

CITY OF BILLINGS

CITY OF BILLINGS VISION STATEMENT:

“THE MAGIC CITY: A DIVERSE, WELCOMING COMMUNITY WHERE PEOPLE PROSPER AND BUSINESS SUCCEEDS.”

WORK SESSION AGENDA

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 1, 2019

5:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Cole

1. **4th of July Protocols**
- Public Comment
2. **Project Re: Code**
- Public Comment
3. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**
- Public Comment
4. **Ballot Timeline and Costs**
- Public Comment

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC COMMENT on “NON-AGENDA ITEMS”. **Speaker Sign-in required.** *(Restricted to ONLY items not on this printed agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes. Please sign the roster at the cart located at the back of the Council chambers or at the podium.)*

ADJOURN:

Note:

- This meeting is an “informal” meeting of the City Council. The content of the Agenda is subject to change at the meeting.
- In the event there is a Closed Executive Session at the end of a Work Session, the sole purpose is to discuss litigation strategy. The other parties to the case(s) discussed are not public bodies or associations as described in Section 2-3-203(1) and (2), MCA. The meeting is closed, as allowed by Section 2-3-203(4)(a), MCA, “to discuss a strategy to be followed with respect to litigation when an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position” of the City of Billings.

Council Work Session

1.

Meeting Date: 07/01/2019

TITLE: 4th of July Protocols

Department: Fire

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

Fire Chief Bill Rash and Police Chief Rich St. John will be informing Mayor and Council about the 4th of July Protocols for 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only.

Council Work Session

2.

Meeting Date: 07/01/2019

TITLE: Update on Project Re: Code Process and Working Group Public Meeting Activity

Department: Planning & Community Services

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

This is an update on the Project Re: Code work in the community for the City Council. This update comes after intensive public and stakeholder meetings and engagement June 19 through June 20. The week included:

- Two public meetings to provide information and collect input - one at City Hall in the evening and one at the Downtown Billings Alliance Office during a lunch hour.
- Six stakeholder meetings with local groups and organizations
- Meetings of each of the Re: Code Working Groups - County Issues, Urban Issues, Landscaping and Signage
- Two internal staff meetings with Planning and Community Services Department Staff

This three-day effort focused specifically on:

- Rolling out an interactive webpage for Re: Code to further inform and engage the community on the process draft sections of code that are out for review and comment at: <https://project-recode.com/>
- Presentation and explanation of the new Draft Residential and Commercial Districts code sections
- Presentation and explanation of the new Used and Standards code section
- The week also included finalizing and approval by the Urban Issues Working Group and their Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Task Force sub group of draft ADU regulations

Public and stakeholder engagement was good, with the lowest turn out at the lunch time public open house meeting at the Downtown Billings Alliance offices. The introduction of the website and pushing it out through Department email lists and the City's Neighborhood Task Forces is expected to draw more input and information sharing in the weeks ahead.

The next steps in the Re: Code effort is to:

- Keep working groups moving forward with next segment of drafting (site development standards)
 - City Landscaping Standards
 - Parking Standards
 - Signage
- Communicate new District allowances in regard to gaming businesses
- Complete edits to the draft Districts and Uses code sections
- Encourage increased community review of proposed zoning map through the website
- Add new FAQs to website on topics that came up at recent meetings: nonconformities and spot zoning
- Post ADU draft code sections for public review
- Prepare short-term rental regulations draft for discussion

RECOMMENDATION

This is an informational item for the Council and no action is needed at this time.

Attachments

Zoning District Overview
Neighborhood Districts
Neighborhood Districts
Commercial Districts
ADU Information


Neighborhood Zoning

Building and Preserving Neighborhoods

(Not Just Developments)


THE "N" ZONES

N1




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N2

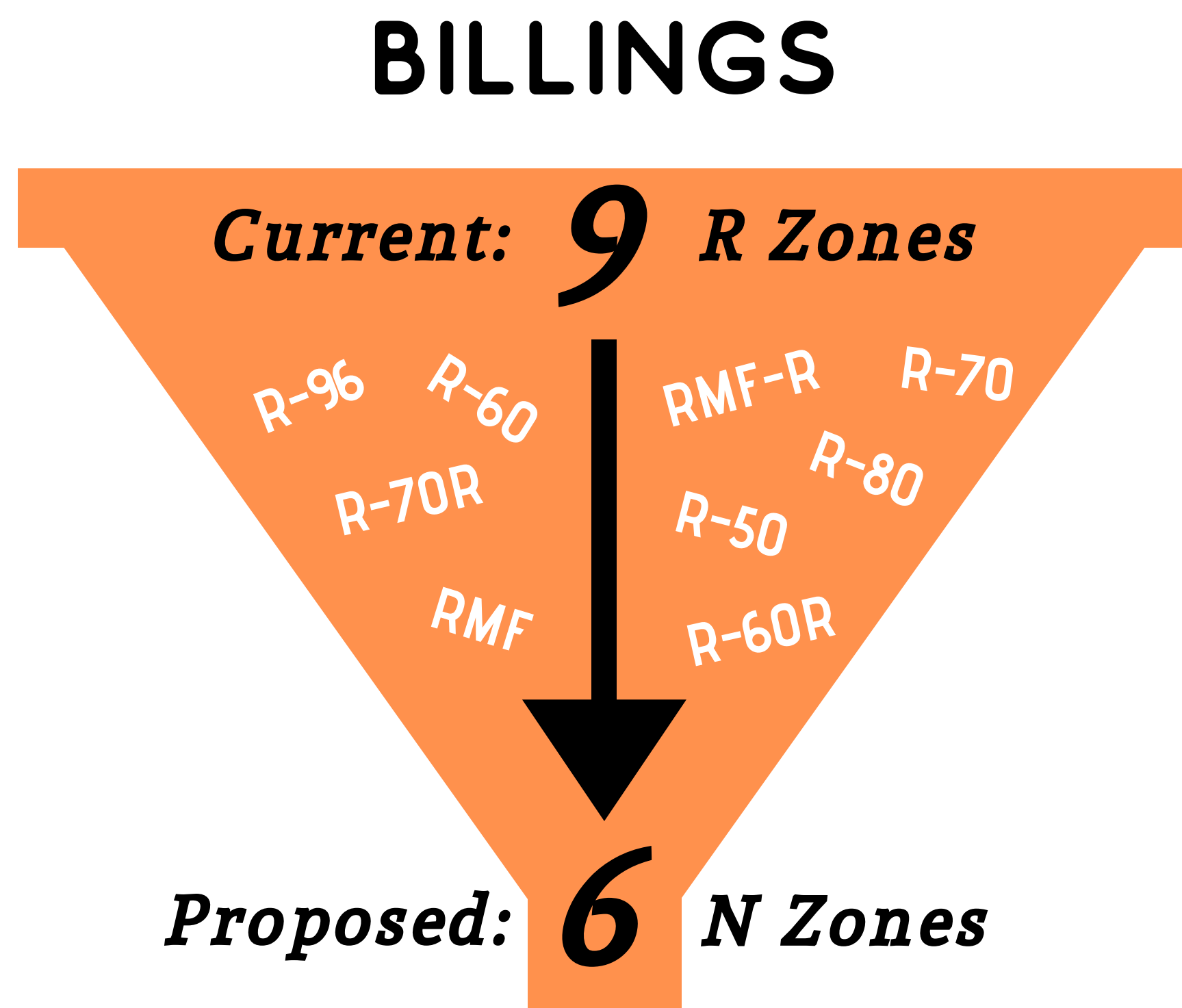


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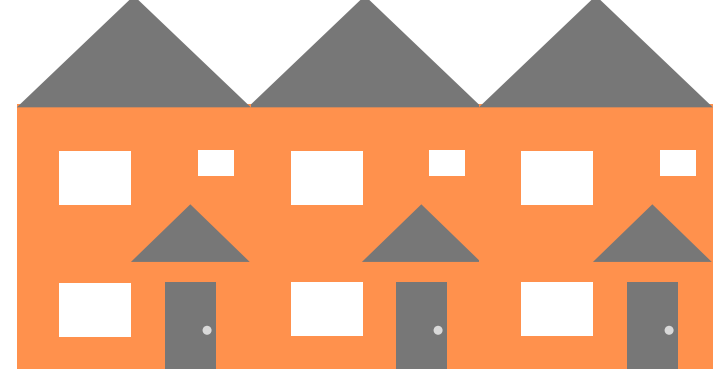


