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**TRIPOLI - AFFORDABLE FAMILY APARTMENTS**

## **DESIGN GUIDELINES**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

These Design Guidelines are required pursuant to the City of Coachella C-G PUD (General Commercial, Planned Unit Development). This Overlay Zone will provide for a mixed-use development for up to 108 apartments with approximately 4,350 square feet of ground floor commercial uses and urban open space.

The purpose of these Design Guidelines and Development Standards are to provide guidance for development, construction, new buildings, building additions, site work and landscaping. These guidelines will be used in addition to the zoning in establishing permitted uses, activities and development standards.

These guidelines may be amended from time to time. It is the owner's responsibility to be sure they have current Guidelines and have reviewed all applicable sections, ordinances or regulations that may affect any improvements.

The illustrations, photos and exhibits in this document are intended to convey a concept, not detailed construction drawings for construction. The intent of these guidelines are to provide a framework for preparing construction drawings for approval.

In the event of a conflict between these guidelines and any local, state or federal building and zoning codes. The jurisdictional approved documents shall govern.

## **II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The proposed project consists of a mixed-use development on vacant land located on 2.79 acres. The site is in the City of Coachella within a Planned Development (PD) Overlay Zone for a future mixed-use building. The residential affordable apartments will consist of 108 units including twenty-nine (30 ) three-bedroom, fifty-two (51 ) two-bedroom and twenty-seven (27) one-bedroom units for families. The project includes one (1) residential unit for a fulltime onsite manager. The Commercial portion consist of two commercial locations. Building A proposes to build 2,200 sf retail space and will front onto 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Building B proposes to build 2,125 sf of retail space and will be located on the corner of Cesar Chavez and Bagdad Avenue. Building A will be a 3-story structure of wood frame construction with elevators. Building B will be a 3 -story structure of wood frame construction and also include elevators. The project will incorporate green strategies such as low flow water fixtures and drought tolerant/native landscaping. The project will be energy efficient and include solar for power generation. Onsite social services provided to residents at no charge.

A 2,200 sf Community Meeting Room along with Multi-Purpose room will serve the entire project and include a computer lab, kitchen, and leasing office. Laundry facilities will be located in each building. The project will include ADA accessibility and hearing/visually impaired units.

The architectural style utilizes the latest design guidelines from the “Pueblo Viejo Implementation Strategy Plan”. This will consist of private patios and balconies along with tower elements.

### **A. C-G PUD (GENERAL COMMERCIAL PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) OVERLAY ZONE)**

#### **I. Commercial**

This intent of this zone is to provide for and encourage the orderly development of commercial areas designed to serve the community-wide needs. Such areas provide a wide variety of goods and services and must be consistent with the overall development of the city and its environs. The provisions of this zone intend to ensure that such commerce will be compatible with adjacent, noncommercial development, and to minimize the undesirable effects of heavy traffic, type of activity, and to set forth site requirements.

#### **2. Residential**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for attractive, planned, residential districts in accordance with the general plan; to provide a means of achieving greater quality, variety and flexibility in residential development on relatively large parcels of land; to encourage more imaginative and innovative design of

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projects; to promote more desirable living environments that would not be possible through the strict application of zoning standards; to assist in the development of old or blighted neighborhoods by providing incentives for higher quality multiple residential housing and project design; to require a more efficient use of open space, separation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic and increased project amenities; to insure that such projects will be assets to their surrounding neighborhoods, and safeguards will be required through the conditional use procedure. The overall plan shall provide equivalent or higher standards of development, operation, light, air, safety, convenience and aesthetics, than if developed under the underlying zone.

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**B. PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

The following Property Development Standards shall apply. Dimensions and standards are minimums, and minor variations may be permitted subject to Planning Director review approval, providing the minimums specified herein are maintained as average minimums.

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<b>Setbacks:</b>	
<b>Front Setback</b>	Zero (0) to ten (10) feet from property line.
<b>Minimum Building Height</b>	Three (3) stories or forty (40) feet
<b>Upper Floor Setbacks</b>	Ten (10) foot front setback for stories exceeding four (4) stories.
<b>Allowed Residential Densities</b>	Minimum twenty (20) D.U. per acre/Maximum sixty -five (65) D.U. per acre
<b>Parking:</b>	Residential: 0.5 per one-bedroom, 0.5 per two-bedroom, 0.5 per three-bedroom. Guest parking 0%.
	Retail/Commercial: 40% of 4/1000 sf.
	On-Street parking that is within 500 hundred feet of the main entrance of a development may be utilized to satisfy the requirement for off-street parking.
<b>Unit Size:</b>	1-bedroom 542 sf 2-bedroom 702 sf 3-bedroom 932 sf

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**Walls and Fences:**

Walls and fences are subject to the regulations set forth in the City of Coachella Zoning Ordinance. Fencing and wall design shall adhere to the parameters described in these Design Guidelines and/or Codes, Covenants and Restrictions.

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Apartment Development:

Conceptual Site Plan is depicted on Figure 1, Conceptual Floor Plans are depicted on Figure 2, Conceptual Unit Plans are depicted on Figure 3 and Conceptual Elevations are depicted on Figure 4.

Animal Keeping:

Consistent with an affordable type of community proposed, pets and animal raising are not permitted.



**C. PARKING REGULATIONS**

All off-street parking shall be in accordance with the regulations set forth by the State of California Density Bonus Law. Parking areas shall be landscaped in accordance with these Design Guidelines.

