

ARTICLE 7. **ALTERNATE TYPOLOGIES**

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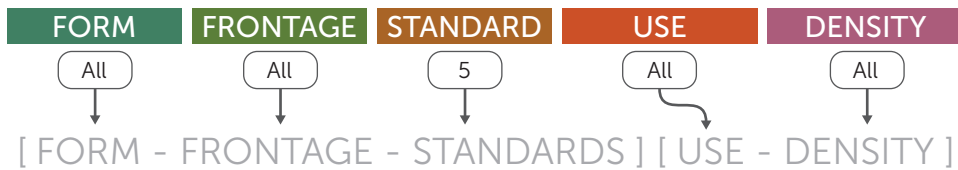
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DIV. 7A.1. ORIENTATION

SEC. 7A.1.1. RELATIONSHIP TO ZONE STRING

Alternative Typologies may be used on lots where all districts in the applied zone string are listed as eligible districts in the eligibility table of an Alternate Typology. An Alternate Typology either supersedes or defers to the standards of the underlying applied zoning districts as specified by the Alternate Typology.



SEC. 7A.1.2. HOW TO USE ARTICLE 7. (ALTERNATE TYPOLOGIES)

A. Determine Eligibility

Review each component in a zone string against the eligible districts for an Alternate Typology.

B. Identify Standards

1. Form Standards

Outlined in *Subsection D. (Form Standards)* of each Alternate Typology (Part 7B.).

2. Frontage Standards

Outlined in *Subsection E. (Frontage Standards)* of each Alternate Typology (Part 7B.).

3. Development Standards

Outlined in *Subsection F. (Development Standards)* of each Alternate Typology (Part 7B.).

4. Use Standards

Outlined in *Subsection G. (Use Standards)* of each Alternate Typology (Part 7B.).

5. Density Standards

Outlined in *Subsection H. (Density Standards)* of each Alternate Typology (Part 7B.).

C. Interpret Standards

Each standard in an Alternate Typology in *Part 7B. (Alternate Typologies)* provides a reference to *Part 7C. (Alternate Typology Rules)* where each standard is explained in detail.

Zone String Example:

Zone String

[LM2][MU2-5][RG1-FA]

See if Your
Zoning is Eligible

Part 7B. (Alternate Typologies)

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DIV. 7B.1 **INSTITUTIONAL**
SEC. 7B.1.1 **CIVIC INSTITUTIONAL**

A. Eligible Districts

FORM	FRONTAGE	STANDARD	USE	DENSITY
All	All	5	All	All

Find Your Rules

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F. Development Standards
Set by the applied Development Standard District (Part 4B).
G. Use Standards
1. For a minimum of 20 years after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, no less than 75 percent of the total floor area on the lot shall be designated for one or more of the following uses:
a. Civic facility, local.
b. Civic facility, regional.
c. Public safety facility.
d. Community assembly, regional.
e. School, K-12.
f. School, post-secondary.
g. Social services, and
h. Passenger transit station.
2. Once 20 years have elapsed, any use allowed in the applicable Use District may be used.
3. For additional Use District standards, see the applicable Use District.
H. Density Standards
Set by the applied Density District (Part 6C).

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E. Frontage Standards
1. Site
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DIV. 7C.1 **ALTERNATE TYPOLOGY RULES**
SEC. 7C.1.1 **FORM RULES**
A. For Form District standards, see the applicable standard Sections in Part 2C. (Form Rules).
B. For standards that apply when a district table specifies "Set by Form District," see the applied Form District in Part 2B. (Form Districts) for the applicable standard specification.
SEC. 7C.1.2 **FRONTAGE RULES**
A. For Frontage District standards, see the applicable standard Sections in Part 3C. (General Frontage Rule) or Part 3D. (Character Frontage Rule).
B. For standards that apply when a district table specifies "Set by Frontage District," see the applied Frontage District in Part 3B. (Frontage Districts) for the applicable standard specification.
SEC. 7C.1.3 **DEVELOPMENT RULES**
A. For Development Standards District standards, see the applicable standard Sections in Part 4C. (Development Standards Rule).
B. For standards that apply when a district table specifies "Set by Development Standards District," see the applied Development Standards District in Part 4B. (Development Standards Districts) for the applicable standard specification.
SEC. 7C.1.4 **USE RULES**
A. For Use District standards, see the applicable standard Sections in Part 5C. (Use Rules).
B. For use definitions, see Part 5D. (Use Definitions).
C. For standards that apply when a district table specifies "Set by Use District," see the applied Use District in Part 5B. (Use Districts) for the applicable standard specification.
SEC. 7C.1.5 **DENSITY RULES**
A. For Density District standards, see the applicable standard Sections in Part 6C. (Density Rules).
B. For standards that apply when a district table specifies "Set by Density District," see the applied Density District in Part 6B. (Density Districts) for the applicable standard specification.