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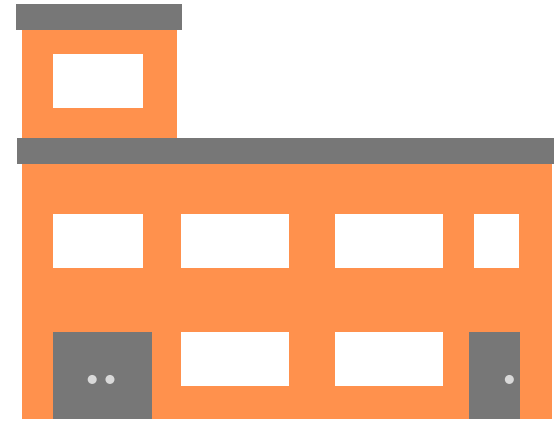
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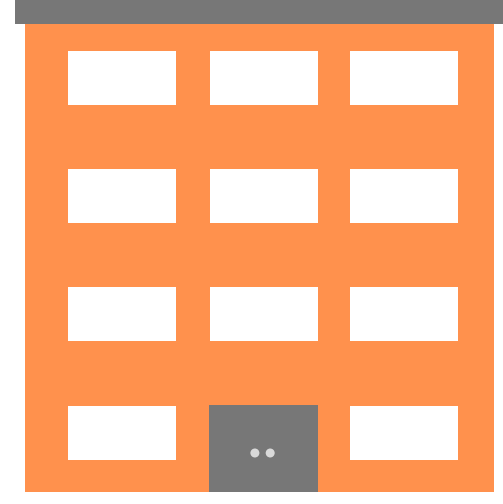
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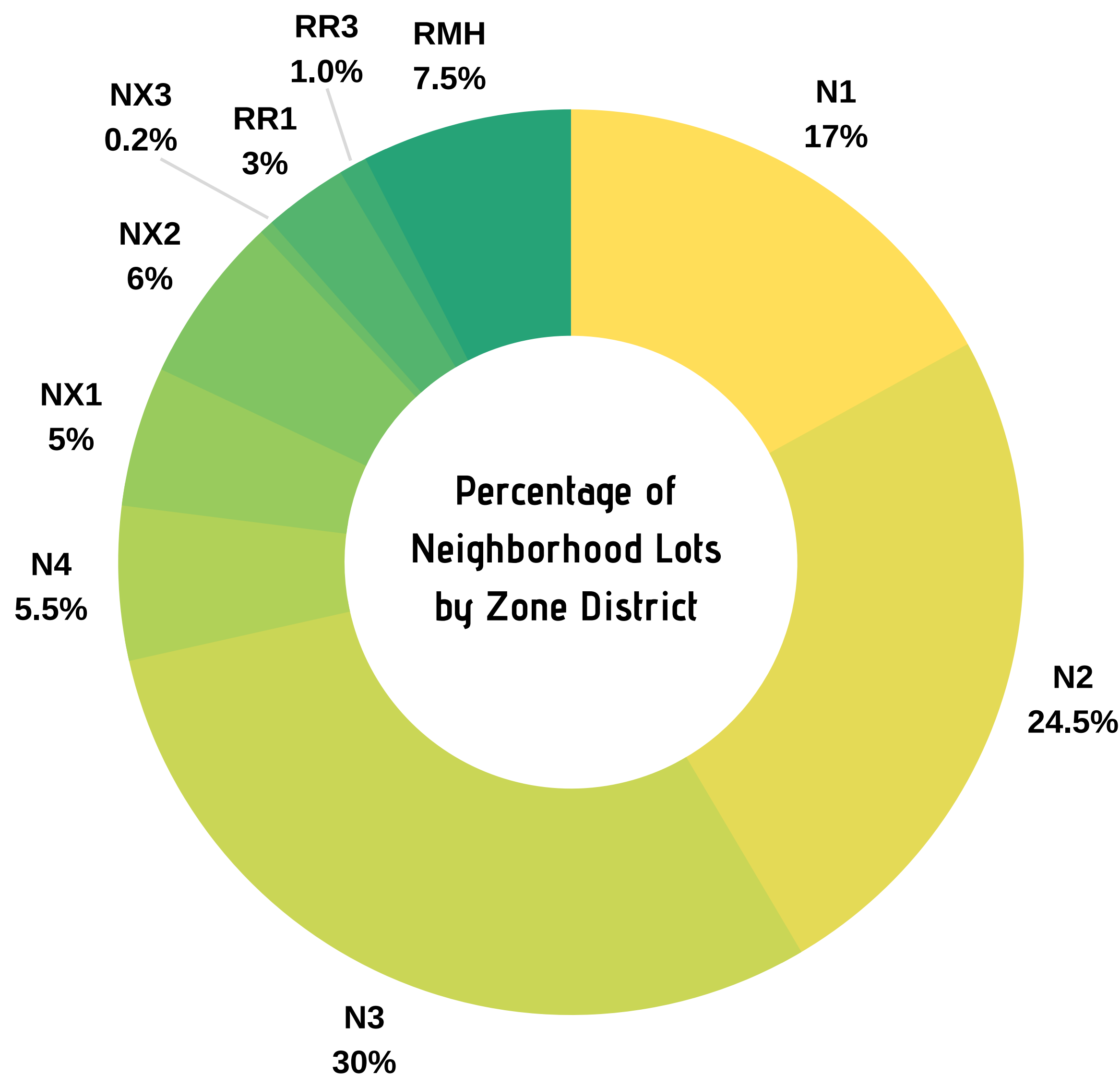
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PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD ZONING BY THE NUMBERS

- ### SIMPLIFIED ZONES
- **N1** = R50, R60, R70, R80, R96
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 - **N3** = R50, R60, R70R, R80, R96
 - **NX1** = RMF-R
 - **NX2** = RMF
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- Accessory smaller housing on same lot as a single-family home (max < 750 sqft)
 - Gives homeowners flexibility to support friends and family
 - Proposed as allowed by right in N1 and N2 districts and by special review in N3 districts



- ### COUNTY ZONING
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 - **N4** - large suburban lots with single-family homes on lots 1/2 - 1 acre
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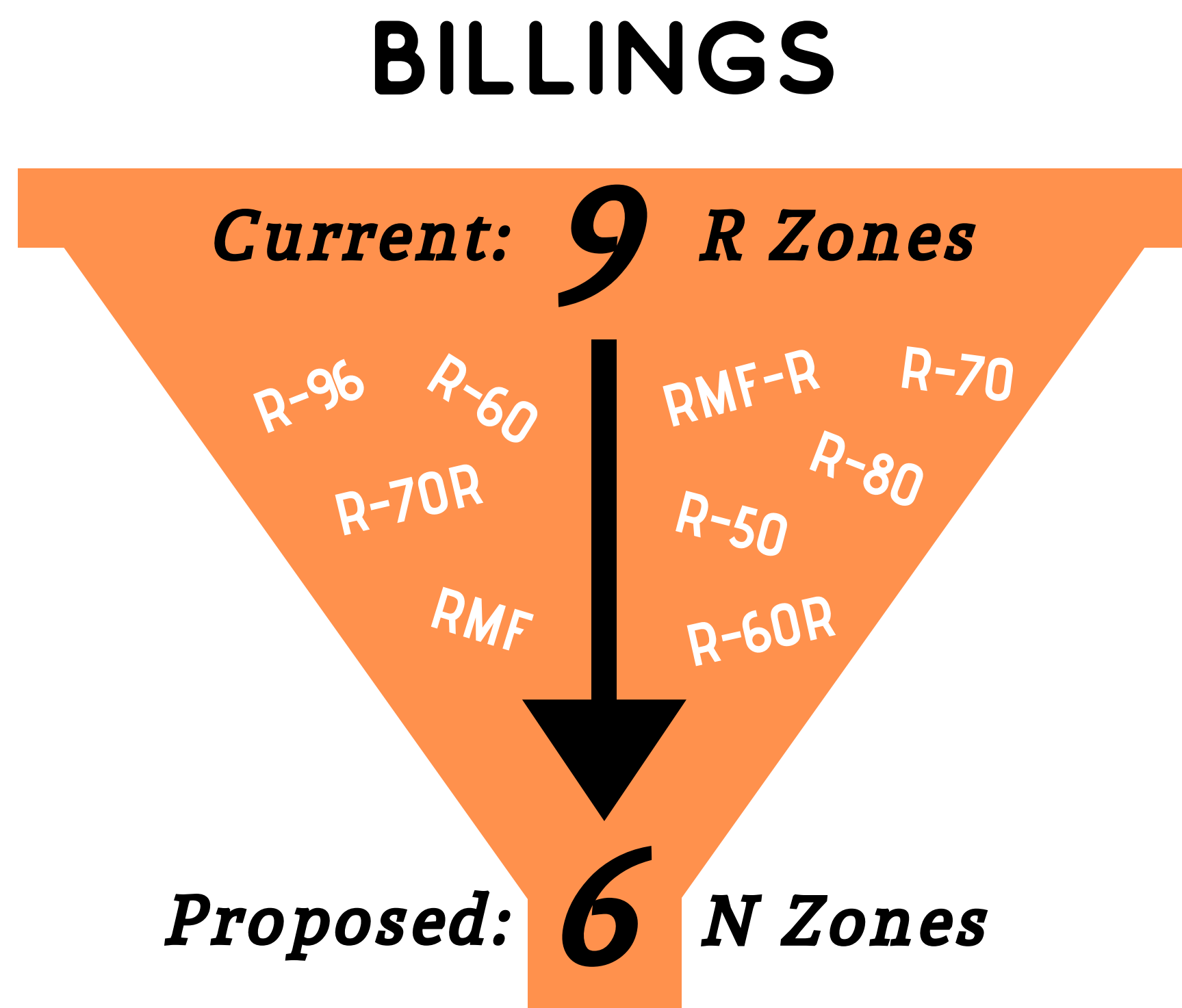


