

# **Code Concept Recommendations**

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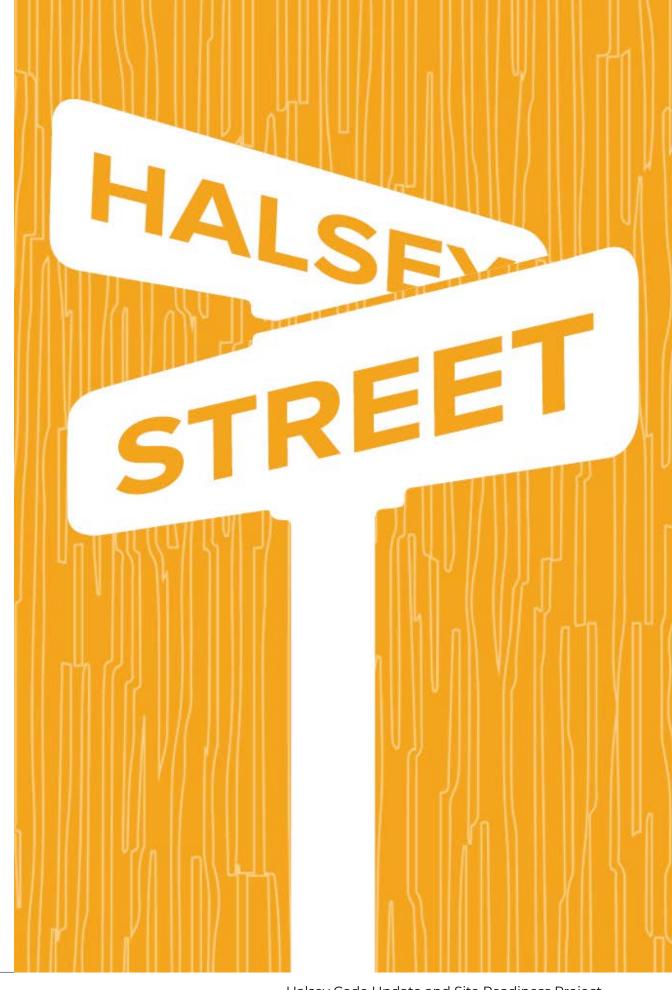








# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS



### STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | What are Storefront Districts?

- Concentrations of commercial uses and activity which provide a destination for residents and visitors
- Walkable environment that is oriented around the pedestrian experience and the ground floor of buildings
- Opportunities to create a distinct identity or sense of place for Halsey Street as a whole and each individual city
- Good locations for civic uses and spaces





# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Code Audit Key Issues

# Ground floor commercial uses are desired on Halsey, but are not consistently required and are difficult to deliver in all locations.

- Requirements for commercial or mixed uses are inconsistent across Halsey.
- Housing adds to the Main Street by bringing people close to businesses and transit
- Housing can detract from a Main Street if it is an
  - Inefficient use of land,
  - Consumes valuable street frontage
  - Creates a monotonous pedestrian experience

