

Development Area Descriptions:

The City is organized by five tiers of Development Areas ranging from high density in the historic core to very low density in the outlying rural areas. These include: the Central Business District (CBD); the Urban Priority Area (UPA); the Urban Area (UA); the Suburban Area (SA); and the Rural Area (RA). These Development Areas determine differing development characteristics and a gradation of densities for each land use plan category.

Urban Priority Area (UPA): The UPA is the first tier Development Area and generally includes the historic core of the City and major connecting corridors. The intent of the UPA is to encourage revitalization and the use of existing infrastructure through redevelopment and infill development at urban densities which are highly supportive of transit and result in the reduction of per capita greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. Development is expected to employ urban development characteristics as defined in this Plan. The UPA does not include the Central Business District Land Use Category boundaries.

Urban Area (UA): The UA is the second tier Development Area and generally corresponds with the densely developed portions of the City that have been in residential or employment generating uses prior to consolidation. It also includes major corridors which connect the other Development Areas. Similar to the UPA, the intent of the UA is to encourage revitalization and the use of existing infrastructure through redevelopment and infill development, but at moderate urban densities which are transit friendly. Also similar to the UPA, the UA is intended to support multi-modal transportation and the reduction of per capita greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. Development is encouraged to employ urban development characteristics as defined in this Plan.

Summary of the Low Density Residential (LDR) Land Use Category

LDR - GENERAL INTENT

Low Density Residential (LDR) is a category intended to provide for low density residential development. Generally, single-family detached housing should be the predominant development typology in this category.

Urban Priority Area (UPA) Density

The maximum gross density in the Urban Priority Area shall be 7 units/acre when centralized potable water and wastewater services are available to the site and there shall be no minimum density; except as provided herein.

- The maximum gross density shall be 2 units/acre and the minimum lot size shall be half an acre when both centralized potable water and wastewater are not available.
- The maximum gross density shall be 4 units/acre and the minimum lot size shall be ¼ of an acre if either one of centralized potable water or wastewater services are not available.
- The maximum gross density shall be 15 units/acre when there is a supporting City Council approved neighborhood plan or study; except for sites within the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA), unless appropriate mitigation is provided consistent with the City's CHHA policies, the maximum gross density shall be 7 units/acre.

Urban Area (UA) and Suburban Area (SA) Density

The maximum gross density in the Urban and Suburban Areas shall be 7 units/acre when centralized potable water and wastewater services are available to the site and there shall be no minimum density; except as provided herein.

- The maximum gross density shall be 2 units/acre and the minimum lot size shall be half an acre when both centralized potable water and wastewater are not available.
- The maximum gross density shall be 4 units/acre and the minimum lot size shall be ¼ of an acre if either one of centralized potable water or wastewater services are not available.

Summary of the Medium Density Residential (MDR) Land Use Category

MDR - GENERAL INTENT

Medium Density Residential (MDR) is a category intended to provide compact medium to high density residential development and can serve as transitional uses between low density residential uses and higher density residential uses, commercial uses and public and semi-public use areas. Multi-family housing such as apartments, condominiums, townhomes and rowhouses should be the predominant development typologies in this category. Development within the category should be compact and connected and should support multi-modal transportation. All uses should be designed in a manner which emphasizes the use of transit, bicycle, and pedestrian mobility, ease of access between neighboring uses, and compatibility with adjacent residential neighborhoods. Density, location and mix of uses shall be pursuant to the Development Areas as set forth herein.

Urban Priority Area (UPA) Density

The maximum gross density in the Urban Priority Area shall be 20 units/acre and the minimum gross density shall be greater than 7 units/acre; except as provided herein.

- The maximum gross density shall be 30 units/acre when the site does not abut land in LDR or RR; except for sites within the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) where the maximum gross density shall be 20 units/acre, unless appropriate mitigation is provided consistent with the City's CHHA policies.
- In the absence of the availability of centralized potable water and/or wastewater, the gross density of development permitted in this category shall be the same as allowed in LDR without such services.

Urban Area (UA), Suburban Area (SA), and Rural Area (RA) Density

The maximum gross density in the Urban, Suburban, and Rural Areas shall be 20 units/acre and the minimum gross density shall be greater than 7 units/acre; except as provided herein.

- For sites located within the Urban Area, the maximum gross density shall be 30 units/acre when the site does not abut land in LDR or RR; except for sites within the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) where the maximum gross density shall be 20 units/acre, unless appropriate mitigation is provided consistent with the City's CHHA policies.

- For sites located within the Suburban Area and the Rural Area, the maximum gross density shall be 30 units/acre when the site fronts along a road classified as a collector or higher and where the site does not abut land in LDR or RR; except for sites within the Coastal High Hazard Area (CHHA) where the maximum gross density shall be 20 units/acre, unless appropriate mitigation is provided consistent with the City's CHHA policies.
- In the absence of the availability of centralized potable water and/or wastewater, the maximum gross density of development permitted in this category shall be the same as allowed in Low Density Residential (LDR) without such services.