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PART 2C. FORM RULES

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PART 6B. DENSITY DISTRICTS

SEC. 7A.1.3. ALTERNATE TYPOLOGY GRAPHICS

A. General

1. Illustrations and graphics are included in *Article 7. (Alternate Typologies)* only to assist users in understanding the intent and requirements of the text. In the event a conflict occurs between the text of *Article 7. (Alternate Typologies)* and any illustration or graphic, the text prevails.
2. To interpret the Form standard graphics in *Article 7. (Alternate Typologies)* see *Sec. 2A.1.3. (Form District Diagrams)*.
3. To interpret the Frontage standard graphics in *Article 7. (Alternate Typologies)* see *Sec. 3A.1.3. (Frontage District Diagrams)*.

SEC. 7A.1.4. ALTERNATE TYPOLOGY NAMING CONVENTION

Alternate Typology names are composed of two components: a typology category and a variation number.

A. Typology Category

The first component of each Alternate Typology name is a typology category. Typology categories group all typologies with similar allowed uses, characteristics, and intent. Typology categories are organized as follows:

1. Civic Institution
2. Corner Store
3. Small Lot Subdivision
4. Drive-Through
5. Fueling Station

B. Variation Number

The last component of each Alternate Typology name is a variation number. Alternate Typologies are numbered based on the order in which they were incorporated into this Zoning Code (Chapter 1A).

DIV. 7A.2. **GENERAL RULES**

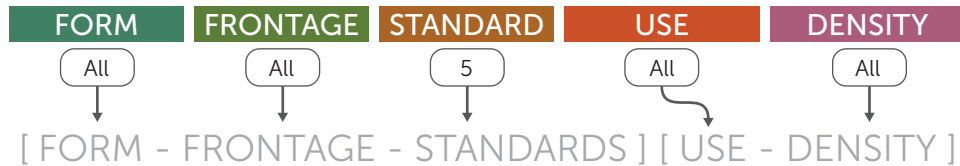
SEC. 7A.2.1. **ALTERNATE TYPOLOGIES INTENT**

There are certain cases where the desired physical form for a specific type of development is prohibited by the zoning applied to a lot. In those cases, Alternate Typologies provide an option to override specific standards in the underlying zoning that may otherwise prohibit the desired form. In exchange for providing greater flexibility on particular standards, Alternate Typologies require adherence to other standards that promote the desired form and ensure that projects are contextually appropriate.

SEC. 7A.2.2. ALTERNATE TYPOLOGIES APPLICABILITY

A. Eligibility

Alternate Typologies are only allowed in eligible districts. Each Alternate Typology provides an eligibility table that lists all zoning districts where the Alternate Typology is allowed. Any lot within one of the eligible zoning districts may use the Alternate Typology. When an eligible district is listed with "-", all variations of the district are eligible (for example, RN_ includes RN1, RN2 and any other RN variation).



B. Project Activities

1. Alternate Typology standards apply to project activities as shown in the applicability statements of each Section in *Part 2C. (Form Rules)*, *Part 3C. (General Frontage Rules)*, *Part 3D. (Character Frontage Rules)*, *Part 4C. (Development Standards Rules)*, *Part 5C. (Use Rules)*, and *Part 6C. (Density Rules)*. More than one project activity may apply to a project (for example, an exterior modification may also include a use modification).
2. Project applicability may also be modified by *Article 12. (Nonconformities)*.
3. Project activities are defined in *Sec. 14.2.15. (Project Activities)*.

