



**Amendment # 1**

**20.30.336 Critical areas reasonable use permit (CARUP)(Type C action).**

A. Purpose. The purpose of the critical areas reasonable use permit is to allow development and use of private property when the strict application of the critical area regulations would otherwise deny all reasonable use of a property. This type of permit does not apply to flood hazard areas or within the shoreline jurisdiction.

B. Decision Criteria. A reasonable use permit shall be granted by the City only if the applicant demonstrates that:

1. The application of the critical area regulations, Chapter 20.80 SMC, Critical Areas, would deny all reasonable use of the property; and
2. There is no other reasonable use of the property with less impact on the critical area; and
3. Any alterations to the critical area would be the minimum necessary to allow for reasonable use of the property; and
4. The proposed development does not create a health or safety hazard on or off the development site, will not be materially detrimental to the property or improvements in the vicinity, is consistent with the general purposes of this title and the public interest, and all reasonable mitigation measures have been implemented or assured; and
5. The inability to derive reasonable economic use is not the result of the applicant's action unless the action 1) was approved as part of a final land use decision by the City or other agency with jurisdiction; or 2) otherwise resulted in a nonconforming use, lot or structure as defined in this title;
6. Any alterations permitted to the critical area are mitigated in accordance with SMC 20.80.082 and relevant mitigation standards for the impacted critical area(s);
7. Consistent with SMC 20.80.050, Alteration of critical areas, the proposal attempts to protect the existing critical area functions and values consistent with the best available science and attempts to mitigate adversely impacted critical area functions and values to the fullest extent possible; and
8. The proposal is consistent with other applicable regulations and standards.
9. If the proposal is located in the MUR-35' zone, then reasonable use shall be based on the allowable uses and standards for the R-6 zone.

C. Development Standards. To allow for reasonable use of property and to minimize impacts on critical areas, the decision making authority may reduce setbacks by up to 50 percent, parking requirements by up to 50 percent, and may eliminate landscaping requirements. Such reductions shall be the minimum amount necessary to allow for reasonable use of the property, considering the character and scale of neighboring development.

**Amendment # 2**  
**20.40.160 Station area uses.**

**Table 20.40.160 Station Area Uses**

<b>NAICS #</b>	<b>SPECIFIC LAND USE</b>	<b>MUR-35'</b>	<b>MUR-45'</b>	<b>MUR-70'</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>				
	Accessory Dwelling Unit	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Affordable Housing	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Apartment	P	P	P
	Bed and Breakfast	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Boarding House	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Duplex, Townhouse, Rowhouse	P-i	P-i	<del>P-i</del>
	Home Occupation	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Hotel/Motel			P
	Live/Work	P (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P	P
	Microhousing			
	Single-Family Attached	P-i	P-i	<del>P-i</del>
	Single-Family Detached	P-i	<u>P-i</u>	
	Tent City	P-i	P-i	P-i
<b>COMMERCIAL</b>				
	Book and Video Stores/Rental (excludes Adult Use Facilities)	P (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Collective Garden			
	House of Worship	C	C	P

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NAICS #	SPECIFIC LAND USE	MUR-35'	MUR-45'	MUR-70'
	Daycare I Facilities	P	P	P
	Daycare II Facilities	P	P	P
	Eating and Drinking Establishment (excluding Gambling Uses)	P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P-i
	General Retail Trade/Services	P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P-i
	Individual Transportation and Taxi			P -A
	Kennel or Cattery			C -A
	Marijuana Operations – Medical Cooperative	P	P	P
	Marijuana Operations – Retail			
	Marijuana Operations – Processor			
	Marijuana Operations – Producer			
	Mini-Storage		C -A	C -A
	Professional Office	P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Research, Development and Testing			P-i
	Veterinary Clinic and Hospital			P-i
	Wireless Telecommunication Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i
<b>EDUCATION, ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURE, AND RECREATION</b>				
	Amusement Arcade		P -A	P -A
	Bowling Center		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	College and University			P