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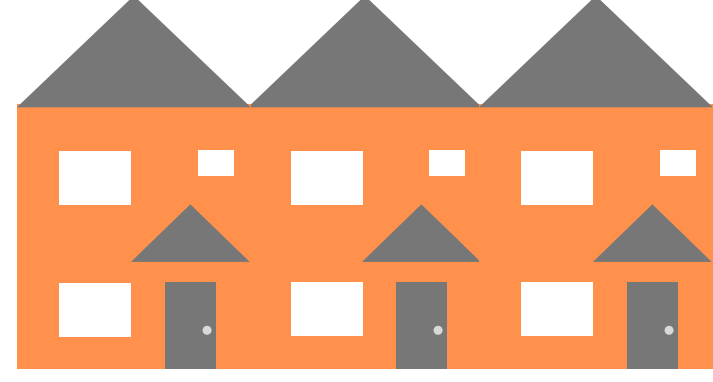


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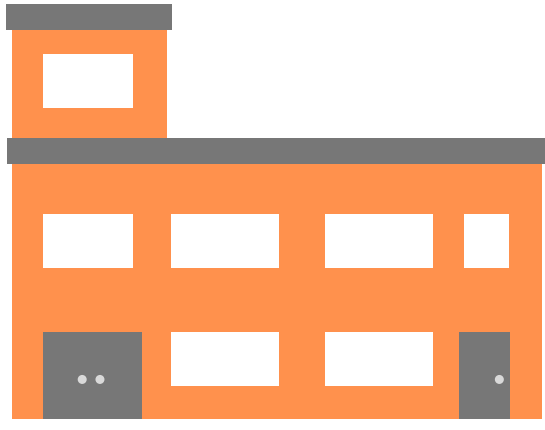
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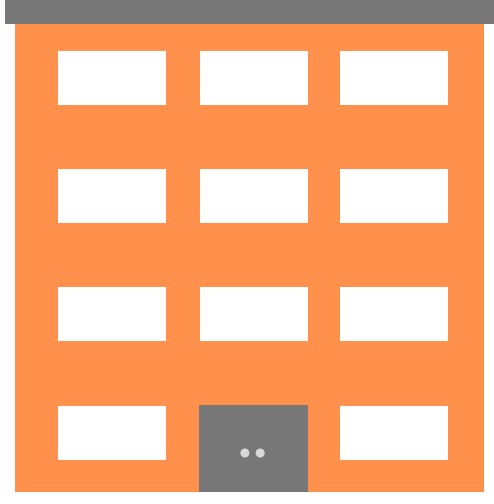
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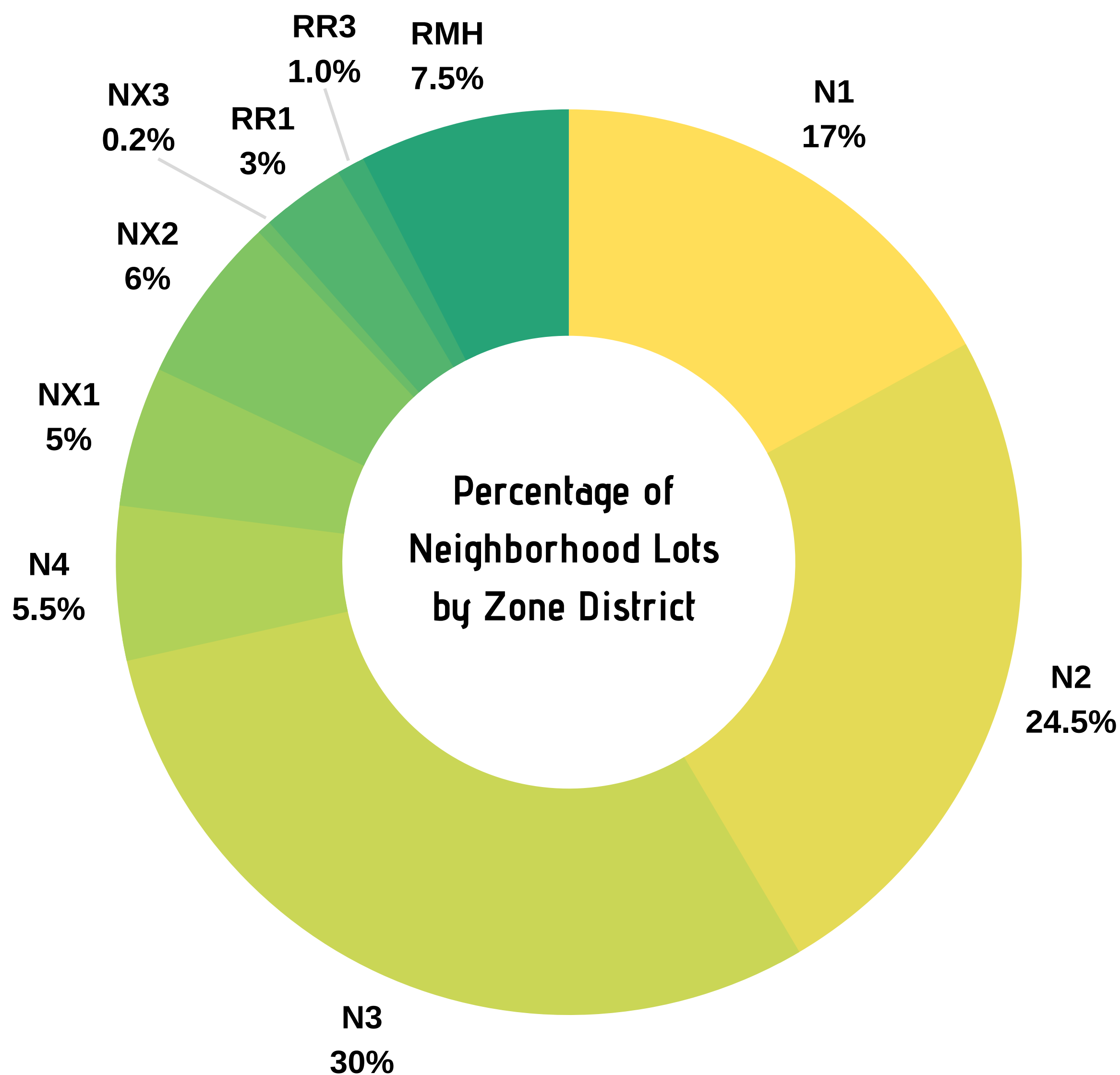
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Mixed-Use Zoning

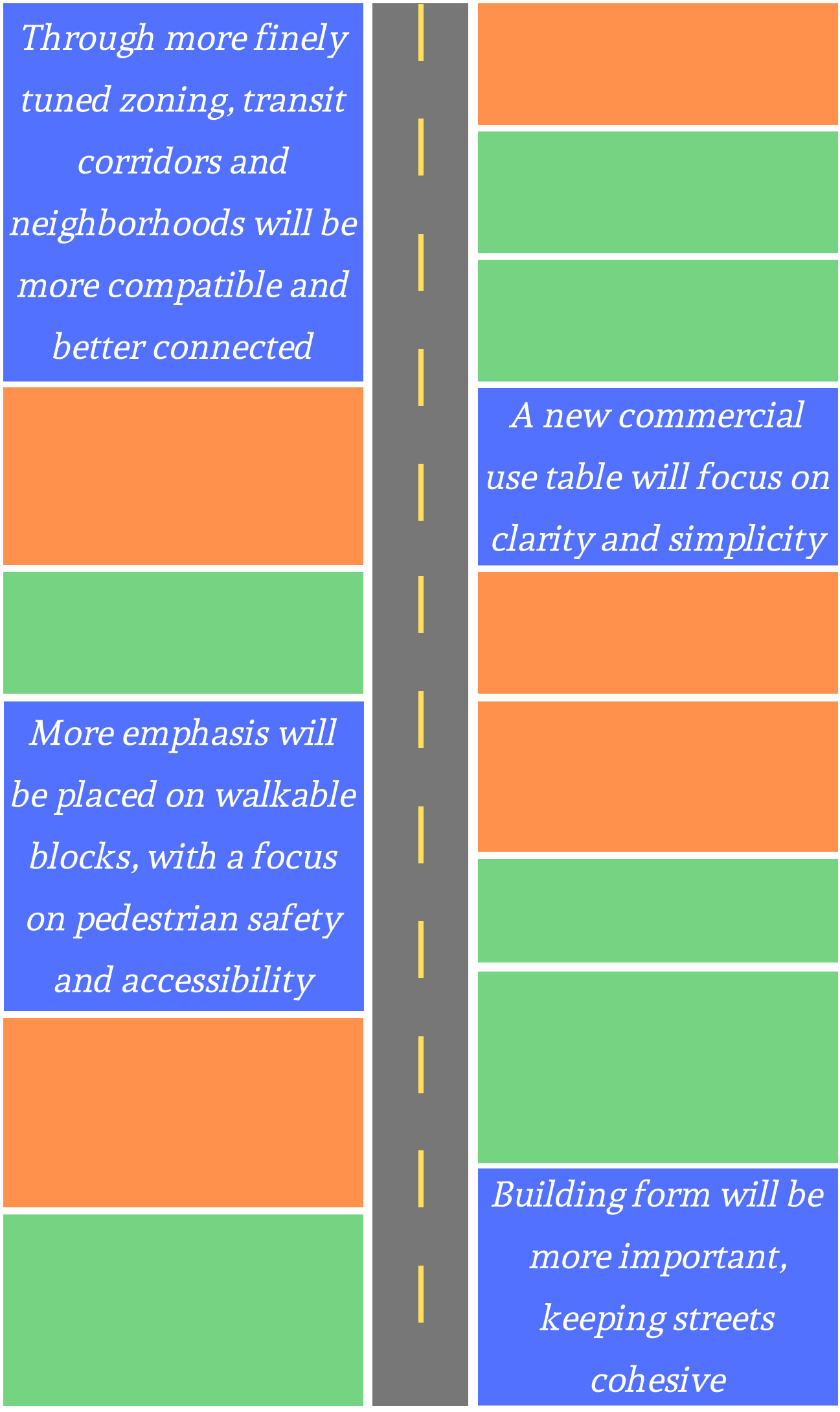
More Than Just Commercial Uses

DOWNTOWN ZONES

CBD - Central Business District
Mix of uses with walkable corridors; storefronts on ground story and upper story residential, lodging, and office uses