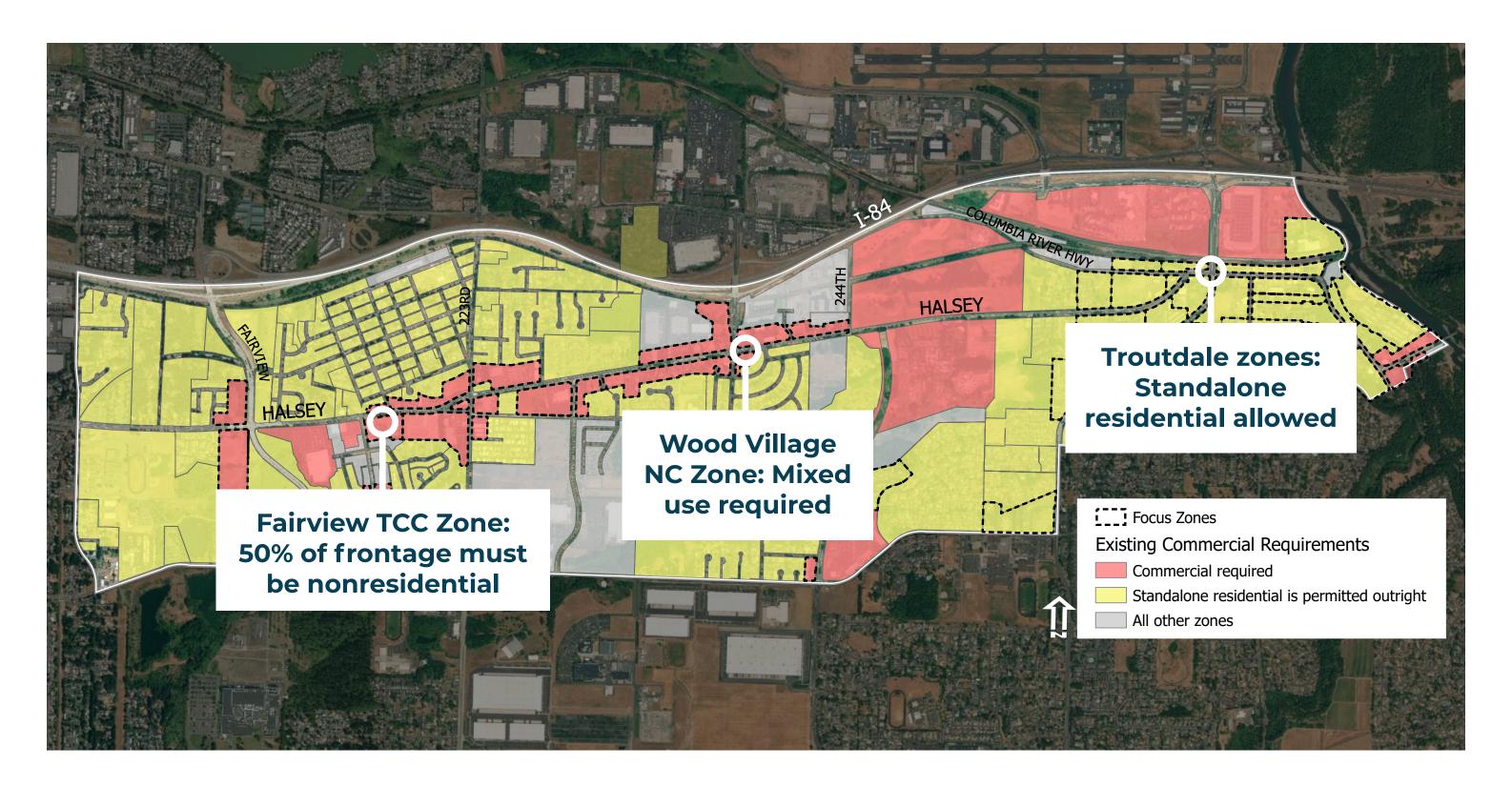


Housing with active uses in on ground floor



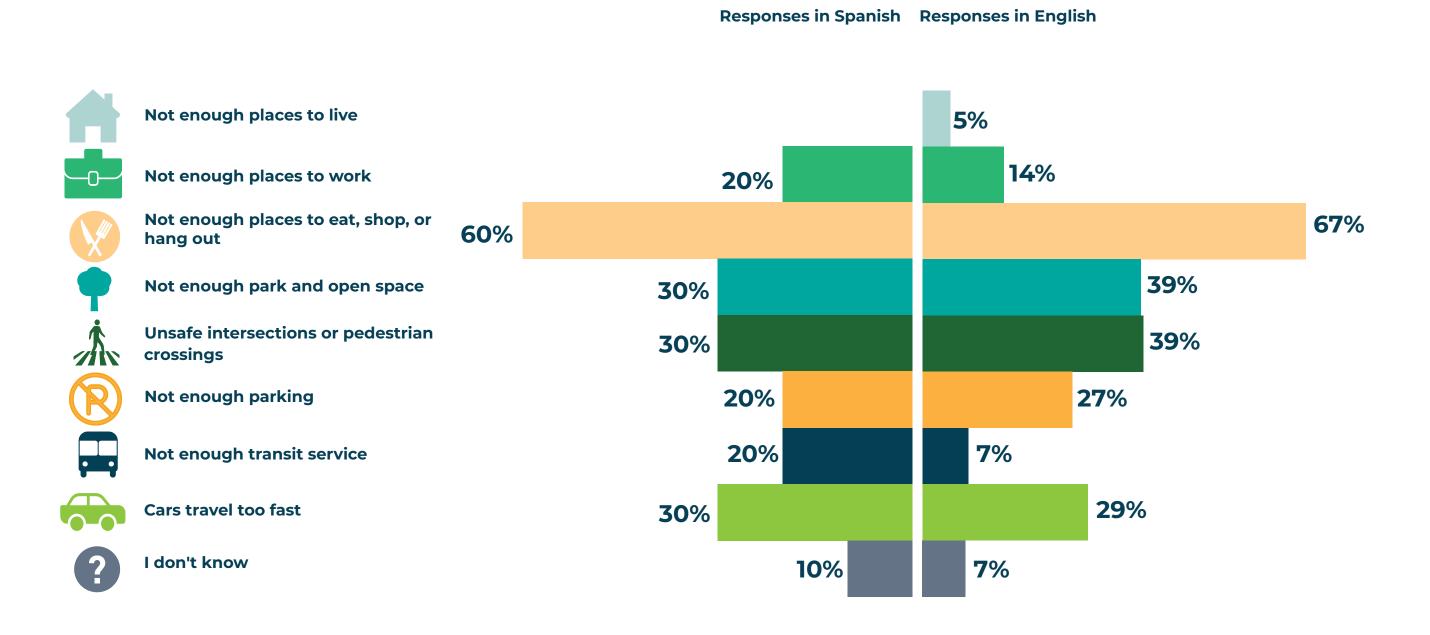
Housing on the ground floor with no entrances facing the street

# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Existing Commercial Use Requirements



