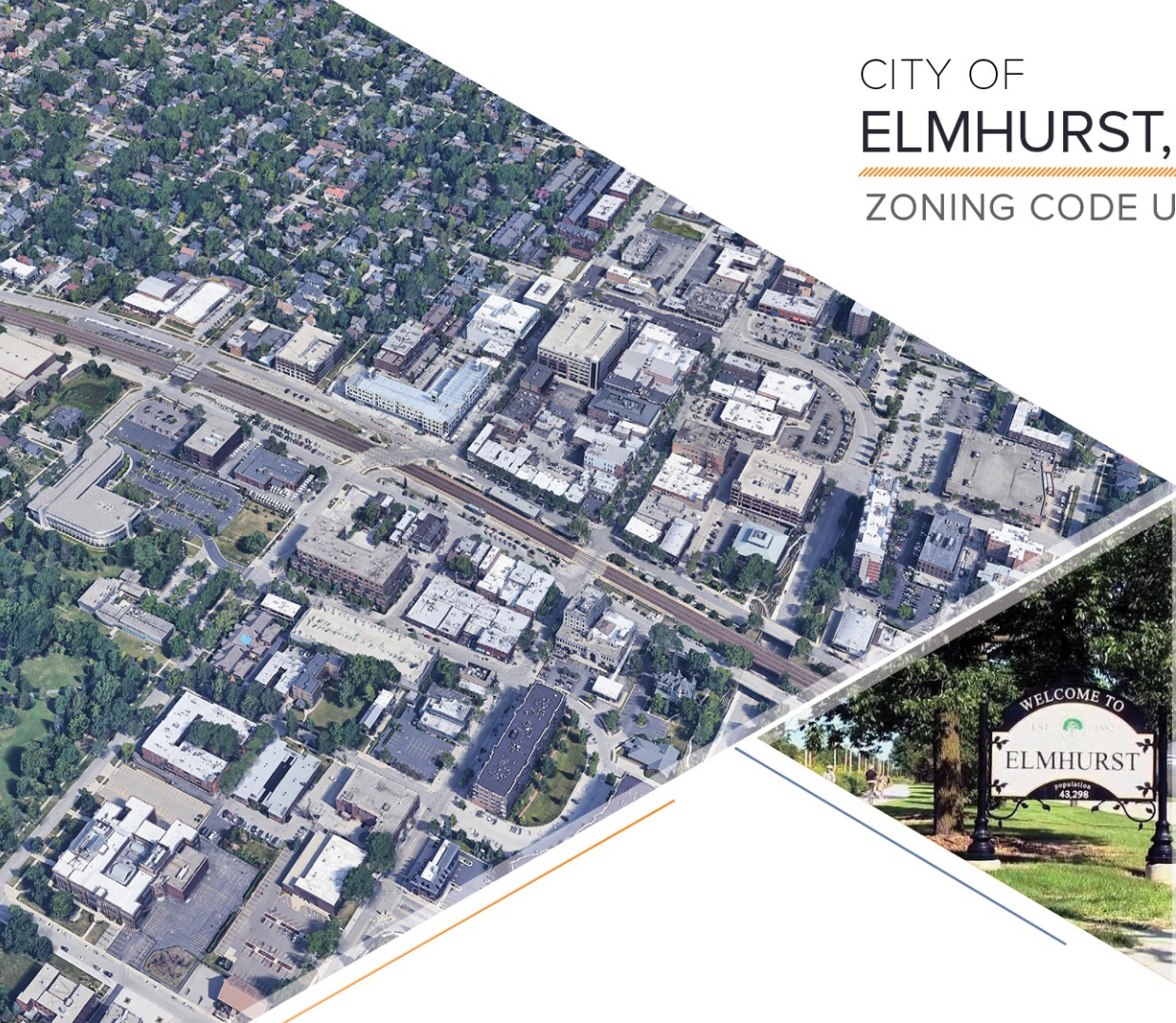


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ELMHURST BACKGROUND

Comprehensive Plan Downtown Plan Subarea Plans

Lake St. Commercial business center

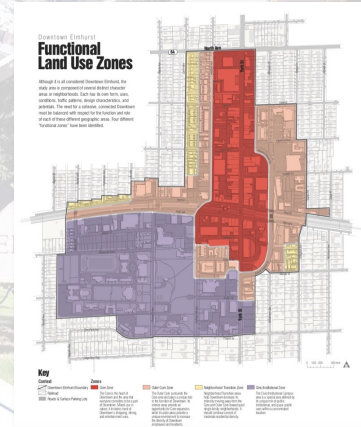
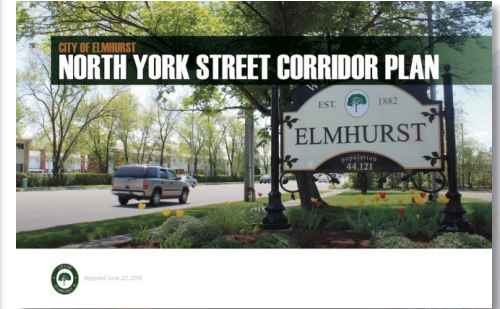
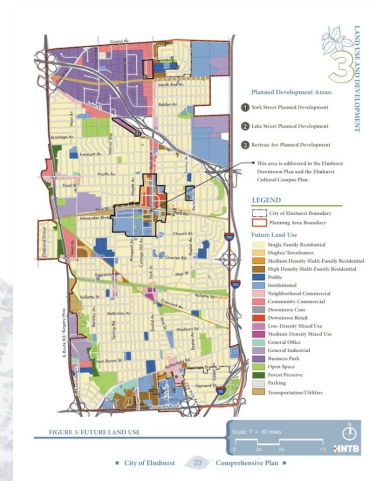
North + 83 Gateway

