4.2.3 INFILL RCD (REGIONAL CENTER DEVELOPMENT)
a. [Reserved]

4.2.4 INFILL TOD (TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT)
a. Any Infill TND on an existing or projected rail or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network may be redesignated in whole or in part as TOD and permitted the higher Density represented by the Effective Parking allowance in Section 5.9.2d.
b. The use of a TOD overlay shall be approved by Exception.

4.3 TRANSECT ZONES
4.3.1 Transect Zone standards for Infill Regulating Plans should be calibrated by means of a survey of exemplary existing and intended conditions, as identified in a process of public consultation and subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Specifications shall be recorded on Table 14 and Table 15.

4.3.2 A Transect Zone shall include elements indicated by Article 3, Article 5, and Article 6.

4.4 CIVIC ZONES
4.4.1 GENERAL
a. Infill Plans should designate Civic Space Zones (CS) and Civic Building Zones (CB).
b. A Civic Zone may be permitted by Warrant if it does not occupy more than 20% of a Pedestrian Shed, otherwise it is subject to the creation of a Special District. See Section 4.5.
c. Parking provisions for Civic Zones shall be determined by Warrant.

4.4.2 CIVIC SPACE ZONES (CS)
a. Civic Spaces shall be generally designed as described in Table 13, their type determined by the surrounding or adjacent Transect Zone in a process of public consultation subject to the approval of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

4.4.3 CIVIC BUILDING ZONES (CB)

a. Civic Buildings shall be permitted by Exception in any Transect Zone or by Warrant on Civic Zones reserved in the Infill Regulating Plan.
b. Civic Buildings shall not be subject to the Requirements of Article 5. The particulars of their design shall be determined by Warrant.

4.5 SPECIAL DISTRICTS

4.5.1 Areas that, by their intrinsic size, Function, or Configuration, cannot conform to the requirements of any Transect Zone or combination of zones shall be designated as Special Districts by the CRC in the process of preparing an Infill Plan. Conditions of development for Special Districts shall be determined in public hearing of the Legislative Body and recorded on Table 16.

4.6 PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

4.6.1 Existing buildings and appurtenances that do not conform to the provisions of this Code may continue in the same use and form until a Substantial Modification occurs or is requested, at which time the Consolidated Review Committee (CRC) shall determine the provisions of this Section that shall apply.

4.6.2 [Reserved]

4.6.3 The modification of existing buildings is permitted By Right if such changes result in greater conformance with the specifications of this Code.

4.6.4 Where buildings exist on adjacent Lots, the CRC may require that a proposed building match one or the other of the adjacent Setbacks and heights rather than the provisions of this Code.

4.6.5 Any addition to or modification of a Building of Value that has been designated as such by the Jefferson County Historical Commission or the Alabama Historical Commission, or to a building actually or potentially eligible for inclusion on a state, local or national historic register, shall be subject to approval by the CRC with consideration of the Alabama Historical Commission’s comments.

4.6.6 The restoration or rehabilitation of an existing building may not require the provision of (a) parking in addition to that existing or (b) on-site stormwater retention/detention in addition to that existing. Existing parking requirements that exceed those for this Code may be reduced as provided by Tables 10 and 11.

4.7 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

4.7.1 An Infill Community Plan may designate any of the following Special Requirements:
a. A differentiation of the Thoroughfares as a Primary Grid (P-Grid) and a Secondary Grid (S-Grid). Buildings along the P-Grid shall be held to the highest standard of this Code in support of pedestrian activity. Buildings along the S-Grid may be more readily considered for Warrants allowing automobile-oriented standards. The Frontages assigned to the S-Grid shall not exceed 30% of the total length of Frontages within a Pedestrian Shed.

b. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Retail Frontage requiring or advising that a building provide a Shopfront at Sidewalk level along the entire length of its Private Frontage. The Shopfront shall be no less than 70% glazed in clear glass and shaded by an awning overlapping the Sidewalk as generally illustrated in Table 7 and specified in Article 5. The first floor shall be confined to Retail use through the depth of the Second Layer. (Table 17d.)

c. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Gallery Frontage, requiring or advising that a building provide a permanent cover over the Sidewalk, either cantilevered or supported by columns. The Gallery Frontage designation may be combined with a Retail Frontage designation.

d. [Reserved]

e. A designation for Coordinated Frontage, requiring that the Public Frontage (Table 4A) and Private Frontage (Table 7) be coordinated as a single, coherent landscape and paving design.

f. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Terminated Vista locations, requiring or advising that the building be provided with architectural articulation of a type and character that responds visually to the location, as approved by the CRC.

g. A designation for Cross Block Passages, requiring that a minimum 8-foot-wide pedestrian access be reserved between buildings.

h. A designation for Buildings of Value, requiring that such buildings and structures may be altered or demolished only in accordance with the Alabama Historical Commission and Jefferson County Historical Commission Standards and Protocols.
5.1 INSTRUCTIONS
5.1.1 Lots and buildings located within a New Community Plan or Infill Community Plan governed by this Code and previously approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be subject to the requirements of this Article.
5.1.2 Owners and developers may have the design plans required under this Article prepared on their behalf. Such plans require administrative approval by the CRC.
5.1.3 Building and site plans submitted under this Article shall show the following, in compliance with the standards described in this Article:
   a. For preliminary site and building approval:
      • Building Disposition
      • Building Configuration
      • Building Function
      • Parking Location Standards
   b. For final approval, in addition to the above:
      • Landscape Standards
      • Signage Standards
      • Special Requirements, if any
      • Natural Drainage Standards
      • Architectural Standards
5.1.4 Special Districts that do not have provisions within this Code shall be governed by the standards of the pre-existing zoning.

5.2 PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS
5.2.1 Existing buildings and appurtenances that do not conform to the provisions of this Code may continue in use as they are until a Substantial Modification is requested, at which time the CRC shall determine the provisions of this section that shall apply.
5.2.2 [Reserved]
5.2.3 The modification of existing buildings is permitted By Right if such changes result in greater conformance with the benchmarks of this Code.
5.2.4 Where buildings exist on adjacent Lots, the CRC may require that a proposed building match one or the other of the adjacent Setbacks and heights rather than the provisions of this Code.
5.2.5 Any addition to or modification of a Building of Value that has been designated as such by the Alabama Historical Commission or the Jefferson County Historical Commission, or to a building actually or potentially eligible for inclusion on a state, local or national historic register, shall be subject to approval by the CRC with consideration of the Alabama Historical Commission’s comments.
5.2.6 The restoration or rehabilitation of an existing building shall not require the provision of (a) parking in addition to that existing nor (b) on-site stormwater retention/detention in addition to that existing. Existing parking requirements that
5.3 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

5.3.1 To the extent that a Regulating Plan for either a New Community Plan or an Infill Community Plan designates any of the following Special Requirements, standards shall be applied as follows:

a. A differentiation of the Thoroughfares as a Primary Grid (P-Grid) and a Secondary Grid (S-Grid). Buildings along the P-Grid shall be held to the highest standard of this Code in support of pedestrian activity. Buildings along the S-Grid may be more readily considered for Warrants allowing automobile-oriented standards. The Frontages assigned to the S-Grid shall not exceed 30% of the total length of Frontages within a Pedestrian Shed.

b. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Retail Frontage requiring or advising that a building provide a Shopfront at Sidewalk level along the entire length of its Private Frontage. The Shopfront shall be no less than 70% glazed in clear glass and shaded by an awning overlapping the Sidewalk as generally illustrated in Table 7 and specified in Article 5. The first floor shall be confined to Retail use through the depth of the Second Layer. (Table 17d.)

c. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Gallery Frontage, requiring or advising that a building provide a permanent cover over the Sidewalk, either cantilevered or supported by columns. The Gallery Frontage designation may be combined with a Retail Frontage designation.

d. [Reserved]

e. A designation for Coordinated Frontage, requiring that the Public Frontage (Table 4A) and Private Frontage (Table 7) be coordinated as a single, coherent landscape and paving design.

f. Designations for Mandatory and/or Recommended Terminated Vista locations, requiring or advising that the building be provided with architectural articulation of a type and character that responds visually to the location, as approved by the CRC.

g. A designation for Cross Block Passages, requiring that a minimum 8-foot-wide pedestrian access be reserved between buildings.

h. A designation for Buildings of Value, requiring that such buildings and structures may be altered or demolished only in accordance with the Alabama Historical Commission and Jefferson County Historical Commission Standards and Protocols.
5.4 CIVIC ZONES
5.4.1 GENERAL
   a. Civic Zones are designated on Community Plans as Civic Space (CS) or Civic Building (CB).
   b. Parking provisions for Civic Zones shall be determined by Warrant.

5.4.2 CIVIC SPACES (CS)
   a. Civic Spaces shall be generally designed as described in Table 13.

5.4.3 CIVIC BUILDINGS (CB)
   a. Civic Buildings shall not be subject to the requirements of this Article. The particulars of their design shall be determined by Warrant.

