Maximum Building Heights



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Unique role of the Central City: 2040 GROWTH CONCEPT





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A uniquely fine-grained Central City: BLOCK PATTERN





Central City Height Principles

- 1. Level of development
- 2. Light and air \rightarrow parks, open spaces, river
- 3. Historic districts, special areas
- 4. Public views
- 5. Transitions to neighborhoods
- 6. Skyline
- 7. NEW: public benefits and/or amenities





Floor Area Ratio (FAR)









How height works with FAR











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Building Design Regulation



PORTLAND ZONING CODE

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Large garage-door openings at a coffee house in the Lloyd District

GUIDELINE

Integrate building setbacks with adjacent sidewalks to increase the space for potential public use.

Develop visual and physical connections into buildings' active interior spaces from adjacent sidewalks.

Use architectural elements such as atriums, grand entries and large ground-level windows to reveal important interior spaces and activities.

DESIGN REVIEW AND GUIDELINES



Typical sections of Sidewalk Corridor in residential zone, top, and commercial zone, bottom sketch.

PEDESTRIAN DESIGN GUIDE

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Height and construction type (residential)

"5 over 1"

"Slabs"

"Towers"







History of Central City Height Regulations



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Prior to 1988 Central City Plan

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EXISTING FLOOR AREA RATIO LIMITS



EXISTING HEIGHT LIMITS



PROPOSED HEIGHT LIMITS



Proposed Height Limit Changes

- 1. Old Town/Chinatown
- 2. Bridgeheads
- 3. South Transit Mall
- 4. South Auditorium District
- 5. South Pearl District
- 6. Pearl District Waterfront





1. Old Town/ Chinatown



- Flexibility for key redevelopment sites
- Requires height transfer from historic property
- Height change only after update of historic district nomination and design guidelines









Old Town/Chinatown: Existing Conditions





Old Town/Chinatown: Redevelopment Sites





Old Town/Chinatown: Existing Height Limits





Old Town/Chinatown: Proposed Height Limits Revised Proposal = 150'





Old Town/Chinatown: Building Volumes with Existing Height Limits (100')





Old Town/Chinatown: Looking N along NW 4th (100')







Old Town/Chinatown: Building Volumes with Proposed Height Limits (150')





Old Town/Chinatown: Looking N along NW 4th (150')



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2. Bridgeheads

- 1. Flexibility for constrained sites
- 2. Bring day-to-day activity/density closer to waterfront
- 3. Protect adjacent historic districts
- 4. Recommended in1972 Downtown Plan and 1988 Central City Plan









Morrison Bridgehead: Existing Conditions







Morrison Bridgehead: Redevelopment Sites







Morrison Bridgehead: Existing Height Limits







Morrison Bridgehead: Proposed Height Limits







Morrison Bridgehead: Building Volumes with Proposed Height Limits & Shadow Study April 21, 12 PM





Morrison Bridgehead: Building Volumes with Proposed Height Limits & Shadow Study April 21, 3 PM





Hawthorne Bridgehead: Existing Conditions







Hawthorne Bridgehead: Existing Height Limits







Hawthorne Bridgehead: Proposed Height Limits







Hawthorne Bridgehead: Building Volumes with Proposed Height Limits



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3. South Transit Mall

- Put more development/design flexibility on regional transit
- Development opportunities on northern portions
- SAC interested in additional FAR but need to check transportation impact









South Transit Mall: Existing Conditions



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South Transit Mall: Redevelopment Sites



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South Transit Mall: Building Volumes with Existing Height Limits





South Transit Mall: Building Volumes with Proposed Height Limits





5. South Pearl District 6. Pearl District Waterfront



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175 ft to 250 ft. in return for:

- Transfer from historic buildings
- Public waterfront improvements



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