1st + York Downtown

York + Vallette IL Prairie Path mixed-use

*York + Butterfield Integrate hospital;
mixed-use*

North York Street Corridor



ELMHURST ORGANIZATION

Article 1 Title, Purpose, + Intent

Article 2 Definitions + Measurement

Article 3 Zoning Districts + Zoning Map

Article 4 Residential Districts

Article 5 Commercial Districts

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ORDINANCE EFFICIENCY & CONSISTENCY

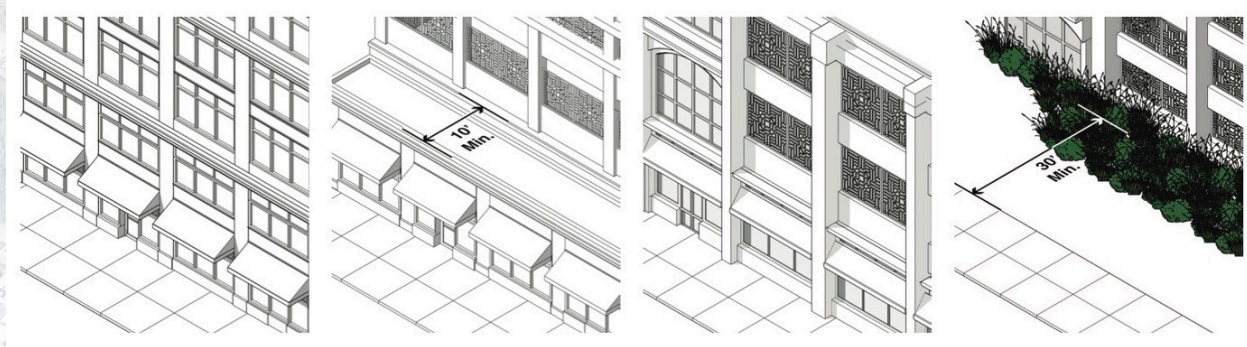
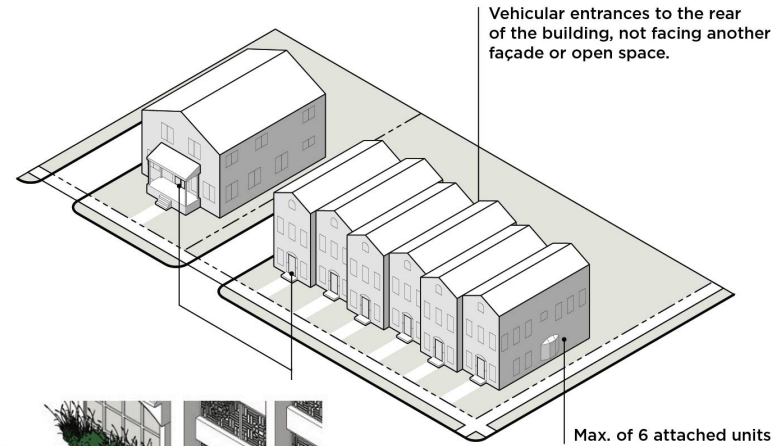
Compartmentalize

Take apart “Art. 4 General Provisions”