5.5 SPECIFIC TO T1 NATURAL ZONE
5.5.1 Buildings in the T1 Natural Zone are permitted only by Exception. Permission to build in T1 and the standards for Article 5 shall be determined concurrently as Exceptions, in public hearing of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

5.6 BUILDING DISPOSITION
5.6.1 SPECIFIC TO ZONE T2
   a. Building Disposition shall be determined by Warrant.

5.6.2 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T3, T4, T5
   a. Newly platted Lots shall be dimensioned according to Table 14f and Table 15.
   b. Building Disposition types shall be as shown in Table 9 and Table 14i.
   c. Buildings shall be disposed in relation to the boundaries of their Lots according to Table 14g, Table 14h, and Table 15.
   d. One Principal Building at the Frontage, and one Outbuilding to the rear of the Principal Building, may be built on each Lot as shown in Table 17c.
   e. Lot coverage by building shall not exceed that recorded in Table 14f and Table 15.
   f. Facades shall be built parallel to a rectilinear Principal Frontage Line or to the tangent of a curved Principal Frontage Line, and along a minimum percentage of the Frontage width at the Setback, as specified as Frontage Buildout on Table 14g and Table 15.
   g. Setbacks for Principal Buildings shall be as shown in Table 14g and Table 15. In the case of an Infill Lot, Setbacks shall match one of the existing adjacent Setbacks. Setbacks may otherwise be adjusted by Warrant.
   h. Rear Setbacks for Outbuildings shall be a minimum of 12 feet measured from the centerline of the Rear Alley or Rear Lane easement. In the absence of Rear Alley or Rear Lane, the rear Setback shall be as shown in Table 14h and Table 15.
   i. To accommodate slopes over ten percent, relief from front Setback requirements is available by Warrant.

5.7 BUILDING CONFIGURATION
5.7.1 **GENERAL TO ZONES T2, T3, T4, T5**

a. The Private Frontage of buildings shall conform to and be allocated in accordance with Table 7 and Table 14j.

b. Buildings on corner Lots shall have two Private Frontages as shown in Table 17. Prescriptions for the second and Third Layers pertain only to the Principal Frontage. Prescriptions for the First Layer pertain to both Frontages.

c. All Facades shall be glazed with clear glass no less than 30% of the first Story.

d. Building heights, Stepbacks, and Extension Lines shall conform to Table 8 and Table 14j.

e. Stories may not exceed 14 feet in height from finished floor to finished ceiling, except for a first floor Commercial Function, which shall be a minimum of 11 feet with a maximum of 25 feet. A single floor level exceeding 14 feet, or 25 feet at ground level, shall be counted as two (2) stories. Mezzanines extending beyond 33% of the floor area shall be counted as an additional Story.

f. In a Parking Structure or garage, each above-ground level counts as a single Story regardless of its relationship to habitable Stories.

g. Height limits do not apply to Attics or raised basements, masts, belfries, clock towers, chimney flues, water tanks, or elevator bulkheads. Attics shall not exceed 14 feet in height.

5.7.2 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3, T4, T5**

a. The habitable area of an Accessory Unit within a Principal Building or an Outbuilding shall not exceed 500 square feet, excluding the parking area.

5.7.3 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T3**

a. No portion of the Private Frontage may Encroach the Sidewalk.

b. Open porches may Encroach the First Layer 50% of its depth. (Table 17d)

c. Balconies and bay windows may Encroach the First Layer 25% of its depth except that balconies on porch roofs may Encroach as does the porch.

5.7.4 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T4**

a. Balconies, open porches and bay windows may Encroach the First Layer 50% of its depth. (Table 17d) Galleries may Encroach 80% of the First Layer for commercial uses.

5.7.5 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T5, T6**

a. Awnings may Encroach the Sidewalk to within 2 feet of the Curb but must clear the Sidewalk vertically by at least 8 feet.

b. Stoops, Lightwells, balconies, bay windows, and terraces may Encroach the First Layer 100% of its depth. (Table 17d)

c. Loading docks and service areas shall be permitted on Frontages only by Warrant.

d. In the absence of a building Facade along any part of a Frontage Line, a Streetscreen shall be built co-planar with the Facade.
e. Streetscreens should be between 3.5 and 8 feet in height. The Streetscreen may be replaced by a hedge or fence by Warrant. Streetscreens shall have openings no larger than necessary to allow automobile and pedestrian access.

f. A first level Residential or Lodging Function shall be raised a minimum of 2 feet from average Sidewalk grade.

5.8 BUILDING FUNCTION

5.8.1 GENERAL TO ZONES T2, T3, T4, T5

a. Buildings in each Transect Zone shall conform to the Functions on Table 10, Table 12 and Table 14. Functions that do not conform shall require approval by Warrant or Exception as specified on Table 12.

5.8.2 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3

a. Accessory Functions of Restricted Lodging or Restricted Office shall be permitted within an Accessory Building. See Table 10.

5.8.3 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T4, T5

a. Accessory Functions of Limited Lodging or Limited Office shall be permitted within an Accessory Building. See Table 10.

5.8.4 SPECIFIC TO ZONE T5

a. First Story Commercial Functions shall be permitted and shall be required at mandatory shop front frontages.

b. Manufacturing Functions within the first Story may be permitted by Exception.

5.9 PARKING AND DENSITY CALCULATIONS

5.9.1 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3

a. Buildable Density on a Lot shall be determined by the actual parking provided within the Lot as applied to the Functions permitted in Table 10 and Table 11.

5.9.2 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T4, T5

a. Buildable Density on a Lot shall be determined by the sum of the actual parking calculated as that provided (1) within the Lot (2) along the parking lane corresponding to the Lot Frontage, and (3) by purchase or lease from a Civic Parking Reserve within the Pedestrian Shed, if available.

b. The actual parking may be adjusted upward according to the Shared Parking Factor of Table 11 to determine the Effective Parking. The Shared Parking Factor is available for any two Functions within any pair of adjacent Blocks.

c. Based on the Effective Parking available, the Density of the projected Function may be determined according to Table 10.

d. Within the overlay area of a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) the Effective Parking may be further adjusted upward by 30%.

e. The total Density within each Transect Zone shall not exceed that specified by an approved Regulating Plan based on Article 3 or Article 4.

f. Accessory Units do not count toward Density calculations.
g. Liner Buildings less than 30 feet deep and no more than two Stories shall be exempt from parking requirements.

5.10 PARKING LOCATION STANDARDS

5.10.1 GENERAL TO ZONES T2, T3, T4, T5
a. Parking shall be accessed by Rear Alleys or Rear Lanes, when such are available on the Regulating Plan.
b. Open parking areas shall be masked from the Frontage by a Building or Streetscreen.
c. For buildings on Secondary-Grids, open parking areas may be allowed unmasked on the Frontage by Warrant, except for corner lots at intersections with the Primary-Grid.

5.10.2 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3
a. Open parking areas shall be located at the second and third Lot Layers, except that Driveways, drop-offs and unpaved parking areas may be located at the first Lot Layer. (Table 17d)
b. Garages shall be located at the Third Layer except that side- or rear-entry types may be allowed in the first or Second Layer by Warrant.

5.10.3 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T3, T4
a. Driveways at Frontages shall be no wider than 10 feet in the First Layer. (Table 3B.f)

5.10.4 SPECIFIC TO ZONE T4
a. All parking areas and garages shall be located at the second or Third Layer. (Table 17d)

5.10.5 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T5, T6
a. All parking lots, garages, and Parking Structures shall be located at the second or Third Layer. (Table 17d)
b. Vehicular entrances to parking lots, garages, and Parking Structures shall be no wider than 24 feet at the Frontage. (Table 3B.f)
c. Pedestrian exits from all parking lots, garages, and Parking Structures shall be directly to a Frontage Line (i.e., not directly into a building) except underground levels which may be exited by pedestrians directly into a building.
d. Parking Structures on the P-Grid shall have Liner Buildings lining the first and second Stories.
e. A minimum of one bicycle rack shall be provided within the Public or Private Frontage at a ratio of one bicycle parking space for every ten vehicular parking spaces.

5.11 LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

5.11.1 GENERAL TO ZONES T2, T3, T4, T5
a. Impermeable surface shall be confined to the ratio of Lot coverage specified in Table 14f.
5.11.2 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3, T4**
   a. The First Layer may not be paved, with the exception of Driveways as specified in Section 5.10.2 and Section 5.10.3. (Table 17d)

5.11.3 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T3**
   a. A minimum of two trees shall be planted within the First Layer for each 30 feet of Frontage Line or portion thereof. (Table 17d)
   b. Trees may be of single or multiple species as referenced in Table 6.
   c. Trees shall be naturally clustered.
   d. The landscape installed shall consist primarily of native species requiring minimal irrigation, fertilization, and maintenance.

5.11.4 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T4**
   a. A minimum of one tree shall be planted within the First Layer for each 30 feet of Frontage Line or portion thereof. (Table 17d)
   b. Trees shall be a single species to match the species of Street Trees on the Public Frontage, or as referenced in Table 6.
   c. Lawn shall be permitted By Right, and the species of landscape installed shall consist of durable species tolerant of soil compaction.

