Downtown Urban Design Plan



January 20, 2022







Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Downtown Urban Design Plan Implementation Phase 1 (Background and Meeting Purpose)
- 3. Current Zoning Districts compared to New Zoning Districts
- 4. Key Objectives & Benefits of Changes
- 5. Implementation Schedule
- 6. Questions & Discussion



Introductions

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Acknowledgements



PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – PHASE 1



Implementation Background

Background and Timeline

- The Downtown Urban Design Plan is designed to guide development and investment in Downtown Fayetteville over the coming years.
- July 2017: the City of Fayetteville was awarded a \$100,000 Revitalization and Economic Development Grant from the State of North Carolina's Legislature.
 - Consulting group led by Urban Design Associates hired to develop the Plan.
 - Series of community and stakeholder meetings are held.
- February 2020: City Council holds public hearing and officially adopts the Plan.
- December 2021: City Council directs Staff to start the implementation process.
- January 6, 2022: letters mailed to the owners of the 840+ properties in the Downtown area regarding tonight's meeting.
 - Notices were also posted through social media, websites and print media.



Meeting Purpose

Why We Are Here:

- Inform the public
- Discuss Downtown Rezoning
- What properties will be affected
- Solicit feedback

We Are Not Here To:

- To create a new Plan
- Downtown Historic District
- Social or political issues
- Downtown Fire District

What is ZONING?

Zoning is a method of urban planning in which a municipality divides land into zoning districts, each of which has a set of regulations for new development that differs from other zones within the city. **REZONING** is the action of changing the zoning district designation of an area or property.

Fayetteville first adopted zoning in 1961.



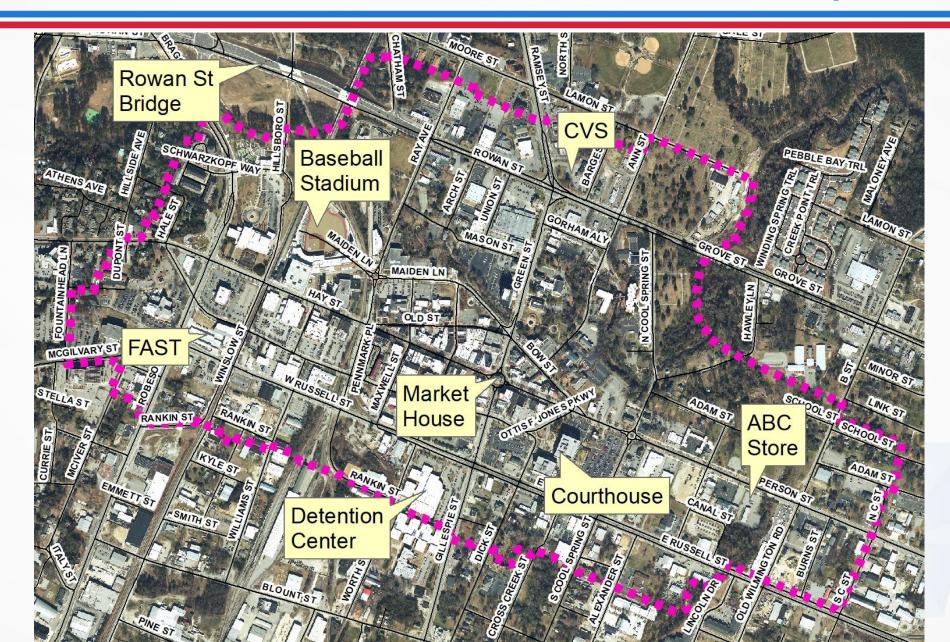
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CURRENT ZONING VERSUS NEW ZONING