Graphic orientation

Define all terms

Measurement methodologies



MODERNIZING USE STRUCTURE

Revise use approach

Uses tailored to purpose of district

Use matrix

Modern generic use approach

Only call out select uses of concern

Define each use

Certain uses require standards

Control impacts

Principal + temporary uses



SHOE STORE



CLOTHING STORE



RECORD STORE



HARDWARE STORE

MODERNIZING USE STRUCTURE

TABLE 8-1: USE MATRIX

P = Permitted Use C = Conditional Use T = Temporary Use

PRINCIPAL USE	RL-1	RL-2	RL-3	RM-1	RM-2	RH-1	RH-2	C-MS	C-CC	C-MX	MU-T	DT	R-MX	I-L	I-G	I-MU	TOD	INST	OS-R	USE STANDARD
Adult Use														C						Sec. 8.3.A
Alternative Correctional Facility																		C		
Amusement Facility - Indoor								C	P	P	P	P	P			P	P			
Amusement Facility - Outdoor										C	C					P				
Animal Care Facility - With Outdoor Area									C	P	P					P				Sec. 8.3.B
Apartment					C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P			Sec. 8.3.B
Automotive Service					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P		
Bar	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									P	P			Sec. 8.3.C
Broadcasting Facility - With Antennae									C	P	P	P	P			P	P			
Broadcasting Facility - No Antennae									P	P	P	P	P	P		P		P		
Car Wash												C		C		C			P	Sec. 8.3.D
Cemetery																			P	
Children's Home																		P		
Commercial Kitchen (Standalone)										P	P					P		P		
Community Center					C		C	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	
Community Garden	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	Sec. 8.3.E
Community Residence	P	P	P			P	P											P		
Conservation Area																			P	
Cultural Facility						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	
Day Care Center					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			Sec. 8.3.F
Day Care Home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P			Sec. 8.3.F
Drug Treatment Clinic																		C		
Dwelling - Above the Ground Floor					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P			
Dwelling - Multi-Family						P	P		P	P	P	P	P				P			Sec. 8.3.G
Dwelling - Rowhouse					P	P	P	P	P	P	P					P				Sec. 8.3.G
Dwelling - Single-Family	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													Sec. 8.3.H
Dwelling - Single-Family Attached				P	P	P	P													Sec. 8.3.H

Permitted = P
Conditional = C
Blank = Prohibited

MODERNIZING USE STRUCTURE

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Animal Care Facility - With Outdoor Area									C	P	P					P				Sec. 8.3.B
Animal Care Facility - Fully Indoors					C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P			Sec. 8.3.B
Animal Shelter														P		C				
Art Gallery					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P		
Arts and Fitness Studio					P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P	P			
Bed and Breakfast	P	P	P	P	P	P	P													Sec. 8.3.C
Body Modification Establishment								C	P	P	P	P	P			P	P			
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Community Garden	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	Sec. 8.3.E
Community Residence	P	P	P				P	P										P		
Conservation Area																			P	
Custodial Facility						P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	
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Locate Use
1) By use type
2) By district

EVALUATING DISTRICT STANDARDS

Simplify district dimensional standards

Eliminate by types of uses; residential + nonresidential

Clarify lot coverage + lot width calculations

Coverage - “Box-out” issues

Remove FAR

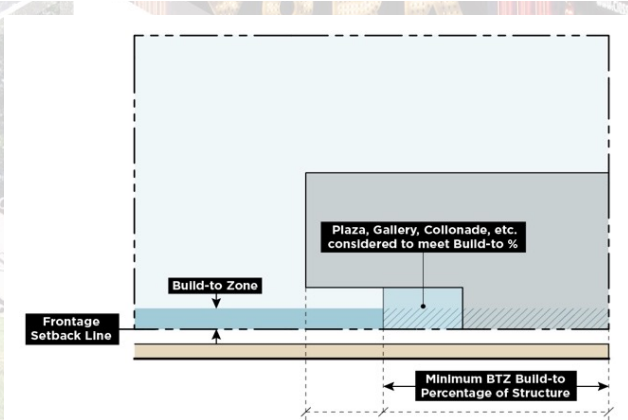
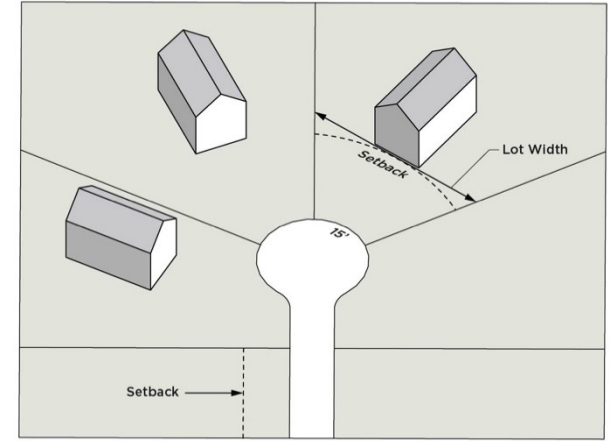
Clarify yard/setback measurement methodology