5.11.5 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T5**
   a. Trees shall not be required in the First Layer.
   b. The First Layer may be paved to match the pavement of the Public Frontage.
   c. The species of landscape installed shall consist of durable species tolerant of soil compaction.
   d. Trees shall be a species with shade canopies that, at maturity, remain clear of building frontages.

5.12 **SIGNAGE STANDARDS**

5.12.1 **GENERAL TO ZONES T2, T3, T4, T5**
   a. There shall be no signage permitted additional to that specified in this section.
   b. The address number, no more than 6 inches measured vertically, shall be attached to the building in proximity to the Principal Entrance and/or at a mailbox.

5.12.2 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3**
   a. Signage shall not be illuminated.

5.12.3 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T5**
   a. Signage shall be externally illuminated, except that signage within the Shopfront glazing may be neon lit.

5.12.4 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T2, T3, T4**
   a. One blade sign for each business may be permanently installed perpendicular to the Facade within the First Layer. Such a sign shall not exceed a total of 4 square feet and shall clear 8 feet above the Sidewalk.

5.12.5 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T5, T6**
a. Blade signs, not to exceed 6 square ft. for each separate business entrance, may be attached to and should be perpendicular to the Facade, and shall clear 8 feet above the Sidewalk.
b. A single external permanent sign band may be applied to the Facade of each building, providing that such sign not exceed 3 feet in height by any length.

5.13 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT standards

5.13.1 GENERAL TO ZONES T3, T4, T5
a. Impermeable surface by building shall be minimized and confined to the ratio of lot coverage by building shown on Table 14F.

5.13.2 SPECIFIC TO ZONE T3
a. The management of storm water shall be primarily through retention, detention and percolation on the individual lot or through low impact development and green infrastructure practices.

5.13.3 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T3, T4
a. Native plant perennial landscapes should replace turf grass wherever possible and be highly diverse. These should be placed lower than walkways, not mounded up.

5.13.4 SPECIFIC TO ZONES T4, T5
a. The management of storm water should be primarily off-site through underground storm drainage. There may be no retention or detention required on the individual Lot. Additional runoff generated and water quality shall be mitigated off-site, and the determination for modification and mitigation shall be made by Warrant.

5.14 For ARCHITECTURAL standards

5.14.1 GENERAL TO ALL ZONES
a. Building wall materials may be combined on each Façade only horizontally, with the heavier being below the lighter.
b. Streetscreens should be between 3.5 and 8 feet in height and constructed of a material matching the adjacent building Façade. The Streetscreen may be a hedge or fence by Warrant. Streetscreens shall have openings no larger than necessary to allow automobile and pedestrian access. In addition, all Streetscreens over 4 feet high should be 30% permeable or articulated.
c. All openings, including porches, galleries, arcades and windows, with the exception of storefronts, shall be square or vertical in proportion.
d. Openings above the first story shall not exceed 50% of the total building wall area, with each Façade being calculated independently.
e. The Facades on retail frontages shall be detailed as storefronts and glazed with clear glass no less than 70% of the sidewalk-level story.
f. Doors and windows that operate as sliders are prohibited along frontages.
g. Pitched roofs, if provided, shall be symmetrically sloped no less than 5:12, except that porches and attached sheds may be no less than 2:12.
h. Flat roofs shall be enclosed by parapets a minimum of 42 inches high, or as required to conceal mechanical equipment to the satisfaction of the CRC.

5.14.2 **SPECIFIC TO ZONES T3, T4**
   a. Buildings shall have sloped roofs.

5.14.3 **SPECIFIC TO ZONE T5**
   a. Buildings may have flat roofs enclosed by parapets or sloped roofs.
   b. Streetscreens shall be located coplanar with building Façade line as shown in Table 17e.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Transect Zone</th>
<th>General Character</th>
<th>Building Placement</th>
<th>Frontage Types</th>
<th>Typical Building Height</th>
<th>Type of Civic Space</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>T-1 NATURAL</strong></td>
<td>Natural landscape with some agricultural use</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>Parks, Greenways</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>T-2 RURAL</strong></td>
<td>Primarily agricultural with woodland &amp; wetland and scattered buildings</td>
<td>Variable Setbacks</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
<td>1- to 2-Story</td>
<td>Parks, Greenways</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>T-3 SUB-URBAN</strong></td>
<td>Lawns and landscaped yards surrounding detached single-family houses; pedestrians occasionally</td>
<td>Large and variable front and side yard Setbacks</td>
<td>Porches, fences, naturalistic tree planting</td>
<td>1- to 2-Story with some 3-Story</td>
<td>Parks, Greenways</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>T-4 GENERAL URBAN</strong></td>
<td>Mix of Houses, Townhouses and small Apartment buildings with scattered Commercial activity; balance between landscape and buildings; presence of pedestrians</td>
<td>Shallow to medium front and side yard Setbacks</td>
<td>Porches, fences, Dooryards</td>
<td>2- to 3-Story with a few taller Mixed Use buildings</td>
<td>Squares, Greens, Greenways</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>T-5 URBAN CENTER</strong></td>
<td>Shops mixed with Townhouses, larger Apartment houses, Offices, work place and Civic buildings; predominantly attached buildings; trees within the public right-of-way; substantial pedestrian activity</td>
<td>Shallow Setbacks or none; buildings oriented to street defining a street wall</td>
<td>Stoops, Shopfronts, Galleries</td>
<td>2- to 5-Story with some variation</td>
<td>Parks, Plazas, Squares, median landscaping, Greenways</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>T-6 URBAN CORE</strong></td>
<td>Medium to high-Density Mixed Use buildings, entertainment, Civic and cultural uses. Attached buildings forming a continuous street wall; trees within the public right-of-way; highest pedestrian and transit activity</td>
<td>Shallow Setbacks or none; buildings oriented toward the street, defining a street wall</td>
<td>Stoops, Dooryards, Forecourts, Shopfronts, Galleries and Arcades</td>
<td>4-plus Story with a few shorter buildings</td>
<td>Parks, Plazas and Squares; median landscaping</td>
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### TABLE 2: Sector/Community Allocation

Table 2 defines the geography including both natural and infrastructure elements, determining areas that are or are not suitable for development. Specific Community Types of various densities are allowable in specific Sectors. This table also allocates the proportions of Transect Zones within each Community Type.

#### Already Developed Areas
- Proximity to Major Thoroughfares and Transit
- Proximity to Thoroughfares
  - Medium Slopes
  - Woodlands

#### Floodplain
- Open Space to Be Acquired
- Corridors to Be Acquired
- Buffers to Be Acquired
- Legacy Woodland
- Legacy Farmland
- Legacy Viewsheds
- CLD Residual Open Space

#### Surface Waterbodies
- Protected Wetlands
- Protected Habitat
- Riparian Corridors
- Purchased Open Space
- Conserv. Easements
- Land Trust
- Transport. Corridors
- CLD Open Space

#### Table 2: Sector/Community Allocation

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<th>Sector</th>
<th>Community Type</th>
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(Primarily Open Space) (Primarily New Communities) (Successional Communities)
### TABLE 3A: Vehicular Lane Dimensions

This table assigns lane widths to Transect Zones. The Design ADT (Average Daily Traffic) is the determinant for each of these sections. The most typical assemblies are shown in Table 3B. Specific requirements for truck and transit bus routes and truck loading shall be decided by Warrant.

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<th>DESIGN SPEED</th>
<th>TRAVEL LANE WIDTH</th>
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- ■ BY RIGHT
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(See Table 17b)
### TABLE 3B: Vehicular Lane/Parking Assemblies

The projected design speeds determine the dimensions of the vehicular lanes and Turning Radii assembled for Thoroughfares.

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Parking Assemblies:
- **ONE WAY MOVEMENT**
- **TWO WAY MOVEMENT**
TABLE 4A: Public Frontages General. The Public Frontage is the area between the private Lot Line and the edge of the vehicular lanes. Dimensions are given in Table 4B.

<table>
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<th>PLAN</th>
<th>LOT</th>
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</table>
| (HW) For Highway: | This Frontage has open Swales drained by percolation, Bicycle Trails and no parking. The landscaping consists of the natural condition or multiple species arrayed in naturalistic clusters. Buildings are buffered by distance or berms.
| b.   |     |        |     |     |     |
| (RD) For Road: | This Frontage has open Swales drained by percolation and a walking Path or Bicycle Trail along one or both sides Yield parking. The landscaping consists of the multiple species arrayed in naturalistic clusters.
| c.   |     |        |     |     |     |
| (ST) For Street: | This Frontage has raised Curbs drained by inlets and Sidewalks separated from the vehicular lanes by individual or continuous Planters, with parking on one or both sides. The landscaping consists of street trees of a single or alternating species aligned in a regularly spaced Allee, with the exception that Streets with a right-of-way (R.O.W.) width of 40 feet or less are exempt from tree requirements.
| d.   |     |        |     |     |     |
| (DR) For Drive: | This Frontage has raised Curbs drained by inlets and a wide Sidewalk or paved path along one side, related to a Greenway or waterfront. It is separated from the vehicular lanes by individual or continuous Planters. The landscaping consists of street trees of a single species or alternating species aligned in a regularly spaced Allee.
| e.   |     |        |     |     |     |
| (AV) For Avenue: | This Frontage has raised Curbs drained by inlets and wide Sidewalks separated from the vehicular lanes by a narrow continuous Planter with parking on both sides. The landscaping consists of a single tree species aligned in a regularly spaced Allee.
| f.   |     |        |     |     |     |
| (CS) (AV) For Commercial Street or Avenue: | This Frontage has raised Curbs drained by inlets and very wide Sidewalks along both sides separated from the vehicular lanes by separate tree wells with grates and parking on both sides. The landscaping consists of a single tree species aligned with regular spacing where possible but clears the storefront entrances.
| g.   |     |        |     |     |     |
| (BV) For Boulevard: | This Frontage has slip Roads on both sides. It consists of raised Curbs drained by inlets and Sidewalks along both sides, separated from the vehicular lanes by Planters. The landscaping consists of double rows of a single tree species aligned in a regularly spaced Allee.
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**TABLE 4B: Public Frontages - Specific.** This table assembles prescriptions and dimensions for the Public Frontage elements - Curbs, walkways and Planters - relative to specific Thoroughfare types within Transect Zones. Table 4B-a assembles all of the elements for the various street types. Locally appropriate planting species should be filled in to the calibrated Code.

