

**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM**

DEPARTMENT: City Development Department, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: October 9, 2012
Public Hearing: October 30, 2012

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All Districts

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending Title 21 (SmartCode), Chapter 21.40 (Infill Community Plans), Section 21.40.020 (Infill Community Types), Section 21.40.070 (Special Requirements), and Chapter 21.80 (Tables), Section 21.80.240 (Table 16 Special District Standards) of the El Paso City Code, to clarify the SmartCode provisions, to calibrate the SmartCode to the local character of the place and local conditions for infill development, and to revise the Special District Standards Table; the penalty is as provided for in Chapter 21.60 of the El Paso City Code. (All Districts)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

See attached report.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

City Plan Commission (CPC) – Recommendation pending

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Mathew S. McElroy
Director, City Development Department



APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 21 (SMARTCODE), CHAPTER 21.40 (INFILL COMMUNITY PLANS), SECTION 21.40.020 (INFILL COMMUNITY TYPES), SECTION 21.40.070 (SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS), AND CHAPTER 21.80 (TABLES), SECTION 21.80.240 (TABLE 16 SPECIAL DISTRICT STANDARDS) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE, TO CLARIFY THE SMARTCODE PROVISIONS, TO CALIBRATE THE SMARTCODE TO THE LOCAL CHARACTER OF THE PLACE AND LOCAL CONDITIONS FOR INFILL DEVELOPMENT, AND TO REVISE THE SPECIAL DISTRICT STANDARDS TABLE; THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTER 21.60 OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Paso, by Ordinance 016945, approved on June 29, 2008, adopted Title 21 (SmartCode), and added Title 21 to the El Paso City Code; and

WHEREAS, Title 21 of the El Paso City Code was adopted to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council, having considered the recommendations and held a public hearing at which the public was allowed to comment on the proposed ordinance amendments, finds that the amendments will further protect and provide for the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community, and will carry out the purpose and spirit of the policies expressed in the *Plan El Paso*; and

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds that the regulations established by this amendment have been adopted with reasonable consideration, among other things, for the character of each district and its peculiar suitability for the particular uses; with a view of conserving property values and encouraging the most appropriate use of land in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso's SmartCode requires calibration to the local character of the place and local conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

SECTION 1. That Title 21 (SmartCode), Chapter 21.40 (Infill Community Plans), Section 21.40.020 (Infill Community Types), of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

21.40.020 – Infill Community Types

- A. Infill Regulating Plans shall encompass one or more of the following infill community types. The allocation percentages of Table 14a do not apply.
- B. Infill TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development)
 - 1. An infill TND shall 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.
 - 2. The edges of an infill TND should blend into adjacent neighborhoods and/or a downtown without buffers.
- C. Infill RCD (Regional Center Development)
 - 1. An infill RCD should be assigned to urban core areas that include significant office and retail uses as well as government and other civic institutions of regional importance. An infill RCD shall be mapped as at least one complete long or linear pedestrian shed, which may be adjusted as a network pedestrian shed, oriented around and important mixed use corridor or center.
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- D. Infill TOD (Transit-Oriented Development) Overlay
 - 1. Any infill TND or infill RCD on an existing or projected rail or bus rapid transit (BRT) network may be re-designated in whole or in part as with a TOD overlay and permitted the higher density represented by the effective parking allowance in Section 21.50.090(B)(4).
 - 2. A proposed TOD overlay shall be clearly indicated on an Infill regulating Plan and shall be subject to approval by the City Council concurrently with approval of, or amendment to, a SmartCode Zone.
- E. Infill RCD – Airport (Regional Center Development)
 - 1. An infill RCD – Airport should be assigned to urban core areas that are within one mile of the airport terminal, or along the Montana BRT route. An infill RCD – Airport shall be mapped as at least one complete long or linear pedestrian shed, which may be adjusted as a network pedestrian shed, oriented around an important mixed use corridor or center. The RCD – Airport may contain one or more standard pedestrian sheds in combination with a long or linear pedestrian shed.
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 6. 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.
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SECTION 3. That Title 21 (SmartCode), Chapter 21.80 (Tables), of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

1. That Section 21.80.240, Table 16: Special District Standards, be replaced in its entirety with **Exhibit "A"**.

SECTION 4. Except as herein amended, Title 21 (SmartCode), of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

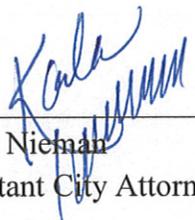
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EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 21.80 TABLES

SMARTCODE

El Paso, Texas

TABLE 16: SPECIAL DISTRICT STANDARDS

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	SD1 UTEP	SD2 Hospital	SD3 Airport T5.1	SD4 Airport T5.2	SD5 Airport ST	SD6 MCA	SD7
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ARD	NA	NA	80% max.	50% max.	NA	NA	
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b. BASE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY							
By Right	24	24	NA	NA	NA	48	
Other Functions	50 - 70%	50 - 70%	NA	NA	NA	NA	
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Block Perimeter	3000 ft. max. *	3000 ft. max. *	2400 ft. max. *	3000 ft. max. *	4000 ft. max. *	2000 ft. max. *	
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Front Setback	0 ft. min., 30 ft. max.	0 ft. min., 30 ft. max.	0 ft. min., 12 ft. max.	0 ft. min., 12 ft. max.	8 ft. max. or 25 ft. max.**	0 ft. min., 8 ft. max.	
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PROPOSED ORDINANCE - REDLINED

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