Measure building height in feet

Reduce multi-family open space requirement

From 20% to 10%

Add build-to percentages to build-to zones



EVALUATING DISTRICT STANDARDS

Include basic design standards

Transparency

Façade modulation

Entrance designs

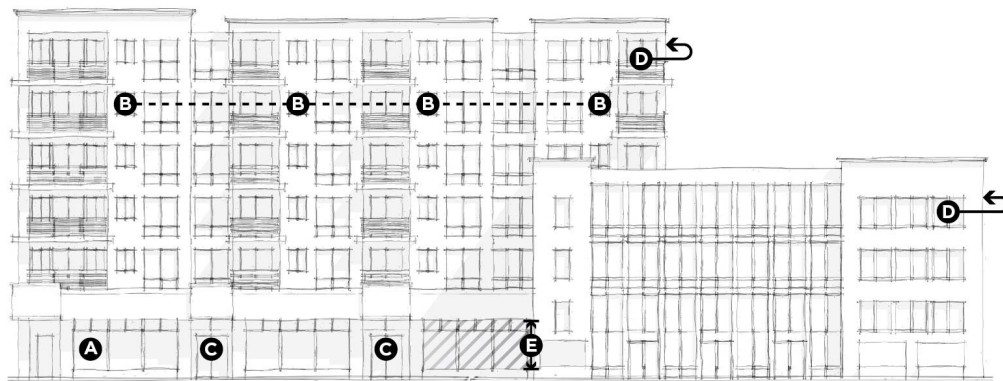
Blank wall limits

Building materials

Nonresidential + mixed-use

Multi-family

Townhouse



- A** Building façades that abut a public right-of-way, excluding alleys, must not contain blank wall areas that exceed 30 linear feet, measured parallel to the street.
- B** Building façades in excess of 100 linear feet that abut a public right-of-way, excluding alleys, must include a repeating pattern with no less than two of the following elements: color change, texture change, material module change, or a wall articulation change of no less than 2 feet in depth or projection, such as a reveal, pilaster, or projecting rib. All elements must repeat at intervals of no more than 50 linear feet.
- C** All buildings must have a public entrance from the sidewalk along the primary building frontage. Public entrances must be visually distinctive from the remaining portions of the façade along which they are located.
- D** Building materials and visual elements used on the primary building frontage must continue on all building façades that are visible from a public right-of-way.
- E** The ground floor of the front façade must maintain a transparency of 35%, measured between two and ten feet in height from grade.

DISTRICTS RESIDENTIAL

Significant portions of R1 + some R2 are nonconforming in terms of lot area and/or lot frontage

R1 District

43% meet lot size

74% meet lot frontage

R2 District

72% meet lot size

92% meet lot frontage

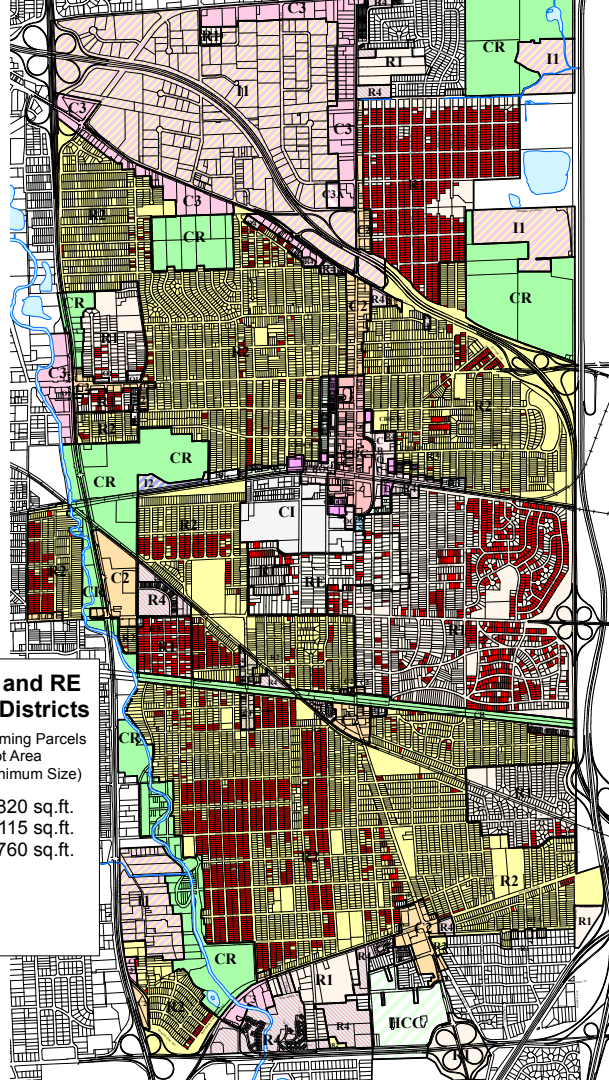


Current Nonconforming Lot Area

R1, R2 and RE Zoning Districts

Non-Conforming Parcels
by Lot Area
(98% of Minimum Size)

R1	8,820 sq.ft.
R2	7,115 sq.ft.
RE	11,760 sq.ft.

