

UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE FACT SHEET

RDD Re-Development District

The purpose of this district is to facilitate the redevelopment of existing nonconforming commercial centers through flexible or relaxed standards, which can accommodate existing physical limitations and take extraordinary circumstances into account. The Redevelopment District (RDD) is an overlay district. The permissible uses on any site shall be governed by the underlying zoning.

The following supplemental standards shall apply to this district:

Location

A Redevelopment District (RDD) may be established upon any commercially-zoned property where the initial development was established a minimum of 20 years prior to the rezoning request and the proposed redevelopment meets the intent of this section. Special consideration should be given to those areas considered "gateways" and/or historic, and those with close proximity to Texas A&M University.

Standards

Although every effort should be made to meet all requirements of this UDO, designated Redevelopment Districts may be allowed to waive up to 50 percent of required parking standards and landscaping where physical limitations and the site's location and relationship to the goals of the Comprehensive Plan warrant consideration. A lesser percentage may be established as part of the approval process.

Criteria for Evaluation

Evaluation of all sites and site plans for rezoning to RDD shall consider the following:

- a. Conformance with the Comprehensive Plan;
- b. Aesthetic contribution of the proposed redevelopment;
- c. Economic viability of the existing site;
- d. Physical limitations and the demonstrated inability to meet current requirements;
- e. Public health and safety standards; and
- f. Effort made to meet all standards of this UDO.

Full engineering of sites may not be required for the establishment of a Redevelopment District; however, a preliminary engineering study will be required which assesses parking, vehicular access and circulation, drainage and utility requirements.

Procedure for Establishment

The procedure for rezoning to RDD shall be the same as any other rezoning application except that a site plan of the proposed redevelopment of the site shall be carefully evaluated to ascertain the site plan's benefit to achieving the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Elevations of proposed structures may be required as part of the review process, or to determine eligibility for rezoning.

Full engineering may not be required for evaluating a property for rezoning. Varying levels of information may be required by the Administrator depending upon the peculiarities of any given site.

The site plan components shall govern the redevelopment of the site following the approval of an RDD.