1. Density Calculations

- What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?
  8 units/acre of gross lot area* (1 unit/5,445 sf lot area)

- How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?
  For lodging: 3 rooms counted as 1 unit
  For office: 1,500 sq ft counted as 1 unit
  For retail: 2,000 sq ft counted as 1 unit

- What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?
  20% of development units to be allowed for other building functions

- What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?

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2. Lot Standards

- What layers are in a lot?

  Each lot is composed of three layers:
  
  **First layer**: the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line* and the required setback including the private frontage
  
  **Second layer**: the portion of the lot behind the first layer which includes the portion of the building enfronting the thoroughfare
  
  **Third layer**: the portion of the lot that is not within the first and second layer and is least visible from the thoroughfare

- What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?
  54 feet at the minimum and 260 feet at the maximum

- What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?
  60%

3. Building Disposition

- What is the permitted building disposition in this zone?
  Edgeyard: a disposition where the building occupies the center of its lot with setbacks on all sides.

- How many buildings shall be built on each lot?
  Two buildings under single ownership: one principal building at principal frontage and one outbuilding*

- Shall the facade of the principal building be built parallel to the principal frontage?
  Yes

- What is the minimum percentage of the principal frontage width which the facade of the principal building shall occupy?
  40% at the setback

- What are the minimum and the maximum building setback from the boundary of the lot in this zone?

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* Gross Lot Area includes the net lot area and the area of adjacent thoroughfares, alleys and passages between lot lines and centerlines

* Frontage Line: a lot line bordering a public frontage

* Outbuilding: an accessory building, usually located toward the rear of the lot, and sometimes connected to the principal building by a backbuilding. It shall not count towards base density

* Rear Setback - Principal Building: 12 ft, at the minimum or 15 feet measured from the centerline of the alley
4. Building Configuration

- What is the Building height requirement?
  a. A maximum of 2 stories above ground for both the principal building and the outbuilding
  
  ![Diagram of building heights]

  Principal Building  Outbuilding

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  b. In general, stories may not exceed 14 feet in height except as provided below
  c. The story height on ground level for commercial uses shall be between 11 feet and 25 feet. A single floor at ground level exceeding 18 feet is counted as two stories
  d. Finished floor elevation at the principal frontage of residential uses shall be 20 inches minimum from the average sidewalk grade

- What lifelong community standards shall single-family residences meet?
  a. One zero-step entrance at the principal building
  b. A minimum of 32 inches clear passage space for all doors on the main floor of the principal building
  c. One accessible full bathroom on the main floor of the principal building
  d. One bedroom on the main floor of the principal building

- What are the accessory unit* requirements?
  a. The area is not greater than 600 sq. ft.
  b. Access to the accessory unit in raised basements may be at sidewalk grade

5. Frontage Standards

- What are the private frontage* requirements?
  a. Two types of private frontage are allowed:

    - **Common Yard**: the façade is set back substantially from the frontage line remaining unfenced and supporting a common landscape.
    - **Porch & Fence**: the façade is set back from the frontage line with the attached porch encroaching into the private frontage and fences define the boundary line, and are up to 4 feet high.

![Diagram of frontage types]

6. Building Function

- What building functions are allowed?
  a. **Restricted Residential**:
     - Allowed types: single-family attached or detached, accessory unit, and senior housing
     - The number of dwellings to be restricted to one within a principal building and one within an accessory building
     - Min. 2.0 parking spaces per dwelling
  b. **Restricted Lodging**:
     - Allowed type: bed&breakfast (up to 5 rooms), owner occupied
     - Food service may be provided in the morning
     - The maximum length of stay: 10 days
     - 1.0 - 5 parking spaces per bedroom
  c. **Restricted Office**:
     - Allowed type: live-work unit owner resides at the property
     - Restricted to the first story or basement
     - Parking requirement and maximum number of employees and occupants to be determined by warrant
  d. **Restricted Retail**:
     - Allowed type: open market building to be determined by warrant
     - Restricted to the first story at corner locations along avenues or drives
     - Business owner resides at the property
     - Food service to be limited to seating no more than 20 patrons
     - Parking requirement and maximum number of employees to be determined by warrant
  e. **Cemetery, Elementary School, and Childcare Center** to be determined by warrant

- What building functions are not allowed?
  Automotive sales, repair, and/or service facilities; gas stations; truck maintenance; car washes; adult themed bookstores; art frame retail; liquor stores; pawn shops, second hand shops, or thrift stores; check cashing; tattoo and/or body piercing parlors; retail sales of guns or weapons as a primary use; and wholesale businesses
7. Parking Standards

- How many parking spaces are required regarding different building functions?
  a. Residential: Min. 2.0 parking spaces per dwelling (including the dwelling within the accessory building)
  b. Lodging: Min. 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  c. Office: Parking requirement to be determined by warrant, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  d. Retail: Parking requirement to be determined by warrant, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements

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- Urban Parking Required a Landscape many regarding Signage parking spaces

8. Landscape Standards

- What should be planted in this zone?
  a. A minimum of two trees shall be planted for each 30 feet of frontage line
  b. Noninvasive species to be planted
  c. Native plant perennial landscapes should be used in place of turf grass

- What is the requirement for a walkway?
  One pervious walkway no wider than 5 feet providing access to the principal entrance at all frontages

9. Signage Standards

- What are requirements of the signage for residential functions?
  a. One address number
  b. No more than 6 inches high
  c. Attached to the building entrance area or at a mailbox
  d. Signage may be externally illuminated

- What is the signage requirements for commercial functions?
  a. Externally illuminated, except the sign within the shopfront, glazing may be neon lit
  
  b. Blade Sign:
     - One for each ground floor business, one sign per frontage for businesses on the corner lots
     - No more than 6 sq. ft.
     - May be perpendicular to the facade
     - 8 foot clearance above the sidewalk
  
  c. Band Sign:
     - One per facade of each building
     - Not to exceed 3 feet in height
  
  d. Awnings Sign:
     - In the form of text along the flap
     - No taller than 6 inches
     - Text or graphic may exist on top
     - Text to be printed or applied to the fabric
  
  e. Window Sign:
     - One for each business, one sign per frontage for businesses on corner lots
     - No more than 9 sq. ft.
     - Opaque signboards are prohibited
  
  f. Sidewalk Sign:
     - One A-frame sidewalk sign may be placed in front of a business
     - Not to exceed 6 sq. ft.

* Nonconformity: an existing function, structure, lot or site improvement that is in compliance with the zoning regulations that were applicable to it when it was established, and for which all required permits were issued, but which does not conform in whole or in part to the regulations of this section. Such nonconformity is legal and may continue except as regulated by this section

* Review Committee (RC): usually part of the community development agency, a RC is comprised of a representative from each of the various regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over the permitting of a project, as well as 2 representatives of the Mableton Community as appointed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners

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10. Nonconformities*

- Which uses shall count as nonconformities?
  a. The proposed building may be required by Review Committee (RC)* to match the setbacks and heights of buildings on adjacent lots rather than the provisions of this section
  b. Any addition to or modification to the structure on the Local Register of Historic Places to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission prior to review by the RC
  c. The existing building modification does not require (a) parking in addition to the existing nor (b) on-site storm water detention or retention in addition to the existing

- Which uses do not count as nonconformities?
  a. The temporary or illegal use of property
  b. Adding new uses, structures, or site improvements not allowed in this transect zone on the existence of a nonconformity

11. Special Requirements

- Where are utilities located?
  To be placed underground, within the public right of way, including roadway lanes and sidewalks

12. Building Materials and Configuration

- What are the building material requirements?
  a. Multiple exterior materials on a single building to be combined on each facade horizontally, with the heavier material below the lighter
  b. Brick, wood, or cementitious clapboard can be used as exterior finish material
  c. All exposed exterior wood to be painted
  d. Clotheslines shall not be located along frontages