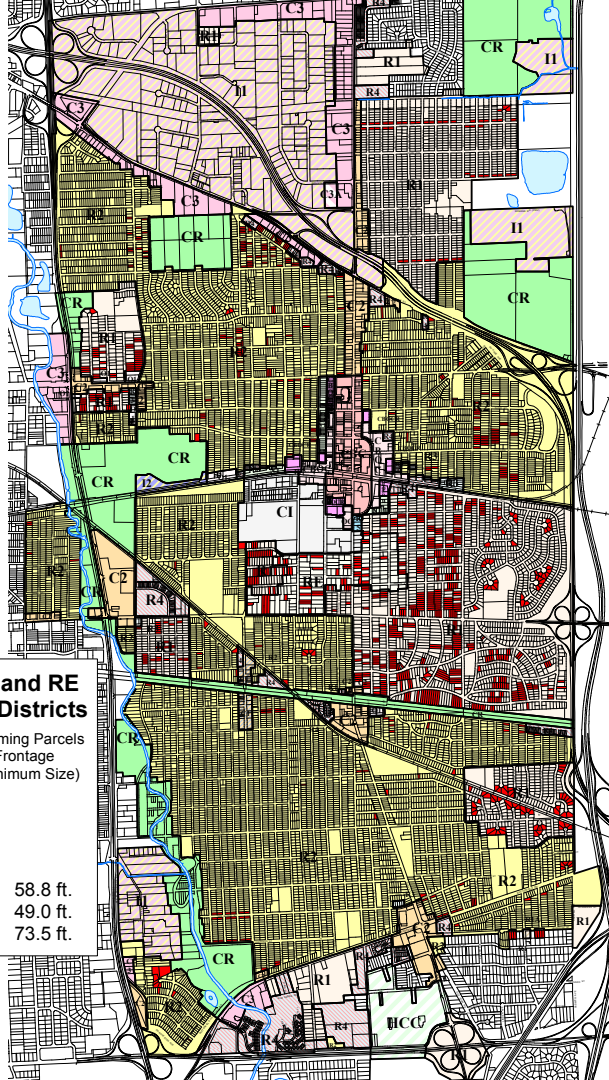


Current Nonconforming Lot Frontage

R1, R2 and RE Zoning Districts

Non-Conforming Parcels
by Lot Frontage
(98% of Minimum Size)

R1	58.8 ft.
R2	49.0 ft.
RE	73.5 ft.



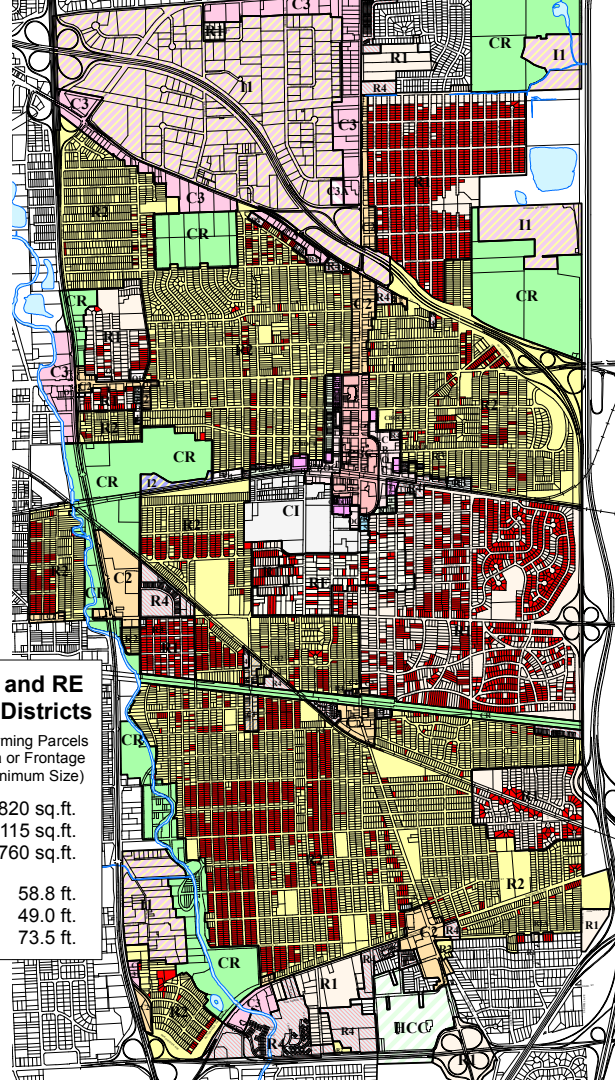
Current Nonconforming Lot Area and/or Lot Frontage

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RE 11,760 sq.ft.

R1 58.8 ft.
R2 49.0 ft.
RE 73.5 ft.



DISTRICTS RESIDENTIAL

Significant nonconforming portions of R1 can be brought into the R2

Still limited to single-family

Nonconforming portions of R2, which do not meet minimum lot size could be rezoned as new R2A District

Minimum lot size of 6,500sf

Minimum lot width of 50ft

All other standards mimic R2



Proposed R1, R2, R2A Districts

R1 District

83% meet lot size (was 43%)

