

CFEC Walkable Design Standards

September 22, 2025 - Work Session



Agenda

- Project purpose & background
- Revisit mandated code concepts
- Review existing land use conditions
- Policy discussion for auto-oriented uses
- Council direction



CFEC Summary

Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities

State mandate to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation

CFEC Components

- ✓ Designate Climate-Friendly Areas Metro 2040 Growth Concept
- ✓ Parking Reform Ordinance No. 1486-24
- ✓ Transportation System Plan Update

→ Walkable Design Standards



The CFEC program applies to regions with populations over 50,000 people.

Walkable Design Standards



Project Purpose: Implement land use regulations that support compact, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use land use development patterns in urban areas, as well as support access by people using pedestrian, bicycle, and public transportation networks.







Mandated Code Amendments

Respond to:

- Rule 0330
- Direction and examples of code language provided in DLCD's CFEC Walkable Design Standards Guidebook and Model Code
- Input from community stakeholders
- Input from City Council work sessions in February and May

Key Topic Areas:

- Neighborhood connectivity
 - Adopted under Ordinance 1451-25 (2045 TSP)
- Residential neighborhoods
 - Reduce front yard setback requirements for residential development
 - Building orientation standards for multifamily development
- Commercial and mixed-use districts
 - Include maximum setback provisions
- Auto oriented uses
 - Continued policy discussion...

Drive-through facilities can create uncomfortable spaces for pedestrians and can make it difficult to access businesses' services without a vehicle.



Rules apply to drive-through facilities and other uses that allow drivers to remain in their vehicles before and during an activity on the site. Intended to ensure auto-oriented uses are compatible with walkability and the use of mobility devices.

STATE RULE-MAKING

- Auto-oriented uses must provide safe and convenient access for people walking, using a mobility device, or riding a bicycle.
- Access to goods and services must be equivalent to or better than access for people driving a vehicle.



MODEL CODE GUIDANCE

• New drive-through facilities should be prohibited in pedestrian-oriented districts (like downtown or the mixed-use district).

When drive-throughs are allowed:

- Require drive-through facilities to provide one walk-up service area or window.
- Prohibit service areas and stacking lanes between the building and a street lot line.
- Stacking lanes designed so that they do not prevent access to parking stalls.
- Require driveway entrances and stacking lane entrances to be at least 50 feet from any street intersection.



MODEL CODE GUIDANCE

- Drive-throughs are defined as a facility or structure that is designed to allow drivers to remain in their vehicles before and during an activity on the site.
- Examples of such uses include but are not limited to:
 - Drive-through restaurants and bank tellers,
 - Gas stations,
 - Car wash facilities,
 - Quick-oil change facilities, and
 - o Drive-in theaters.







CURRENT CODE REQUIREMENTS - PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED ZONES

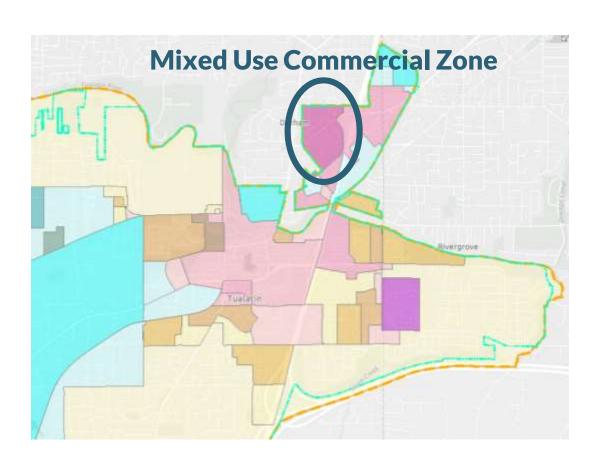


Auto Oriented Uses	Central Overlay (Downtown)	Mixed Use Commercial (MUC)
Drive-throughs	Prohibited (restaurant)	Allowed (restaurant/bank)
Quick Vehicle Servicing	Prohibited	Prohibited
Conditionally Permitted	Bank drive-through	Gas station

Policy Question

How should drive-through facilities be treated in the MUC zone?

- Walkable Design Standards Model Code prohibits new drive-through facilities in the "downtown" and "main street" districts – i.e., the priority pedestrian districts.
- Drive-throughs are already restricted in the Central Tualatin Overlay Zone. Should they also be restricted in MUC?



MUC Zone









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Typical lot size need to accommodate a drive-through use varies

McDonalds

• 8395 SW Tonka St – 1.12 Acres

Wells Fargo

• 18975 SW Martinazzi Ave – 0.8 Acres

Dutch Brothers

• 8675 SW Old Tualatin-Sherwood Rd – 0.38 Acres



Policy Question

OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- Option 1: Prohibit new drive-through facilities in the MUC zone.
- Option 2: Allow drive-through in the MUC zone with new standards and restrictions as required by Rule 0330.
- Option 3: Consider new drive-through and gas station facilities in the MUC zone under a Conditional Use Permit, subject to new standards and restrictions as required by Rule 0330.
- Option 4: A combination of the above options. An example may include allowing some drivethrough facilities, such as bank teller uses with new standards and restrictions while considering drive-through restaurants and gas stations under a Conditional Use Permit.



Conclusion

Any other questions or discussion?

Next Steps

- Revised, adoption-ready draft code amendments
- Planning Commission recommendation October 15
- Council consideration of ordinance adoption later this year ~ November 24