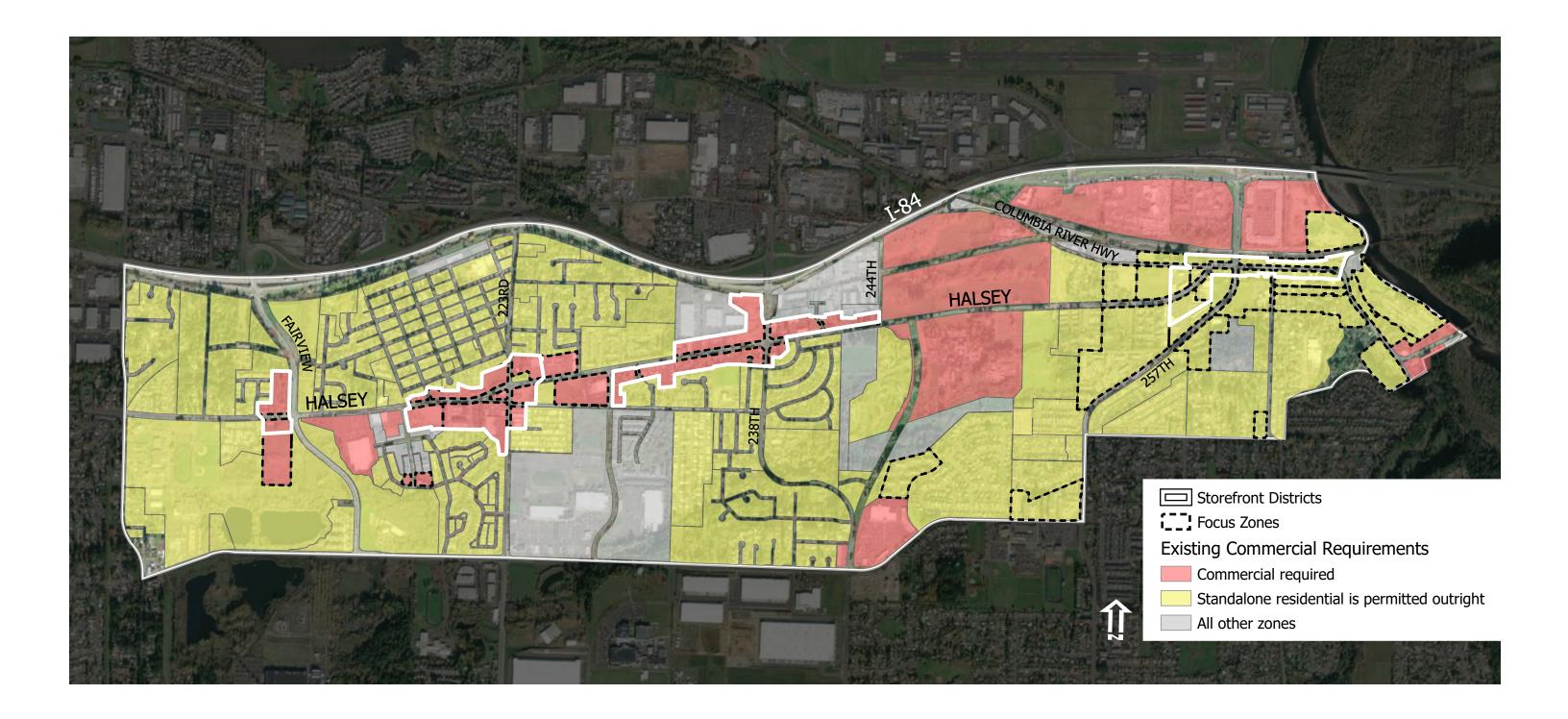
# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Survey Results

# What are the biggest issues on Halsey? (Choose top 3)



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# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Proposed Storefront Districts



# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Proposed Storefront Districts - Fairview East