- What are the requirements regarding fences, walls, and screens?
  a. Fences, walls, or other suitable visual screens may be provided along side and rear lot lines, except where both adjoining lot areas are used for surface parking, outdoor commercial uses or community gardens.
  b. Streetscreens to be constructed of a material matching the adjacent building facade
  c. Building mechanical equipment and refuse storage to be visually screened and not located along frontages

- What are the requirements regarding openings of the building?
  a. Porches, galleries, doors and windows to be square or rectangular shape
  b. Doors and windows operating as sliders to be prohibited along frontages
  c. Glazed openings above the first story not to exceed 50% of the total building wall area, with each facade being calculated independently

- What are the requirements regarding porches floors?
  Optional materials are wood plank, concrete slab, or stone. Synthetic materials are permitted provided they have the appearance of the materials noted above

- Which types of photo voltaic (PV) systems are permitted along frontages?
  a. Flexible panel type PV system or building integrated photo voltaic(BIPV)
  b. Attached directly to the roofing material, PV roofing shingles, or other conducting system that applies directly to roofing material or sheathing with less than one half inch average vertical dimension or integrated into building shading devices

Before leaving from this booklet, please double check to see if you have followed all standards in this transect zone:

- Density calculations
- Lot standards
- Building disposition
- Building configuration
- Frontage standards
- Building function
- Parking standards
- Landscape standards
- Signage standards
- Nonconformities, if any
- Special requirements, if any
- Building materials and configuration
This zone consists of mixed uses but primarily residential urban fabric. It may have a wide range of building types: single and row houses and small apartment buildings. Setbacks and landscaping are variable. Streets with curbs and sidewalks define medium-sized blocks.

1. **Density Calculations**

   - What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?
     
     24 units/acre of gross lot area*

   - How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?
     
     For lodging: 3 rooms counted as 1 unit
     For office: 1,500 sq. ft. counted as 1 unit
     For retail: 2,000 sq. ft. counted as 1 unit

   - What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?
     
     30% of development units to be allowed for other building functions

   - What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?

     | Percentage | 40% | 60% | 100% |
     |------------|-----|-----|------|
     | Max. Density | 24 units/acre | 16 units/acre | 8 units/acre |

2. **Lot Standards**

   - What layers are in a lot?

     Each lot is composed of three layers:

     - **First layer:** the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line* and the required setback including the private frontage
     - **Second layer:** the portion of the lot behind the first layer which includes the portion of the building enveloping the thoroughfare
     - **Third layer:** the portion of the lot that is not within the first and second layer and is least visible from the thoroughfare

3. **Building Disposition**

   - What are the permitted building dispositions in this zone?

     - **Edgeyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the center of its lot with setbacks on all sides
     - **Sideyard:** A disposition where the building occupies one side of the Lot with the Setback to the other side
     - **Rearyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the full frontage, leaving the rear of the lot as the sole yard
     - **Courtyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the boundaries of its lot while internally defining one or more private space

   - How many buildings shall be built on each lot?

     Two buildings under single ownership: one principal building at principal frontage and one outbuilding*

   - Shall the facade of the principal building be built parallel to the principal frontage?

     Yes

   - What is the minimum percentage of the principal frontage width which the facade of the principal building shall occupy?

     60% at the setback

   - What are the minimum and the maximum building setbacks from the lot line in this zone?

     | Setbacks - Principal Building | Min. | Max. |
     |-----------------------------|------|------|
     | g.1 Principal Front Setback | 6 ft | 18 ft |
     | g.2 Secondary Front Setback | 4 ft | 18 ft |
     | g.3 Side                    | 0 ft |     |
     | g.4 Rear                    | 3 ft*|     |

     Front setback may be modified by warrant to accommodate slopes over 10 percent

4. **Building Configuration**

   - What are the building height requirements?

     a. A maximum of 3 stories above ground for the principal building and 2 stories for the outbuilding

   - What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?

     18 feet at the minimum and 120 feet at the maximum

   - What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?

     70%
5. Frontage Standards

• What types of private frontages* are allowed?

There are six types of private frontage allowed:

a. **Porch & Fence**: the façade is set back from the frontage line with the attached porch encroaching into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth and are no less than 4 feet deep. Fences define the boundary line, and are up to 4 feet high.

b. **Terrace or Lightwell**: the façade is set back from the frontage line by an elevated terrace or sunken lightwell which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth. Terraces should be raised a min. of 18 inches from the average sidewalk grade.

c. **Forecourt**: a portion of 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. A maximum of 15 feet recess for pedestrian forecourts or a maximum of 30 feet for vehicular forecourts is permitted. Driveways to be limited to 20 feet in width within the private frontage and 12 feet in the public frontage* with pavement in stone, brick, cobble, or to match the façade is aligned with the boundary line, and are up to 4 feet high.

d. **Stoop**: the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the first story elevated from the sidewalk. The entrance is usually an exterior stair and landing which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth

e. **Shopfront**: the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the building entrance at sidewalk grade. It may be freestanding or combined with gallery frontage. Ground floor commercial functions shall provide this type of frontage. Clear glass to be no less than 70% of the ground floor at principal and secondary frontages. The awning may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth and may overlap the sidewalk with at least 2 feet away from the curb. Awnings shall project horizontally from the facade a minimum of 6 feet and span a minimum of 80% of the frontage width without gaps.

f. **Gallery**: the façade is aligned with the frontage line with an attached cantilevered shed or lightweight colonnade overlapping the sidewalk and at least 2 feet away from the curb. Galleries shall provide a minimum vertical clearance of 10 feet and project horizontally from the facade a minimum of 10 feet. Public planting and lighting may be omitted where galleries encroach into the public frontage.
6. Building Function

- **What building functions are allowed?**
  
  **a. Limited Residential:**
  - Allowed types: single-family attached or detached, accessory unit, senior housing, multi-family, and mixed-use building
  - Min. 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling

  **b. Limited Lodging:**
  - Allowed types: owner occupied, bed & breakfast (up to 5 rooms), Inn (up to 12 rooms), school dorm to be determined by warrant
  - Food service may be provided in the morning
  - The maximum length of stay: 14 days
  - 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom

  **c. Limited Office:**
  - Allowed types: office building and live-work unit
  - Limited to the first story
  - Min. 3.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of net office space

  **d. Limited Retail:**
  - Allowed types: open market building, retail building, display gallery, restaurant, and kiosk
  - Limited to the first story at corner locations on avenues or drives
  - Food service to be limited to seating no more than 40 patrons
  - Min. 3.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of net retail space

  **e. Civic and other functions including funeral home and elementary school:**
  - to be determined by warrant

  **f. Civic and other functions including cemetery, medical clinic, high school, trade school, children center, and light manufacturing:**
  - to be determined by warrant

- **What building functions are not allowed?**

  Automotive sales, repair, and/or service facilities; gas stations; truck maintenance; car washes; adult themed bookstores; pawn shops, second hand shops, or thrift stores; check cashing; tattoo and/or body piercing parlors; retail sales of guns or weapons as a primary use; and wholesale businesses

7. Parking Standards

- **How many parking spaces are required regarding different building functions?**
  
  **a. Residential:**
  - Min. 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling (including the dwelling within the accessory building)

  **b. Lodging:**
  - Min. 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements

  **c. Office:**
  - Min. 3.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of net office space, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements

  **d. Retail:**
  - Min. 3.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of net retail space, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements

  **e. Civic & Other Functions:**
  - Parking spaces to be determined by warrant

  **f. Parking provided shall include spaces within the lot and along the parking lane corresponding to lot frontages**

  **g. Liner buildings less than 30 feet deep and no more than two stories to be exempt from parking requirements**

- **How does the shared parking function?**

  a. The required parking may be adjusted downward according to the

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- **Where is the parking located?**

  a. Garages, parking lots and parking structures to be located at the third lot layer; on-street parking lane corresponding to lot frontages (see Thoroughfare Assemblies table for the on-street parking lane layout)

  b. Unpaved parking areas may be located within the first lot layer by warrant

  c. The required parking may be provided off-site by purchase or lease from a civic parking reserve or private parking lot or structure within 800 feet of the lot

- **How to access the parking space?**

  a. Parking shall be accessed by alleys or rear lanes

  b. Garages may be accessed by driveways from the principal or secondary frontage by warrant

  c. Driveway to be limited to 10 feet in width in the first lot layer.