**D. GENERAL GUIDELINES – PROJECT THEME**

The project is designed as an 100% Affordable Apartment Project whereby the natural character of the site and surroundings are integrated into the community design (Figure 6 Landscape Concept Plan). A landscape theme reminiscent of early California Heritage is used. Landscape themes on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue will continue the current design associated with the adjacent Pueblo Viejo Villas project and the DPSS building. The property features quality commercial themes along the frontages of the community serving facilities located on Cesar Chavez and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. The project will extend these themes down Tripoli Way and Bagdad with angled parking with landscape pockets. This project will benefit by the Sunline Transit Center which is located on the southeast corner of 4th Street and Cesar Chavez.

**E. PURPOSE AND INTENT**

The purpose and intent of these Design Guidelines is to integrate appropriate planning, architectural and landscape architectural elements within the community and to guide the City of Coachella in the building of the project. The intent of these guidelines is to establish an individual identity, yet blend in with the overall community theme, as well as to blend with the overall community character of Coachella.

These guidelines, together with the other sections of this document, provide the basis of design consistency and serve as an instrument of approval by the City of Coachella Planning Department. This document is used together with the City of Coachella Zoning Ordinance, Building Codes and Planning Regulations that may be amended from time to time. In addition, changes may be made to these guidelines over the life of the project to further enhance the community.

**F. LANDSCAPE DESIGN GUIDELINES**

To reinforce the character of the project, landscape design guidelines for development is set forth in this section, compliment the qualities of the natural environment and surrounding community character. The project incorporates several development standards typical of rural desert communities such as roads without sidewalks, trails and informal landscaping. Public Roads designed to City standards, flow with the

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neighborhood and provide continuity. Streetscapes, as well as project entries and key focal points entering the community emulate the character through appropriate signage, landscaping and materials. The project landscape palette complements the themes and character for the City of Coachella.

Adherence to these guidelines helps ensure a quality living environment by creating design continuity throughout the project.

The Landscape Design Guidelines consist of a written summary and graphic exhibits that address the design of typical project elements. All project entry monuments, street scenes, community edges, boundaries and recreation amenities are delineated to further explain the personality of the community. The objectives of the Landscape Design Guidelines are:

- To provide guidance in formulating precise development plans.
- To provide a guide for public agencies, builders, engineers, architects, landscape architects, other professionals and homeowners.
- To provide the City of Coachella assurances that the project develops in accordance with the quality and character proposed in this document.

The Plant Material Guidelines section presents the overall community landscape concept and plant material palette. Information relative to seasonal planting constraints, climate constraints, planting installation, irrigation installation and landscape maintenance are presented as an aid to successful implementation.

## Street Scenes

The street scene guidelines establish street hardscape, furniture, landscape development, as well as a framework for consistency of design. All landscaping construction drawings require approval of the City of Coachella Planning Department.

### **Cesar Chavez “Major Road”**

Primary project Frontage is located along the Western Property Line. This street scene development provides for community commercial elements and serves as an introduction to the Commercial uses. The Cesar Chavez street scene is designed to accommodate pedestrian uses and local traffic from the apartments and Transit Center.

The street tree-planting concept for Cesar Chavez, features a row of trees and sidewalk adjacent to the commercial activity. The area between the sidewalk and residential units will be landscaped with desert planting and decomposed granite. The area adjacent to commercial spaces shall be enhance concrete which reflect a local natural appearance.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Street**

This is a local road that has been enhance and is a primary access to the City facilities. The intent is to encourage visitors to walk along shaded walkways, trellis’s and tree canopies. Elements to be included are landscape planters, interlocking permeable pavers, bike racks, and street trees in planters, benches, sidewalk opening, decorative roadway crossings and trash receptacles.

### **Tripoli Way**

This is a local road intended to complete the circulation between the existing residential and commercial activity to the south to Bagdad Avenue. The roadway has been design to accommodate angled parking which provides character along with landscape pockets in an urban style to reduce traffic speeds and provide for traffic calming. Additional traffic calming measure may be required if undesirable conditions are determined.

### **Bagdad Avenue**

This is a local road intended to connect eastern neighborhoods to Cesar Chavez. The roadway has been design to accommodate angled parking which provides character along with landscape pockets in an urban style to reduce traffic speeds and provide for traffic calming.

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**Landscape Planting and Irrigation**

Overall plant material selection for given project areas has compatible drought resistant characteristics wherever possible. Irrigation programming is designed to minimize water application for the entire landscape setting. The limited plant material selections for common landscape areas are contained in the following plant palettes. Plant material not listed may be utilized provided it is appropriate to the intended community character, site conditions and concerns for maintenance.

**COMMUNITY PLANT PALLET**

Botanical Name	Common Name
<b>Trees</b>	
Acacia Aneura	Mulsa
Bauhinia x blakeana	Hong Kong Orchid
Chilopsis L. 'Timeless Beauty'	Desert Willow
Ebenopsis Ebano	Texas Ebony
Ulmus Parvifolia 'Drake'	Drake Elm
Phoenix Dactylifera	Date Palm
<b>Large Shrubs</b>	
Encelia Californica	Brittlebush
Leucophyllum Fruitescens	Texas Ranger
Salvia Leucantha	Mexican Bush Sage
<b>Small Shrubs</b>	
Carex Tumulicola	Foothill Sedge
Dalea Greggii	Trailing Indigo Bush
Dasylyron Wheeleri	Spoon Yucca
Festuca Glauca	Elijah Blue
Nandina 'Compacta'	Dwarf Nandina
Rosa x 'Noare'	Carpet Rose
Stipa Tenuissima	Mexican Feather Grass
<b>Ground Cover</b>	
Decomposed Granite	DG