C. Applicable Components of Buildings & Lots

1. Alternate Typology regulations apply to all portions of a lot.
2. Alternate Typology regulations apply to all portions of buildings and structures on a lot.
3. Specific Alternate Typology regulations may further limit which components of buildings and lots are required to comply with the rules in *Part 7C. (Alternate Typology Rules)*.

D. Nonconformities

1. *Article 12. (Nonconformities)* provides relief from the requirements of *Article 7. (Alternate Typologies)* for existing lots, site improvements, buildings, structures, and uses that conformed to the zoning regulations at the time they were established, but do not conform to current district standards or use permissions. No proposed project activity using an Alternate Typology may decrease the conformance with any Form, Frontage, Development, Use, or Density standard in *Article 7. (Alternate Typologies)*, unless otherwise specified in *Div. 12.2. (Form Exceptions)*, *Div. 12.3. (Frontage Exceptions)*, *Div. 12.4. (Development Standards Exceptions)*, *Div. 12.5. (Use Exceptions)*, or *Div. 12.6. (Density Exceptions)*.

SEC. 7A.2.3. RELATIONSHIP TO ZONING DISTRICTS

- A. Where a standard is listed in an Alternate Typology, the specification listed for each standard in the Alternate Typology supersedes the specification listed in the underlying zoning districts for the same standard.
- B. The underlying zoning district standard applies where an Alternate Typology:
 - 1. Expressly defers to the underlying districts (for example, "Set by Form District");
 - 2. Provides no specification for a standard listed by the underlying zoning districts; or
 - 3. Does not list a standard that is listed by the underlying zoning districts.

SEC. 7A.2.4. **RELATIONSHIP TO SPECIFIC PLANS & SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICTS**

- A. Alternate Typologies do not supersede the requirements of Specific Plans or Supplemental Districts.
- B. Special Zones are not eligible to use Alternate Typologies.

PART 7B. ALTERNATE TYPOLOGIES

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DIV. 7B.1. INSTITUTIONAL

SEC. 7B.1.1. CIVIC INSTITUTION 1

A. Eligible Districts	FORM	FRONTAGE	STANDARD	USE	DENSITY
	All	All	5	All	All



B. Intent

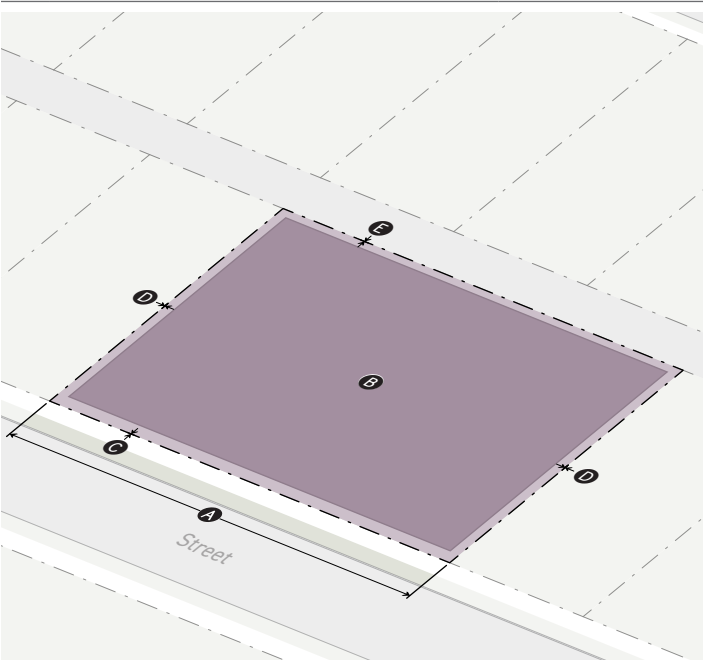
The Civic Institution 1 Alternate Typology is intended to promote placemaking through architectural monuments and publicly accessible spaces. This Alternate Typology allows greater design flexibility for civic institutions to differentiate civic assets from the surrounding urban fabric, while maintaining standards essential for ensuring all projects actively contribute to a highly walkable urban environment.