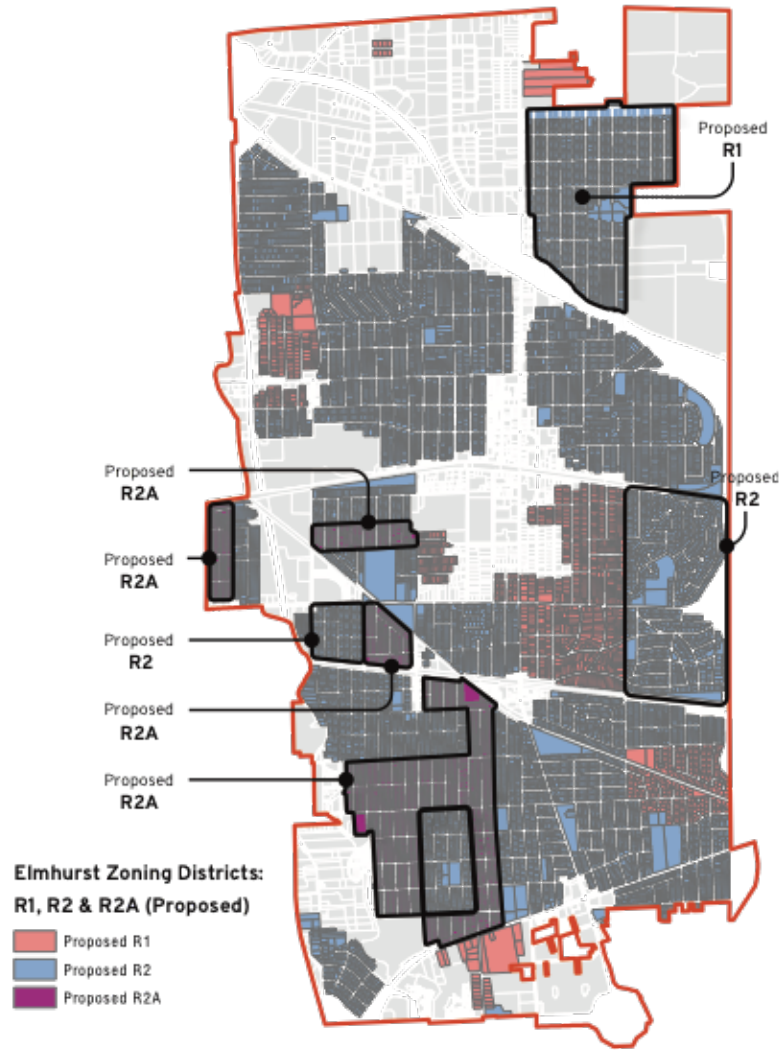
60% meet lot frontage (was 74%)

*** Consider reducing R1 lot width to 50'
– increases conformity to 90%*

R2A District

92% meet lot size

90% meet lot frontage



DISTRICTS COMMERCIAL

Use **O1** as transition (mapping)

Increase **C1** to 40' to allow for 3 story structures (currently 35')

Revise sliding scale height permission for **C2** using increased rear and side setbacks with incremental height increases

Increase **C3** height to 50' - 55' feet

Clarify how **C3** height limit within 200' of residential is measured

Includes rights-of-way

As the concern is separation from single-family, two-family, and townhouse, clarify it is from a lot in use as one of these dwellings

Create **new C4** that allows for mixed-use (residential), based on C3

Helps implement subarea plans

Reorient **C3A** Restricted Commercial/Industrial District as industrial mixed-use district

DISTRICTS DOWNTOWN + INDUSTRIAL

DOWNTOWN

CBOCR + CBOC Districts - Clarify how height limit within 100' of residential is measured

Includes rights-of-way

As the concern is separation from single-family, two-family, and townhouse, clarify it is from a lot in use as one of these dwellings

INDUSTRIAL

Increase height to 50' to accommodate standard development types



UPDATE ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Common: Garages, home occupation, outdoor dining

Sustainable: Solar + wind, coldframes, EV charging

Add exterior lighting controls

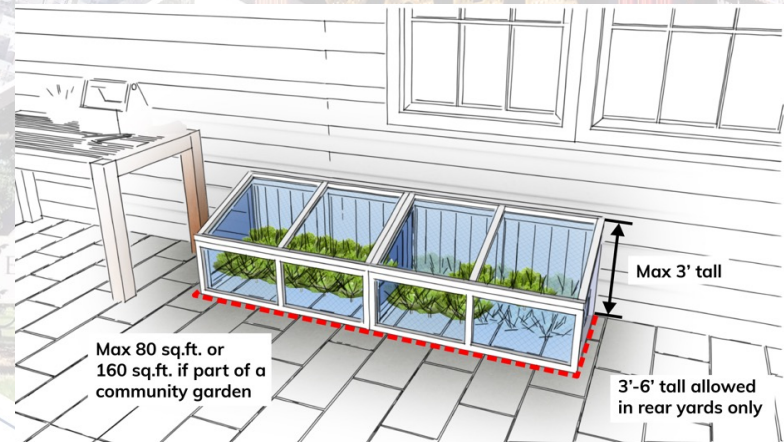
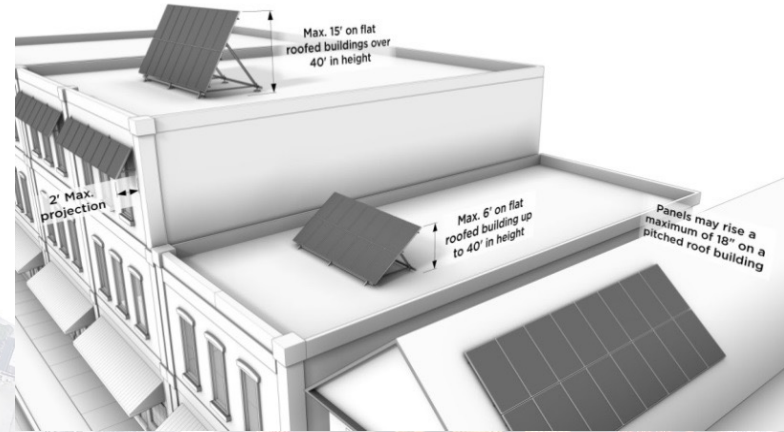
Standards on location, size, height