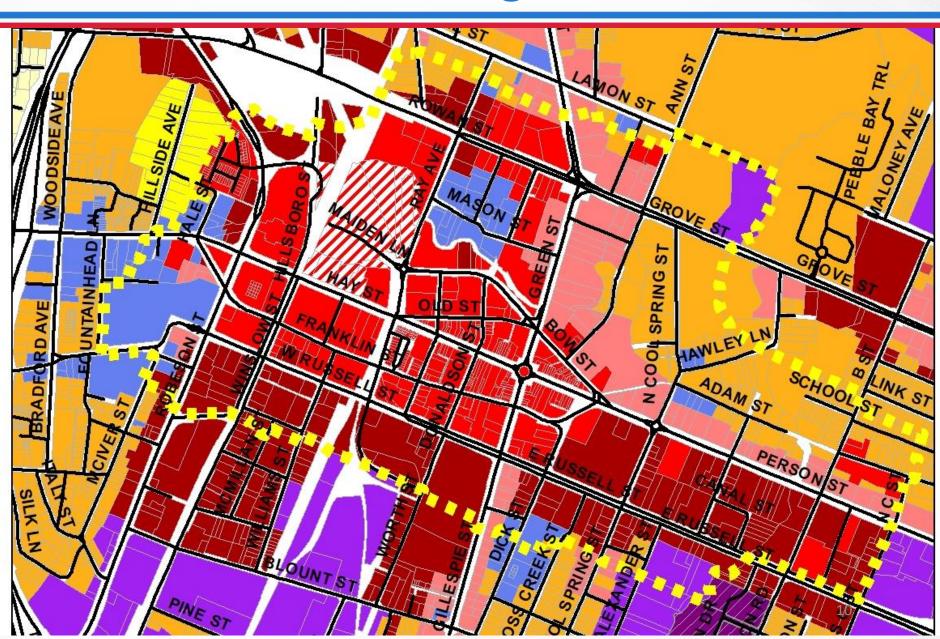
Aerial Location Map





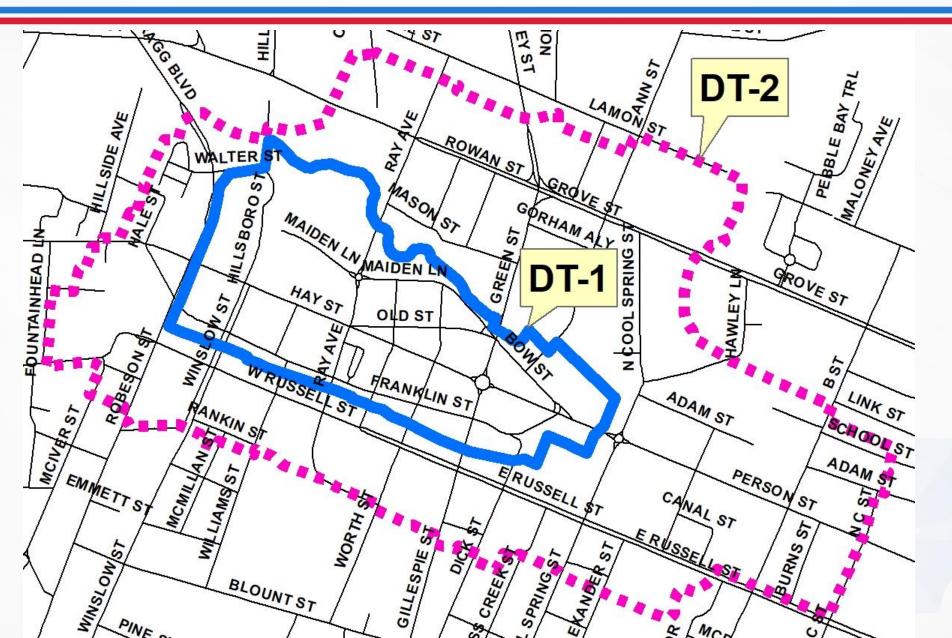
Current Zoning – 6 Districts

Legend Proposed - Downtown Streets Fay Zoning ZNTYPE CC - Community Commercial CD - Conservation District DT - Downtown DT/CZ - Conditional Downtown HI - Heavy Industrial LC - Limited Commercial LI - Light Industrial MR-5 - Mixed Residential 5 MU/CZ - Conditional Mixed-Use NC - Neighborhood Commercial OI - Office & Institutional OI/CZ - Conditional Office & Institutional SF-6 - Single-Family Residential 6 SF-10 - Single-Family Residential 10 County





FAYETTEVILLE: New Zoning – Two Districts (DT-1 & DT-2)





Use Table: Current vs. New Districts and Uses

How to Read the Use Table

- Current and New Zoning Districts across the top
- Land Uses (Principal) down left column

P = Permitted Use

S = Permitted w/ Special Use Permit

(SUP) approved by City Council

X = Not allowed

- Certain uses have additional "Use Specific Standards" – e.g.:
 - Permitted only on "vehicular streets" (Rowan/Grove, Ramsey)
 - Permitted only as an upper-story use

