



## Heights in Residential Zoning Districts

Stakeholders Meeting

December 2, 2009



#### **TONIGHT'S AGENDA**

- Recap of Issues Related to Height in Residential Zoning Districts
- Updated Recommendations
- Stakeholder Feedback
- Next Steps



# CITY OF CHARLOTTE

1. Different Requirements for Different Uses

# ISSUES

There Are No Max. Heights
No Max. Heights Needed
Transition For Different Uses and Districts
Different Regulations for Institutional Uses
Different Heights For Multi Family & Single Family
Revise Exceptions To Heights



2. Consider Adjacent Uses and Properties

### ISSUES

 Scale Relative To Neighborhood
 Aware Of Nearby Zoning
 Consider Character Of A Neighborhood
 Consider Proximity To Other Residences Not Just Adjacent

#### CITY OF CHARLOTTE 3. Consider Road Classifications

#### ISSUES

 For Major Corridors There Should Be Different Height Regulations
 Street Widths Should Be Considered
 Development Near Transit Corridors Should Have Different Regulations





#### HEIGHTS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS



MAXIMUM HEIGHT RECOMMENDATIONS

Maximum height within residential zoning districts The maximum building height shall be determined as follows:

- 1. The base maximum height for all residential districts shall be 40 feet.
- 2. The maximum height for all residential districts shall be 100 feet.





#### 5 to 1 height ratio after 40' maximum base height for development based on distance to single family property:

3. The permitted maximum height for a new development shall be determined by the distance from the proposed structure to the property line(s) of the nearest single family use(s) or vacant lot(s) within a single family district (R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, and R-8). The height may increase over 40 feet by one foot for every five feet in distance the portion of the proposed structure is from the property line(s) of the existing single family use(s) or vacant lot(s) within a single family district (R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, and R-8). CHARMECK.ORG

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#### **CURRENT 1:1 Height Planes**





#### EXAMPLE INCREASE SIDE YARDS AND PORTION OF BUILDING

Height of Existing Building and Height allowed by proposed HIRD text amendment. Base Height = 40 Feet Height may increase by 1 Foot for every 5 Foot setback Maximum Height = 100 Feet





#### MEASURE DISTANCE FROM EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY



**NEW Multi-Family** 

Family Use or Vacant Parcel in a Single Family District

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When abutting single family use or vacant lot in single family district, increase side yard by 5 feet for every foot increase in height:

4. For new development abutting, on the same side of the street, an existing single family use or vacant lot in a single family zoning district (R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, and R-8), the 40-foot base height shall be measured at the required side yard. The building height may increase over 40 feet provided that the side yard is increased by five feet for every one foot of increase in height in excess of 40 feet.





#### **FRONT ELEVATION**

**NEW Single Family** 







When across a local street from single family use or vacant lot in single family district, measure 5 to 1 height ratio from required setback:

5. For new development across a local street (public or private) from an existing single family use or vacant lot in a single family district (R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, and R-8), the 40' base height shall be measured at the minimum setback line. The height may increase over 40 feet by one foot for every five feet in distance the portion of the building is from the required setback along that street.





New Development across a local street from existing single family or a vacant parcel use in a Single Family District (R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, and R-8)

SIDE ELEVATION NEW Single Family







2 to 1 height ratio after 40' maximum base height for development adjacent to non-residential zoning or multifamily district or adjacent to non-single family use in single family district:

6. For new development that is in a single family or multi-family district and is also adjacent to either a non-residential district, a multi-family districts, or a non-single family use in a single family district, the height may increase over 40 feet by one foot for every two feet in distance the portion of the building is from the required setback and yards.





# **FRONT ELEVATION**

NEW Multi-Family or Institutional adjacent to Multi-Family District  Adjacent Non-residential District, Multi-Family District, or a non-single family use in a Single Family District



7. For new development that may qualify for height increases in more than one of the above situations, the height for the building shall meet the most restrictive requirement.





8. The maximum height regulations within this section apply to all residential zoning districts except TOD-R.





- 1. Maintain 40' base maximum height
- 2. Establish maximum height of 100 feet
- 5 to 1 height ratio after 40' maximum base height for development based on distance to single family property
- When abutting single family use or vacant lot in single family district, increase side yard by 5 feet for every foot increase in height

# CITY OF CHARLOTTE RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

- 5. When across a local street from single family use or vacant lot in single family district, measure 5 to 1 height ratio from required setback
- 6. 2 to 1 height ratio after 40' maximum base height for development adjacent to non-residential zoning or multi-family district or adjacent to non-single family use in single family district
- 7. If above standards conflict, the most restrictive applies
- 8. Standards do not apply to TOD-R











#### **Timeline for Text Amendment**

December 3,2009 Finalize text amendment

□ January 11, 2010

Request permission to file (Planning Commission)

**April** 19, 2010

City Council Public Hearing

April 28, 2010

□ May 17, 2010

Zoning Committee

City Council Decision



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