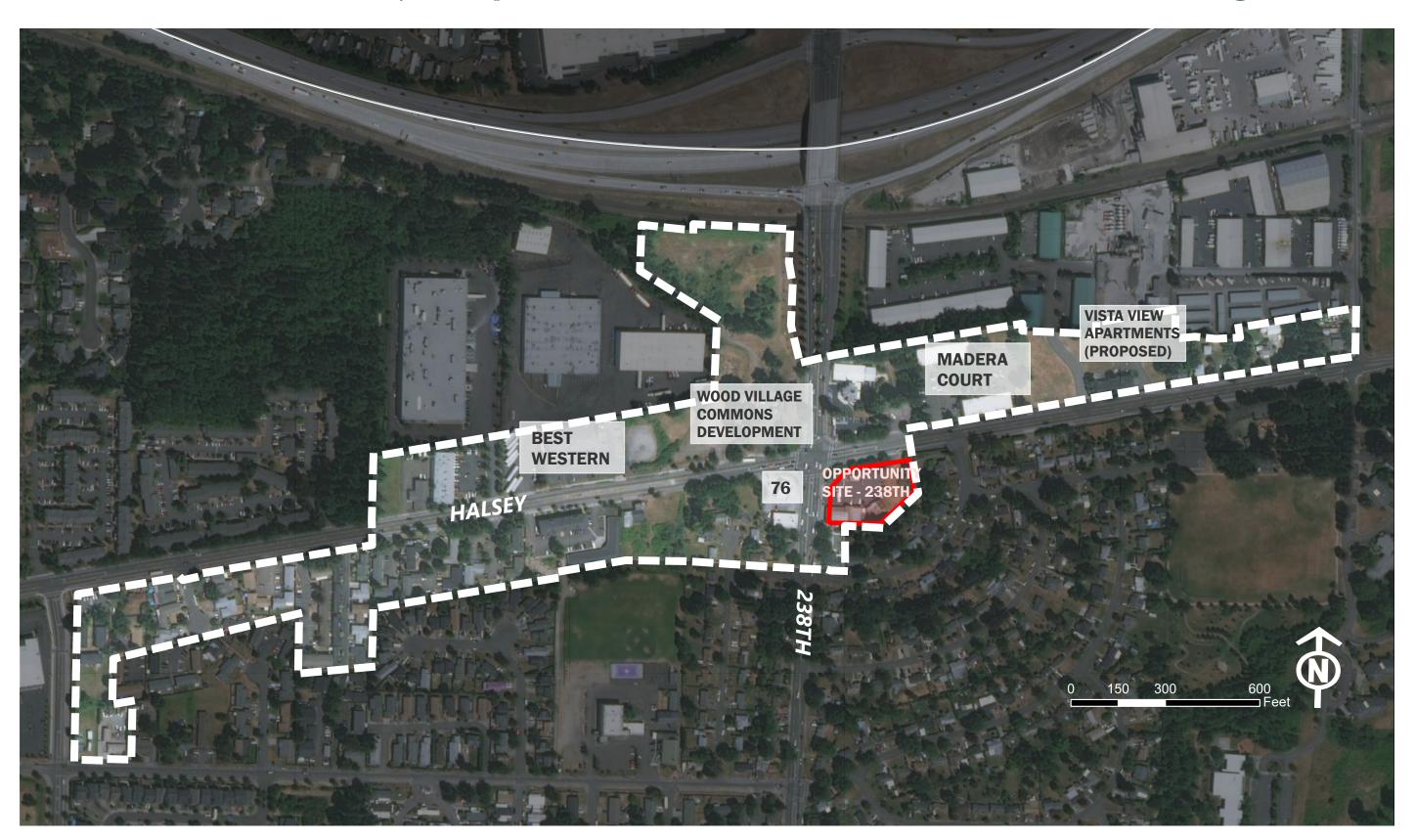
#### **NEW**

# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Proposed Storefront Districts - Fairview West



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# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Proposed Storefront Districts - Wood Village



# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Proposed Storefront Districts - Troutdale

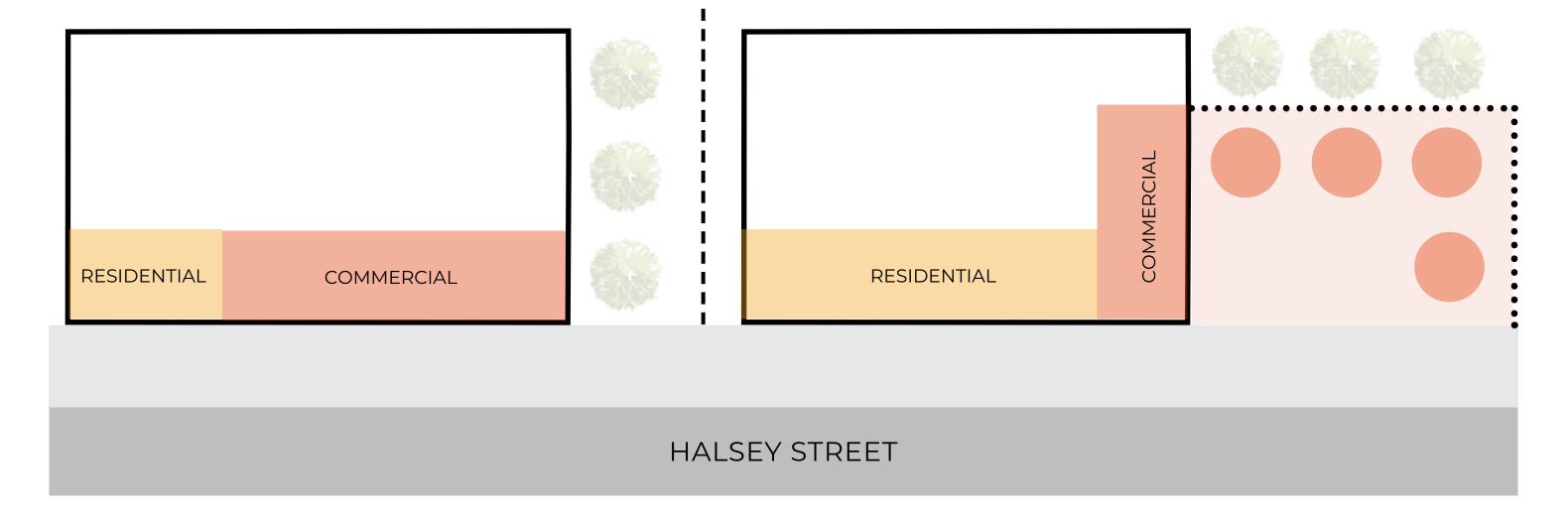


### STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Commercial Use Requirements in Storefront Districts

- Commercial uses required on the ground floor to activate the street
- Two options to meet this requirement:

**Conventional** indoor commercial spaces that occupy at least [25-50%] of the street frontage of the site

**Adaptive** indoor or outdoor spaces that have capacity for at least [4-6] retail tenants per [200] linear feet of street frontage



# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Examples of Adaptive Commercial Spaces