C. Review

Administrative review is required, see Sec. 13B.3.1. (Administrative Review).

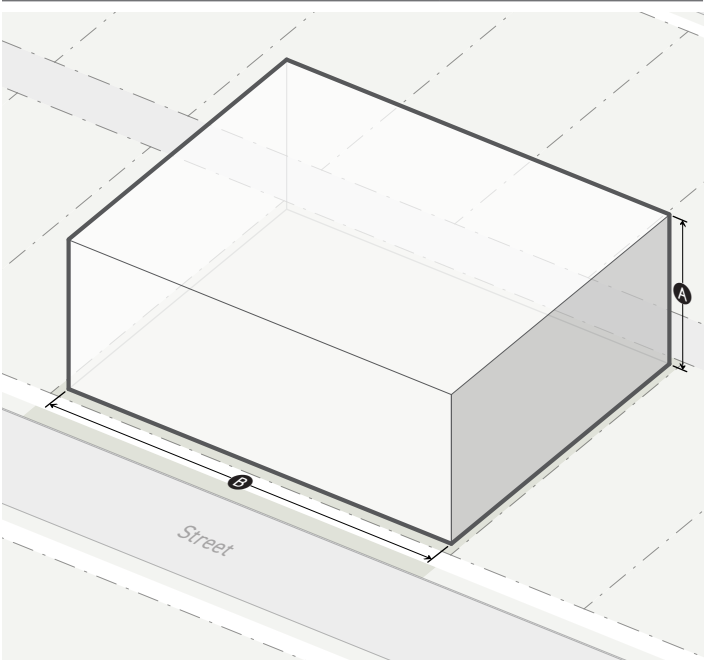
D. Form Standards

1. Lot Parameters



LOT SIZE		Sec. 7C.1.1.
Lot area (min)		n/a
A	Lot width (min)	25'
COVERAGE		Sec. 7C.1.1.
B	Building coverage (max)	95%
Building setbacks		
C	Primary street (min)	0'
	Side street (min)	0'
D	Side (min)	0'
	Rear (min)	0'
E	Alley (min)	0'
	Special lot line (min)	0'
AMENITY		Sec. 7C.1.1.
Lot amenity space (min)		n/a
Residential amenity space (min)		n/a

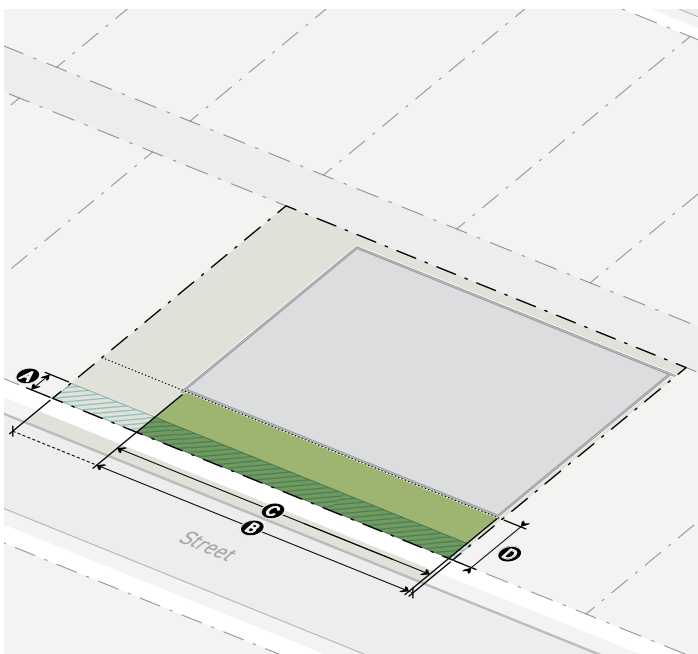
2. Bulk and Mass



HEIGHT & FAR		Sec. 7C.1.1.
FAR (max)		Set by Form District
A	Height (max)	n/a
UPPER STORY BULK		Sec. 7C.1.1.
Set by Form District		
BUILDING MASS		Sec. 7C.1.1.
Set by Form District		

