

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance of the Columbus Code (“the UDO”) to provide for Technology Overlay Districts; establishing underlying zoning districts where such overlay districts are permitted; to redefine Developments of Regional Impact; and for other purposes.

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1.

Article 5 of Chapter 2 of the UDO is hereby amended by inserting a new Section 2.5.26. to read as follows:

Section 2.5.26. – Mill Redevelopment Zoning District.

- (a). *Purpose.* The purpose of this section is to provide an overlay to encourage new and desirable investment and protect the investments of existing property owners and property values in the Mill District.
- (b). *Development standards.*

Adaptive Reuse/Additions¹	
Minimum lot area	
Maximum Building Height²	None
Setbacks	Existing height may be maintained; additions up to 150 ft. allowed with design review
Lot Coverage	Use setbacks for New Construction, or maintain existing building footprints
Floor Area Ratio	Existing lot coverage permitted, or up to 90% whichever is greater

Renovations of 25% or more of existing structure shall use these standards.

¹ Height is measured from average grade to top of eave.

Parking Requirements	
Multifamily	0.75 spaces per bedroom; 1 space for leasing office; 1 guest space per 25 units
Townhome/SF Attached	1.5 spaces per unit
All other uses	Per UDO Requirements

New Construction		
Minimum lot area	SF Detached	4,000 Sq. Ft. (2,000) ¹
	All Other Uses	No Minimum
Maximum Building Height	SF Detached	50 ft.
	Multifamily + Townhomes	150 ft.
	Nonresidential	150 ft.
	Mixed Use	150 ft.
Front Setbacks	2nd. Ave	0-10 ft. Build to Zone
	All other streets	0-15 ft. Build to Zone
Side Setbacks	SF Detached	10 ft.
	Multifamily	10 ft.
	Nonresidential	0/15 ft. ²
	Mixed Use	0/15 ft. ²

Rear Setbacks	SF Detached	10 ft.
	Multifamily	10 ft.
	Nonresidential	0 ft.
	Mixed Use	0 ft.
Lot Coverage	Max 90%	
Floor Area Ratio	N/A	

1 Number of square feet in parenthesis is the minimum lot area per individual dwelling unit.

2 15 feet when abutting a residential zoning district.

(c) Applicability

- A. The MRZD applies to all new construction, redevelopment, additions exceeding 25% of existing floor area, exterior façade changes, subdivision plats, and changes of use requiring site plan approval.
- B. Existing lawful uses and structures may continue; however, any expansions or modifications shall comply with the zoning district standards.

- (d) *MRZD District Boundary.* The Mill Redevelopment Zoning District (MRZD) is hereby established as a zoning district. The district is bounded on the map entitled “Mill Redevelopment Zoning District,” incorporated by reference in the Zoning Bylaw and on file with the City Clerk and Building Inspector.



SECTION TWO

Chapter 3 of the UDO is amended by revising Table 3.1.1. by permitting the following use in the following districts:

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table			
Use	P	SE	NP
Residential Uses			
Dormitory / Fraternity / Sorority		•	
Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)		•	
Guest Cottage		•	
Employee Residence	•		
Security Quarters	•		
Groom's Quarters			•

Single-Family Detached	•		
Duplex	•		
Townhouse	•		
Zero-Lot Line Home	•		
Multifamily (General)	•		
Loft Dwelling	•		
Condominium	•		
Second-Floor Dwelling	•		
Short-Term Rental Unit		•	
Foster Care Home	•		
Group Foster Home		•	
Civic & Public			
Assembly Hall	•		
Cemetery / Mausoleum		•	
Club or Lodge (Membership)	•		
Club or Lodge (Nonprofit)	•		
Cultural Facility	•		
Convent / Monastery / Seminary		•	
Hospice	•		
Hospital	•		
Place of Worship (<250 seats)		•	
Place of Worship (>250 seats)		•	
Public Uses	•		
School – Public / Private		•	
School – Vocational		•	
University or College	•		
Shelter – Homeless			•
Shelter – Temporary		•	

Mill Redevelopment District Land Use Table			
Use	P	SE	NP
Commercial & Personal Services			
Artisans / Maker Studios	•		
Arts & Crafts Sales	•		
Ambulance Service		•	
Auto/Truck Repair (Major)			•
Auto/Truck Repair (Minor)			•
Auto/Truck Sales			•
Auto/Truck Service Station			•
Banks / Financial Institutions	•		
Banquet Facility	•		
Bars & Lounges	•		
Bed & Breakfast (Homestay)	•		