  Portions of driveways in the first layer not to be used for parking

  d. Vehicular entrances to parking lots and parking structures shall be no wider than 24 feet at the frontage

  e. Pedestrian access to parking lots and parking structures shall be directly to a frontage line, not directly into a building, except for underground parking levels

- **Any other requirement regarding parking?**

  a. Parking lot to be masked from the frontage by a building or streetscreen. Parking structures to be masked by liner buildings at the first 2 stories

  b. No curbing to be installed in parking lots

  c. For lots on B-Grid (see Thoroughfare Network And Assignments map), open parking areas may be unmasked on the frontage and within the first lot layer and second lot layer by warrant, except for corner lots at intersections with the A-Grid.

  d. A minimum of one bicycle rack place to be provided within the public or private frontage for every ten vehicular parking spaces

8. Landscape Standards

- **What should be landscaped in different private frontage?**

  a. In porch & fence frontage:
  - A minimum of two trees shall be planted for each 30 feet of frontage line
  - Native plant perennial landscapes should be used in place of turf grass
  - One driveway to be permitted

  b. In stoop and forecourt frontages:
  - Trees and shrubs not to be required in the private frontage. Trees in the private frontage should match the species in the public frontage
  - Landscaping shall consist of durable species, tolerant of soil compaction
  - Paving shall match the public frontage except where paved with pervious materials
  - Driveways to be permitted by warrant at stoop frontages
  - Trees and shrubs not to be required in the private frontage
  - Landscaping shall consist of durable species, tolerant of soil compaction
  - The private frontage to be masked by a building or streetscreen
• Other requirements regarding landscaping?
  a. Parking lot landscaping
     - One tree to be planted for every 15 spaces
     - Paving should consist of pervious materials where possible
     - Landscaped areas to be placed lower than paving, not mound up
     - Parking lots less than 50 spaces to be exempt from landscaping requirements
  b. Noninvasive species to be planted in the private frontage and lots
  c. One pervious walkway no wider than 5 feet providing access the principal entrance at all frontages to be permitted

9. Signage Standards
• What are the signage requirements for residential functions?
  a. One address number
  b. No more than 6 inches high
  c. Attached to the building entrance area or at a mailbox
  d. Signage may be externally illuminated

• What are the signage requirements for commercial functions?
  a. Externally illuminated, except the sign within the shopfront, glazing may be neon lit
  b. Blade Sign:
     - One for each ground floor business, one sign per frontage for businesses on the corner lots
     - No more than 6 sq. ft.
     - May be perpendicular to the facade
     - 8 foot clearance above the sidewalk
  c. Band Sign:
     - One per facade of each building
     - Not to exceed 3 feet in height
  d. Awnings Sign:
     - In the form of text along the flap
     - No taller than 6 inches
     - Text or graphic may exist on top
     - Text to be printed or applied to the fabric
  e. Window Sign:
     - One for each business, one sign per frontage for businesses on corner lots
     - No more than 9 sq. ft.
     - Opaque signboards are prohibited
  f. Sidewalk Sign:
     - One A-frame sidewalk sign may be placed in front of a business
     - Not to exceed 6 sq. ft.

10. Nonconformities*
• Which uses shall count as nonconformities?
  a. The proposed building may be required by Review Committee (RC)* to match the setbacks and heights of buildings on adjacent lots rather than the provisions of this section
  b. Any addition or modification on the Local Register of Historic Places to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission prior to review by the RC
  c. The existing building modification does not require (a) parking in addition to the existing nor (b) on-site storm water detention or retention in addition to the existing

• Which uses do not count as nonconformities?
  a. The temporary or illegal use of property
  b. Adding new uses, structures, or site improvements to the existing nonconforming use

*Nonconformity: an existing function, structure, lot or site improvement that is in compliance with the zoning regulations that were applicable to it when it was established, and for which all required permits were issued, but which does not conform in whole or in part to the regulations of this section. Such nonconformity is legal and may continue except as regulated by this section

*Review Committee (RC): usually part of the community development agency, a RC is comprised of a representative from each of the various regulatory agencies that have jurisdiction over the permitting of a project, as well as 2 representatives of the Mableton Community as appointed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners

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T5 (Urban Center Zone)
-- in Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND)

This zone consists of higher density mixed use building that accommodate retail, offices, row-houses and apartments. It has a tight network of streets, with wide sidewalks, steady street tree planting and buildings set close to the sidewalks.

1. **Density Calculations**

- What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?
  56 units/acre of gross lot area*

- How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?
  
  | For lodging: | 3 rooms counted as 1 unit |
  | For office:  | 1,500 sq. ft. counted as 1 unit |
  | For retail:  | 2,000 sq. ft. counted as 1 unit |

- What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?
  70% of development units to be allowed for other building functions

- What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?

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2. **Lot Standards**

- What layers are in a lot?
  Each lot is composed of three layers:

  - **First layer:** the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line* and the required setback including the private frontage
  - **Second layer:** the portion of the lot behind the first layer which includes the portion of the building enfronring the thoroughfare
  - **Third layer:** the portion of the lot that is not within the first and second layer and is least visible from the thoroughfare

- What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?
  14 feet at the minimum and 180 feet at the maximum

- What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?
  70%

3. **Building Disposition**

- What are the permitted building dispositions in this zone?
  - **Sideyard:** A disposition where the building occupies one side of the lot with the setback to the other side
  - **Rearyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the full frontage, leaving the rear of the lot as the sole yard
  - **Courtyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the boundaries of its lot while internally defining one or more private space

- How many buildings shall be built on each lot?
  Two buildings under single ownership: one principal building at principal frontage and one outbuilding*

- Shall the facade of the principal building be built parallel to the principal frontage?
  Yes

- What is the minimum percentage of the principal frontage width which the facade of the principal building shall occupy?
  80% at the setback

- Where is the principal building entrance located?
  Entrance is on a frontage line. Forecourts and recessed stoops that recess the principal entrance from the frontage line are permitted.

- What are the minimum and the maximum building setbacks from the boundary of the lot in this zone?

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4. **Building Configuration**

- What are the Building height requirements?
  - a. A maximum of 5 stories above ground for the principal building and 2 stories for the outbuilding

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* Gross lot area includes the net lot area and the area of adjacent thoroughfares, alleys and passages between lot lines and centerlines

* Frontage Line: a lot line bordering a public frontage

* Outbuilding: an accessory building, usually located toward the rear of the lot, and sometimes connected to the principal building by a backbuilding. It shall not count towards base density

* Rear Setback - Principal Building: 3 ft. at the minimum or 15 feet measured from the centerline of the alley
b. In general, stories may not exceed 14 feet in height except as provided below

c. The story height on ground level for commercial uses shall be between 11 feet and 25 feet. A single floor at ground level exceeding 18 feet is counted as two stories

d. The height of free standing parking structure: 60 feet at the max.

e. For parking structure attached to building for at least 50% of the perimeter, the height may not exceed the eave height of the attached building

f. The ground floor residential or lodging should be raised 18 inches min. from the sidewalk grade at the principal frontage

• What lifelong community standards shall single-family residences meet?

a. One zero-step entrance at the principal building

b. A minimum of 32 inches clear passage space for all doors on the main floor of the principal building

c. One accessible full bathroom on the main floor of the principal building

d. One bedroom on the main floor of the principal building

e. Access to the accessory unit in raised basements may be at sidewalk grade

5. Frontage Standards

• What types of private frontage* are allowed?

