

50-15.7 Mixed Use-Planned (MU-P).

A. Purpose.

The MU-P district is established to provide a flexible development option for mixed use projects that integrate creative site design, provide a variety of building types, provide unique on-site amenities, conserve natural features, increase pedestrian connectivity, or otherwise result in a final product that provides a greater level of public benefit than would be required under the existing zone district. Each MU-P district requires approval of an MU-P regulating plan that includes the location, type, and intensity of proposed development and a description of public amenities or benefits included. A variety of residential and commercial uses are permitted, as shown in Table 50-19.8, provided projects are compatible in scale and character with the surrounding neighborhood and are included in the approved MU-P plan;

B. Examples.



C. Modifications.

An applicant may seek only the modifications in Table 50-15.7-1, based on demonstration of how the proposal supports the purpose of the MU-P district as stated in Section 50-15.7.A and the following desired MU-P amenities:

1. Significant preservation and protection of natural resources and undeveloped areas, including wetlands, trees, key habitat, and wildlife areas;
2. A higher level of sustainability, demonstrated in buildings, site design, and transportation, than required by Section 50-28;
3. More efficient and effective use of streets, utilities, and public facilities to support high quality development at a lesser cost;
4. Recreational facilities that are open to the public, such as parks and playgrounds.
5. Accommodations for and linkages to mass transit;
6. Creative site and building design;
7. Bike lanes and trails within the development and connecting to other trails and destinations;
8. Pedestrian amenities such as benches, plazas, pedestrian-scaled lighting, traffic calming, and art;

Table 50-15.7-1: Modifications Allowed.	
Chapter Requirement	Maximum Modification Allowed
Distance from property lines	No required yards
Building height	20% increase if not within 200' of an R-1 or R-2
Lot frontage	10% decrease
Buildings per lot	More than one building may be placed on one lot
Parking	10% decrease in addition to other allowable chapter reductions or a 10% increase over the maximum
Landscaping	20% decrease
Street width	As determined by City Engineer
Building design standards	Can propose alternative standards
Higher Education Overlay	Can propose alternative standards

D. Applicability.

An MU-P district shall only be established in the R-2, MU-N, MU-C, and MU-B districts provided the property meets the requirements in Table 50-15.7-2.

TABLE 50-15.7-2: Characteristics of MU-P Areas.	
Current zoning	R-2, MU-N, MU-C, MU-B
Minimum lot size	2 acres

E. Rezoning approval and regulating plan required.

The establishment of an MU-P district requires rezoning the property per Section 50-37.3 from a current zone district to MU-P and the approval of an MU-P plan per Section 50-37.11, that governs the uses, location, density, dimensional standards and character of the proposed project.

In accordance with the purpose of the MU-P district, approval of the MU-P plan is deemed to include subdivision approval; MU-P districts are not required to submit a separate subdivision application under Section 50-37.5.

F. Development standards.

1. The development standards of the base zone district(s) where the property is located shall apply to any MU-P zoned land unless waived or varied by the terms of an approved MU-P regulating plan. The ordinance approving an MU-P district and the approved regulating plan shall identify the previous base zone districts for each portion of the property;
2. Overall density in residential portions of the MU-P shall follow the density requirements of the previous zone district unless modified as part of the MU-P plan;

3. Height standards:
 - (a) Maximum building height within 200 feet of an R-1 district is 35 feet;
 - (b) Maximum building height within 200 feet of an R-2 district is 50 feet;
4. Common open space. Adequate provisions shall be made for the permanent preservation and maintenance of active or passive open space. Common open space shall not be less than 20 percent of the area of the project and shall comply with the following requirements:
 - (a) Common open space shall include the shore and bluff impact zones;
 - (b) Common open space shall include, where possible, wetlands, floodplains, wildlife areas, steep slopes, rock outcrops, tree stands and areas unsuitable for development in their natural state;
 - (c) At least 50 percent of the common open space shall be retained in a contiguous area;
 - (d) Common open space shall not include roads or right-of-way;
5. The development shall encourage walkable, bikeable communities through the use of complete streets, alleys, sidewalks and trails, interconnected street networks, small blocks, front porches, and buildings that are sited adjacent to streets;
6. All shoreland setbacks and other dimensional requirements from Section 50-18.1 (NR-O) shall continue to apply and cannot be varied through the MU-P process;