# Food cart pod





# Food cart pod + enclosed space





# Micro retail pod





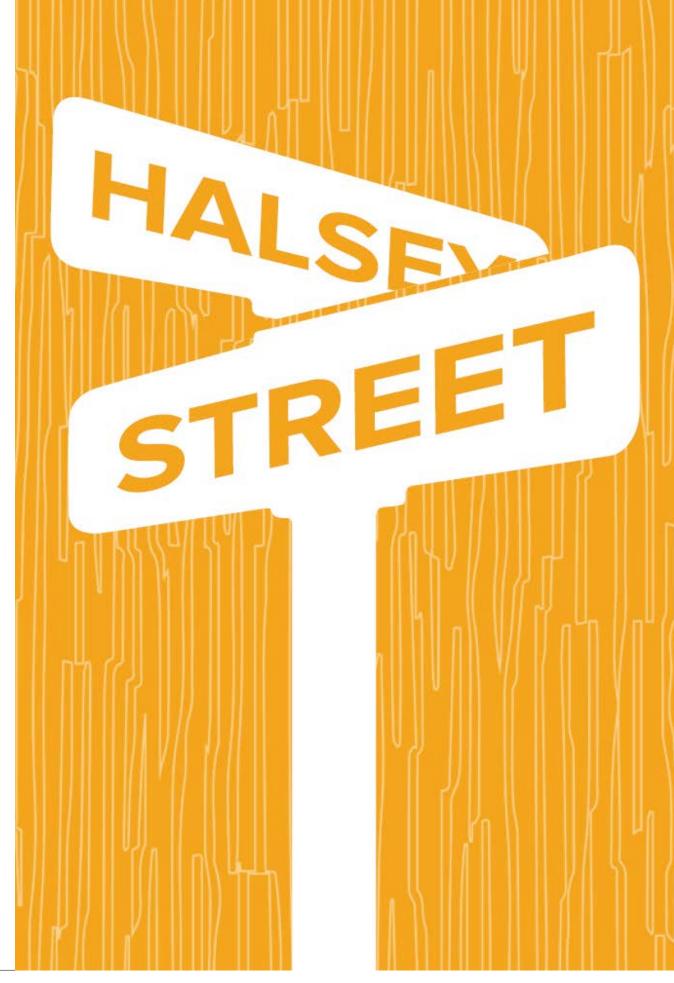
# STOREFRONT DISTRICTS | Adaptive Commercial Spaces - Regulatory Issues

- Minimum standards for the number of spaces/ tenants to ensure an active street environment
- Minimum standards for permanent improvements and facilities (paving, restrooms, trash and recycling, lighting)
- Design standards for individual structures
- Special setback and screening standards
- Applicability of SDCs and building code requirements





# BUILDING HEIGHT AND BULK



# HEIGHT AND BULK | Code Audit Key Issues

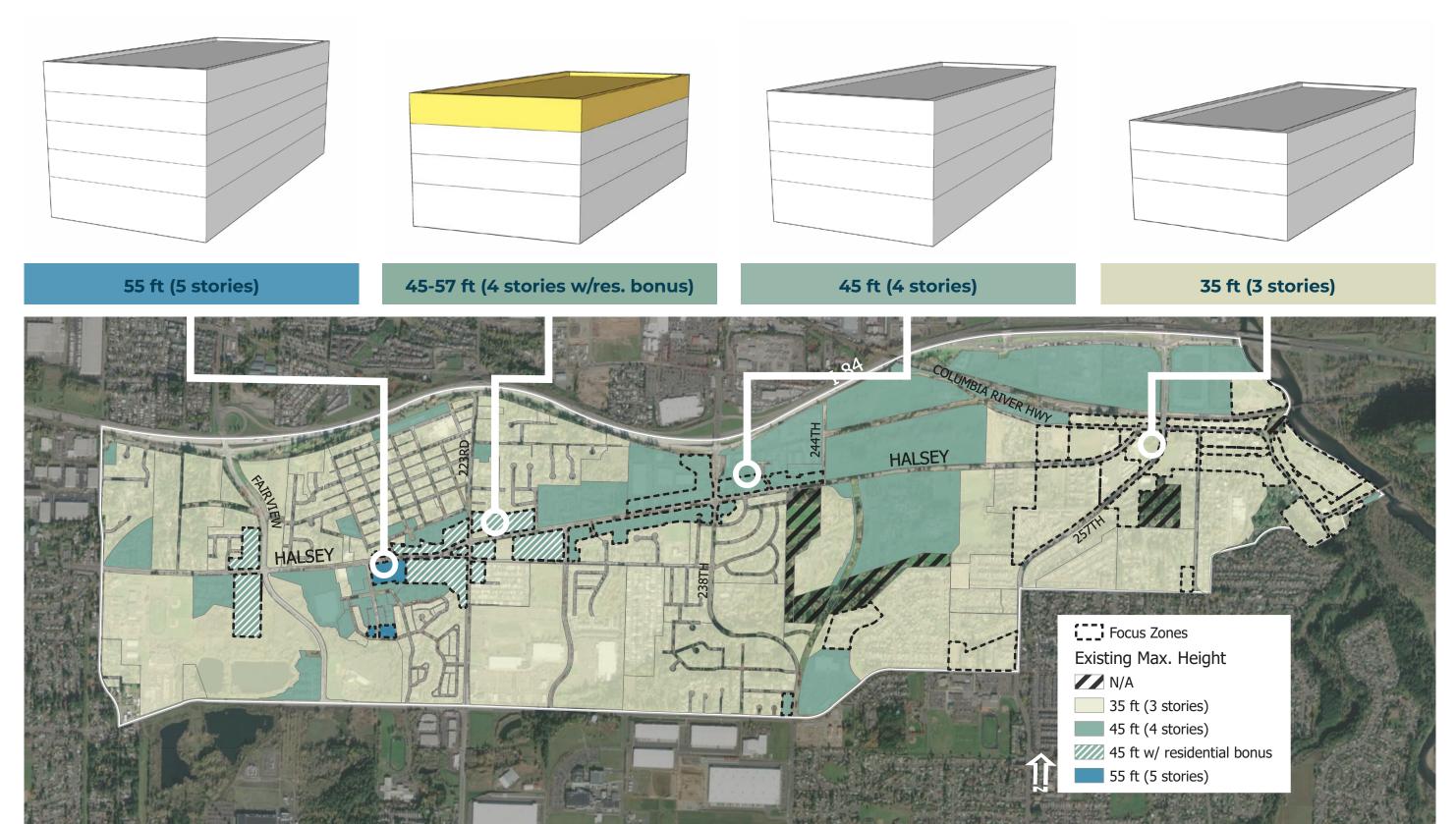
- Height limits that are too restrictive may result in lost opportunities to bring more residents and activity to businesses and transit lines on Halsey
- Maximum height of 3 stories or 35' can be a significant barrier to vertical mixed use development
- The visual impacts of buildings taller than
   3-4 stories varies across the Halsey corridor
- There is limited and inconsistent use of other regulatory tools to address height and bulk, including step backs, bonuses, and maximum floor area ratio (FAR)





