

Land Use Element

**Policy 2.2.5: [L]**

**SUBURBAN** (Effective 3/14/07)

To create an environment for economic investment or reinvestment through the mutually advantageous placement of employment and shopping opportunities with convenient access to low to medium density residential land uses. Employment opportunities should be located near residential areas, if possible within walking distance. This category recognizes the manner in which much of Tallahassee-Leon County has developed since the 1940s. The category predominantly consists of single-use projects that are interconnected whenever feasible. Mixed-use projects and the principles of traditional neighborhood developments are encouraged, though not required. The Suburban category is most suitable for those areas outside of the Central Core. However, additional areas inside the Central Core may be designated as appropriate based on existing land use pattern.

To complement the residential aspects of this development pattern, recreational opportunities, cultural activities, commercial goods and services should be located nearby. To reduce automobile dependency of residents and employers alike, mass transit stops should be located at large commercial centers and appropriate street and pedestrian connections established between commercial and residential areas. Except within mixed use centers, larger scale commercial development should be buffered from adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Development shall comply with the Suburban Intensity Guidelines. Business activities are not intended to be limited to serve area residents; and as a result may attract shoppers from throughout larger portions of the community.

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**Suburban Intensity Guidelines** (Effective 3/14/07; Rev. Effective 7/14/14)

Development Patterns	Allowed Land Uses	Gross Residential Density	Non Res Intensity	Percentage Mix of Uses
Low Density Residential	Residential, Recreation, Light Infrastructure & Community Service	0 to 8 units/acre <sup>(4)</sup>	10,000 sq. ft. per acre	65-80%
Low Density Residential Office	Residential, Office, Recreation, Light Infrastructure & Community Service	0 to 8 units/acre <sup>(4)</sup>	10,000sq ft. per acre <sup>(5)</sup>	
Medium Density Residential	Residential, Recreation, Light Infrastructure & Community Service	8 to 16 units/acre	20,000 sq. ft. per acre	
Medium Density Residential Office	Residential, Office, Ancillary 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Commercial, Recreation, Light Infrastructure, Community Service & Post Secondary Schools	8 to 20 units/acre	20,000 sq ft per acre <sup>(6)</sup>	
Village Center	Residential, Office, Commercial up to 50,000 sq ft. maximum business size. Centers shall not be located closer than 1/4 mile to another village center or commercial development including more than 20,000 sq ft of floor area.	8 to 16 units/acre	12,500 sq ft. per acre per parcel for center 20 acres or less <sup>(7)</sup>	
Urban Pedestrian Center	Residential, Office, Commercial, Recreation, Light Infrastructure & Community Service	6 to 16 units/acre <sup>(2)</sup>	Up to 20,000 sq ft/acre <sup>(2)</sup>	35-50%
Suburban Corridor	Residential, Office, Commercial, Recreation, Light & Heavy Infrastructure & Community Service	Up to 16 units/acre	Up to 25,000 sq ft/acre <sup>(6)</sup>	
Medical Center	Residential, Office, Commercial, Recreation, Light Infrastructure & Community Service	6 to 20 units/acre <sup>(1)</sup>	80,000 sq ft/acre <sup>(2)</sup>	
Business Park	Office, Residential and Commercial,	Up to 16 units/acre	20,000 sq ft/acre	5-10%
Light Industrial	Office, Commercial up to 10,000 sq ft per business, Light Industrial, Recreation, Light & Heavy Infrastructure, Community Service & Post Secondary Schools and ancillary residential	1 unit / development	20,000 sq ft /acre <sup>(6)</sup>	

**Notes:**

- (1) 8 units/acre minimum for exclusively residential;
- (2) Hospitals up 176,000 sq ft/acre;
- (3) 20 units/acre and 40,000 sq ft/acre for multiple use development; Combined residential and non-residential development may have up to 40,000 SF and up to a six story building. Residential use, office use and commercial use is allowed.
- (4) Low Density Residential and Residential Office development patterns can have a minimum of 1 unit per acre if water and sewer are not available.
- (5) The maximum square footage is increased to 12,500 SF if the project is a mixed-use development.
- (6) The maximum square footage increases to 40,000 SF per acre and maximum height increases to six stories if 50% of parking is structured. This provision only applies to areas previously designated as Mixed Use C
- (7) 250,000 SF of total development permitted on 20 to 30 acre centers.
- (8) Storage areas may be 50,000 SF per acre. Office and Retail is allowed.
- (9) Storage areas may be 50,000 SF per acre.

While mixed land uses are encouraged in the Suburban Future Land Use Category, the more prevalent pattern will be a compatibly integrated mix of single-use developments that include low and medium density residential, office, retail and light industrial development. Allowed land uses within the Suburban Future Land Use Category shall be regulated by zoning districts which implement the intent of this category, and which recognize the unique land use patterns, character, and availability of infrastructure in

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category, and which recognize the unique land use patterns, character, and availability of infrastructure in the different areas within the Suburban Future Land Use Category. In those areas lacking the necessary infrastructure, the Land Development Regulations may designate a low intensity interim use. Any evaluation of a proposed change of zoning to a more intensive district shall consider, among other criteria, the availability of the requisite infrastructure.