G. Required community meeting.

The applicant shall hold at least one community meeting to discuss the plan before submitting the plan for review and approval by the city. Notice of the public meeting shall be mailed to all property owners within 350 feet outside the planning area boundaries, and the city shall provide the applicant with the names and address of those property owners upon request. The applicant shall submit with the application documentation that the community meeting has taken place, the date and time of the meeting, the number of attendees, any issues raised regarding the plan and any responses to those concerns incorporated in the plan;

H. Required rezoning application and regulating plan contents.

1. The rezoning application (approved per Section 50-37.3) shall include the following information:
 - (a) A concept map showing the property to be rezoned and general uses within the area;
 - (b) Maximum residential densities and maximum square footage for nonresidential land uses;
 - (c) Maximum building heights;
2. The regulating plan (approved per Section 50-37.11) shall cover all of the land in the proposed MU-P district and shall regulate all future development in the MU-P district. An approved MU-P plan is required before any building permits may be issued within the MU-P district. The MU-P plan shall include maps and text describing the following information:
 - (a) General layout of development areas and building parcels in relation to the natural features to be protected and the proposed road, trail and bicycle circulation systems;
 - (b) Lot sizes and widths, building setbacks, and maximum building heights for all proposed development parcels;
 - (c) Previous base zone districts;
 - (d) A traffic impact analysis;
 - (e) A road, trail and bicycle circulation plan (including how the circulation may intersect with transit use) and a description of proposed road, trail and bike route widths, trail surfaces, a proposal for maintenance of each road and trail (which may include dedication to and maintenance by the city), and a statement as to whether public access will be permitted on each road, trail, and bicycle route;
 - (f) A natural resources inventory and natural site features to be protected;
 - (g) Common open space to be provided, the location of that open space, a calculation of proposed open space as a percentage of the total land area in the MU-P

zone, a proposal for protection and maintenance of the open space over time and a statement as to whether public access to the open space shall be provided;

(h) Permitted and special uses for the site, which shall be consistent with those shown in Table 50-19.8; special uses listed in the MU-P plan will need to apply for and receive a special use permit prior to building;

(i) Maximum residential densities and maximum square footage for nonresidential land uses;

(j) A plan describing the demand for and location of water, sewer, and utility service to the property, including any additional right-of-way needed to accommodate those utilities. In addition, the plan shall indicate all utilities that will be owned or maintained by the public, and if any of those services are to be provided by the city or a public or quasi-public district, and provide a statement as to whether the proposed facilities will meet the engineering and maintenance standards of that entity;

(k) Details on buffering or transitioning between uses of different intensities both on- and off-site;

(l) A plan for stormwater collection and treatment that includes a summary of land use and technical methods used to minimize storm water run-off from the site;

(m) Off-street parking to be provided in driveways, surface lots and garages;

(n) Any public amenities, other than common open space, to be provided by the applicant, together with a statement as to whether those amenities shall be available for public use;

(o) Any required building types, form-based regulation or architectural design requirements, as well as a description of how those standards will be maintained and enforced over time;

(p) If a project involves construction over a period of time in two or more phases, a phasing plan demonstrating that each phase meets density requirements, open space requirements, and provision of public amenities. Phasing plan shall include an approximate time frame for each phase of development. The applicant shall provide agreements, contracts, covenants, deed restrictions, and sureties acceptable to the city attorney for the completion of the development according to the approved MU-P plan;

(q) Cross sections demonstrating the proportions of buildings and the relationship between those buildings, pedestrian spaces and the streetscape;

I. Amendments.

Applications to amend an existing MU-P plan shall follow the process described in Section 50-37.3 if they relate to uses, densities, or height. All other amendments shall follow the process in Section 50-37.11. (Added by Ord. No. 10192, 12-17-2012, § 6; Ord. No. 10286, 3-10-2014, § 4.)