There are five types of private frontage allowed:

a. **Terrace or Lightwell:** the façade is set back from the frontage line by an elevated terrace or sunken lightwell which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth. Terraces should be raised a min. of 18 inches from the average sidewalk grade

b. **Forecourt:** a portion of 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. A maximum of 15 feet recess for pedestrian forecourts or a maximum of 30 feet for vehicular forecourts. Driveways to be limited to 20 feet in width within the private frontage and 12 feet in the public frontage* with pavement in stone, brick, cobble, or to match the adjacent public frontage

c. **Stoop:** the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the first story elevated from the sidewalk. The entrance is usually an exterior stair and landing which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth but may be recessed into the volume of the building in where setbacks are less than 4 feet

d. **Shopfront:** the façade is aligned close to the frontage line with the building entrance at sidewalk grade. It may be freestanding or combined with gallery frontage. Ground floor commercial functions shall provide this type of frontage. Clear glass to be no less than 70% of the ground floor at principal and secondary frontages. The awning may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth and may overlap the sidewalk with at least 2 feet away from the curb. Awnings shall project horizontally from the facade a minimum of 6 feet and span a minimum of 80% of the frontage width without gaps

e. **Gallery:** the façade is aligned with the frontage line with an attached cantilevered shed or lightweight colonnade overlapping the sidewalk and at least 2 feet away from the curb. Galleries shall provide a minimum vertical clearance of 10 feet and project horizontally from the facade a minimum of 10 feet. Public planting and lighting may be omitted where galleries encroach into the public frontage

- **What are general requirements for the private frontage?**

a. Balconies and bay windows may encroach into the first floor layer up to 100% of its depth

b. Commercial functions may utilize the public frontage for seating, serving, displays of merchandise, and other business related activities

c. A minimum 6 foot contiguous clear path to be provided and maintained within the public frontage, private frontage, or combination of both

d. No stairs or ramps within the private frontage for multi-family and commercial functions

e. Illumination to be provided at the ground floor entrances for commercial function

f. The private frontage to be coordinated with the public frontage as a single, coherent landscape and paving design

g. Loading docks and service areas may be permitted on frontages by warrant

h. In the absence of a building facade along any part of a frontage line, a streetscreen between 4 and 8 feet in height shall be built coplanar with the facade and have necessary openings to allow automobile and pedestrian access

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* Accessory Unit: a complete living unit sharing ownership and utility connections with a principal building, it may or may not be within an outbuilding
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6. Building Function

- What building functions are allowed?
  a. **Open Residential**: Allowed types: single-family attached or detached, accessory unit, senior housing, multi-family, and mixed-use building
  b. **Open Lodging**: Allowed types: bed&breakfast (up to 5 rooms), Inn (up to 12 rooms), hotel (no room limit), school dorm to be determined by warrant
  c. **Open Office**: Allowed types: office building and live-work unit
  d. **Open Retail**: Allowed types: open market building, retail building, display gallery, restaurant, and kiosk

- How does the shared parking work?
  a. The required parking may be adjusted downward according to the shared parking table above
  b. Available for two or more functions within a single lot or within one block
  c. Calculated as the highest shared parking requirement from the completed shared parking table

7. Parking Standards

- How many parking spaces are required regarding different building functions?
  a. **Residential**: Min. 1.0 parking spaces per dwelling (including the dwelling within the accessory building)
  b. **Lodging**: Min. 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom. Accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements. Parking for all-times food service shall be provided according to retail function
  c. **Office**: Min. 2.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of net office space, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  d. **Retail**: Min. 2.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq. ft. of net retail space, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  e. **Civic&Other Functions**: Parking spaces to be determined by warrant

- Where is the parking located?
  a. Garages, parking lots, and parking structures to be located at the third lot layer, on-street parking lane corresponding to lot frontages (see Thoroughfare Assemblies table for the on-street parking lane layout)
  b. Unpaved parking areas may be located within the first lot layer by warrant

8. Landscape Standards

- What should be landscaped in different private frontages?
  a. In stoop and forecourt frontages
    - Trees and shrubs not to be required in the private frontage. Trees in the private frontage should match the species in the public frontage
    - Landscaping shall consist of durable species, tolerant of soil compaction
    - Paving shall match the public frontage except where paved with pervious materials
  b. In shopfront and gallery frontages
    - Trees and shrubs not to be required in the private frontage
    - Landscaping shall consist of durable species, tolerant of soil compaction
    - The private frontage to be paved to match the public frontage
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9. Signage Standards

• What are the signage requirements for residential functions?
  a. One address number
  b. No more than 6 inches high
  c. Attached to the building entrance area or at a mailbox
  d. Signage may be externally illuminated

• What are the signage requirements for commercial functions?
  a. Externally illuminated, except the sign within the shopfront, glazing may be neon lit
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11. Special Requirements

• Where are utilities located?
  To be placed underground, within the public right of way, including roadway lanes and sidewalks

12. Building Materials and Configuration

• What are the building material requirements?
  a. Multiple exterior materials on a single building to be combined on each facade horizontally, with the heavier material below the lighter
  b. Exterior finish should be brick. Stucco can only be used as an accent material
  c. All exposed exterior wood to be painted
  d. Clotheslines shall not be located along frontages

• What are the requirements regarding fences, walls, and screens?
  a. Fences, walls, or other suitable visual screens may be provided along side and rear lot lines, except where both adjoining lot areas are used for surface parking, outdoor commercial uses or community gardens
  b. Streetscreens to be constructed of a material matching the adjacent building facade
  c. Building mechanical equipment and refuse storage to be visually screened and not located along frontages

• What are the requirements regarding openings of the building?
  a. Porches, galleries, doors and windows to be square or rectangular shape except shopfronts
  b. Doors and windows operating as sliders to be prohibited along frontages except those at shopfronts which may be approved by warrant
  c. Glazed openings above the first story not to exceed 50% of the total building wall area, with each facade being calculated independently
  d. Entrances to upper floor residential uses in mixed-use buildings may be at sidewalk grade

• What are the requirements regarding porch floors and gallery supports?
  a. Porch floors to be wood plank, concrete slab, or stone. Synthetic materials are permitted provided they have the appearance of the materials noted above
  b. Galleries may be supported by wrought iron or metal posts

• What are the requirements regarding roofs?
  a. Symmetrically pitched with a minimum angle 6 in 12. Low-slope (flat) roofs shall be permitted
  b. Metal roofing materials to compliment an architectural style while minimizing glare
  c. Rooftop equipment to be screened in a manner consistent with the architectural design of the building along frontages

• Which types of photo voltaic (PV) systems are permitted along frontages?
  a. Flexible panel type PV system or building integrated photo voltaic (BIPV)
  b. Attached directly to the roofing material, PV roofing shingles, or other conducting system that applies directly to roofing material or sheathing with less than one half inch average vertical dimension or integrated into building shading devices
1. Density Calculations

- What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?
  8 units/acre of gross lot area*

- How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?
  For lodging: 3 rooms counted as 1 unit
  For office: 1,500 sf counted as 1 unit
  For retail: 2,000 sf counted as 1 unit

- What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?
  20% is allowed for other building functions

- What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?

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2. Lot Standards

- What layers are in a lot?
  Each lot is composed of three layers:
  **First layer:** the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line** and the required setback including the private frontage
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- What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?
  54 feet at the minimum and 260 feet at the maximum

- What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?
  60%

3. Building Disposition

- What is the permitted building disposition in this zone?
  **Edgeyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the center of its lot with setbacks on all sides.

- How many buildings shall be built on each lot?
  Two buildings under single ownership: one principal building at principal frontage and one outbuilding***

- Shall the facade of the principal building be built parallel to the principal frontage?
  Yes

- What is the minimum percentage of the principal frontage width which the facade of the principal building shall occupy?
  40% at the setback

- What are the minimum and the maximum building setbacks from the boundary of the lot in this zone?