E. Frontage Standards

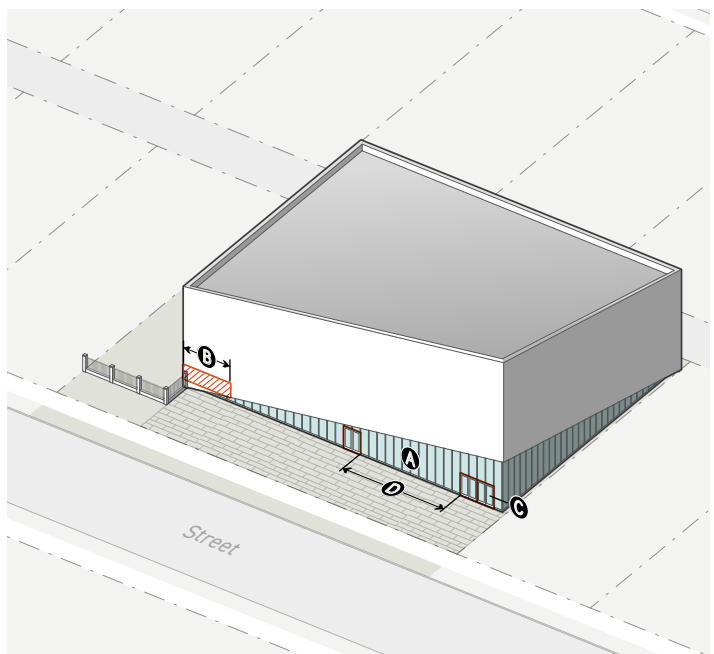
1. Site



	Primary St.	Side St.
BUILD-TO	Sec. 7C.1.2.	
Applicable stories (min)	1	1
A Build-to depth (max)	0'/10'	0'/10'
B Build-to width (min)	80%	60%
C Pedestrian amenity allowance (max)	100%	100%
PARKING	Sec. 7C.1.2.	
D Parking setback (min)	25'	0'
Parking between building & street (allowed)	No	No
LANDSCAPE	Sec. 7C.1.2.	
Frontage planting area (min)	n/a	n/a
Frontage yard fence & wall type allowed:	A3*	A3*

*Fences and walls may not be located between the building face meeting the required build-to width and the street.

2. Facade



	Primary St.	Side St.
TRANSPARENCY	Sec. 7C.1.2.	
A Ground story (min)	10%*	10%*
Upper stories (min)	n/a	n/a
B Active wall spacing (max)	70'	90'
ENTRANCES	Sec. 7C.1.2.	
C Street-facing entrance	Required	n/a
D Entrance spacing (max)	100'	150'
Entry feature	n/a	n/a
GROUND STORY	Sec. 7C.1.2.	
Ground story height (min)		
Residential (min)	n/a	n/a
Non-residential (min)	16'	16'
Ground floor elevation (min/max)	n/a	n/a

*Ground story window and door glazing may be screened for up to 50 percent of the glazed area.

F. Development Standards

Set by the applied *Development Standard District (Part 4B.)*.

G. Use Standards

1. For a minimum of 20 years after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, no less than 75 percent of the total floor area on the lot shall be designated for one or more of the following uses:
 - a. Civic facility: local;
 - b. Civic facility: regional;
 - c. Public safety facility;
 - d. Community assembly: regional;
 - e. School: K-12;
 - f. School: post-secondary;
 - g. Social services; and
 - h. Passenger transit facility.
2. Once 20 years have elapsed, any use allowed in the applied *Use District (Part 5B.)* is permitted.
3. For additional Use District standards, see the applied *Use District (Part 5B.)*.

H. Density Standards

Set by the applied *Density District (Part 6B.)*.

DIV. 7B.2. **CORNER STORE**

[Reserved].

DIV. 7B.3. **SMALL LOT SUBDIVISION**

[Reserved].

DIV. 7B.4. **DRIVE-THROUGH**

[Reserved].

DIV. 7B.5. **FUELING STATION**

[Reserved].

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SEC. 7C.1.4. **USE RULES**

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SEC. 7C.1.5. **DENSITY RULES**

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