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**a. Assembly:** The principal variables are the type and dimension of Curbs, walkways, Planters and landscape.

**b. Curb:** The detailing of the edge of the vehicular pavement incorporating drainage.

**c. Walkway:** The hard surface dedicated exclusively to pedestrian activity.

**d. Planter:** The layer which accommodates street trees and other landscape materials.

**e. Landscape:** The recommended plant species. (See Table 6)

**f. Lighting:** The recommended Public Lighting. (See Table 5)
TABLE 4C: Thoroughfare Assemblies: These Thoroughfares are assembled from the elements that appear in Tables 3A and 3B and incorporate the Public Frontages of Table 4A. The key gives the Thoroughfare type followed by the right-of-way width, followed by the pavement width, and in some instances followed by specialized transportation capability.

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**THOROUGHFARE TYPES**

- Highway (HW)
- Boulevard (BV)
- Avenue (AV)
- Commercial Street (CS)
- Drive (DR)
- Street (ST)
- Road (RD)
- Rear Alley (RA)
- Rear Lane (RL)
- Bicycle Trail (BT)
- Bicycle Lane (BL)
- Bicycle Route (BR)
- Path (PT)
- Passage (PS)
- Transit Route (TR)

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**ST-50-26**

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TABLE 5: Public Lighting. Lighting varies in brightness and also in the character of the fixture according to the Transect. The table shows five common types. A listed set of streetlights corresponding to these types would be approved by the utility company and listed on the page.

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**TABLE 6: Public Planting.** This table shows five common types of street tree types and their appropriateness within the transect zones. This table may be calibrated further within a specific development and its associated plan submittal provided that it can be demonstrated that selected tree and vegetation types are not invasive and are compatible with Jefferson County's climate and environment.

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TABLE 7: Private Frontages. The Private Frontage is the areas between the building Facades and the Lot lines.

4. Common Yard: a planted Frontage wherein the Façade is set back substantially from the Frontage Line. The front yard created remains unfenced and is visually continuous with adjacent yards, supporting a common landscape. The deep Setback provides a buffer from the higher speed Thoroughfares.

b. Porch & Fence: a planted Frontage where the façade is set back from the Frontage Line with an attached porch permitted to Encroach. A fence at the Frontage Line maintains street spatial definition. Porches shall be no less than 8 feet deep.

c. Terrace or Lightwell: a frontage wherein the façade is setback back from the Frontage Line by an elevated terrace or sunken Lightwell. This type buffers Residential use from urban Sidewalks and removes the private yard from public encroachment. Terraces are suitable for conversion to outdoor cafes. Syn: Dooryard.

d. Forecourt: a Frontage wherein the Façade is close to the Frontage Line and the central portion is set back. The forecourt created is suitable for vehicular drop-offs. This type should be allocated in conjunction with other Frontage types. Large trees within the Forecourts may overhang the Sidewalks.

e. Stoop: a Frontage wherein the Façade is aligned close to the Frontage Line with the first Story elevated from the Sidewalk sufficiently to ensure privacy for the windows. The entrance is usually an exterior stair and landing. This type is recommended for ground-floor Residential use.

f. Shopfront: a Frontage wherein the façade is aligned close to the Frontage Line with the building entrance at Sidewalk grade. This type is conventional for Retail use. It has substantial glazing on the Sidewalk level and an awning that should overlap the Sidewalk to within 2 feet of the Curb. Syn: Retail Frontage.

g. Gallery: a Frontage wherein the façade is aligned with the Frontage Line with an attached cantilevered shed or lightweight colonnade overlapping the Sidewalk. This type is conventional for Retail use. The Gallery should be no less than 10 feet wide and should overlap the sidewalk to within 2 feet of the Curb.
TABLE 8: Building Configuration. This table shows the configurations for different building heights for each Transect Zone. It must be modified to show actual calibrated heights for local conditions. Recess Lines and Expression Lines shall occur on higher buildings as shown. N = maximum height as specified in Table 14k.
TABLE 9: Building Disposition. This table approximates the location of the structure relative to the boundaries of each individual Lot, establishing suitable basic building types for each Transect Zone.

**a. Edgeyard:** Specific Types - single-family House, Cottage, villa, Estate House, urban villa. A building that occupies the center of its Lot with Setbacks on all sides. This is the least urban of types as the front yard sets it back from the Frontage, while the side yards weaken the spatial definition of the public Thoroughfare space. The front yard is intended to be visually continuous with the yards of adjacent buildings. The rear yard can be secured for privacy by fences and a well placed Backbuilding and/or Outbuilding.

**b. Sideyard:** Specific Types - Charleston single-House, double house, zero-lot-line house, twin. A building that occupies one side of the Lot with the Setback to the other side. A shallow Frontage Setback defines a more urban condition. If the adjacent building is similar with a blank side wall, the yard can be quite private. This type permits systematic climatic orientation in response to the sun or the breeze. If a Sideyard House abuts a neighboring Sideyard House, the type is known as a Twin or double house. Energy costs, and sometimes noise, are reduced by sharing a party wall in this disposition.

**c. Rearyard:** Specific Types - Townhouse, Rowhouse, Live-work unit, loft building, Apartment House, Mixed use Block, Flex Building, perimeter Block. A building that occupies the full Frontage, leaving the rear of the Lot as the sole yard. This is a very urban type as the continuous Facade steadily defines the public Thoroughfare. The rear Elevations may be articulated for functional purposes. In its Residential form, this type is the Rowhouse. For its Commercial form, the rear yard can accommodate substantial parking.

**d. Courtyard:** Specific Types - patio House. A building that occupies the boundaries of its Lot while internally defining one or more private patios. This is the most urban of types, as it is able to shield the private realm from all sides while strongly defining the public Thoroughfare. Because of its ability to accommodate incompatible activities, masking them from all sides, it is recommended for workshops, Lodging and schools. The high security provided by the continuous enclosure is useful for crime-prone areas.

**e. Specialized:** A building that is not subject to categorization. Buildings dedicated to manufacturing and transportation are often distorted by the trajectories of machinery. Civic buildings, which may express the aspirations of institutions, may be included.
**TABLE 10: Building Function.** This table categorizes Building functions within Transect Zones. Parking requirements are correlated to functional intensity. For Specific Function and Use permitted By Right or by Warrant, see Table 12.

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<td>Restricted Residential: The number of dwellings on each Lot is restricted to one within a Principal Building and one within an Accessory Building, with 2 parking spaces for each. Both dwellings shall be under single ownership. The habitable area of the Accessory Unit shall not exceed 440 sf, excluding the parking area.</td>
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<td>Limited Residential: The number of dwellings on each Lot is limited by the requirement of 1.5 parking spaces for each dwelling, a ratio which may be reduced according to the shared parking standards (See Table 11).</td>
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<td>Open Residential: The number of dwellings on each Lot is limited by the requirement of 1.0 parking places for each dwelling, a ratio which may be reduced according to the shared parking standards (See Table 11).</td>
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**TABLE 11: Parking Calculations.** The Shared Parking Factor for two Functions, when divided into the sum of the two amounts as listed on the Required Parking table below, produces the Effective Parking needed for each site involved in sharing. Conversely, if the Sharing Factor is used as a multiplier, it indicates the amount of building allowed on each site given the parking available.

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TABLE 12: Specific Function and Use. This table expands the categories of Table 10 to delegate specific Functions and uses within Transect Zones. Table 12 should be customized for local character and requirements.