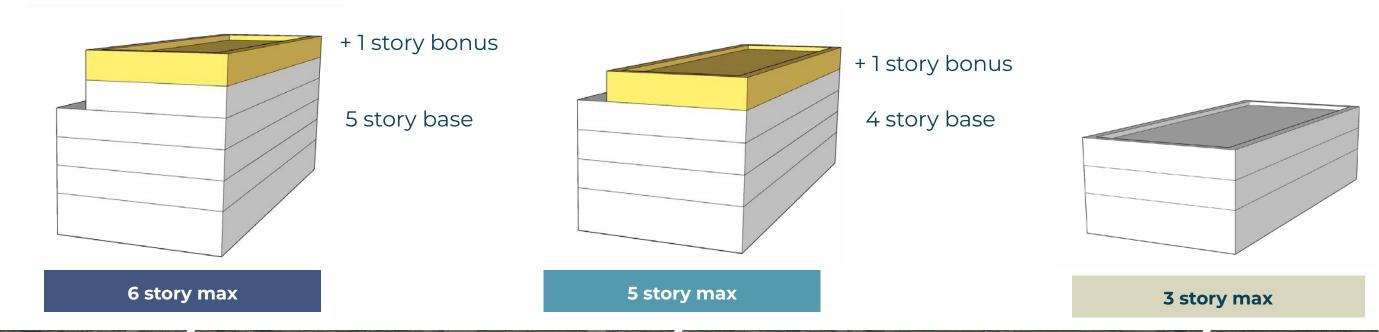
Street width and height of existing buildings vary across the corridor

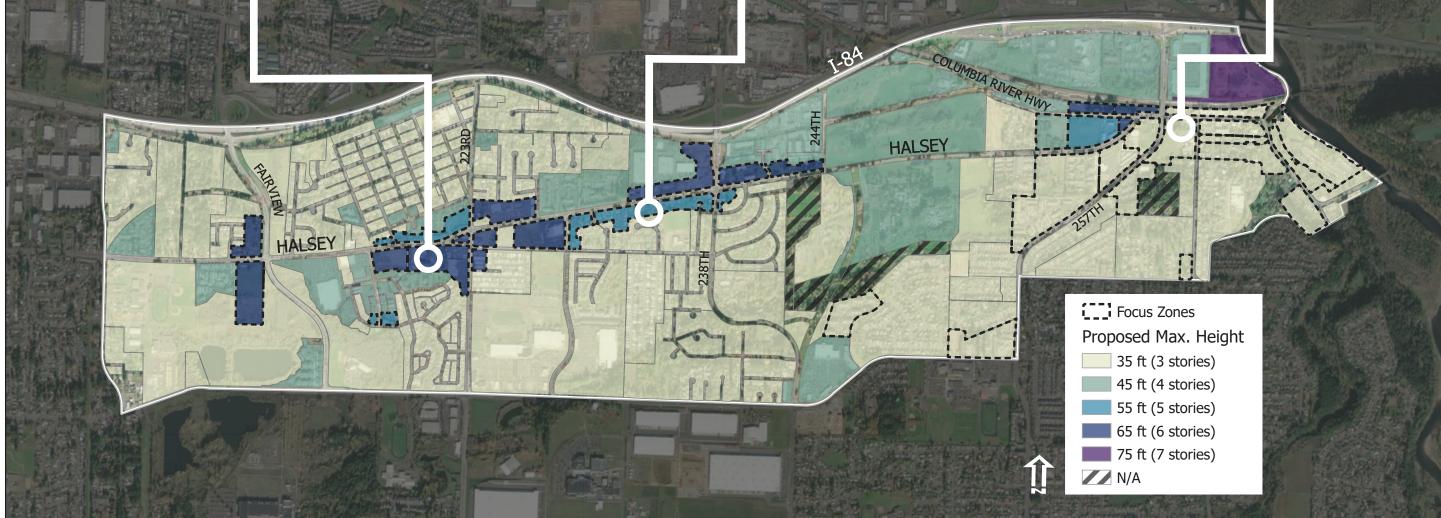
# HEIGHT AND BULK | Existing Maximum Height Standards



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# HEIGHT AND BULK | Recommendation: Overall Height