DX - Downtown Support
Acts as a support zone to the CBD, with higher intensity office and residential uses surrounding the CBD

STRONG CORRIDORS



NEIGHBORHOOD ZONES

NMU - Neighborhood Mixed Use
Accommodates a mix of commercial, residential, and office uses at a neighborhood scale while remaining highly walkable and accessible to pedestrians

NO - Neighborhood Office
Accommodates office and office/residential uses along neighborhood corridors where other commercial uses would be inappropriate; walkable and at a neighborhood scale

COMMERCIAL ZONES

CX - Heavy Commercial
Allows heavy commercial, wholesale, warehouse-distribution facilities, and contractor commercial uses; intended to be separate from residential and walkable mixed-use areas

C3 - General Commercial
Allows a wide mix of commercial uses directed at consumers and along transportation corridors with basic requirements; zone is intended for mainly county use

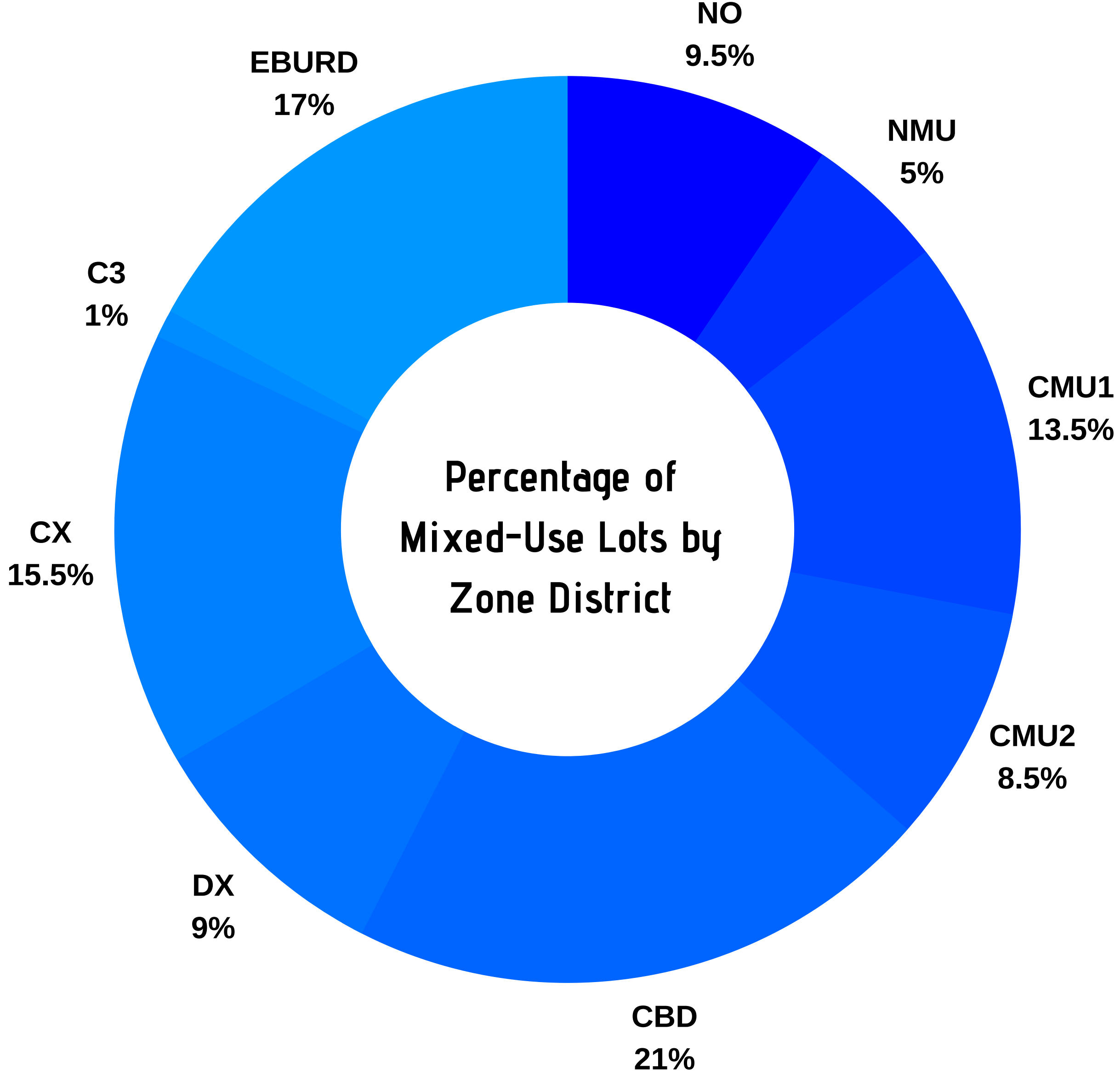
CORRIDOR ZONES

CMU1 - Corridor Mixed-Use 1
Appears on shallower lots along major transportation corridors with accessibility via all modes of transportation; ground stories for commercial uses while upper stories can be mixed

CMU2 - Corridor Mixed-Use 2
Similar to CMU1 except on larger lots meant to accommodate multiple buildings and larger-scale commercial buildings

EXPANDED ZONES

- **CBD** remains as is
- **DX** = CC surrounding CBD
- **CMU1** = shallow lot CC
- **CMU2** = deep lot CC
- **NMU** = NC
- **NO** = RP
- **CX** = heavier commercial CC
- **EBURD** remains as is