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<td><strong>a. Park:</strong> A natural preserve available for unstructured recreation. A park may be independent of surrounding building Frontages. Its landscape shall consist of Paths and trails, meadows, water bodies, woodland and open shelters, all naturalistically disposed. Parks may be lineal, following the trajectories of natural corridors. The minimum size shall be 8 acres. Larger parks may be approved by Warrant as Special Districts in all zones.</td>
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<td><strong>b. Green:</strong> An Open Space, available for unstructured recreation. A Green may be spatially defined by landscaping rather than building Frontages. Its landscape shall consist of lawn and trees, naturalistically disposed. The minimum size shall be 1/2 acre and the maximum shall be 8 acres.</td>
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<td><strong>d. Plaza:</strong> An Open Space available for Civic purposes and Commercial activities. A Plaza shall be spatially defined by building Frontages. Its landscape shall consist primarily of pavement. Trees are optional. Plazas should be located at the intersection of important streets. The minimum size shall be 1/2 acre and the maximum shall be 2 acres.</td>
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<td><strong>e. Playground:</strong> An Open Space designed and equipped for the recreation of children. A Playground should be fenced and may include an open shelter. Playgrounds shall be interspersed within Residential areas and may be placed within a Block. Playgrounds may be included within parks and greens. There shall be no minimum or maximum size.</td>
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### TABLE 14: SmartCode Summary

**Jefferson County, Alabama**

Note: All requirements in this Table are subject to calibration for local context.

#### a. ALLOCATION OF ZONES per Pedestrian Shed (applicable to Article 3 only)

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#### b. BASE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY (see Section 3.B)

- **By Right**
  - 1 unit / 20 ac. min.
  - 2 units / ac. Gross
  - 4 units / ac. Gross
  - 6 units / ac. Gross
  - 12 units / ac. Gross

- **By Exception**
  - by Variance
  - by Variance
  - 4 units / ac. Gross
  - 12 units / ac. Gross
  - 24 units / ac. Gross
  - 36 units / ac. Gross

#### c. BLOCK SIZE

- **Building Perimeter**
  - no maximum
  - no maximum
  - 0 ft. max.
  - 1,000 ft. max.
  - 600 ft. max.
  - 2,000 ft. max.

- **Thoroughfares** (See Table 3 and 4)
  - 7,500 ft. max. w. parking structures

#### d. CODE SPACES (See Table 9)

- **Permitted**
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted

- **Not Permitted**
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted

#### e. LOT OCCUPATION

- **Permitted**
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted

- **Not Permitted**
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted

#### f. SETBACKS - PRINCIPAL BUILDING (See Table 15)

- **Lot Width**
  - no maximum
  - no maximum
  - 1,000 ft. max.
  - 1,000 ft. max.
  - 1,000 ft. max.

- **Lot Coverage**
  - by Variance
  - by Variance
  - 10 - 30%
  - 20 - 40%
  - 40 - 80%

#### g. SETBACKS - OUTBUILDING (See Table 16)

- **Front Setback**
  - not applicable
  - not applicable
  - 20 ft. min.
  - 20 ft. min.
  - 20 ft. min.

- **Side Setback**
  - not applicable
  - not applicable
  - 2 ft. min.
  - 2 ft. min.
  - 2 ft. min.

- **Rear Setback**
  - not applicable
  - not applicable
  - 2 ft. min.
  - 2 ft. min.
  - 2 ft. min.

#### h. BUILDING DISPOSITION (See Table 8)

- **Permitted**
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted

- **Not Permitted**
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted

#### i. BUILDING CONFIGURATION (See Table 8)

- **Permitted**
  - 2 stories max.
  - 3 stories max.
  - 3 stories max.
  - 4 stories max.

- **Not Permitted**
  - not applicable
  - not applicable
  - not applicable
  - not applicable

#### j. BUILDING FUNCTION (See Table 10 and 12)

- **Permitted**
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted
  - permitted

- **Not Permitted**
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
  - not permitted
**TABLE 15A: Form-Based Code Graphics - T3**

**BUILDING CONFIGURATION**
1. Building height shall be measured in number of Stories, excluding Attics and raised basements.
2. Stories may not exceed 14 feet in height from finished floor to finished ceiling, except for a first floor commercial function which must be a minimum of 11 ft with a maximum of 25 ft.
3. Height shall be measured to the eave or roof deck as specified on Table 8.

**SETBACKS - PRINCIPAL BLDG.**
1. The Facades and Elevations of Principal Buildings shall be distanced from the Lot lines as shown.
2. Facades shall be built along the Principal Frontage to the minimum specified width in the table.

**SETBACKS - OUTBUILDING**
1. The Elevations of the Outbuilding shall be distanced from the Lot lines as shown.

**PARKING PLACEMENT**
1. Uncovered parking spaces may be provided within the second and third Layer as shown in the diagram (see Table 17d).
2. Covered parking shall be provided within the third Layer as shown in the diagram (see Table 17d). Side- or rear-entry garages may be allowed in the first or second Layer by Warrant.
3. Trash containers shall be stored within the third Layer.

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**TABLE 15A: Form-Based Code Graphics - T3**

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**BUILDING CONFIGURATION** (See Table 8)
- Principal Building: 2 stories max.
- Outbuilding: 2 stories max.

**LOT OCCUPATION** (See Table 14f)
- Lot Width: 72 ft. min. 120 ft. max.
- Lot Coverage: 60% max.

**BUILDING DISPOSITION** (See Table 9)
- Edgyard: permitted
- Sideyard: not permitted
- Rearyard: not permitted
- Courtyard: not permitted

**SETBACKS - PRINCIPAL BUILDING** (See Table 14g)
- (g.1) Front Setback Principal: 24 ft. min.
- (g.2) Front Setback Secondary: 12 ft. min.
- (g.3) Side Setback: 12 ft. min.
- (g.4) Rear Setback: 12 ft. min. *
- Frontage Buildout: 40% min. at setback

**SETBACKS - OUTBUILDING** (See Table 14h)
- (h.1) Front Setback Principal: 20 ft. min. + bldg. setback
- (h.2) Front Setback Secondary: 3 ft. min. or 6 ft. at corner
- (h.3) Side Setback: 3 ft. min.

**PRIVATE FRONTAGES** (See Table 7)
- Common Lawn: permitted
- Porch & Fence: permitted
- Terrace or Lightwell: not permitted
- Forecourt: not permitted
- Stoop: not permitted
- Shopfront & Awning: not permitted
- Gallery: not permitted
- Arcade: not permitted

Refer to Summary Table 14

**PARKING PROVISIONS**
(See Table 10 & 11)

* or 15 feet from center line of alley
*N* stands for any Stories above those shown, up to the maximum.

Refer to metrics for exact minimums and maximums.
### TABLE 15B: Form-Based Code Graphics - T4

#### BUILDING CONFIGURATION
1. Building height shall be measured in number of Stories, excluding Attics and raised basements.
2. Stories may not exceed 14 feet in height from finished floor to finished ceiling, except for a first floor Commercial function which must be a minimum of 11 ft with a maximum of 25 feet.
3. Height shall be measured to the eave or roof deck as specified on Table 8.

#### SETBACKS - PRINCIPAL BLDG.
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2. Facades shall be built along the Principal Frontage to the minimum specified width in the table.

#### SETBACKS - OUTBUILDING
1. The Elevations of the Outbuilding shall be distanced from the Lot lines as shown.

#### PARKING PLACEMENT
1. Uncovered parking spaces may be provided within the Third Layer as shown in the diagram (see Table 17d).
2. Covered parking shall be provided within the third Layer as shown in the diagram (see Table 17d).
3. Trash containers shall be stored within the third Layer.

### Table 15B: Form-Based Code Graphics - T4

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#### SETBACKS - PRIVATE FRONTAGES
1. Edgeway
2. Sideway
3. Rear Yard
4. Courtyard

#### SETBACKS - OUTBUILDING
1. Front Setback Principal
2. Front Setback Secondary
3. Side Setback
4. Rear Setback

#### PARKING PROVISIONS
1. Common Lawn
2. Porch & Fence
3. Terrace or Lightwell
4. Forecourt
5. Slope
6. Shopfront & Awning
7. Gallery
8. Arcade

#### Notes:
- * or 15 feet from center line of alley
- "N" stands for any Stories above those shown, up to the maximum.
- Refer to metrics for exact minimums and maximums.
TABLE 15C: Form-Based Code Graphics - T5

![Diagram of T5]

**BUILDING CONFIGURATION**
1. Building height shall be measured in number of Stories, excluding Attics and raised basements.
2. Stories may not exceed 14 feet in height from finished floor to finished ceiling, except for a first floor Commercial function which must be a minimum of 11 ft with a maximum of 25 feet.
3. Height shall be measured to the eave or roof deck as specified on Table 8.
4. Expression Lines shall be as shown on Table 8.

**SETBACKS - PRINCIPAL BLDG**
1. The Facades and Elevations of Principal Buildings shall be distanced from the Lot lines as shown.
2. Facades shall be built along the Principal Frontage to the minimum specified width in the table.

**SETBACKS - OUTBUILDING**
1. The Elevations of the Outbuilding shall be distanced from the Lot lines as shown.

**PARKING PLACEMENT**
1. Uncovered parking spaces may be provided within the third Layer as shown in the diagram (see Table 17d).
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3. Trash containers shall be stored within the third Layer.

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**PARKING PROVISIONS**
(See Table 10 & 11)

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### TABLE 15D: Form-Based Code Graphics - T6

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![Diagram of building configuration](image)
TABLE 16: Special District Standards.