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****Rear Setback-Principal Building: 12 ft. at the minimum or 15 feet measured from the center line of the alley
4. Building Configuration

- What are the Building Height requirements?
  
a. A maximum of 2 stories above ground for both the principal building and the outbuilding

b. In general, stories may not exceed 14 feet in height except, as provided below:
   - The story height on ground level for commercial uses shall be between 11 feet and 25 feet. A single floor at ground level exceeding 18 feet is counted as two stories.

- What lifelong community standards shall single-family residences meet?
  
a. One-zero step entrance at the principal building

b. A minimum of 32 inches clear passage space for all doors on the main floor of the principal building

c. One accessible full bathroom on the main floor of the principal building

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e. Access to the accessory unit raised in basements when entrances are supported by steps or ramps.

- What are the accessory unit** requirements?
  
a. The area is not greater than 600 sq. ft.

b. Access to the accessory unit raised in basements may be at sidewalk grade

5. Frontage Standards

- What types of private frontages*** are allowed?

There are two types of private frontages allowed:

a. **Common Yard**: the area between the curb of the vehicular lanes and the frontage line

b. **Porch & Fence**: the area between the frontage line and the principal building facade

- What are the general requirements for the private frontage?

a. Balconies and bay windows may encroach into the first lot layer up to 25% of its depth

b. Commercial functions may utilize the public frontage for seating, serving, displays of merchandise, and other business-related activities

c. A min. 6 foot contiguous clear path to be provided and maintained within the public frontage****, private frontage or combination of both

d. No stairs or ramps within the private frontage for commercial functions

e. Illumination to be provided at the ground floor entrances for commercial function

f. The private frontage to be coordinated with the public frontage as a single, coherent landscape and paving design

6. Building Function

- What building functions are allowed?

  
a. **Restricted Residential**

  - Allowed types: single-family attached or detached, accessory unit, and senior housing

  - The number of dwellings to be restricted to one within a principal building and one within an accessory building

  - Min. 2.0 parking spaces per dwelling

b. **Restricted Lodging**

  - Allowed types: bed & breakfast (up to 5 rooms), owner-occupied

  - Food service may be provided in the morning

  - The maximum length of stay is 10 days

  - 1.0 - 5 parking spaces per bedroom

c. **Restricted Office**

  - Allowed types: live-work unit, owner resides at the property

  - Restricted to the first story or basement

  - Parking requirement and maximum number of employees and occupants to be determined by warrant

d. **Restricted Retail**

  - Allowed types: open market building to be determined by warrant

  - Restricted to the first story or at corner locations along avenues or drives

  - Business owner resides at property

  - Limited to the first story at corner locations on avenues or drives

  - Food service to be limited to seating no more than 20 patrons

  - Parking requirement and maximum number of employees to be determined by warrant

e. **Cemetery, Elementary School, and Childcare Center** to be determined by warrant

- What building functions are not allowed?

Automotive sales, repair, and/or service facilities; gas stations; truck maintenance; car washes; adult themed bookstores; art frame retail, liquor stores, pawn shops, second hand shops, or thrift stores; check cashing; tattoo and/or body piercing parlors; retail sales of guns or weapons as a primary use; and wholesale businesses

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****Public Frontage**: the area between the curb of the vehicular lanes and the frontage line

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7. Parking Standards

- How many parking spaces are required regarding various building functions?
  a. Residential: Min. 2.0 parking spaces per dwelling (including the dwelling within the accessory building)
  b. Lodging: Min. 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  c. Office: Parking requirement to be determined by warrant, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  d. Retail: Parking requirement to be determined by warrant, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
  e. Civic & Other Functions: Parking spaces to be determined by warrant

- Where is the parking located?
  a. Garages or/and parking along the parking lane corresponding to lot frontages (See Thoroughfare Assemblies table for the on-street parking lane layout)
  b. Garages to be located at the third lot layer

- How is the parking accessed?
  a. Parking shall be accessed by alleys or rear lanes
  b. Garages may be accessed by driveways from the principal or secondary frontage
  c. Driveway to be limited to 10 feet in width in the first lot layer. Portions of driveways in the first layer may not be used for parking

- How does the shared parking function?
  a. The required parking may be adjusted downward according to the Shared Parking Table
  b. Shared parking is available for two or more functions within a single lot or within one block
  c. Calculated as the highest shared parking requirement resulting from the completed shared parking table

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- Any other requirements regarding parking?
  a. Liner buildings less than 30 feet and no more than two stories to be exempt from parking requirements
  b. Parking spaces shall include spaces within the lot and along the parking lane corresponding to lot frontages
  c. For lots on B-Grids (see Thoroughfare Network and Assignments map), open parking areas may be unmasked on the facade and within the first lot layer and second lot layer by warrant, except for corner lots at intersections with the A-Grid
  d. A minimum of one bicycle rack place to be provided within the public or private frontage for every ten vehicular parking spaces

8. Landscape Standards

- What should be landscaped in this zone?
  a. A minimum of two trees shall be planted for each 30 feet of frontage line
  b. Non-invasive species to be planted
  c. Native plant perennial landscapes should be used in place of turf grass

- What is the requirement for a walkway?
  One pervious walkway no wider than 5 feet providing access to the principle entrance at all frontages to be permitted

8. Signage Standards

- What are the signage requirements for residential functions?
  **Address Sign:**
  a. One address number
  b. No more than 6 inches high
  c. Attached to the building entrance area or at a mailbox
  d. Signage may be externally illuminated

- What are the signage requirements for commercial functions?
  a. Externally illuminated, except within the shopfront; glazing may be neon lit
  b. **Blade Sign:**
    - One for each ground floor business, one sign per frontage for businesses on the corner lots
    - No more than 6 sq ft
    - May be perpendicular to the facade
    - 8 foot clearance above the sidewalk
  c. **Band Sign:**
    - One per facade of each building
    - Not to exceed 3 feet in height
  d. **Awnings & Sign:**
    - In the form of text along the flap
    - No taller than 6 inches
    - Text or graphic on top surface
    - Text to be printed or applied to the fabric
  e. **Window Sign:**
    - One for each business, one sign per frontage for businesses on corner lots
    - No more than 9 sq ft
    - Opaque signboards are prohibited
  f. **Sidewalk Sign:**
    - An A-frame sidewalk sign may be placed in front of a business
    - Not to exceed 6 sq ft
  g. **Ground based, monument Type Signs**
    - May be considered, provided they meet applicable regulations and restrictions as found in Chapter 134, Article IV- Signs of the Cobb County Code
10. Nonconformities*

- Which uses shall count as nonconformities?
  a. The proposed building may be required by the Review Committee (RC)** to match the setbacks and heights of adjacent buildings rather than the provisions of this section.
  b. Any addition to or modification on the Local Register of Historic Places is to be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission prior to review by the RC.
  c. The existing building modification does not require (a) parking in addition to the existing nor (b) on-site storm water detention or retention in addition to the existing.

- Which uses do not count as nonconformities?
  a. The temporary or illegal use of property
  b. Adding new uses, structures, or site improvements to the existing nonconforming use

11. Special Requirements

- Where are utilities located?
  To be located underground, within the public right of way, including roadway lanes and sidewalks.

12. Building Materials and Configuration

- What are the building material requirements?
  a. Multiple exterior materials on a single building to be combined on each facade horizontally, with the heavier material below the lighter
  b. Brick, wood, or cementitious clapboard can be used as exterior finish material
  c. All exposed exterior wood to be painted
  d. Clotheslines shall not be located along frontages

- What are the requirements regarding fences, walls and screens?
  a. Fences, walls, or other suitable visual screens may be provided along side and rear lot lines, except where both adjoining lot areas are used for surface parking, outdoor commercial uses or community gardens
  b. Street screens to be constructed of a material matching the adjacent building facade
  c. Building mechanical equipment and refuse storage to be visually screened and not located along frontages

- What are the requirements regarding openings of the building?
  a. Porches, galleries, doors, and windows to be square or rectangular shape
  b. Doors and windows operating as sliders to be prohibited along frontages
  c. Glazed openings above the first story not to exceed 50% of the total building wall area, with each facade being calculated independently

- What are the requirements regarding porch floors?
  Optional materials are wood, plank, concrete slab, or stone. Synthetic materials are permitted provided they have the appearance of the materials noted above

**Nonconformity: an existing function, structure, lot, or site improvement that is in compliance with the zoning regulations that were applicable to it when it was established, and may for which all required permits were issued, but which does not conform in whole or in part to the regulations of this section. Such nonconformity is legal and may continue except as regulated by this section.