Specific issues –

Temporary membrane structures + hoop houses

Fences + walls

Accessory dwelling units (ADU)



DEFINE PERMITTED ENCROACHMENTS

Key issue –

Define “unenclosed porch” + limits of encroachment into front yard

Table 9-2: Permitted Encroachments Into Required Setbacks				
Y= Permitted // N= Prohibited				
Max. = Maximum // Min. = Minimum				
	Front Setback	Corner Side Setback	Interior Side Setback	Rear Setback
Accessibility Ramp	Y	Y	Y	Y
Air Conditioner Window Unit	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arbor	Y	Y	Y	Y
Awning (Non-Sign) Max. of 4' from building wall	Y	Y	Y	Y
Balcony Max. of 3' into setback Min. vertical clearance of 8'	N	N	Y	Y
Basement Stairway Max. of 6" into setback	N	N	Y	Y
Bay Window Max. of 3' into setback Min. of 3' from lot line Min. vertical clearance of 24"	Y	Y	Y	Y
Canopy (Non-Sign) Max. of 5' into setback Max. 15' width or no more than 3' extension on either doorway side, whichever is less	Y	Y	Y	Y
Chimney Max. of 24" into setback	Y	Y	Y	Y
Compost Pile Min. 10' from a lot line Prohibited in front yard	N	N	Y	Y

STANDARDS PARKING

Location of parking facilities in relation to the structure and to the street

Parking lot design (surfacing, curbing, marking, pedestrian connections, etc.),

Parking structure design

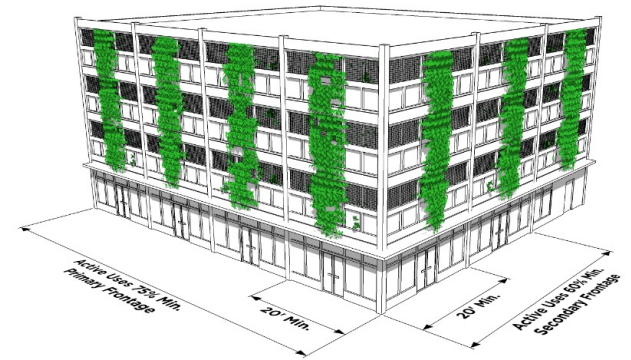
Driveway standards

Loading requirements + design

Stacking space + drive-through facilities

Create parking ratio table tied to uses

Expand bicycle parking requirements

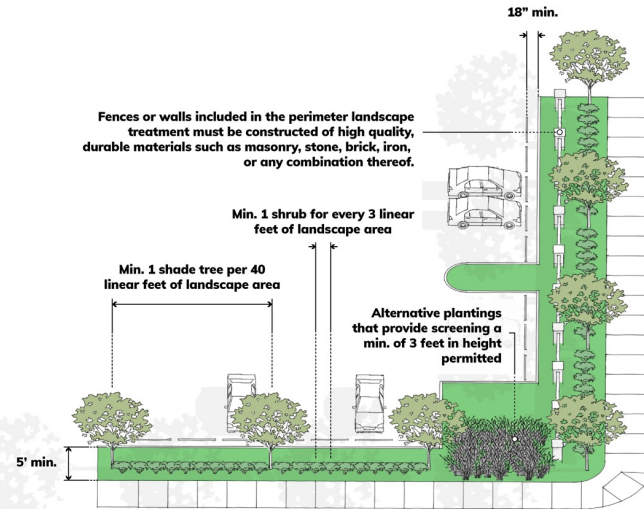
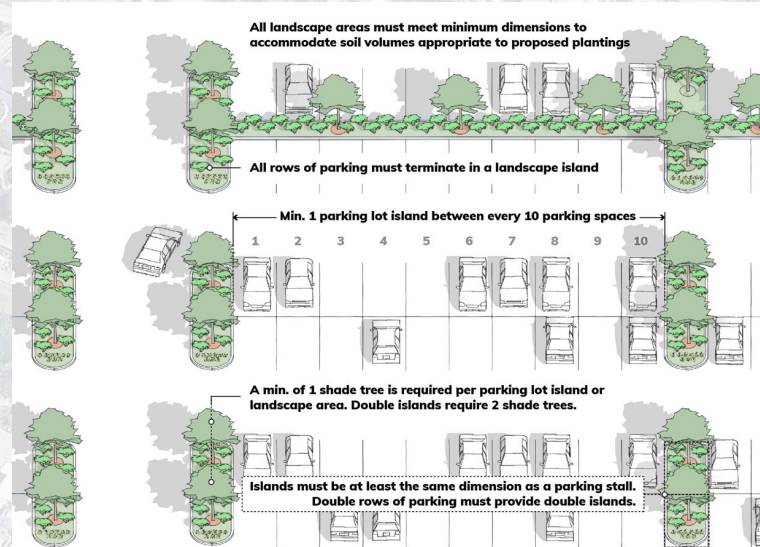


STANDARDS LANDSCAPE

Parking lot perimeter

Parking lot interior

Transitional yards (buffering + screening)