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NAICS #	SPECIFIC LAND USE	MUR-35'	MUR-45'	MUR-70'
	Conference Center		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Elementary School, Middle/Junior High School	C	C	P
	Library		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Museum		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Parks and Trails	P	P	P
	Performing Arts Companies/Theater (excludes Adult Use Facilities)		P -A	P -A
	School District Support Facility		C	C
	Secondary or High School	C	C	P
	Specialized Instruction School		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Sports/Social Club		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
	Vocational School		P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)	P
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>				
	Fire Facility	<u>C-i</u>	C-i	C-i
	Police Facility	<u>C-i</u>	C-i	C-i
	Public Agency Office/Yard or Public Utility Office/Yard	S	S	S
	Utility Facility	C	C	C
<b>HEALTH</b>				

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	Hospital	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
	Medical Lab	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>
	Medical Office/Outpatient Clinic		<b>P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)</b>	<b>P</b>
	Nursing and Personal Care Facilities		<b>P-i (Adjacent to Arterial Street)</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>OTHER</b>				
	Animals, Small, Keeping and Raising	<b>P-i</b>	<b>P-i</b>	<b>P-i</b>
	Light Rail Transit System/Facility	<b>S-i</b>	<b>S-i</b>	<b>S-i</b>
	Transit Park and Ride Lot		<b>S</b>	<b>P</b>
	Unlisted Uses	<b>P-i</b>	<b>P-i</b>	<b>P-i</b>

<p><b>P = Permitted Use</b> <span style="float: right;">C = Conditional Use</span></p> <p><b>S = Special Use</b> <span style="float: right;">-i = Indexed Supplemental Criteria</span></p> <p><b>A= Accessory = Thirty percent (30%) of the gross floor area of a building or the first level of a multi-level building.</b></p>
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**Amendment # 3**  
**20.40.506 Single-family detached dwellings.**

Single-family detached dwellings that do not meet the minimum density are permitted in the MUR-35' zone subject to the R-6 development standards in SMC 20.50.020.

Multiple single-family detached dwellings are permitted in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zone subject to minimum density standards in SMC 20.50.020(2) and single-family attached and multifamily design standards in SMC 20.50.120.

**Amendments #4-7:** There are several proposed amendments to Table 20.50.020(2). The proposals are discussed below:

**Table 20.50.020(2) Dimensional Standards for MUR Zones**

STANDARDS	MUR-35'	MUR-45'	MUR-70' (10)
Base Density: Dwelling Units/Acre	N/A	N/A	N/A
Min. Density	<u>12 du/ac(16)</u>	18 du/ac	48 du/ac
Min. Lot Width (2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Min. Lot Area (2)	N/A	N/A	<u>20,000 sq ft</u>
Min. Front Yard Setback (2) (3)	0 ft if located on an arterial street 10 ft on nonarterial street <u>20 ft maximum if located on 145<sup>th</sup> Street (14)</u>	15 ft if located on 185th Street 0 ft if located on an arterial street 10 ft on nonarterial street <u>20 ft maximum if located on 145<sup>th</sup> Street (14)</u>	15 ft <u>maximum</u> if located on 185th Street (14) <u>20 ft maximum if located on 145<sup>th</sup> Street (14)</u> 0 ft if located on an arterial street 10 ft on nonarterial street
Min. Rear Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Min. Side Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Base Height (9)	35 ft <u>(15)</u>	45 ft <u>(15)</u>	70 ft (11) (12) <u>(15)</u>
Max. Building Coverage (2) (6)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Max. Hardscape (2) (6)	85%	90%	90%

*Exceptions to Table 20.50.020(1) and Table 20.50.020(2):*

(1) *Repealed by Ord. 462.*

(2) *These standards may be modified to allow zero lot line developments. Setback variations apply to internal lot lines only. Overall site must comply with setbacks, building coverage and hardscape limitations; limitations for individual lots may be modified.*

(3) *For single-family detached development exceptions to front yard setback requirements, please see SMC 20.50.070.*

(4) *For single-family detached development exceptions to rear and side yard setbacks, please see SMC 20.50.080.*

(5) For developments consisting of three or more dwellings located on a single parcel, the building setback shall be 15 feet along any property line abutting R-4 or R-6 zones. Please see SMC 20.50.130.