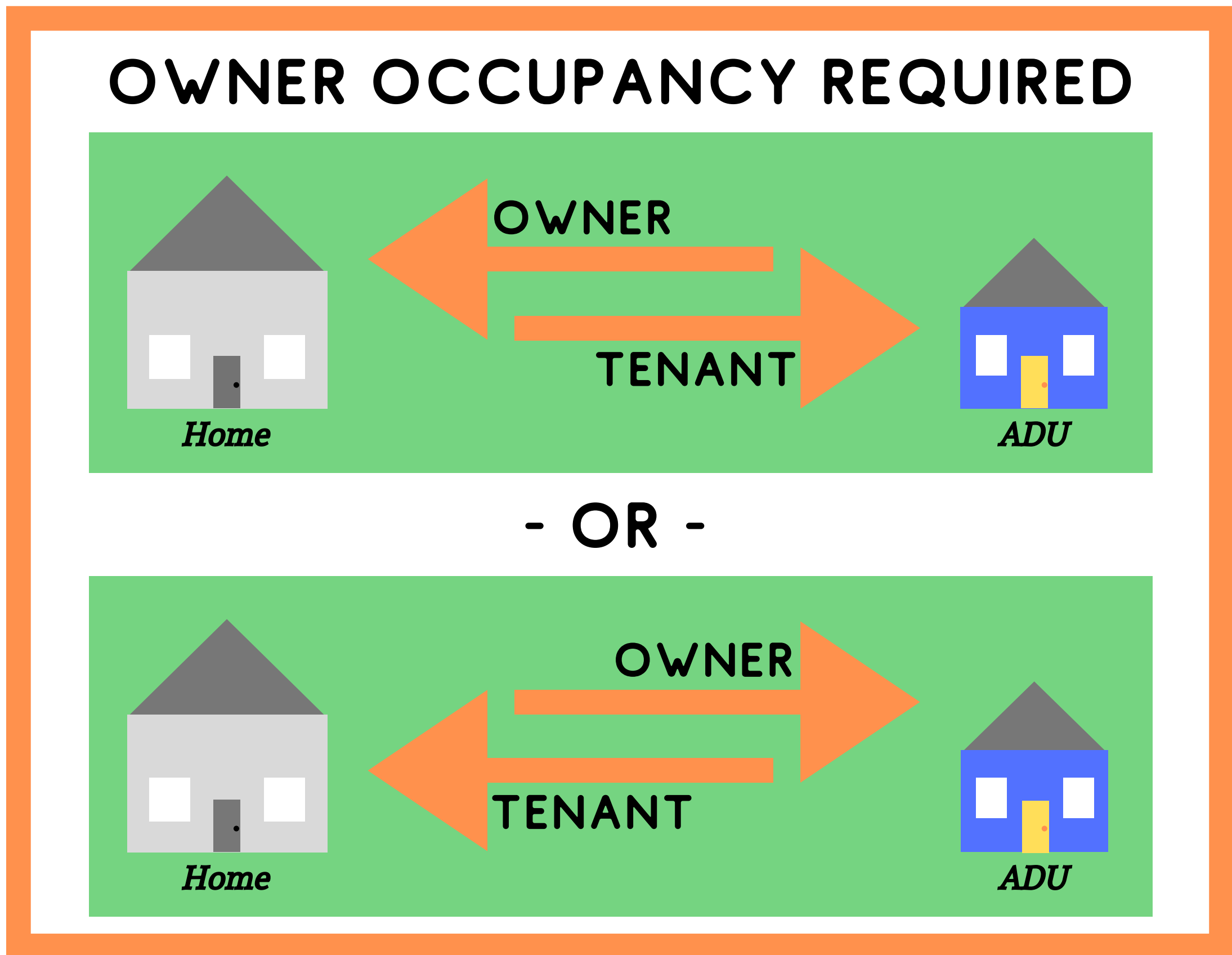
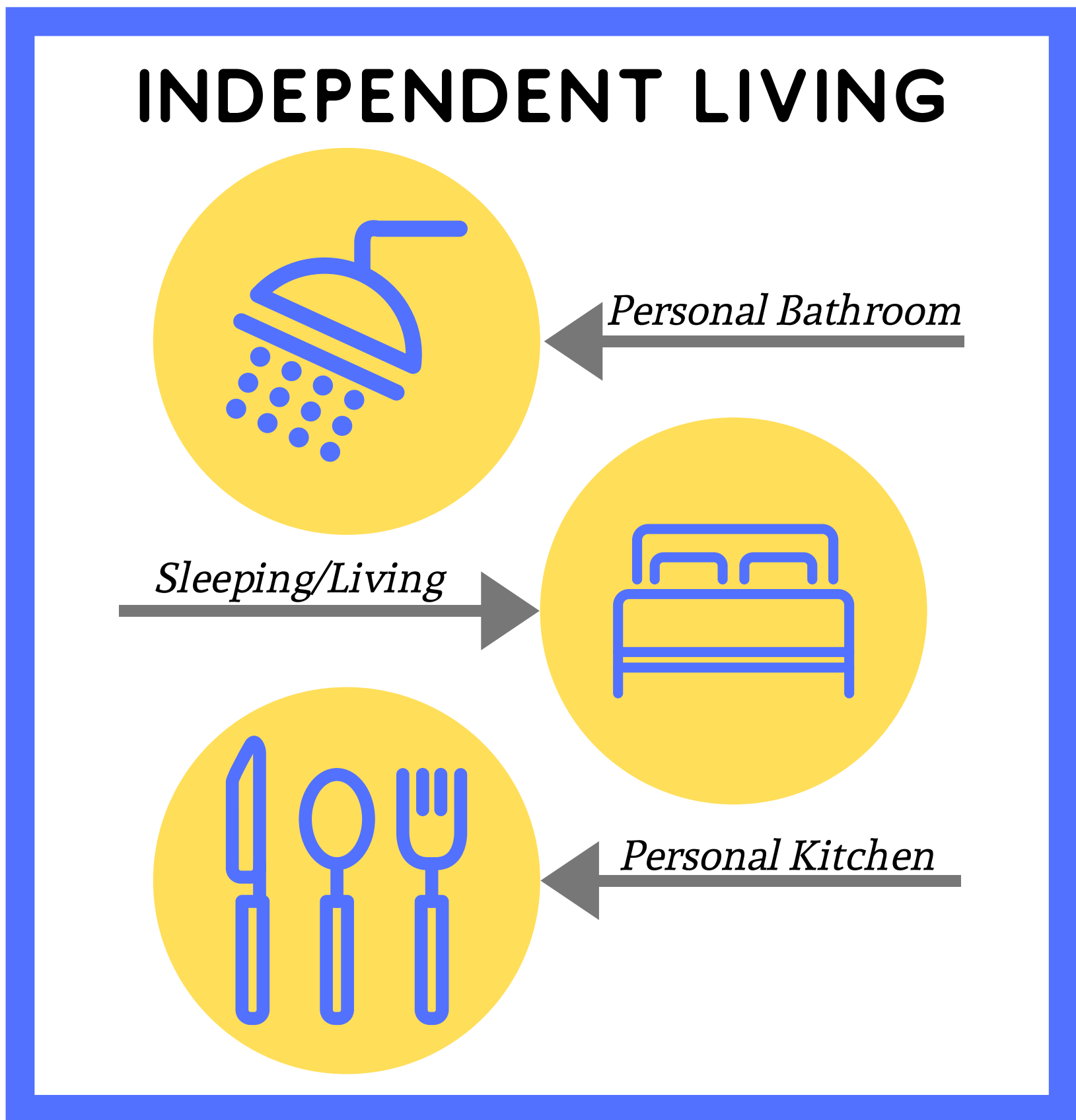
BEYOND "N" DISTRICTS

- New mixed-use zones will make it easier to allow both housing and commercial uses
- Dwelling units above or behind commercial uses of mixed-use zones can increase housing stock closer to where people work and shop

Accessory Dwelling Units

What's an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)?