STANDARDS SIGNS

Content neutral regulations

Address all categories of permanent + temporary

Prohibited

Exempt

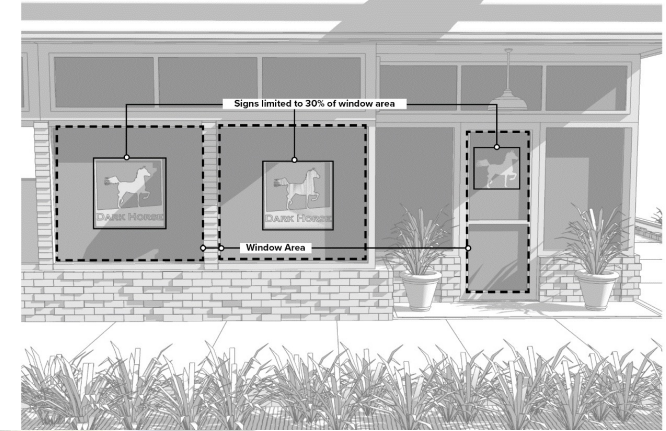
Permit Required

Tailored types allowed + sizes to the district form

Eliminate max. gross sign area

*Create standards for signs considered
conditional uses*

Define cabinet box wall signs



UPDATING ADMINISTRATION

Maintain current zoning approvals

Map Amendment: Remove limitations on Council as to approval of a different zoning district than that requested

Variation: Add flexibility in the variation process through an administrative variation procedure

Administrative variation - Zoning Administrator

Minor variation - Zoning Board of Appeals

Major variation - City Council

New applications

Add zoning text interpretation process

Add temporary use permit to regulate temporary uses

DEFINE NONCONFORMITIES

Nonconforming **use**

Discontinued or abandoned, changed

Nonconforming **structure**

Non-residential vs. residential rebuilding

Flexibilities for nonconforming build-to zone

Nonconforming **lot** of record

How the lot can be used

Nonconforming **site element**

Landscape, lighting, parking, etc.

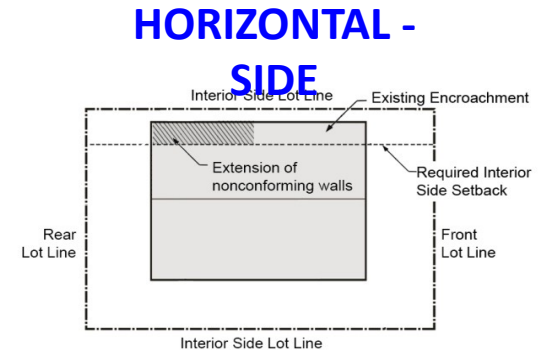
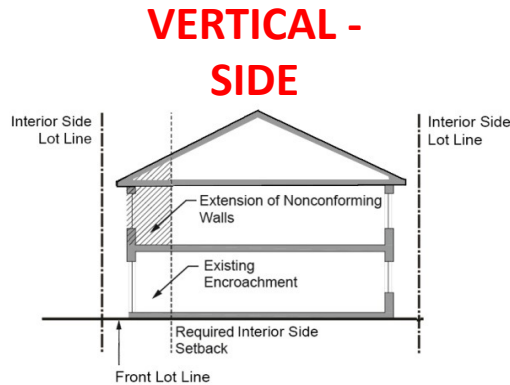
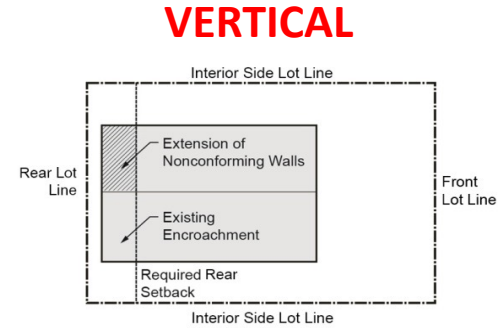
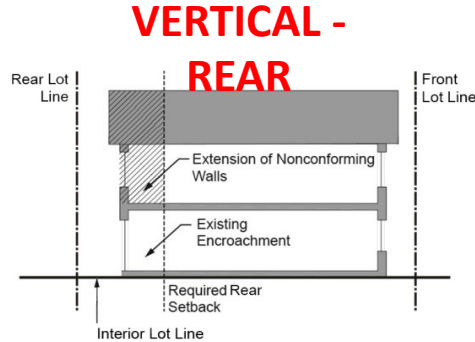
Nonconforming **sign**

When it can be replaced following damage

DEFINE NONCONFORMITIES

New permission –

Allow of SF, 2F
nonconforming side
& rear wall vertical or
horizontal additions
without variation



PROJECT WEBSITE

www.ElmhurstZoning.com



Welcome!



A REWRITE OF THE ZONING CODE

Welcome to the Project Website for Elmhurst's Zoning Rewrite! Please take a look around this site to learn about the project, get answers to frequently asked questions, check out project materials as they are posted, and leave us a comment with your feedback!

Elmhurst's Zoning Rewrite will help us protect the desired patterns of development within the City, further define the character of the City's activity centers, enhance sustainability, and

