

D# 63 CENTER DOWNTOWN ZONE

General Description

This housekeeping amendment replaces the term “Downtown Core” with “Center Downtown Zone” in sections of the Renton Municipal Code where it is still used.

In 2007, the City reviewed and amended the number of regulatory overlays in place that affected the downtown. One of the outcomes of this change was to replace the term “Downtown Core” with the term “Center Downtown Zone” throughout the code. It has come to staff’s attention that either through initial oversight or inadvertent amendment during codification, there is some use of the term “Downtown Core” still in the RMC that needs to be replaced. Replacement will ensure consistency of terminology within the Code.

Impact Analysis

Effect on rate of growth, development, and conversion of land as envisioned in the Plan

This has no effect on growth, development, or the conversion of land, it is a non-substantive change.

Effect on the City’s capacity to provide adequate public facilities

This has no effect on the City’s capacity to provide adequate public facilities.

Effect on the rate of population and employment growth

This has no effect on the rate of population and employment growth.

Whether Plan objectives are being met as specified or remain valid and desirable

This proposal is not substantive and does not affect Plan objective, validity, or desirability.

Effect on general land values or housing costs

There is no effect on land values or housing costs.

Whether capital improvements or expenditures are being made or completed as expected

There is no effect on capital improvements or expenditures.

Consistency with GMA, the Plan, and Countywide Planning Policies

This is a non substantive change and does not invoke GMA, Comprehensive Plan, or Countywide Planning Policies.

Effect on critical areas and natural resource lands

There is no effect on critical areas and natural resource lands.

Effect on other considerations

There are no other considerations.

Staff Recommendation

Replace the term "Downtown Core" with the term "Center Downtown Zone."

Implementation Requirements

Make changes as show below to the following sections of the Renton Municipal Code:

4-2-130B.13.a

When abutting a public street, 1 additional foot of height for each additional 1 ½' of perimeter building setback beyond the minimum street setback required at street level unless such setbacks are otherwise discouraged (e.g., inside the Center Downtown Zone ~~Core Area in the CD Zone~~)

4-4-080F.10.e

Amend the following heading in the table showing the number of required parking spaces:

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES WITHING THE CENTER DOWNTOWN ~~CORE~~ ZONE

4-11-040

Delete the following definition:

~~DOWNTOWN CORE AREA: See Map Exhibit in RMC 4-2-080C.~~

9-10-11F.6

Removal of Utility Locate Marking from Sidewalks Required: The permittee will be required to remove utility locate marks on the sidewalks only within the Center Downtown Zone ~~Core Area~~. The permittee shall remove the utility locate marks within 14 days of job completion.