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		Current						New		
Land Use	(Principal)	MR-5	OI	NC	LC	CC	HI	DT	DT1	DT2
COMMERCIAL USES										
Adult entert	tainment (sexually-									
oriented bu	siness)	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Р	X	Х	Х
Animal groo	oming	X	X	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	P
Animal shelter		X	X	Χ	X	S	Р	X	Х	S
Kennel, indo	oor	X	S	S	S	Р	X	S	Х	P
Kennel, out	door	X	X	Χ	S	S	X	X	Х	Х
Veterinary of	clinic	X	Р	S	Р	Р	X	S	Р	P
Business ser	rvices / conference ctr	X	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	Р
Dinner thea	ter	X	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	P
Food truck	court	X	X	S	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Speciality ea	ating establishment	S	X	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	P
Restaurant		S	S	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	Р
Restaurant	w drive thru	X	X	X	Р	Р	X	X	Х	P*
Corporate h	neadquarters	X	X	Χ	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Sales, financial, professional svc		X	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	P	P
TV / radio b	roadcasting	X	Р	X	S	Р	X	Р	Р	Р
Sales (includ	ding real estate)	X	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	P
Parking lot (as principal use)	X	Р	S	Р	Р	X	Р	Х	Х
Parking stru	cture	X	S	S	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	P
Commercia	l recreation, indoor	X	X	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	Р
Theather		X	X	Р	Р	Р	X	Р	Р	Р
Arena, amp	hitheater, stadium	X	X	X	S	Р	X	Р	Р	Р
Golf course	, private	S	Р	X	S	Р	X	X	Х	X
Athletic field	d and clubhouse	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	X	Х	Р
Swimming p	ool, private or nonprofit	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	X	Х	P
Tennis court		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	X	X	Х	Р
Other comn	n. recreation, outdoor									
(mini-golf, drive-in theater, etc.)		S	Р	S	S	Р	Р	Р	S	P



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KEY OBJECTIVES & BENEFITS



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- 1. Allow for greater flexibility in how parcels are developed
- 2. Simplify/streamline the development process
- 3. Foster walkability in an expanded Downtown



1. Greater Flexibility

1. Reduce parking requirements

Commercial uses not required to provide off-street parking

2. Allow greater lot coverage

- More space can be committed to active uses, instead of requiring large amounts of space between buildings or for setbacks
- Allowable lot coverage (building footprint) under current zoning: 45-65%
- Allowable lot coverage (building footprint) under DT2: 75%
 - DT1 = 100% (unchanged)

3. Allow increased building height

- Max height under current zoning: 35-90 feet (90 in HI only)
- Max height under DT2: 75 feet, can be increased to 130 feet for buildings with street-level restaurants or retail
 - DT1 = **90 feet, can be increased to 150 feet** for buildings with street-level restaurants or retail (unchanged)



1. Allow more uses across the board in the Downtown

- Reduces the need to rezone or obtain a special use permit
- Examples:
 - Establishments with drive-through services (e.g., restaurants, banks, convenience stores) permitted in DT2 on arterial, vehicular streets
 - Warehousing and light manufacturing (assembly) permitted on upper floors
- Sexually-oriented businesses not permitted

2. Create more uniform zoning pattern

- Existing "Downtown" zoning is sporadic with satellites
- Surrounding area currently includes five different zoning districts, which would all be rezoned into a single district: Downtown Tier 2
 - Current zoning districts: MR-5, OI, NC, LC, CC, HI
 - New zoning district: DT2
- Permitted uses would no longer change from block to block



- 1. Prioritize the pedestrian experience and support Downtown as complete neighborhood
 - Auto-oriented uses allowed on vehicular streets only (Rowan/Grove, Ramsey Streets)
 - Gas stations, drive-through services
 - Complete neighborhood increased housing options and commercial services available
 - Tie in the blocks that surround Hay Street into a cohesive area
- 2. Encourage "human-scale" development
 - Greater lot coverage allows for more compact development
 - More activities in a shorter walking distance
- 3. Increased safety
 - More activities and people = more eyes on the street (natural surveillance)



Phase 1 - Implementation Schedule

- Community Meeting (Tonight)
- Planning Commission holds Public Hearing on Text Amendments March 22
 - Reviews and makes recommendations on text changes (permitted uses, standards, etc.) in the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO)
- Zoning Commission holds Public Hearing on Map Amendments April 12
 - Reviews and makes recommendations on map changes (how parcels or areas are zoned; boundaries of zoning districts) on the official Zoning Map
- City Council holds Public Hearing on Text and Map Amendments May 23
 - Final authority to adopt text and map changes in the Unified Development Ordinance and Official Zoning Map



Thank You!

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