**Review Committee (RC): usually part of the community development agency, an RC 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 Mableton Community as appointed by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners.
1. **Density Calculations**
   - What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?
     - 24 units/acre of gross lot area*
   - **How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?**
     - For lodging: 3 rooms counted as 1 unit
     - For office: 1,500 sf counted as 1 unit
     - For retail: 2,000 sf counted as 1 unit
   - What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?
     - 30% is allowed for other building functions
   - What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?

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2. **Lot Standards**
   - What layers are in a lot?
     - Each lot is composed of three layers:
       - **First layer**: the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line** and the required setback including the private frontage
       - **Second layer**: the portion of the lot behind the first layer which includes the portion of the building enfroniting the thoroughfare
       - **Third layer**: the portion of the lot that is not within the first and second layer and is least visible from the thoroughfare
   - What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?
     - 14 feet at the minimum and 120 feet at the maximum
   - What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?
     - 70%

3. **Building Disposition**
   - What are the permitted building dispositions in this zone?
     - **Edgeyard**: A disposition where the building occupies the center of its lot with setbacks on all sides
     - **Rear Setback-Principal Building**: an accessory building usually located toward the rear of the lot, and sometimes connected to the principal building by a backbuilding. It shall not count towards base density
     - **Outbuilding**: an accessory building usually located toward the rear of the lot, and sometimes connected to the principal building by a backbuilding. It shall not count towards base density
     - **Rear Setback-Principal Building**: 3 ft at the minimum or 15 ft measured from the center line of the alley
     - **Front Setback**: 4 ft
     - **Secondary Front Setback**: 2 ft
     - **Side**: 0 ft
     - **Rear**: 3 ft

   Front Setback may be modified by warrant to accommodate slopes over 10 percent

4. **Building Configuration**
   - **What are the Building Height requirements?**
     - a. A maximum of 4 stories above ground for the principal building and 2 stories for the outbuilding.
     - b. In general, stories may not exceed 14 feet in height except, as provided below:
       - i. The story height on ground level for commercial uses shall...
Terrace or Lightwell
Porch & Fence

MABLETON FORM-BASED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Private Frontage:
a complete living unit sharing ownership and utility connections with a principal building, it may or may not be within an outbuilding

Accessory Unit:
stands for any stories above those shown, up to the maximum

5. Frontage Standards

What types of private frontages*** are allowed?

There are six types of private frontages allowed:

a. Porch & Fence: the facade is set back from the frontage line with the attached porch encroaching into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth and is no less than 4 feet deep. Fences define the boundary line, and are up to 4 feet high

b. Terrace or Lightwell: the facade is set back from the frontage line by an elevated terrace or sunken light well which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth. Terraces should be raised a min. of 18 inches from the average sidewalk grade

c. Forecourt: a portion of the facade is close to the frontage line and the central portion is set back. The forecourt is suitable for vehicular drop-offs. This type should be allocated in conjunction with other frontage types. A max. of 15 ft. of setback or 30 ft. for vehicular forecourts is permitted. Driveways to be limited to 20 ft. in width within forecourts and 12 ft. in the public frontage*** with pavement in stone, brick, cobble, or to match the adjacent public frontage

d. Stoop: the facade is aligned close to the frontage line with the first story elevated from the sidewalk. The entrance is usually an exterior stair and landing which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth but may be recessed into the volume of the bldg. in where setbacks are less than 4 feet

e. Shopfront: the facade is aligned close to the front line with the building entrance at the sidewalk grade. It may be freestanding or combined with gallery frontage. Ground floor commercial functions shall provide this type of frontage. Clear glass to be no less than 70% of its depth and may overlap the sidewalk with at least 2 feet away from the curb. Awnings shall project horizontally from the facade a min. of 6 feet and span a min. of 80% of the frontage width without gaps.

6. Building Function

What building functions are allowed?

a. Limited Residential
- Allowed types: single family attached or detached, accessory unit, senior housing, multi-family, and mixed-use building
- Min. 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling

b. Limited Lodging
- Allowed types: bed & breakfast (up to 5 rooms), Inn (up to 12 rooms)
- Owner occupied
- Food service may be provided in the morning
- The maximum length of stay is 14 days
- 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom

c. **Limited Office:**
- Allowed types: office building and live-work unit
- Limited to the first story
- Min. 2.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of net office space
d. **Limited Retail:**
- Allowed types: open market building, retail building, display gallery, restaurant, and kiosk
- Limited to the first story at corner locations on avenues or drives
- Food service to be limited to seating no more than 60 patrons
- Min. 3.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of retail space
e. **Other functions including funeral home and elementary school:** to be determined by right
f. **Civic and other functions including cemetery, high school, trade school, and children center:** to be determined by warrant

**7. Parking Standards**

**• How many parking spaces are required regarding various building functions?**

a. **Residential:** Min 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling (including the dwelling within the accessory building)
b. **Lodging:** Min. 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
c. **Office:** Min. 2.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of net office space, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
d. **Retail:** Min. 3.0 parking spaces per 1,000 sq ft of net retail space, accessory units to be exempt from parking requirements
e. **Civic & Other Functions:** Parking spaces to be determined by warrant
f. **Parking provided shall include spaces within the lot and along the parking lane corresponding to lot frontages**
g. **Liner buildings less than 30 feet deep and no more than two stories to be exempt from parking requirements**

**• Where is the parking located?**

a. Garages, parking lots and parking structures to be located at the third lot layer. On-street parking lane shall correspond to lot frontages (See Thoroughfare Assemblies table for the on-street parking lane layout)
b. Unpaved parking areas may be located within the first lot layer by warrant
c. The required parking may be provided off site by purchase or lease from a civic parking reserve or private parking lot or structure within 800 feet of the lot

**• How does the shared parking function?**

a. The required parking may be adjusted downward according to the shared parking table
b. Shared parking available for two or more functions within a single lot or within one block
c. Calculated as the highest shared parking requirement resulting from the completed shared parking table

**8. Landscape Standards**

**• What should be landscaped in each private frontage?**

a. In porch & fence frontages:
   - A minimum of two trees shall be planted for each 30 feet of frontage line
   - Native plant perennial landscapes should be used in place of turf grass
b. In stoop and forecourt frontages:
   - Trees and shrubs not to be required in the private frontage. Trees in the private frontage should match the species in the public frontage
   - Landscaping shall consist of durable species, tolerant of soil compaction
   - Paving shall match the public frontage except where paved with pervious materials
c. In shopfront and gallery frontages:
   - Trees and shrubs not to be required in the private frontage
   - Landscaping shall consist of durable species, tolerant of soil compaction
   - The private frontage to be paved to match the public frontage

**• Other requirements regarding landscaping?**

a. Parking lot landscaping:
   - One tree to be planted for every 25 spaces
   - Parking lots less than 50 spaces to be exempt from landscaping requirements
   - Paving should consist of pervious materials where possible
   - Landscaped areas to be placed lower than paving, not mounded up
b. Non-invasive species to be planted in the private frontage and lots
c. One pervious walkway no wider than 5 feet providing access to the principal entrance at all frontages to be permitted

9. Signage Standards
• What are the requirements for residential functions?

  Address Sign:
  a. One address number
  b. No more than 6 inches high
  c. Attached to the building entrance area or at a mailbox
  d. Signage may be externally illuminated

  • What are the requirements for commercial functions?
  a. Externally illuminated, except within the shopfront glazing may be neon lit
  b. Blade Sign:
     - One for each ground floor business, one sign per frontage for businesses on the corner lots
     - No more than 6 sq ft
     - May be perpendicular to the facade
     - 8 foot clearance above the sidewalk
  c. Band Sign:
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     - Not to exceed 3 feet in height
  d. Awnings & Sign:
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     - No taller than 6 inches
     - Text or graphic on top surface
     - Printed to the fabric
  e. Window Sign:
     - One for each business, one sign per frontage for businesses on corner lots
     - No more than 9 sq ft
     - Opaque signboards are prohibited
  f. Sidewalk Sign:
     - An A-frame sidewalk sign may be placed in front of a business
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• Where are utilities located?
  To be located underground, within the public right of way, including roadway lanes and sidewalks.