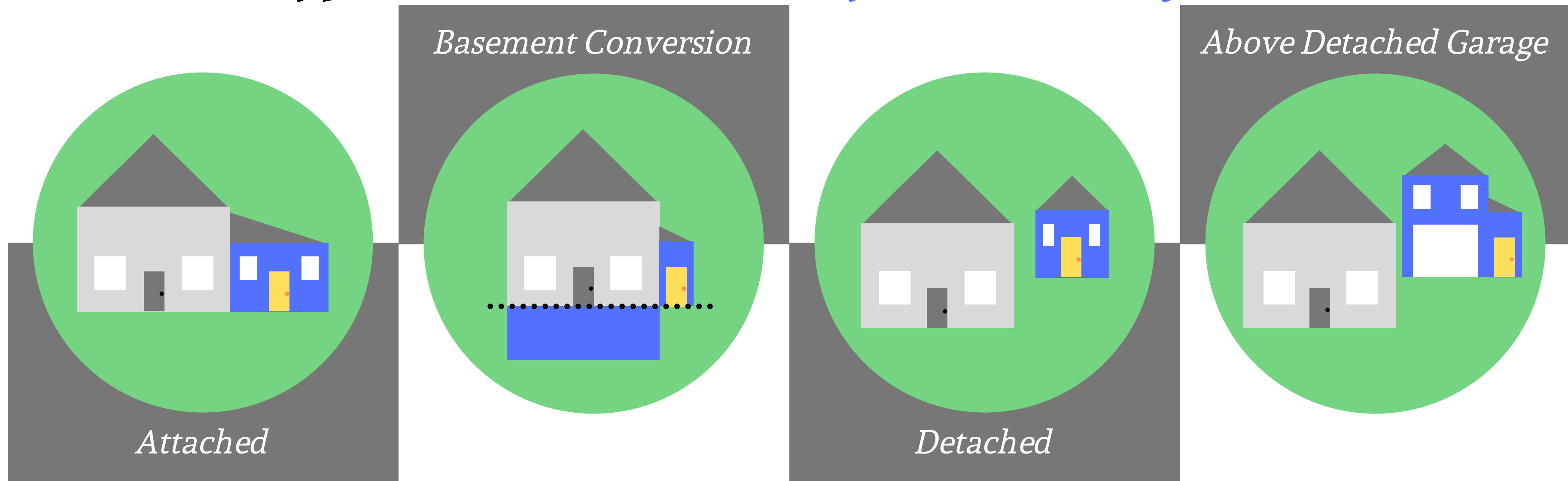
SEPARATE LIVING SPACE SMALLER THAN THE MAIN HOME ON THE SAME LOT



THE MANY NAMES OF ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

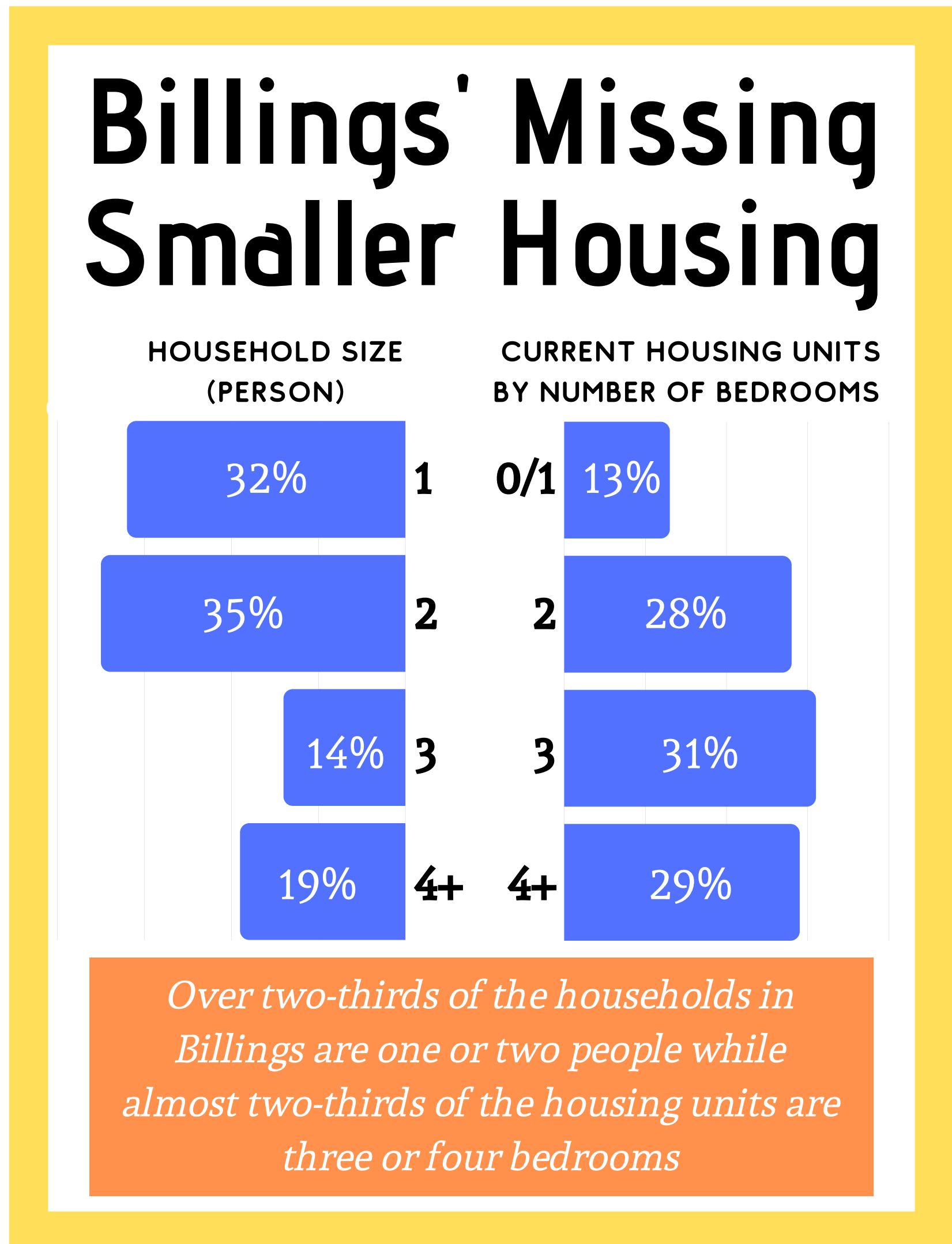
In-Law Suite ■ Casita ■ Basement Apartment ■ Carriage House ■ Granny Flat ■ Garden Cottage ■ Secondary Unit ■ Multi-Generational Home ■ Sidekick

Types of Accessory Dwelling Units



- ### Benefits of Accessory Dwelling Units
- Flexibility for homeowners
 - Incremental development
 - Market-rate affordable housing
 - Adds smaller housing options
 - Allows aging in place
 - Helps with mortgage payments
 - Assists friends and family
 - Raises property values

- ### Accessory Dwelling Units of Billings
- ADUs built until the 1970s
 - Hundreds exist in Billings
 - Mainly basement apartments
 - Many in first neighborhoods
 - Exist as legal-nonconforming
 - Unregulated and hard to track
 - Can support city infill goals
 - Present in many peer cities



Council Work Session

3.

Meeting Date: 07/01/2019

TITLE: Annual Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Presentation to Governing Bodies

Department: Planning & Community Services

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

The purpose of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is to advise the Mayor and City Council, the Board of County Commissioners, Yellowstone County Board of Planning, and all departments and boards of the City and County with regard to non-motorized transportation matters. BPAC membership consists of three positions appointed by the City, three by the County Commissioners, and one by the Planning Board.

BPAC will share its annual presentation to the City Council at this meeting. The presentation will introduce the committee members, give a summary of active transportation-related issues in Billings and Yellowstone County, and provide a look into upcoming topics. The presentation will last about 20 minutes.

RECOMMENDATION

This is a presentation only. No action is needed.

Attachments

BPAC Presentation



BILLINGS AREA BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Annual Report

WHO WE ARE

- ▶ **Chair: Ed Gulick** (Planning Board)
- ▶ **Vice Chair: Kristi Drake** (City)
- ▶ **Rose Cook** (County)
- ▶ **Liana Susott** (County)
- ▶ **Jane Van Dyk** (City)
- ▶ _____ (County)
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MAIN TASK

- ▶ Identify barriers to safely walking or bicycling throughout Billings and portion of Yellowstone County in the MPO area
- ▶ Recommend solutions to City and County planning and public works staff and governing bodies based on public input and transportation industry standards.

THE BIGGEST FACTOR IN WHETHER BICYCLING OCCURS IN A COMMUNITY:

Based on research, which of the following is true:

- A. Bicycling is most prevalent in communities that are flat.
- B. Bicycling is most prevalent in communities in warm climates without snow and ice
- C. Bicycling is most prevalent in communities that have invested in bicycle infrastructure, like bike lanes, protected bike lanes, multi-use trails, & bicycle boulevards.

There is little correlation between topography, climate, and bicycling rates.

There *IS* a high correlation with bicycling and infrastructure. Bitter cold Minneapolis, for instance, has the second-highest bicycle commuting rate in the country.

WHY SHOULD A COMMUNITY INVEST IN BICYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE?

1) Health

- ▶ Physical activity – “Active Transportation”
- ▶ Low levels of physical activity have contributed to obesity—
66% of adults are obese or overweight in Yellowstone County
2016-2017 Yellowstone County Community Health Needs Assessment
- ▶ Cycling saved Iowa’s riders about \$87 million in health care costs
2018 University of Northern Iowa study
- ▶ A \$10 million investment in bike infrastructure in New York City yielded \$230 million in health benefits (including to nonbikers, like cleaner air) Sorrel, 2016

2) Safety

- ▶ Billings residents won’t engage in Active Transportation if they don’t feel safe

WHY SHOULD A COMMUNITY INVEST IN BICYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE?

3) Quality of Life

- ▶ Younger generations in particular attracted to places that foster a healthy lifestyle and connection to place
- ▶ Children – can they safely walk or ride to school and to after-school activities? Or do parents need to drive them?
- ▶ In Indianapolis, close proximity to bike paths added an average of 11% to value of a house
- ▶ Trails connect neighborhoods to Rims and river—unique assets

4) Economic Vitality

- ▶ Quality of life is key economic driver
- ▶ Encourage visitors to stay longer, recreate here

2018 BIKE LANES USAGE IN BILLINGS



- Scanners track for 1 week per location
- Not particularly high usage
- Daily avg. 6-48
- Bike lanes still largely disconnected from each other—not yet a network
- Other communities experience dramatic increase in usage once a network created

MULTI-USE TRAIL USAGE IN BILLINGS



- Daily averages over a 3-year period
- Daily avg. 37-275
- Much higher usage than bike lanes
- Walking is the largest use (51% to 72%)
- Almost no trails in center of community
- Trails still largely disconnected from each other—not yet a network

SUMMARY OF BIKING & WALKING ISSUES THAT BPAC SEES

1. There is broad support for trails and bikeways for recreation and active transportation from the general public, health community, and business community.
2. There are significant opportunities for world-class trails as well as better biking connections within the city and county.
3. Federal transportation funding dedicated to pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure has decreased significantly in the past 5 years.
4. If our community wants to continue progress in trails and bikeways, it will need to either reprioritize some existing transportation funding and/or create new sources of funding.

I. SURVEY OF BILLINGS RESIDENTS INDICATES VERY HIGH SUPPORT FOR TRAILS FOR RECREATION AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION.

