

PUTTING THE PLAN IN MOTION

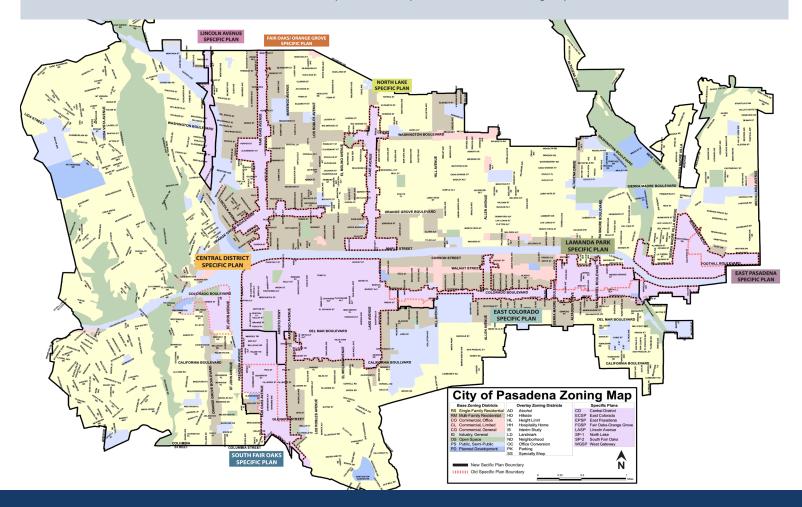
WHAT IS ZONING? The overall purpose of zoning is to realize a community's overall vision for its physical look and feel, as well as achieve the type and intensity of future development, based on the adopted General Plan and Specific Plans. The purpose of a zoning code update is to ensure zoning provides objective standards and criteria that will result in quality development and achieve the community's vision.

Most cities use zoning to **group land into different areas or districts**. Each zoning district has its own set of rules that determine what type of structures and uses are allowed on a property located within its boundaries. Zoning districts usually group similar buildings and uses together and separate those that may be incompatible **to achieve a cohesive vision**.

ZONING MAP

A **zoning map** shows the boundaries of the city's different zoning districts and identifies zoning regulations for each property. In Pasadena, zoning districts have been established for residential, commercial, industrial, open space, and public facilities.

Note: The map below is a snapshot of the full-sized zoning map. For more details, visit our website.





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EXAMPLES OF WHAT ZONING CAN REGULATE

- Type of use (single-family residential, multi-family residential, commercial, industrial, etc.)
- Height and/or overall size of the building or structure
- Number of **parking spots** required for each type of use
- The number, size and types of signs allowed
- What type of **landscaping** must be provided and how much
- How close to the street or property line the building or structure must be (often called **setbacks**)
- How much of the property the building or structures can cover (often identified as **lot coverage**)

WHO DOES ZONING AFFECT?

RESIDENTS

Zoning controls how property can be used in residential zoning districts. For instance, zoning regulations may prevent the construction of an additional floor on a single-family home while also preventing an apartment building construction next to a single-family home.

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS

Zoning contains rules related to landscaping, building height, setbacks, and much more which may impact the final design for a site.

DEVELOPERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Zoning determines the size and shape of new development and where it can be located, which affects property values and where investment occurs.

BUSINESS OWNERS

Zoning determines where and what types of businesses are allowed. In some cases, zoning also regulates the size of the business.

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