(6) The maximum building coverage shall be 35 percent and the maximum hardscape area shall be 50 percent for single-family detached development located in the R-12 zone.

(7) The base density for single-family detached dwellings on a single lot that is less than 14,400 square feet shall be calculated using a whole number, without rounding up.

(8) For development on R-48 lots abutting R-12, R-18, R-24, R-48, NB, CB, MB, CZ and TC-1, 2 and 3 zoned lots the maximum height allowed is 50 feet and may be increased to a maximum of 60 feet with the approval of a conditional use permit.

(9) Base height for high schools in all zoning districts except R-4 is 50 feet. Base height may be exceeded by gymnasiums to 55 feet and by theater fly spaces to 72 feet.

(10) Dimensional standards in the MUR-70' zone may be modified with an approved development agreement.

(11) The maximum allowable height in the MUR-70' zone is 140 feet with an approved development agreement.

(12) All building facades in the MUR-70' zone fronting on any street shall be stepped back a minimum of 10 feet for that portion of the building above 45 feet in height. Alternatively, a building in the MUR-70' zone may be set back 10 feet at ground level instead of providing a 10-foot step-back at 45 feet in height. MUR-70' fronting on 185th Street shall be set back an additional 10 feet to use this alternative because the current 15-foot setback is planned for street dedication and widening of 185th Street.

(13) The minimum lot area may be reduced proportional to the amount of land needed for dedication of facilities to the City as defined in Chapter 20.70 SMC.

(14) The exact setback along 145<sup>th</sup> Street and 185<sup>th</sup> Street, up to the maximum described in Table 20.50.020(2), will be determined by the Public Works Department through a development application.

(15) Base height may be exceeded by 15 feet for rooftop structures such as arbors, shelters, barbeque enclosures and other structures that provide open space amenities.

(16) Single-family detached dwellings that do not meet the minimum density are permitted in the MUR-35' zone subject to the R-6 development standards.

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**Amendment #8  
20.50.020 Dimensional requirements**

**B. Base Density Calculation.** The base density for an individual site shall be calculated by multiplying the site area (in acres) by the applicable number of dwelling units. When calculation results in a fraction, the fraction shall be rounded to the nearest whole number as follows:

1. Fractions of 0.50 and above shall be rounded up except for lots less than 14,400 square feet in R-6 zones. See Exception (7) to Table 20.50.020(1).
2. Fractions below 0.50 shall be rounded down.

Example #1 – R-6 zone, 2.3 acres site:  $2.3 \times 6 = 13.8$   
The base density for this site would be 14 dwelling units.

Example #2 – R-24 zone, 2.3 acres site:  $2.3 \times 24 = 55.2$   
The base density for the site would be 55 dwelling units.

Example #3 – R-6 zone, 13,999-square-foot site:  $(13,999/43,560 = .3214 \text{ acres})$  so  $.3214 \times 6 = 1.92$ . The base density for single-family detached dwellings on this site would be one unit.

Example #4 – R-6 zone, 14,400-square-foot site  $(14,400/43,560 = .331 \text{ acres})$  so  $.331 \times 6 = 1.986$ . The base density for the site would be two units.

3. For development in the MUR zones: minimum density calculations resulting in a fraction shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

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**Amendment #9**  
**20.50.120 Purpose**

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish standards for multifamily and single-family attached residential development in TC-4, PA 3, and R-8 through R-48 zones, and the MUR-35' zone when located on a nonarterial street, and the MUR-45' zone when developing single-family attached and detached dwellings as follows:

- A. To encourage development of attractive residential areas that are compatible when considered within the context of the surrounding area.
- B. To enhance the aesthetic appeal of new multifamily residential buildings by encouraging high quality, creative and innovative site and building design.
- C. To meet the recreation needs of project residents by providing open spaces within the project site.
- D. To establish a well-defined streetscape by setting back structures for a depth that allows landscaped front yards, thus creating more privacy (separation from the street) for residents.
- E. To minimize the visual and surface water runoff impacts by encouraging parking to be located under the building.
- F. To promote pedestrian accessibility within and to the buildings. (Ord. 706 § 1 (Exh. A), 2015; Ord. 654 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2013; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 3(A), 2000).