Bed & Breakfast Inn	•		
Boarding / Rooming House		•	
Boat / Trailer / Marine Sales			•
Building & Construction Office	•		
Building Supplies (Retail)	•		
Check Cashing Office			•
Clinic – Medical or Dental	•		
Veterinary Clinic	•		
Consignment Shop	•		
Convalescent / Nursing Facility	•		
Convenience Store (No Gas)	•		
Convenience Store (With Gas)	•		
Cryptocurrency / Data Processing		•	
Day Care – Type I	•		
Day Care – Type II	•		
Day Care – Type III	•		
Dry Cleaning			•
Dry Cleaning Station	•		
Emergency Care Clinic	•		
Employment Agency	•		
Equipment Sales / Rental			•
Extermination Services	•		
Farm Equipment Sales			•
Film / Video Studio	•		
Flea Market	•		
Fruit & Vegetable Market	•		
Fuel Station	•		

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Use	P	SE	NP
Funeral Home	•		
Furniture Sales	•		
Gift / Antique Shop	•		
Greenhouse / Nursery (Retail)	•		
Grocery Store	•		
Health & Fitness Facility	•		
Hotel / Motel / Inn	•		
Kennel – Private		•	
Kennel – Boarding / Breeding		•	
Laboratory – Medical	•		

Laundry – Coin	•		
Lawnmower Service		•	
Mail & Packing Store	•		
Manufactured/Mobile Home Sales	•		
Massage Therapy	•		
Medical Cannabis Dispensary			•
Microbrewery	•		
Microdistillery	•		
Nursery & Garden Supply	•		
Nursery – Wholesale	•		
Office – General	•		
Office – Medical	•		
Office – Veterinary	•		
Outdoor Café (Private)	•		
Outdoor Café (Public)	•		
Package / Liquor Store			•
Paint / Glass / Wallpaper Store	•		
Parking Garage	•		
Parking Lot	•		
Pawn Shop			•
Personal Services	•		
Pet Day Care	•		
Pharmacy	•		
Print Shop	•		
Private Dog Park	•		
Recording Studio	•		
Recreational Vehicle Park			•
Repair Services – General	•		
Repair Services – Limited	•		

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Use	P	SE	NP
Restaurant – General	•		
Restaurant – Accessory	•		
Restaurant – Specialty	•		
Restaurant – Take-Out	•		
Retail Sales – General	•		
Tattoo / Body Piercing Shop	•		
Taxidermy	•		

TV / Radio Studio	•		
Transitional Housing – Type I		•	
Transitional Housing – Type II		•	
Transient Lodging			•
Upholstery Shop	•		
Used Merchandise Shop	•		
Video Game / Amusement Parlor	•		
Video Sales & Rental	•		
Wedding Chapel	•		
Recreation & Entertainment			
Amusement – Indoor		•	
Amusement – Outdoor		•	
Amusement Park		•	
Golf Course		•	
Recreation Center – Private		•	
Recreational Establishment		•	
Shooting Range – Indoor			•
Shooting Range – Outdoor			•
Tennis Center / Club	•		
Theater – Indoor	•		
Theater – Outdoor		•	
Drive-in Theater			•
Agricultural			
Agriculture – Limited		•	
Apiculture		•	
Chipmill			•
Equestrian – Commercial			•
Equestrian – Private			•
Forestry			•
Groves / Orchards		•	
Greenhouse / Nursery (Wholesale)		•	
Produce Stand	•		

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Use	P	SE	NP
Manufacturing / Industrial			
Auto/Truck Storage Facility			•
Beverage Production		•	
Building Supplies – Wholesale			•
Bulk Storage – Flammable			•
Bulk Storage – Nonflammable			•
Cold Storage / Distribution		•	
Computer Assembly			•
Concrete / Asphalt Plant			•
Contractor's Storage Yard			•
Dispatch Agency		•	
Distribution & Warehousing			•
Dry Cleaning Plant			•
Equipment Storage – Outdoor			•
Parcel Delivery Facility			•
Food Processing		•	
Furniture Repair		•	
Hazardous Waste Disposal			•
Indoor Cannabis Grow		•	
Junk / Salvage Yard			•
Manufacturing – Heavy			•
Manufacturing – Light		•	
Moving & Storage Facility			•
Sign Fabrication		•	
Publishing / Printing Plant		•	
Recycling Collection Box		•	
Recycling Collection Center			•
Self-Service Storage	•		
Tire Retreading			•
Towing Service			•
Warehousing – General			•
Wholesale – General			•
Communications / Utilities			
Airport			•
Bus/Rail Passenger Station		•	
Helipad (Accessory)		•	
Heliport			•

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Use	P	SE	NP
Mining & Extraction			•
Railroad Yard			•
Sanitary Landfill			•
Telecommunications Exchange	•		
Telecommunications Tower		•	
Freight / Truck Terminal			•
Utility – Major	•		
Utility – Minor	•		
Wireless Communications Facility		•	
Accessory / Temporary			
Accessory Uses	•		
Temporary Building / Structure	•		
Temporary Use / Special Event	•		

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