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• What are the building material requirements?
  a. Multiple exterior materials on a single building to be combined on each facade horizontally, with the heavier material below the lighter
  b. Brick, wood, or cementitious clapboard can be used as exterior finish material
  c. All exposed exterior wood to be painted
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• What are the requirements regarding fences, walls and screens?
  a. Fences, walls, or other suitable visual screens to be provided along side and rear lot lines, except where both adjoining lot areas are used for surface parking, outdoor commercial uses or community gardens
  b. Street screens to be constructed of a material matching the adjacent building facade
  c. Building mechanical equipment and refuse storage to be visually screened and not located along frontages

• What are the requirements regarding openings of the building?
  a. Porches, galleries, doors, and windows to be square or rectangular shape except shopfronts
  b. Doors and windows operating as sliders to be prohibited along frontages except those at shopfronts which may be approved by warrant
  c. Glazed openings above the first story not to exceed 50% of the total building wall area, with each façade being calculated independently
  d. Entrances to upper floor residential uses in mixed-use buildings may be at sidewalk grade

• What are the requirements regarding porch floors and gallery supports?
  a. Porch floors to be wood, plank, concrete slab, or stone. Synthetic materials are permitted provided they have the appearance of the materials noted above
  b. Galleries may be supported by wrought iron or metal posts

• What are the requirements regarding roofs?
  a. Symmetrically pitched with a minimum angle 6 in 12. Low-slope (flat) roofs shall be permitted
  b. Metal roofing materials to compliment an architectural style while minimizing glare
  c. Rooftop equipment to be screened in a manner consistent with the architectural design of the building along frontages

• Which types of photo voltaic (PV) systems are permitted along frontages?
  a. Flexible panel type PV system or integrated photo voltaic (BIPV)
  b. Attached directly to the roofing material, PV roofing shingles, or other conducting system that applies directly to roofing material or sheathing with less than one half inch average vertical dimension or integrated into building shading devices

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1. Density Calculations

- **What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?**
  
  56 units/acre of gross lot area*

- **How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?**

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- **What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?**
  70% to be allowed for other building functions

- **What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?**

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2. Lot Standards

- **What layers are in a lot?**

Each lot is composed of three layers:

- **First layer:** the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line** and the required setback including the private frontage.

- **Second layer:** the portion of the lot behind the first layer which includes the portion of the building enfronting the thoroughfare.

- **Third layer:** the portion of the lot that is not within the first and second layer and is least visible from the thoroughfare.

- **What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?**
  14 feet at the minimum and 180 feet at the maximum

- **What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?**
  70%

3. Building Disposition

- **What are the permitted building dispositions in this zone?**

- **Sideyard:** A disposition where the building occupies one side of the lot with the setback to the other side.

- **Rearyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the full frontage, leaving the rear of the lot as the sole yard.

- **Courtyard:** A disposition where the building occupies the boundaries of its lot while internally defining one or more private space.

4. Building Configuration

- **What are the Building height requirements?**

  a. A maximum of 6 stories above ground for the principal building and 3 stories for the outbuilding.

  b. In general, stories may not exceed 14 feet in height, except as provided below:

  1. The story height on ground level for commercial uses shall be between 11 feet and 25 feet. A single floor at ground level exceeding 18 feet is counted as two stories.

  2. The height of free standing parking structures is limited to 70 feet at the max.

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*Gross lot area includes the net lot area and the area of adjacent thoroughfares and passages between lot lines and center lines

**Frontage Line: a lot line bordering a public frontage

***Outbuilding: an accessory building usually located toward the rear of the lot, and sometimes connected to the principal building by a backbuilding. It shall not count towards base density

****Rear Setback-Principal Building: 3 ft at the minimum or 15 feet measured from the center line of the alley
3. For parking structures attached to building for at least 50% of the perimeter, the height may not exceed the eave height of the attached building.

4. Ground floor residential or lodging functions should be raised a min. of 18 inches from average sidewalk grade at the principal frontage.

**What lifelong community standards shall single family residences meet?**

a. One-zero step entrance at the principal building
b. A minimum of 32 inches clear passage space for all doors on the main floor of the principal building
c. One accessible full bathroom on the main floor of the principal building
d. One bedroom on the main floor of the principal building

**What are the accessory unit** requirements?

a. The habitable area should not be greater than 600 sq ft.
b. Access to the accessory unit raised in basements may be at sidewalk grade

c. One bedroom on the main floor of the principal building

**What types of private frontages are allowed?**

5. **Frontage Standards**

There are six types of private frontages allowed:

a. **Terrace or Lightwell**: the facade is set back from the frontage line by an elevated terrace or sunken light well which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth. Terraces should be raised a min. of 18 inches from the average sidewalk grade.
b. **Forecourt**: a portion of the facade is close to the frontage line and the central portion is set back. The forecourt is suitable for vehicular drop-offs. This type should be allocated in conjunction with other frontage types. A max. of 15 ft. recess for pedestrian forecourts or a max. of 30 ft. for vehicular forecourts is permitted. Driveways to be limited to 20 ft. in width within forecourts and 12 ft. in the public frontage with pavement in stone, brick, cobble, or to match the adjacent public frontage.
c. **Stoop**: the facade is aligned close to the frontage line with the first story elevated from the sidewalk. The entrance is usually an exterior stair and landing which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth but may be recessed into the volume of the bldg. in which setbacks are less than 4 feet.
d. **Shopfront**: the facade is aligned close to the frontage line with the building entrance at the sidewalk grade. It may be freestanding or combined with gallery frontage. Ground floor commercial functions shall provide this type of frontage. Clear glass to be no less than 70% of the ground floor at principal and secondary frontages. The awning may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth and may overlap the sidewalk with at least 2 feet away from the curb. Awnings shall project horizontally from the facade a min. of 6 feet and span a min. of 80% of the frontage width without gap.
e. **Gallery**: the facade is aligned with the frontage line with an attached cantilevered shed or lightweight colonnade overlapping the sidewalk and at least 2 feet away from the curb. Galleries shall provide a min. vertical clearance of 10 feet and project horizontally from the facade a min. of 10 feet.
f. **Arcade**: a colonnade supporting habitable space that overlaps the sidewalk, while the facade at sidewalk level remains at or behind the frontage line

**What are the general requirements for the private frontage?**

a. Balconies and bay windows may encroach into the first floor layer up to 100% of its depth
b. Commercial functions may utilize the public frontage for seating, serving, displays of merchandise, and other business related activities
c. A min. 6 foot contiguous clear path to be provided and maintained within the public frontage, private frontage, or combination of both
d. No stairs or ramps within the private frontage for multi-family commercial functions
e. Illumination to be provided at the ground floor entrances for commercial functions
f. The private frontage to be coordinated with the public frontage as a single, coherent landscape and paving design
g. Loading docks and service areas may be permitted on frontages by warrant
h. In the absence of a building facade along any part of a frontage line, a streetscreen between 4 and 8 feet in height shall be built coplanar with the facade and have necessary openings to allow automobile and pedestrian access

6. **Building Function**

**What building functions are allowed?**

a. **Open Residential**
   - Allowed types: single family attached or detached, accessory unit, senior housing, multi-family, and mixed-use building
   - Min. 1.0 parking spaces per dwelling
b. **Open Lodging**
   - Allowed types: bed & breakfast (up to 5 rooms), Inn (up to 12 rooms), and hotel