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**Amendment # 10****20.50.125 Thresholds – Required site improvements.**

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for full site improvement standards apply to a development application in TC-4, PA 3, and R-8 through R-48 zones and, the MUR-35' zone when located on a nonarterial street, and the MUR-45' zone when developing single-family attached and detached dwellings. Site improvement standards of signs, parking, lighting and landscaping shall be required:

- A. When building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
- B. When aggregate building construction valuations for issued permits, within any five-year period after March 30, 2013, exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s) at the time of the first issued permit.

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**Amendment #11****20.50.220 Purpose.**

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish design standards for all commercial zones – neighborhood business (NB), community business (CB), mixed business (MB) and town center (TC-1, 2 and 3), the MUR-45', and MUR-70' zones and the MUR-35' zone when located on an arterial street. Refer to SMC 20.50.120 when developing single-family attached and detached dwellings in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones. Some standards within this subchapter apply only to specific types of development and zones as noted. Standards that are not addressed in this subchapter will be supplemented by the standards in the remainder of Chapter 20.50 SMC. In the event of a conflict, the standards of this subchapter will prevail.

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**Amendment #12****20.50.230 Threshold – Required site improvements.**

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvements cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. Full site improvement standards apply to a development application in commercial zones NB, CB, MB, TC-1, 2 and 3, the MUR-45', and MUR-70' zones and the MUR-35' zone when located on an arterial street. Refer to SMC 20.50.120 when developing single-family attached and detached dwellings in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones. Site improvements standards of signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping shall be required:

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**Amendment #13****20.50.230 Threshold – Required site improvements**

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvements cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. Full site improvement standards apply to a development application in commercial zones NB, CB, MB, TC-1, 2 and 3, the MUR-45', and MUR-70' zones and the MUR-35' zone when located on an arterial street. Site improvements standards of signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping shall be required:

- A. When building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
- B. When aggregate building construction valuations for issued permits, within any five-year period after March 30, 2013, exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s) at the time of the first issued permit.
- C. When a single family land use is being converted to a commercial land use then full site improvements will be required.

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**Amendment #14****20.50.240 Site Design****C. Site Frontage.**

- 1. Development in NB, CB, MB, TC-1, 2 and 3, the MUR-45', and MUR-70' zones and the MUR-35' zone when located on an arterial street shall meet the following standards:
  - a. Buildings and parking structures shall be placed at the property line or abutting public sidewalks if on private property. However, buildings may be set back farther if public places, landscaping and vehicle display areas are included or future right-of-way widening or a utility easement is required between the sidewalk and the building;
  - b. All building facades in the MUR-70' zone fronting on any street shall be stepped back a minimum of 10 feet for that portion of the building above 45 feet in height. Reference dimensional Table 20.50.020(2) and exceptions;
  - c. Minimum space dimension for building interiors that are ground-level and fronting on streets shall be 12-foot height and 20-foot depth and built to commercial building code. These spaces

may be used for any permitted land use. This requirement does not apply when developing a residential only building in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones;