MOST IMPORTANT FACILITIES

BASED ON RESIDENTS' TOP FOUR CHOICES

From the Community Interest/Opinion Survey

WALKING & BIKING TRAILS

54%

SMALL PARKS

50%

LARGE PARKS 23%

SOURCE: 2016 City of Billings Community Interest and Opinion Survey (a statistically valid survey)

I. THE LOCAL HEALTH AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY SUPPORTS WALKING AND BIKING.

- **The Healthy by Design Coalition is committed to making the healthy choice the easy choice.**
 - RiverStone Health
 - St.Vincent Healthcare
 - Billings Clinic

In support of its strategic priorities to:

- Grow and Recruit Trained Talent
- Lead Visitor Growth



The Chamber has a Trail Initiative:

1. Connect the Marathon Loop
2. Support the maintenance of existing trails.
3. Provide interpretative signage and amenities for the trail system

2. MARATHON LOOP

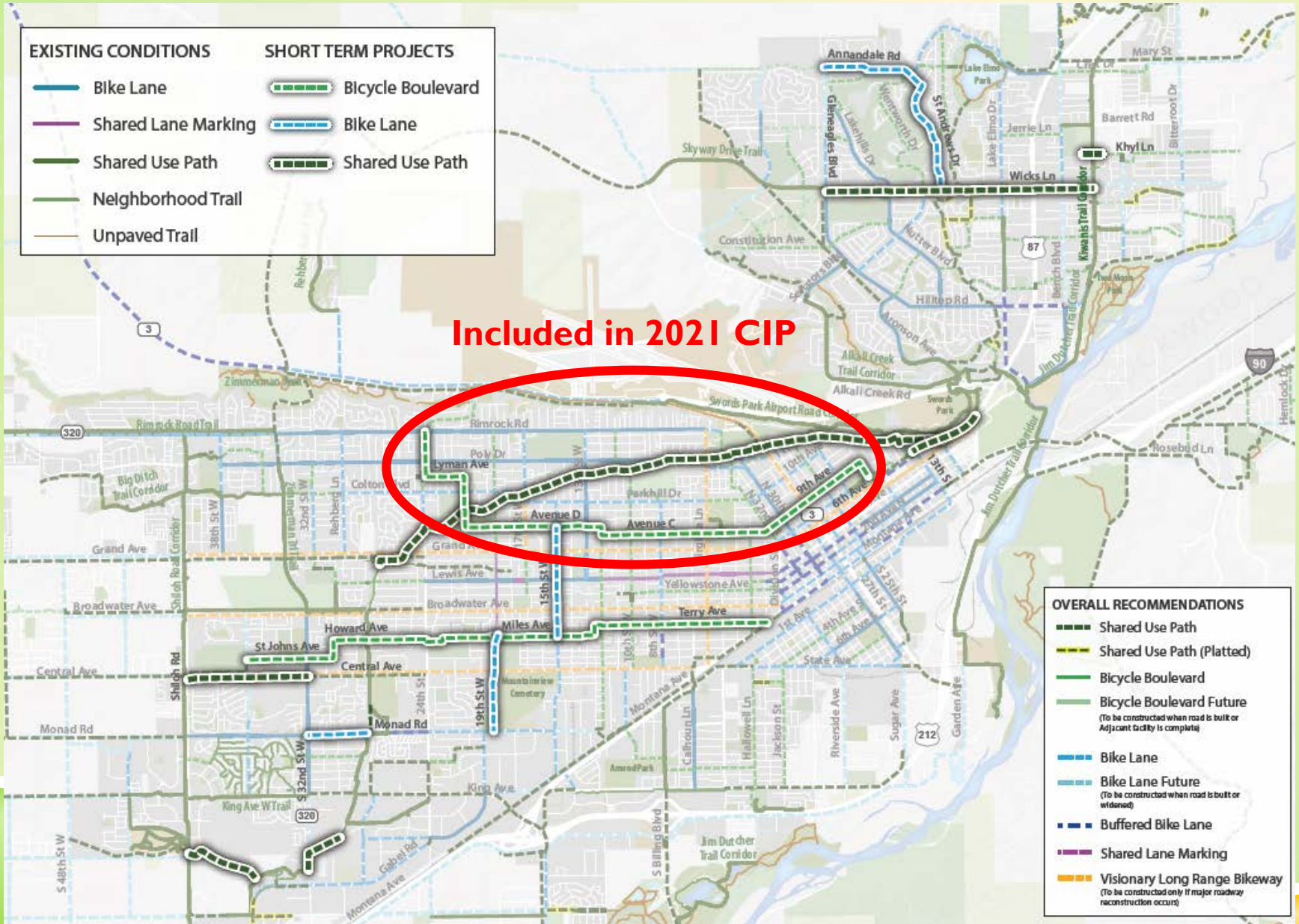


2. BICYCLE BOULEVARDS

- Leverage neighborhood streets that already have low speeds and volumes
- Wayfinding signage, pavement markings, intersection treatments that limit vehicular speeding
- Inexpensive to designate routes, then system can be incrementally improved
- Will have some on-going maintenance obligations
- One bike boulevard included in 2021 C.I.P.

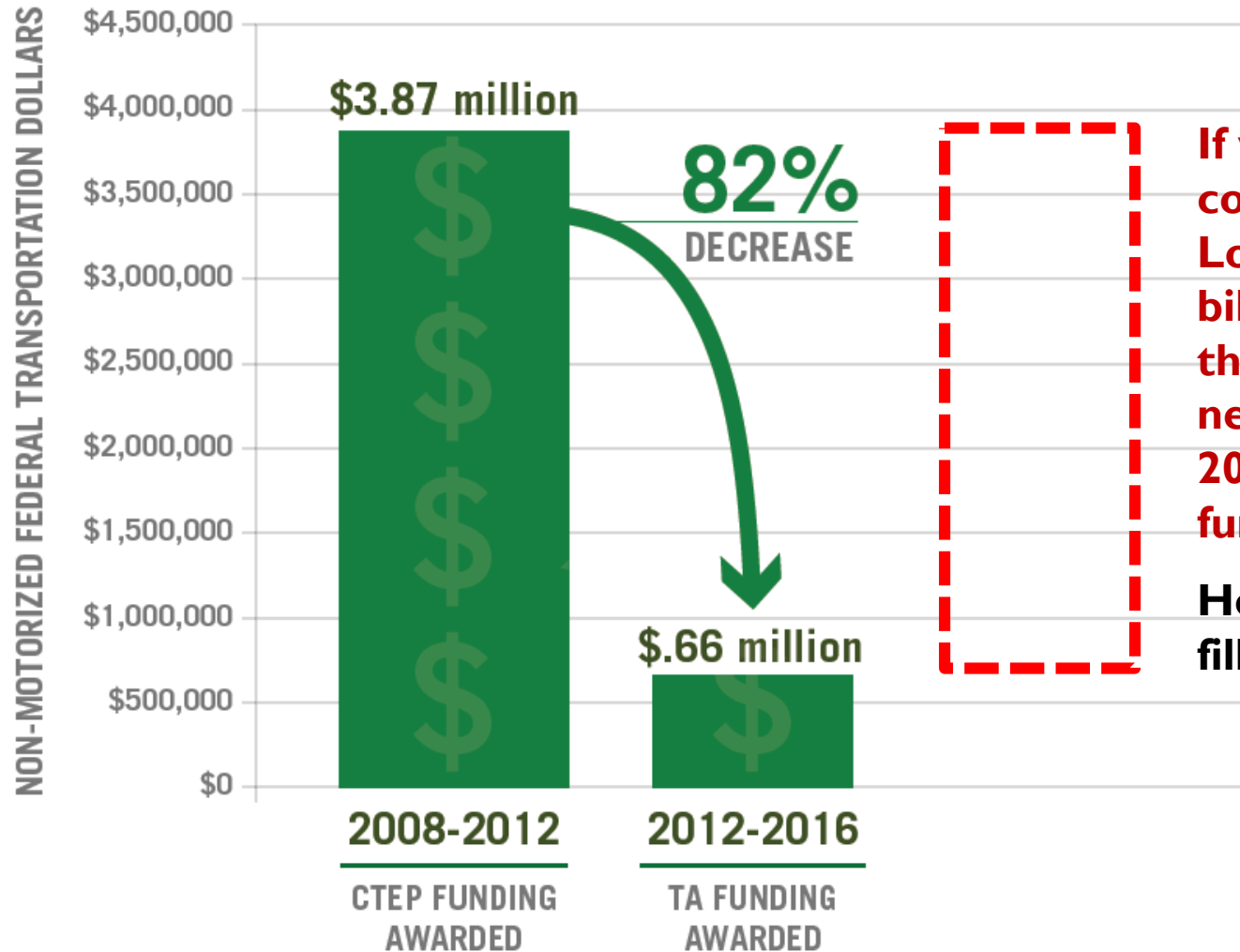


2. BICYCLE BOULEVARDS



3. FEDERAL ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING HAS DECREASED SIGNIFICANTLY.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR
NON-MOTORIZED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



If we want to complete Marathon Loop and connecting bikeways and trails in the next 10 years, we need to maintain the 2008-2012 level of funding.

How are we going to fill gap in funding?

4. COMMUNITY NEEDS TO FIND NEW WAYS TO FUND TRAIL AND BIKEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE.

- **Estimate that approximately \$1 million / year is needed to fill federal funding gap**
- **New trails cost approx. \$350,000 / mile to build**
 - Typical residential street: \$3-4 million / mile*
 - Typical arterial road: \$5 million / mile**
- **Additionally, funding is needed to maintain infrastructure already in place**

* Recent Poly Drive work was \$4M / mile, not including utilities

** Recent Central Ave. work was \$5M / mile, not including utilities

4. COMMUNITY NEEDS TO FIND NEW WAYS TO FUND TRAIL AND BIKEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE.

Opportunities to allocate existing transportation funding streams:

- **15% of CMAQ funding = \$225,000 / year**
 - CMAQ = Congestion Mitigation – Air Quality
 - Goal: reduce exhaust from auto congestion
 - Great Falls uses CMAQ for bus system; Missoula for trails and bikeways
 - Billings currently allocated 100% of CMAQ funds thru 2021 for expanding roadway infrastructure (Inner Belt Loop)
- **We recommend a more equitable distribution of CMAQ funds in future, including for bike and pedestrian infrastructure**

4. COMMUNITY NEEDS TO FIND NEW WAYS TO FUND TRAIL AND BIKEWAY INFRASTRUCTURE.

Value of new funding streams:

- Dedicated local sources of funding = easier to get matching funds from federal and private grants and donations

2018-2019 BPAC ACTIVITIES

- ▶ **Dedicated local trails funding source:** facilitated discussions on potential local funding mechanisms
- ▶ Reviewed and approved bicycle boulevard proposal for 2021 CIP
- ▶ **Downtown Bike parking:** helped Planning Staff obtain State of Montana tourism grant for these:



Photo: Mel Barbour

Now being installed in downtown where businesses and institutions request them!

