

Bundle 13 – Community Design

Context, Policies, and Actions
Changes Tracked from Original Ordinance

The Built Environment – Community Design*

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CD2) Work with the community to develop a Community Design Plan to identify key corridors and design districts of the city that would benefit from unified design themes and standards. ~~Evaluate the use of overlay districts to require unified design standards in transformation areas of the city.~~

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