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*N stands for any stories above those shown, up to the maximum

**Accessory Unit**: a complete living unit sharing ownership and utility connections with a principal building, it may or may not be within an outbuilding

***Private Frontage**: the area between the frontage line and the principal building facade

****Public Frontage**: the area between the curb of the vehicular lanes and the frontage line

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- Food service may be provided at all times
- The area allocated for food service shall be calculated and provided with parking according to retail function
- 1.0 parking spaces per bedroom

c. **Open Office:**
- Allowed types: office building and live-work unit
- Min. 2.0 parking spaces per 1,500 sq ft of net office space

d. **Open Retail:**
- Allowed types: open market building, retail building, display gallery, restaurant, and kiosk
- Limited to the ground floor. Units accessed by a lightwell frontage may be permitted a commercial function in the basement level in addition to the area located on the ground floor
- Min. 2.0 parking spaces per 1,500 sq ft of retail space
- Retail spaces under 1,500 sq ft can obtain a warrant to reduce parking requirement

e. Civic and other functions including funeral home, medical clinic, trade school, elementary school, childcare center, and light manufacturing: to be determined by right

**What building functions are not allowed?**

- Automotive sales, repair, and/or service facilities; truck maintenance; adult themed bookstores; pawn shops, second hand shops, or thrift stores; check cashing; tattoo and/or body piercing parlors; retail sales of guns or weapons as a primary use; and wholesale businesses

7. **Parking Standards**

- **How many parking spaces are required regarding various building functions?**
  a. **Residential:** Min. 1.0 parking spaces per dwelling (including the dwelling within the accessory building)
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- Where are utilities located?
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   - What is the maximum base density ratio for housing?  
     80 units/acre of gross lot area*  
   - How to calculate development units for other building functions (other than housing)?
     For lodging: 3 rooms counted as 1 unit  
     For office: 1,500 sf counted as 1 unit  
     For retail: 2,000 sf counted as 1 unit  
   - What is the maximum percentage of development units per lot for other building functions (other than housing)?  
     80% to be allowed for other building functions  
   - What is the maximum density in relation to the percentage of non-owner occupied housing per development?
     
     | Percentage | 40% | 60% | 100% |
     |------------|-----|-----|------|
     | Max. Density | 80 units/acre | 40 units/acre | 20 units/acre |

2. Lot Standards
   - What layers are in a lot?
     Each lot is composed of three layers:
     
     First layer: the area comprised of the distance between the frontage line** and the required setback including the private frontage  
     
     Second layer: the portion of the lot behind the first layer which includes the portion of the building enfacing the thoroughfare  
     
     Third layer: the portion of the lot that is not within the first and second layer and is least visible from the thoroughfare  

   - What is the width requirement of the lot along the principal frontage?  
     14 feet at the minimum and 500 feet at the maximum  
   - What is the maximum percentage of the lot coverage by buildings?  
     90%  

3. Building Disposition
   - What are the permitted building dispositions in this zone?  
     Rearyard: A disposition where the building occupies the full frontage, leaving the rear of the lot as the sole yard  
     Courtyard: A disposition where the building occupies the boundaries of its lot while internally defining one or more private space  

4. Building Configuration
   - What are the Building Height requirements?
     a. A maximum of 12 stories above ground for the principal building and 3 stories for the outbuilding  
     b. In general, stories may not exceed 14 feet in height, except as provided below:  
        1. The story height on ground level for commercial uses shall be between 11 feet and 25 feet. A single floor at ground level exceeding 18 feet is counted as two stories.  
        2. The height of free standing parking structures is by warrant  
        3. For parking structures attached to building for at least 50%
4. Ground floor residential or lodging functions should be raised a minimum of 18 inches from average sidewalk grade at the principal frontage.

5. Frontage Standards

• What types of private frontages** are allowed?

There are five types of private frontages allowed:

a. Forecourt: a portion of the facade is close to the frontage line and the central portion is set back. The forecourt is suitable for vehicular drop-offs. This type should be allocated in conjunction with other frontage types. A max. of 15 ft. recess for pedestrian forecourts or a max. of 30 ft. for vehicular forecourts is permitted. Driveways to be limited to 20 ft. in width within forecourts and 12 ft. in the public frontage*** with pavement in stone, brick, cobble, or to match the adjacent public frontage.

b. Stoop: the facade is aligned close to the frontage line with the first story elevated from the sidewalk. The entrance is usually an exterior stair and landing which may encroach into the private frontage up to 100% of its depth but may be recessed into the volume of the building. In where setbacks are less than 4 feet.

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e. Arcade: a colonnade supporting habitable space that overlaps the sidewalk, and at least 2 feet away from the curb while the facade at sidewalk level remains at or behind the frontage line. The overlapping area shall provide a min. vertical clearance of 10 feet and project horizontally from the facade.

• What are the general requirements for the private frontage?

a. Commercial functions may utilize the public frontage for seating, serving, displays of merchandise, and other business related activities.

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d. Open Retail:

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MABLETON FORM-BASED REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

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PEDESTRIAN PATHS
PEDESTRIAN PASSAGES
A-Grid
B-Grid

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CZ - CIVIC ZONE

Note: Thoroughfare assignment plans are illustrative and subject to frequent calibration. Official copy is maintained by the office of the Review Committee.

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PUBLIC FRONTAGE ASSEMBLY TYPES

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The principal varieties are the type and dimension of curbs, walkways, planters and landscape.

Open Curb

10-24 feet

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12-16 feet

15-24 feet

15-24 feet

18-32 feet

B. DRAINAGE:
The sloping of the edge of the vehicular pavement, incorporating drainage.

Cubbing Type

Open Curb

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Raised Curb

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C. WALKWAY:
The portion of the Thoroughfare dedicated exclusively to pedestrian activity.

Open Path

4-6 feet

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12-20 feet

12-20 feet

12-20 feet

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The portion of the Thoroughfare accommodating streetside and other landscape.

Arrangement

Species

Plant Type

Plant Width

12-14 feet

15-18 feet

18-24 feet

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18-24 feet

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The recommended plant species. See Table 4 for specifications, if any.

Chairman

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F. LIGHTING:
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Chairman

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- Boulevard: BY
- Rear Entry: RA
- Rear Lane: RL
- Path: PT
- Passage: PG
- Bicycle Trail: BT
- Bicycle Lane: BL
- Bicycle Route: BR

#### BIKEWAY TYPES

- See Bicycle Module

#### PUBLIC FRONTAGE

- Drainage Type: F
- Curb Radius: 10 feet
- Sidewalk: 12 foot Sidewalk
- Tree: 4 foot tree well
- Trees: @ 30' c.o. avg.

#### TRANSPORTATION WAY

- Traffic Lane Width: 2 lanes @ 11 feet each
- Parking Lane Width: One side @ 7 feet (including 2 foot paneled marked
- Median Width: N/A
- Target Speed: 20 MPH
- Next 2 seconds: See Bicycle Module

#### BIKEWAY TYPE

- See Bicycle Module

#### TRANSIT MODULE

- See Transit Module

**NOTES**

- Signalized intersections shall be outfitted with countour display signs for walk/don't walk signs. Signal timing should be calculated based on pedestrian crossing time.
- For every 500 feet of thoroughfare length, a 5 foot by 5 foot passing area must be provided at the walkway as per ADAAG (Georgia Access Law, Chapter 120-3-20).

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Note:

a. Safe crossing zones shall be provided and bound with color and tactical markings detectable by white cane users

b. Pathway surfaces shall be smooth and clear of obstacles. Smooth surfaces shall have consistent, even surfaces, with no separations or bumps higher than 1/2”

c. Ramps in sidewalk grade changes should run in the direction of travel.

d. Drainage at pedestrian crossings of thoroughfares shall eliminate water and ice from collecting at the base of curb ramps.