## HEIGHT AND BULK | Height Bonus Options







# Height bonus of one story provided in exchange for community benefits or amenities

#### Vertical mixed use development

Residential above commercial that occupies 75% of the width of the ground floor

#### Affordable housing

20% of units at 80% of MFI OR 10% of units at 60% of MFI

#### **Small scale retail spaces**

Three retail spaces that are no more than 800 sf per space

#### Public plaza or open space

Minimum 500 square feet, with improvements

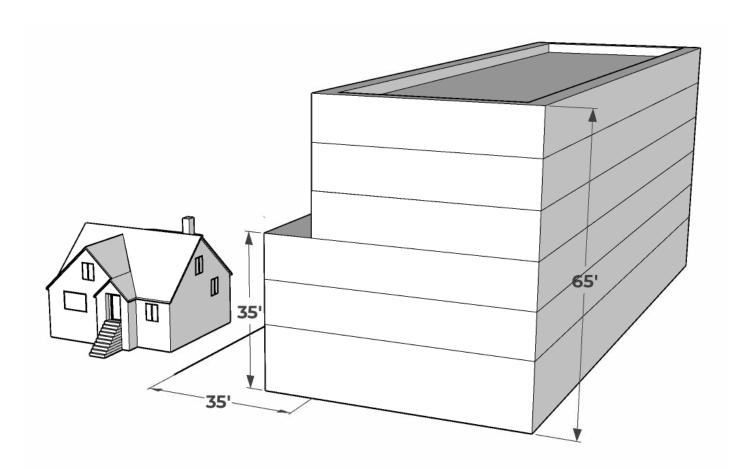
#### **High quality design features**

Achieve an additional 5 points on the ground floor/site design features menu

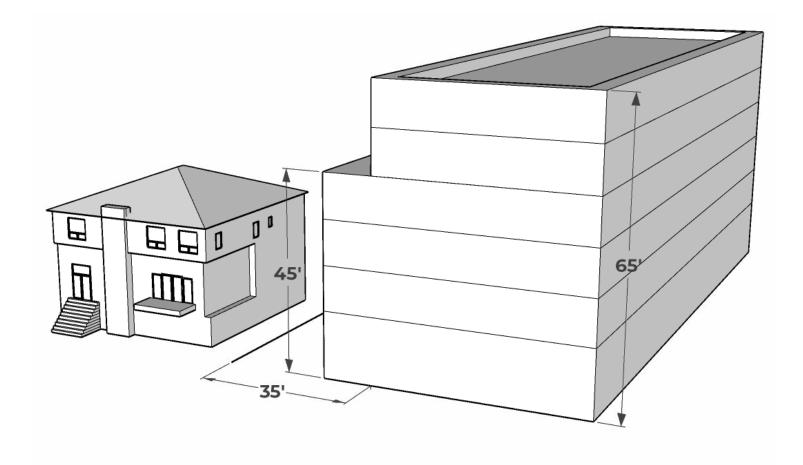
# HEIGHT AND BULK | Height Step Downs Adjacent to Residential Zone

# Recommendation: Step down maximum height to 35-45 feet on portions of the site adjacent to residentially zoned lots

Adjacent to Single-Family Zone



#### Adjacent to Multi-Family Zone

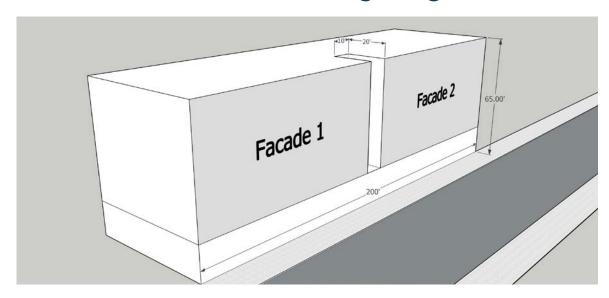


# HEIGHT AND BULK | Maximum Building Length and Facade Articulation

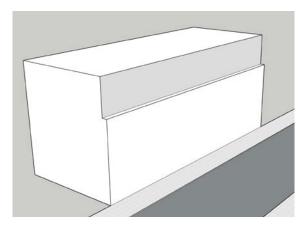
- Apply a maximum building length to street-facing facade
- Apply a facade articulation standard to street-facing and residential-facing facade

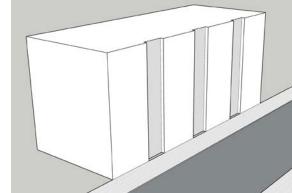
#### **Street-facing facade**

Maximum Building Length



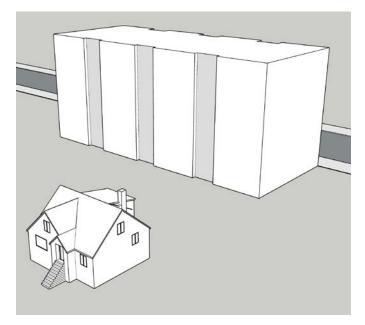
Facade Articulation

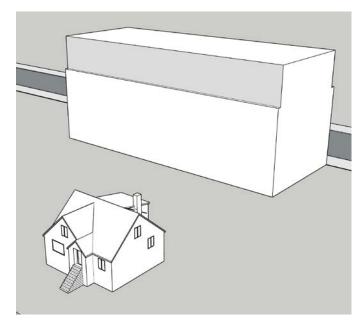




## Residential-facing facade

Facade Articulation





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# HEIGHT AND BULK | Visualization on Halsey and 223rd



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# HEIGHT AND BULK | Recommendation: Overall Height - Fairview West