2018-2019 BPAC ACTIVITIES

- ▶ **Trail connection to Zimmerman Park:** trail segment to park includes underpass beneath Zimmerman Trail



TRAILBLAZING
Celebration

THE SKYLINE TRAIL
SWOOD BRIDGE PARK
ZIMMERMAN PARK

GROUND BREAKING

GET OUTSIDE AND EXPLORE OUR TRAILS!

LIVEMUSIC FEATURING **ARTERIAL DRIVE**

SATURDAY JULY 13

FAMILY FUN RUN
FOOD TRUCKS
RAFFLE (MUST BE PRESENT)
E-BIKE DEMOS

FREE ADMISSION TO ONE & ALL

ZIMMERMAN PARK
BILLINGS, MT

11AM TO 2PM



QUESTIONS?

Council Work Session

4.

Meeting Date: 07/01/2019

TITLE: Ballot Timelines and Costs

Department: Legal

Presentation: Yes

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT

The Council is considering an amendment to the City Charter which would increase the number of dedicated mills in City Charter Section 1.05 for Police, Fire and other related public safety services. To amend the Charter by way of Council action, the Council must approve an ordinance as required by Section 7-3-103(2)(b), Montana Code Annotated (MCA) which provides:

- (2) An amendment to a self-government charter or an adopted alternative form of government may be proposed by:
 - (a) petition as provided in [7-3-125](#);
 - (b) the local government by ordinance; or
 - (c) a study commission recommendation pursuant to [7-3-192](#).

The ordinance would be similar in format to the 2014 ordinance attached to this memorandum as Exhibit A. That ordinance is the most recent past proposed Charter amendment for public safety which was presented to the voters in 2014 but failed to achieve voter approval.

The proposed Charter amendment must also have ballot language submitted through a Council Resolution to the County Elections Administrator specifying the language to be placed on the ballot. An example of such a Resolution is attached to this memorandum as Exhibit B. This Resolution relates to Exhibit A and provided the ballot language for the proposed but failed public safety mill levy increase in 2014.

Bret Rutherford, Yellowstone County Elections Administrator has provided additional important information as to the time deadline and costs for such an election should the Council wish to proceed this calendar year with a Charter amendment included on the November 5, 2019, Municipal General Election.

The ordinance amending the Charter must be passed at least 85 days before election day. Therefore November 5 ballot items must be submitted to the Yellowstone County Election Office no later than August 12, 2019. An ordinance to amend the Charter requires one public hearing and approval at two readings no less than 12 days apart. In order to meet that timetable within its current meeting schedule, the Council needs to decide what information is contained in the Ordinance, conduct a public hearing and approve the First Reading ordinance on July 22, 2019. The second reading approval of the Ordinance and approval of the companion resolution that establishes the ballot language would need to be approved on August 12, 2019.

If the City wishes to conduct a special election at some other time in the future the same 85 day pre-election deadline would apply.

As to costs for the election, Mr, Rutherford's estimate is always \$1 per registered voter for a special stand alone mail ballot election and there are currently 65,370 registered voters in the City. Mr. Rutherford has also advised that If the city desires to include a Charter amendment as part of another election ballot in the future, the cost would be proportionally shared with the other political subdivisions involved in that election.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Council determine if it desires to proceed with an ordinance and resolution as discussed above providing for a Charter amendment increasing the mills for public safety. If so, direction to staff is needed on when such a Charter amendment will be presented to the voters for approval-either on November 5, 2019, or sometime in 2020.

Attachments

Charter Amendment Ord.

Charter Amendment Ballot Language

ORDINANCE NO. 14-5624

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS CITY CHARTER BE AMENDED TO ADD SECTION 1.05.2; PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT MILL LEVY TO FUND FIRE, POLICE, 911 DISPATCH SERVICES, AND RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, AND SUBMITTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

Section 1. That Article I of the Billings, Montana City Charter be amended to add Section 1.05.2 so that such section shall read as follows:

"Section 1.05.2 Mill Levy to Fund Fire, Police, 911 Dispatch Services, and Related Public Safety Expenses.

For the purpose of funding the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the fire department, police department, 911 dispatch services, and related public safety expenses, the City Council shall levy up to the following number of mills, which will raise the estimated amounts of money:

2015/2016	12.00 mills	approximately	\$ 2,000,000
2016/2017	15.00 mills	approximately	\$ 2,500,000
2017/2018	24.00 mills	approximately	\$ 4,000,000
2018/2019	46.00 mills	approximately	\$ 7,900,000
2019/2020	65.00 mills	approximately	\$11,200,000
2020/2021	77.00 mills	approximately	\$13,400,000
2021/2022	88.00 mills	approximately	\$15,600,000
2022/2023	101.00 mills	approximately	\$18,000,000
2023/2024	112.00 mills	approximately	\$20,200,000
2024/2025	125.00 mills	approximately	\$22,800,000

The foregoing mill levies are non-cumulative, but permanent. The mill levy assessment for FY 25 shall continue indefinitely in future Fiscal Years. These levies are in addition to any other mill levies authorized by Charter or law; this language shall appear on the face of the ballot."

Section 2. REFERRAL TO ELECTORS. This ordinance shall be referred to the electors of the City of Billings as soon as possible at a regular or primary election by resolution duly and regularly passed by the City Council.



Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective after second reading and final adoption and approval by the electors as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading this 14th day of July, 2014.

PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED on second reading this 28th day of July, 2014.

CITY OF BILLINGS



By Thomas W. Hanel
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

By Cari Martin
Cari Martin, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 14-10383

A RESOLUTION REFERRING ORDINANCE NO. 14-5624, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BILLINGS CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR A PERMANENT MILL LEVY TO FUND FIRE, POLICE, 911 DISPATCH SERVICES, AND RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY EXPENSES, TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2014.

WHEREAS, the Billings City Council adopted Ordinance 14-5624 amending the Billings City Charter to provide for a permanent mill levy to fund Fire, Police, City 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses; and,

WHEREAS, by law the ordinance must be submitted to a vote of the people; and,

WHEREAS, a majority of the electors voting on this question must approve the ordinance to amend the Billings City Charter; and,

WHEREAS, the ordinance should be referred to a vote of the people at the general election to be held on November 4, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. REFERENCE: Ordinance Number 14-5624, being an Ordinance amending the Billings City Charter to provide for a permanent mill levy to fund Fire, Police, 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses, is hereby referred to a vote of the people at the regular election to be held November 4, 2014. A full copy of Ordinance Number 14-5624 is attached hereto, marked Exhibit "A", and by this reference is made a part hereof.

2. FORM OF BALLOT: The form of the ballot shall be as provided by law and similar to the following:

For the purpose of funding the operation of the Fire Department, Police Department, 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses, the Billings City Council amended the City Charter in Ordinance 14-5624. Shall the City be authorized to levy the following number of mills and approximate dollars



Fiscal Year	Levied Mills	Approximate Dollars	Estimated Annual Tax on \$100,000 Home	Estimated Annual Tax on \$200,000 Home
2015/2016	12.00	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 15.50	\$ 31.00
2016/2017	15.00	2,500,000	19.50	39.00
2017/2018	24.00	4,000,000	31.00	62.00
2018/2019	46.00	7,900,000	59.50	119.00
2019/2020	65.00	11,200,000	84.00	168.00
2020/2021	77.00	13,400,000	99.50	199.00
2021/2022	88.00	15,600,000	114.00	228.00
2022/2023	101.00	18,000,000	131.00	262.00
2023/2024	112.00	20,200,000	145.00	291.00
2024/2025	125.00	\$22,800,000	\$ 162.50	\$ 325.00

3. The foregoing mill levies are non-cumulative, but permanent, and the 2024/2025 levy shall continue indefinitely in future Fiscal Years. These levies are in addition to any other mill levies authorized by Charter or law.
- **FOR** amending the City Charter to add a mill levy for Police, Fire, City 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses as provided in Ordinance 14-5624.
- **AGAINST** amending the City Charter to add a mill levy for Police, Fire, 911 Dispatch Services, and related public safety expenses as provided in Ordinance 14-5624.
4. **CERTIFICATION:** The City Clerk shall certify this Resolution and Ordinance 14-5624 to the Yellowstone County Election Official as provided by law.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

APPROVED AND PASSED by the Billings City Council this 28th day of July, 2014.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS



BY: Thomas W. Hanel
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Cari Martin
Cari Martin, City Clerk