The metrics for each column of this table (SD1, SD2, etc.) are to be filled in for each Special district as they currently exist, or as they are permitted. More pages can be added. Special Districts that do not have provisions within this code shall be governed by the standards of the pre-existing zoning.

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### a. THOROUGHFARE & FRONTAGES

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7.1 DEFINITIONS

This Article provides definitions for terms in this Code that are technical in nature or that otherwise may not reflect a common usage of the term. If a term is not defined in this Article, then the CRC shall determine the correct definition. Items in italics refer to Articles, Sections, or Tables in the SmartCode.

**Accessory Building**: an Outbuilding with an Accessory Unit.

**Accessory Unit**: an Apartment not greater than 440 square feet sharing ownership and utility connections with a Principal Building; it may or may not be within an Outbuilding. See Table 10 and Table 17. (Syn: ancillary unit)

**Adjusted Pedestrian Shed**: a Pedestrian Shed that has been adjusted according to Section 3.2, creating the regulatory boundary of a Community Unit.

**Affordable Housing**: rental or for-sale dwellings that are economically within the means of the starting salary of a local elementary school teacher.

**Allee**: a regularly spaced and aligned row of trees usually planted along a Thoroughfare or Path.

**Apartment**: a Residential unit sharing a building and a Lot with other units and/or uses; may be for rent, or for sale as a condominium.

**Arcade**: a Private Frontage conventional for Retail use wherein the Facade is a colonnade supporting habitable space that overlaps the Sidewalk, while the Facade at Sidewalk level remains at the Frontage Line.

**Area Plan**: future land use maps development and adopted between 1996 and 2006 as part of the Jefferson County Land Use Plan, based on planning areas defined by census lines.

**Attic**: the interior part of a building contained within a pitched roof structure.

**Avenue (AV)**: a Thoroughfare of high vehicular capacity and low to moderate speed, acting as a short distance connector between urban centers, and usually equipped with a landscaped median.

**BRT**: see Bus Rapid Transit.

**Backbuilding**: a single-Story structure connecting a Principal Building to an Outbuilding. See Table 17.

**Base Density**: the number of dwelling units per acre before adjustment for other Functions and/or TDR. See Density.

**Bed and Breakfast**: an owner-occupied Lodging type offering 1 to 5 bedrooms, permitted to serve breakfast in the mornings to guests.

**Bicycle Lane (BL)**: a dedicated lane for cycling within a moderate-speed vehicular Thoroughfare, demarcated by striping.

**Bicycle Route (BR)**: a Thoroughfare suitable for the shared use of bicycles and automobiles moving at low speeds.

**Bicycle Trail (BT)**: a bicycle way running independently of a vehicular Thoroughfare.

**Bioswale**: an extended Rain Garden that sometimes runs the length of the
block.

**Block**: the aggregate of private Lots, Passages, Rear Alleys and Rear Lanes, circumscribed by Thoroughfares.

**Block Face**: the aggregate of all the building Facades on one side of a Block.

**Boulevard** (BV): a Thoroughfare designed for high vehicular capacity and moderate speed, traversing an Urbanized area. Boulevards are usually equipped with Slip Roads buffering Sidewalks and buildings.

**Brownfield**: an area previously used primarily as an industrial site.

**Buffer**: A vegetated area, including trees, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation, that exists or is established to protect a stream system, lake, or reservoir. Alteration of this natural area is strictly limited.

**Bus Rapid Transit**: a rubber tire system with its own right-of-way or dedicated lane along at least 70% of its route, providing transit service that is faster than a regular bus.

**By Right**: characterizing a proposal or component of a proposal for a Community Plan or Building Scale Plan (Article 3, Article 4, or Article 5) that complies with the SmartCode and is permitted and processed administratively, without public hearing. See Warrant and Exception.

**CLD or Clustered Land Development**: a Community Unit type structured by a Standard Pedestrian Shed oriented toward a Common Destination such as a general store, Meeting Hall, schoolhouse, or church. CLD takes the form of a small settlement standing free in the countryside. See Table 2 and Table 14a. (Syn: Hamlet, Conservation Land Development, cluster)

**CRC**: Consolidated Review Committee.

**Civic**: the term defining not-for-profit organizations dedicated to arts, culture, education, recreation, government, transit, and municipal parking.

**Civic Building**: a building operated by not-for-profit organizations dedicated to arts, culture, education, recreation, government, transit, and municipal parking, or for use approved by the legislative body.

**Civic Parking Reserve**: Parking Structure or parking lot within a quarter-mile of the site that it serves. See Section 5.9.2.

**Civic Space**: an outdoor area dedicated for public use. Civic Space types are defined by the combination of certain physical constants including the relationships among their intended use, their size, their landscaping and their Enfronting buildings. See Table 13.

**Civic Zone**: designation for public sites dedicated for Civic Buildings and Civic Space.

**Commercial**: the term collectively defining workplace, Office, Retail, and Lodging Functions.

**Common Destination**: An area of focused community activity, usually defining the approximate center of a Pedestrian Shed. It may include without limitation one or more of the following: a Civic Space, a Civic Building, a Commercial
center, or a transit station, and may act as the social center of a neighborhood.

**Common Yard**: a planted Private Frontage wherein the Facade is set back from the Frontage line. It is visually continuous with adjacent yards. See Table 7.

**Community Unit**: a regulatory category defining the physical form, Density, and extent of a settlement. The three Community Unit types addressed in this Code are CLD, TND, and RCD. Variants of TND and RCD for Infill (Article 4) are called Infill TND and Infill RCD. The TOD Community Unit type may be created by an overlay on TND or RCD.

**Configuration**: the form of a building, based on its massing, Private Frontage, and height.

**Connected wetlands**: Wetlands connected hydrologically connected to flowing water.

**Consolidated Review Committee** (CRC): Usually part of the Planning Office, a CRC is comprised of a representative from each of the various regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over the permitting of a project, as well as a representative of the Development and Design Center. See Section 1.4.3.

**Corridor**: a lineal geographic system incorporating transportation and/or Greenway trajectories. A transportation Corridor may be a lineal Transect Zone.

**Cottage**: an Edgeyard building type. A single-family dwelling, on a regular Lot, often shared with an Accessory Building in the back yard.

**Courtyard Building**: a building that occupies the boundaries of its Lot while internally defining one or more private patios. See Table 9.

**Curb**: the edge of the vehicular pavement that may be raised or flush to a Swale. It usually incorporates the drainage system. See Table 4A and Table 4B.

**DDC**: Development and Design Center.

**Density**: the number of dwelling units within a standard measure of land area.

**Design Speed**: is the velocity at which a Thoroughfare tends to be driven without the constraints of signage or enforcement. There are four ranges of speed: Very Low: (below 20 MPH); Low: (20-25 MPH); Moderate: (25-35 MPH); High: (above 35 MPH). Lane width is determined by desired Design Speed. See Table 3A.

**Developable Areas**: lands other than those in the O-1 Preserved Open Sector.

**Development and Design Center** (DDC): A component of the Planning Office assigned to advise on the use of this Code and to aid in the design of the Communities and buildings based on it.

**Disposition**: the placement of a building on its Lot. See Table 9 and Table 17.

**Dooryard**: a Private Frontage type with a shallow Setback and front garden or patio, usually with a low wall at the Frontage Line. See Table 7. (Variant: Lightwell, light court.)

**Drive**: a Thoroughfare along the boundary between an Urbanized and a natural condition, usually along a waterfront, Park, or promontory. One side has the urban character of a Thoroughfare, with Sidewalk and building, while the other
has the qualities of a Road or parkway, with naturalistic planting and rural details.

**Driveway**: a vehicular lane within a Lot, often leading to a garage. See Section 5.10 and Table 3B-f.

**Edgeyard Building**: a building that occupies the center of its Lot with Setbacks on all sides. See Table 9.

**Effective Parking**: the amount of parking required for Mixed Use after adjustment by the Shared Parking Factor. See Table 11.

**Effective Turning Radius**: the measurement of the inside Turning Radius taking parked cars into account. See Table 17.

**Elevation**: an exterior wall of a building not along a Frontage Line. See Table 17. See: Facade.

**Encroach**: to break the plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit with a structural element, so that it extends into a Setback, into the Public Frontage, or above a height limit.

**Encroachment**: any structural element that breaks the plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit, extending into a Setback, into the Public Frontage, or above a height limit.

**Enfront**: to place an element along a Frontage, as in “porches Enfront the street.”

**Estate House**: an Edgeyard building type. A single-family dwelling on a very large Lot of rural character, often shared by one or more Accessory Buildings. (Syn: country house, villa)

**Exception**: a ruling that would permit a practice that is not consistent with either a specific provision or the Intent of this Code (Section 1.3). Exceptions are usually granted by the Board of Appeals in a public hearing. See Section 1.5.

**Expression Line**: a line prescribed at a certain level of a building for the major part of the width of a Facade, expressed by a variation in material or by a limited projection such as a molding or balcony. See Table 8. (Syn: transition line.)

**Extension Line**: a line prescribed at a certain level of a building for the major part of the width of a Facade, regulating the maximum height for an Encroachment by an Arcade Frontage. See Table 8.