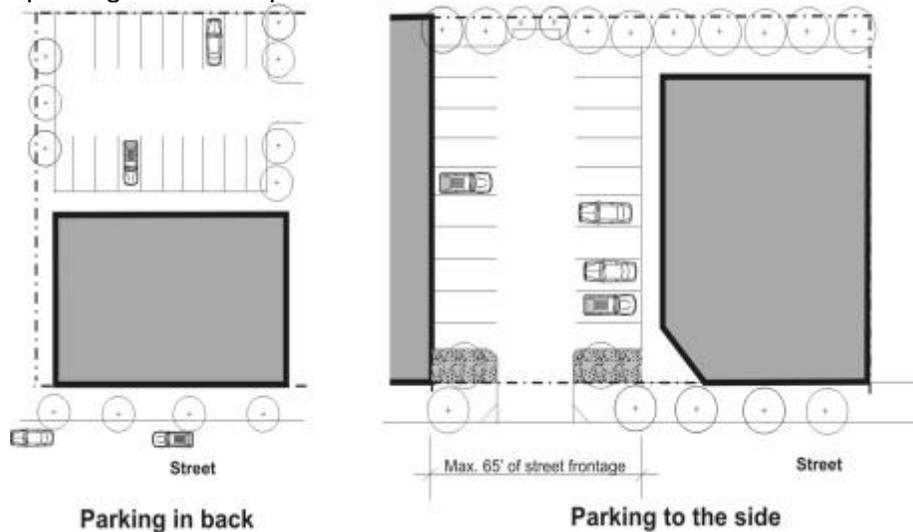
d. Minimum window area shall be 50 percent of the ground floor facade for each front facade which can include glass entry doors. This requirement does not apply when developing a residential only building in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones;

e. A building's primary entry shall be located on a street frontage and recessed to prevent door swings over sidewalks, or an entry to an interior plaza or courtyard from which building entries are accessible;

f. Minimum weather protection shall be provided at least five feet in depth, nine-foot height clearance, and along 80 percent of the facade where over pedestrian facilities. Awnings may project into public rights-of-way, subject to City approval;

g. Streets with on-street parking shall have sidewalks to back of the curb and street trees in pits under grates or at least a two-foot-wide walkway between the back of curb and an amenity strip if space is available. Streets without on-street parking shall have landscaped amenity strips with street trees; and

h. Surface parking along street frontages in commercial zones shall not occupy more than 65 lineal feet of the site frontage. Parking lots shall not be located at street corners. No parking or vehicle circulation is allowed between the rights-of-way and the building front facade. See SMC 20.50.470 for parking lot landscape standards.



### Parking Lot Locations Along Streets

i. New development on: 185<sup>th</sup> Street; NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street; and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between NE 145<sup>th</sup> Street and NE 148<sup>th</sup> Street shall provide all vehicular access from a side street or alley. If new development is unable to gain access from a side street or alley, an applicant may provide alternative access through the administrative design review process.

j. Garages and/or parking areas for new development on 185th Street shall be rear-loaded.

## **Amendment #15**

### **20.70.320 – Frontage improvements**

A. Standard frontage improvements shall be upgraded or installed pursuant to standards set forth in the Transportation Master Plan Street Classification Map, the Master Street Plan adopted in Chapter 12.10 SMC, and the Engineering Development Manual for the specific street which is substandard to satisfy adequate public roadways required for subdivisions by Chapter 58.17 RCW and Chapter 20.30 SMC, Subchapter 7, and to mitigate direct impacts of land use approvals.

B. Standard frontage improvements consist of right-of-way dedication, curb, gutter, sidewalk, amenity zone and landscaping, drainage improvements and pavement overlays up to one-half of each right-of-way abutting a property as defined in the Master Street Plan. Additional improvements may be required to ensure safe movement of traffic, including pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and nonmotorized vehicles. The improvements can include transit bus shelters, bus pullouts, utility undergrounding, street lighting, signage and channelization.

C. Frontage improvements are required:

1. When building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing structure(s) on the parcel (except for detached single-family homes). This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or

2. When aggregate building construction valuations for issued permits, within any five-year period after March 30, 2013, exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing structure(s) at the time of the first issued permit;

3. For subdivisions;

4. For development consisting of more than one dwelling unit on a single parcel (accessory dwelling units are exempt);

5. One detached single-family dwelling in the MUR zones; or

6. When a single family land use is being converted to a commercial land use then full frontage improvements will be required.