**Facade**: the exterior wall of a building that is set along a Frontage Line. See Elevation.

**First Layer**: The area between the front property line and the required setback.

**Forecourt**: a Private Frontage wherein a portion of the Facade is close to the Frontage Line and the central portion is set back. See Table 7.

**Frontage**: the area between a building Facade and the vehicular lanes, inclusive of its built and planted components. Frontage is divided into Private Frontage and Public Frontage. See Table 4A and Table 7.

**Frontage Line**: a Lot line bordering a Public Frontage. Facades facing Frontage Lines define the public realm and are therefore more regulated than the
Elevations facing other Lot Lines. See Table 17.

Function: the use or uses accommodated by a building and its Lot, categorized as Restricted, Limited, or Open, according to the intensity of the use. See Table 10 and Table 12.

Gallery: a Private Frontage conventional for Retail use wherein the Facade is aligned close to the Frontage Line with an attached cantilevered shed or lightweight colonnade overlapping the Sidewalk. See Table 7.

Green: a Civic Space type for unstructured recreation, spatially defined by landscaping rather than building Frontages. See Table 13.

Green Roof: a building roof partially or completely covered with vegetation and soil, or a growing medium, over a waterproofing membrane. Green roofs may be categorized as Extensive, Semi-Intensive, or Intensive, depending on the depth of the planting medium and the amount of maintenance required. (Syn. Eco-roof, living roof, greenroof)

Greenfield: an area that consists of open or wooded land or farmland that has not been previously developed.

Greenway: an Open Space Corridor in largely natural conditions which may include trails for bicycles and pedestrians.

Greyfield: an area previously used primarily as a parking lot. Shopping centers and shopping malls are typical Greyfield sites. (Variant: Grayfield.)

Growth Sector: one of four Sectors where development is permitted By Right in the SmartCode, three for New Communities and one for Infill.

Hamlet: See CLD. (Syn: cluster, settlement.)

Highway: a rural and suburban Thoroughfare of high vehicular speed and capacity. This type is allocated to the more rural Transect Zones (T-1, T-2, and T-3).

Home Occupation: non-Retail Commercial enterprises. The work quarters should be invisible from the Frontage, located either within the house or in an Outbuilding. Permitted activities are defined by the Restricted Office category. See Table 10.

House: an Edgeyard building type, usually a single-family dwelling on a large Lot, often shared with an Accessory Building in the back yard. (Syn: single.)

Infill: noun - new development on land that had been previously developed, including most Greyfield and Brownfield sites and cleared land within Urbanized areas. verb- to develop such areas.

Infill RCD: a Community Unit type within an Urbanized, Greyfield, or Brownfield area based on a Long or Linear Pedestrian Shed and consisting of T-4, T-5, and/or T-6 Zones. An Infill RCD is permitted By Warrant in the G-4 Infill Growth Sector and is regulated by Article 4. See Section 4.2.3. (Var: downtown.)

Infill TND: a Community Unit type within an Urbanized, Greyfield, or Brownfield area based on a Standard Pedestrian Shed and consisting of T-3, T-4, and/or T-
5 Zones. An Infill TND is permitted By Warrant in the G-4 Infill Growth Sector and is regulated by Article 4. See Section 4.2.2. (Var: neighborhood.)

**Inn**: a Lodging type, owner-occupied, offering 6 to 12 bedrooms, permitted to serve breakfast in the mornings to guests. See Table 10.

**Intensive Green Roof**: a building roof with a planting medium between 8 inches and 4 feet. It can sustain elaborate plantings that include shrubs and trees. Intensive Green Roofs are heavy and usually installed over concrete roof decks. They require considerable maintenance. In addition to their role in carbon mitigation, they are used for recreation or aesthetics, being park or garden-like.

**Isolated wetlands**: Wetlands that are not connected to flowing water

**Layer**: a range of depth of a Lot within which certain elements are permitted. See Table 17.

**Lightwell**: A Private Frontage type that is a below-grade entrance or recess designed to allow light into basements. See Table 7. (Syn: light court.)

**Linear Pedestrian Shed**: A Pedestrian Shed that is elongated along an important Mixed Use Corridor such as a main street. A Linear Pedestrian Shed extends approximately 1/4 mile from each side of the Corridor for the length of its Mixed Use portion. The resulting area is shaped like a lozenge. It may be used to structure a TND, RCD, Infill TND, or Infill RCD. (Syn: elongated pedestrian shed.)

**Liner Building**: a building specifically designed to mask a parking lot or a Parking Structure from a Frontage.

**Live-Work**: a Mixed Use unit consisting of a Commercial and Residential Function. The Commercial Function may be anywhere in the unit. It is intended to be occupied by a business operator who lives in the same structure that contains the Commercial activity or industry. See Work-Live. (Syn.: flexhouse.)

**Lodging**: premises available for daily and weekly renting of bedrooms. See Table 10 and Table 12.

**Long Pedestrian Shed**: a Pedestrian Shed that is an average 1/2 mile radius or 2640 feet, used when a transit stop (bus or rail) is present or proposed as the Common Destination. A Long Pedestrian Shed represents approximately a ten-minute walk at a leisurely pace. It is applied to structure an RCD Community Unit type. See Pedestrian Shed.

**Lot**: a parcel of land accommodating a building or buildings of unified design. The size of a Lot is controlled by its width in order to determine the grain (i.e., fine grain or coarse grain) of the urban fabric.

**Lot Line**: the boundary that legally and geometrically demarcates a Lot.

**Lot Width**: the length of the Principal Frontage Line of a Lot.

**Main Civic Space**: the primary outdoor gathering place for a community. The Main Civic Space is often, but not always, associated with an important Civic Building.
**Manufacturing**: premises available for the creation, assemblage and/or repair of artifacts, using table-mounted electrical machinery or artisanal equipment, and including their Retail sale.

**Meeting Hall**: a building available for gatherings, including conferences, that accommodates at least one room equivalent to a minimum of 10 square feet per projected dwelling unit within the Pedestrian Shed in which it is located.

**Mixed Use**: multiple Functions within the same building through superimposition or adjacency, or in multiple buildings by adjacency, or at a proximity determined by Warrant.

**Net Site Area**: all developable land within a site including Thoroughfares but excluding land allocated as Civic Zones.

**Network Pedestrian Shed**: a Pedestrian Shed adjusted for average walk times along Thoroughfares. This type may be used to structure Infill Community Plans. See Table 17.

**Office**: premises available for the transaction of general business but excluding Retail, artisanal and Manufacturing uses. See Table 10.

**Open Space**: land intended to remain undeveloped; it may be for Civic Space.

**Outbuilding**: an Accessory Building, usually located toward the rear of the same Lot as a Principal Building, and sometimes connected to the Principal Building by a Backbuilding. See Table 17.

**P-Grid**: cumulatively, those Thoroughfares that by virtue of their pre-existing pedestrian-supportive qualities, or their future importance to pedestrian connectivity, are held to the highest standards prescribed by this Code. See S-Grid. (Syn: A-grid.)

**Park**: a Civic Space type that is a natural preserve available for unstructured recreation. See Table 13.

**Parking Structure**: a building containing one or more Stories of parking above grade.

**Passage** (PS): a pedestrian connector, open or roofed, that passes between buildings to provide shortcuts through long Blocks and connect rear parking areas to Frontages.

**Path** (PT): a pedestrian way traversing a Park or rural area, with landscape matching the contiguous Open Space, ideally connecting directly with the urban Sidewalk network.

**Pedestrian Shed**: An area that is centered on a Common Destination. Its size is related to average walking distances for the applicable Community Unit type. Pedestrian Sheds are applied to structure Communities. See Standard, Long, Linear or Network Pedestrian Shed. (Syn: walkshed, walkable catchment.)

**Planter**: the element of the Public Frontage which accommodates street trees, whether continuous or individual.

**Plaza**: a Civic Space type designed for Civic purposes and Commercial activities
in the more urban Transect Zones, generally paved and spatially defined by building Frontages.

**Principal Building**: the main building on a Lot, usually located toward the Frontage. See Table 17.

**Principal Entrance**: the main point of access for pedestrians into a building.

**Principal Frontage**: On corner Lots, the Private Frontage designated to bear the address and Principal Entrance to the building, and the measure of minimum Lot width. Prescriptions for the parking Layers pertain only to the Principal Frontage. Prescriptions for the First Layer pertain to both Frontages of a corner Lot. See Frontage.

**Private Frontage**: the privately held Layer between the Frontage Line and the Principal Building Facade. See Table 7 and Table 17.

**Public Frontage**: the area between the Curb of the vehicular lanes and the Frontage Line. See Table 4A and Table 4B.

**RCD**: see Regional Center Development.

**Rain Garden**: sunken garden using native plants and sometimes trees.

**Rear Alley (RA)**: a vehicular way located to the rear of Lots providing access to service areas, parking, and Outbuildings and containing utility easements. Rear Alleys should be paved from building face to building face, with drainage by inverted crown at the center or with roll Curb at the edges.

**Rear Lane (RL)**: a vehicular way located to the rear of Lots providing access to service areas, parking, and Outbuildings and containing utility easements. Rear Lanes may be paved lightly to Driveway standards. The streetscape consists of gravel or landscaped edges, has no raised Curb, and is drained by percolation.

**Rearyard Building**: a building that occupies the full Frontage Line, leaving the rear of the Lot as the sole yard. See Table 9. (Var: Rowhouse, Townhouse, Apartment House)

**Recess Line**: a line prescribed for the full width of a Facade, above which there is a Stepback of a minimum distance, such that the height to this line (not the overall building height) effectively defines the enclosure of the Enfronting public space. Var: Extension Line. See Table 8.

**Regional Center**: Regional Center Development or RCD.

**Regional Center Development (RCD)**: a Community Unit type structured by a Long Pedestrian Shed or Linear Pedestrian Shed, which may be adjoined without buffers by one or several Standard Pedestrian Sheds, each with the individual Transect Zone requirements of a TND. RCD takes the form of a high-Density Mixed Use center connected to other centers by transit. See Infill RCD, Table 2 and Table 14a. (Var: town center, downtown. Syn: Regional Center)

**Regulating Plan**: a Zoning Map or set of maps that shows the Transect Zones, Civic Zones, Special Districts if any, and Special Requirements if any, of areas subject to, or potentially subject to, regulation by the SmartCode.
Residential: characterizing premises available for long-term human dwelling.

Retail: characterizing premises available for the sale of merchandise and food service. See Table 10 and Table 12.

Retail Frontage: Frontage designated on a Regulating Plan that requires or recommends the provision of a Shopfront, encouraging the ground level to be available for Retail use. See Special Requirements.

Road (RD): a local, rural and suburban Thoroughfare of low-to-moderate vehicular speed and capacity. This type is allocated to the more rural Transect Zones (T1-T3). See Table 3A.

Rowhouse: a single-family dwelling that shares a party wall with another of the same type and occupies the full Frontage Line. See Rearyard Building. (Syn: Townhouse)

Rural Boundary Line: the extent of potential urban growth as determined by existing geographical determinants. The Rural Boundary Line is permanent.

S-Grid: cumulatively, those Thoroughfares that by virtue of their use, location, or absence of pre-existing pedestrian-supportive qualities, may meet a standard lower than that of the P-Grid. See P-Grid. (Syn: B-grid.)

Sector: a neutral term for a geographic area. In the SmartCode there are six specific Sectors for regional planning that establish the legal boundaries for Open Space and development.

Second Layer: 20 foot depth from the front Facade.

Secondary Frontage: on corner Lots, the Private Frontage that is not the Principal Frontage. As it affects the public realm, its First Layer is regulated. See Table 17.

Setback: the area of a Lot measured from the Lot line to a building Facade or Elevation that is maintained clear of permanent structures, with the exception of Encroachments listed in Section 5.7. See Table 14g. (Var: build-to-line.)

Shared Parking Factor: an accounting for parking spaces that are available to more than one Function. See Table 11.

Shopfront: a Private Frontage conventional for Retail use, with substantial glazing and an awning, wherein the Facade is aligned close to the Frontage Line with the building entrance at Sidewalk grade. See Table 7.

Sidewalk: the paved section of the Public Frontage dedicated exclusively to pedestrian activity.

Sideyard Building: a building that occupies one side of the Lot with a Setback on the other side. This type can be a Single or Twin depending on whether it abuts the neighboring house. See Table 9.

Slip Road: an outer vehicular lane or lanes of a Thoroughfare, designed for slow speeds while inner lanes carry higher speed traffic, and separated from them by a planted median. (Syn: access lane, service lane)

Specialized Building: a building that is not subject to Residential, Commercial,
or Lodging classification. See Table 9.

**Special District** (SD): an area that, by its intrinsic Function, Disposition, or Configuration, cannot or should not conform to one or more of the normative Community Unit types or Transect Zones specified by the SmartCode. Special Districts may be mapped and regulated at the regional scale or the community scale.

**Special Flood Hazard Area**: a designation by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that may include the V (Velocity) Zones and Coastal A Zones where building construction is forbidden, restricted, or contingent upon raising to the Base Flood Elevation.

**Special Requirements**: provisions of Section 3.10, Section 4.7, and Section 5.3 of this Code and/or the associated designations on a Regulating Plan or other map for those provisions.

**Square**: a Civic Space type designed for unstructured recreation and Civic purposes, spatially defined by building Frontages and consisting of Paths, lawns and trees, formally disposed. See Table 13.

**Standard Pedestrian Shed**: a Pedestrian Shed that is an average 1/4 mile radius or 1320 feet, about the distance of a five-minute walk at a leisurely pace. See Pedestrian Shed.

**Stepback**: a building Setback of a specified distance that occurs at a prescribed number of Stories above the ground. See Table 8.

**Stoop**: a Private Frontage wherein the Facade is aligned close to the Frontage Line with the first Story elevated from the Sidewalk for privacy, with an exterior stair and landing at the entrance. See Table 7.

**Story**: a habitable level within a building, excluding an Attic or raised basement. See Table 8.

**Streams**: Perennial and intermittent watercourses identified through site inspection and US Geological Survey (USGS) maps. Perennial streams are those depicted on a USGS map with a solid blue line. Intermittent streams are those depicted on a USGS map with a dotted blue line.

**Street** (ST): a local urban Thoroughfare of low speed and capacity. See Table 3B and Table 4B.

**Streetscreen**: a freestanding wall built along the Frontage Line, or coplanar with the Facade. It may mask a parking lot from the Thoroughfare, provide privacy to a side yard, and/or strengthen the spatial definition of the public realm. (Syn: streetwall.) See Section 5.7.5e.

**Substantial Modification**: alteration to a building that is valued at more than 50% of the replacement cost of the entire building, if new.

**Swale**: a low or slightly depressed natural area for drainage.

**T-zone**: Transect Zone.

**Terminated Vista**: a location at the axial conclusion of a Thoroughfare. A
building located at a Terminated Vista designated on a Regulating Plan is required or recommended to be designed in response to the axis.

**Third Layer**: that portion of the Lot that is not within the First and Second Layers.

**Thoroughfare**: a way for use by vehicular and pedestrian traffic and to provide access to Lots and Open Spaces, consisting of Vehicular Lanes and the Public Frontage. See Table 3A, Table 3B and Table 17a.

**TND**: Traditional Neighborhood Development, a Community Unit type structured by a Standard Pedestrian Shed oriented toward a Common Destination consisting of a Mixed Use center or Corridor, and in the form of a medium-sized settlement near a transportation route. See Table 2 and Table 14a. (Syn: village. Variant: Infill TND, neighborhood.)

**TOD**: Transit Oriented Development. TOD is created by an overlay on all or part of a TND or RCD, or by designation on a Regional Plan, permitting increased Density to support rail or Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) as set forth in Section 5.9.2d.

**Townhouse**: See Rearyard Building. (Syn: Rowhouse)

**Transect**: a cross-section of the environment showing a range of different habitats. The rural-urban Transect of the human environment used in the SmartCode template is divided into six Transect Zones. These zones describe the physical form and character of a place, according to the Density and intensity of its land use and Urbanism.

**Transect Zone** (T-zone): One of several areas on a Zoning Map regulated by the SmartCode. Transect Zones are administratively similar to the land use zones in conventional codes, except that in addition to the usual building use, Density, height, and Setback requirements, other elements of the intended habitat are integrated, including those of the private Lot and building and Public Frontage. See Table 1.

**Turning Radius**: the curved edge of a Thoroughfare at an intersection, measured at the inside edge of the vehicular tracking. The smaller the Turning Radius, the smaller the pedestrian crossing distance and the more slowly the vehicle is forced to make the turn. See Table 3B and Table 17.

**Urban Boundary Line**: the extent of potential urban growth as determined by the projected demographic needs of a region. The Urban Boundary Line may be adjusted from time to time.

**Urbanism**: collective term for the condition of a compact, Mixed Use settlement, including the physical form of its development and its environmental, functional, economic, and sociocultural aspects.

**Urbanized**: generally, developed. Specific to the SmartCode, developed at T-3 (Sub-Urban) Density or higher.

**Warrant**: a ruling that would permit a practice that is not consistent with a specific provision of this Code, but that is justified by its Intent (Section 1.3).
Warrants are usually granted administratively by the CRC. See Section 1.5.

**Watershed-based Sector Plans:** future land use maps developed and adopted since 2006 as part of the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan, based on planning areas defined by watershed boundaries.

**Work-Live:** a Mixed Use unit consisting of a Commercial and Residential Function. It typically has a substantial Commercial component that may accommodate employees and walk-in trade. The unit is intended to function predominantly as work space with incidental Residential accommodations that meet basic habitability requirements. See Live-Work. (Syn: Live-With.)

**Yield:** characterizing a Thoroughfare that has two-way traffic but only one effective travel lane because of parked cars, necessitating slow movement and driver negotiation. Also, characterizing parking on such a Thoroughfare.

**Zoning Map:** the official map or maps that are part of the zoning ordinance and delineate the boundaries of individual zones and districts. See *Regulating Plan*. 