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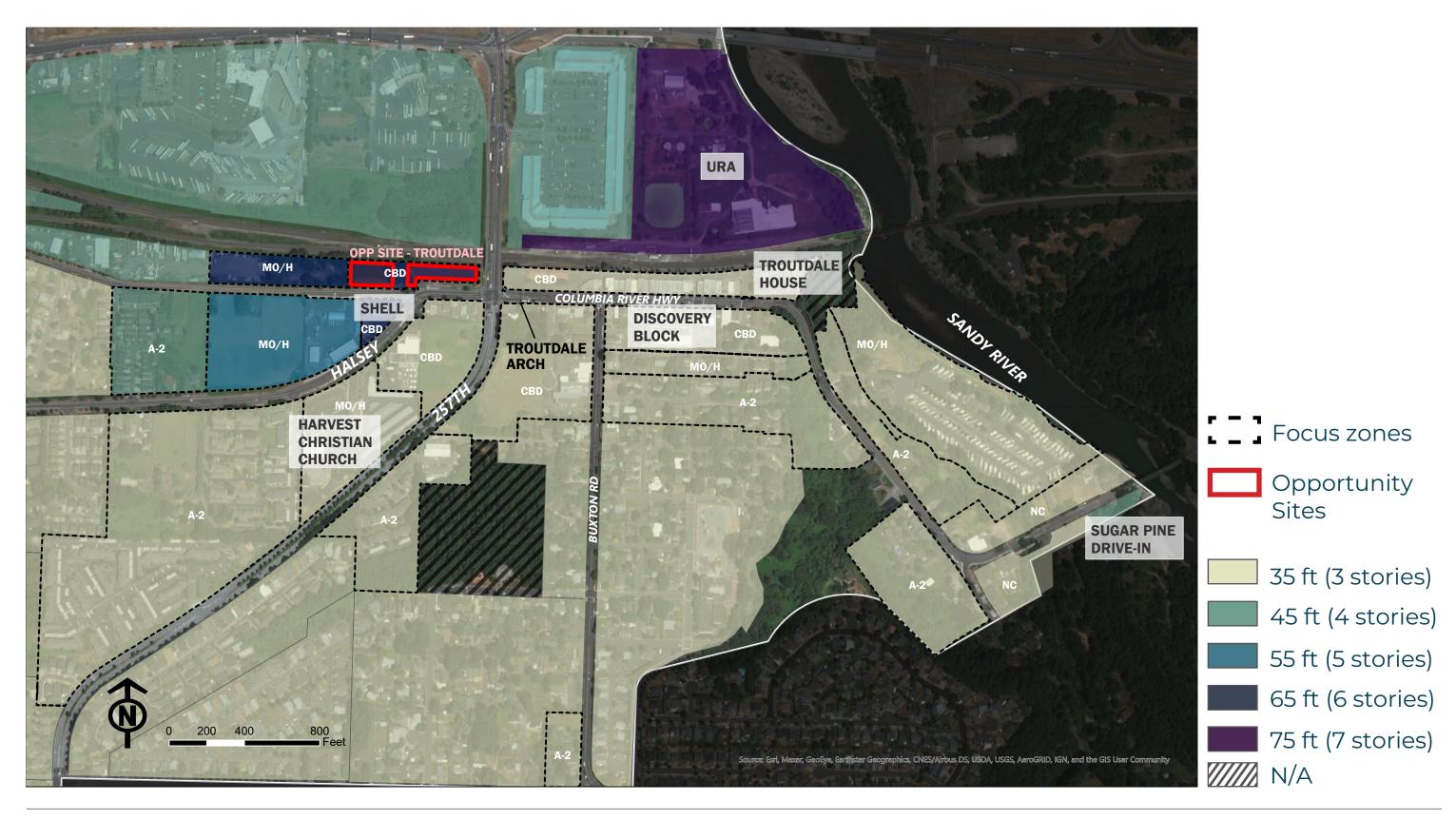


# HEIGHT AND BULK | Recommendation: Overall Height - Wood Village



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# HEIGHT AND BULK | Recommendation: Overall Height - Troutdale



# HEIGHT AND BULK | Broughton Bluff View Corridor



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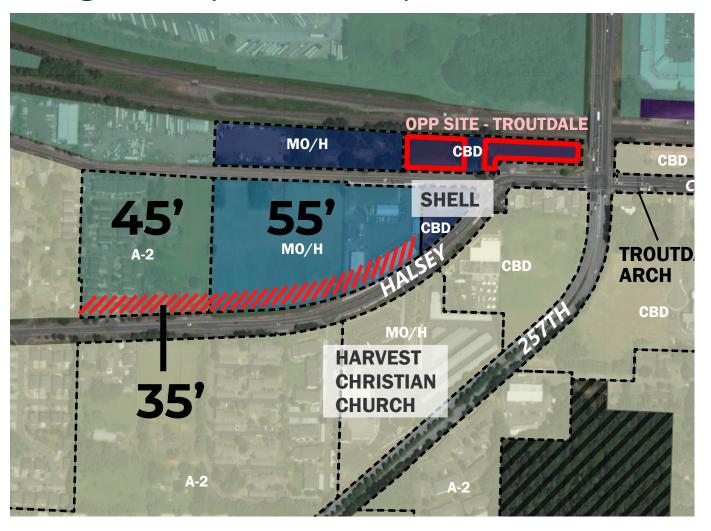




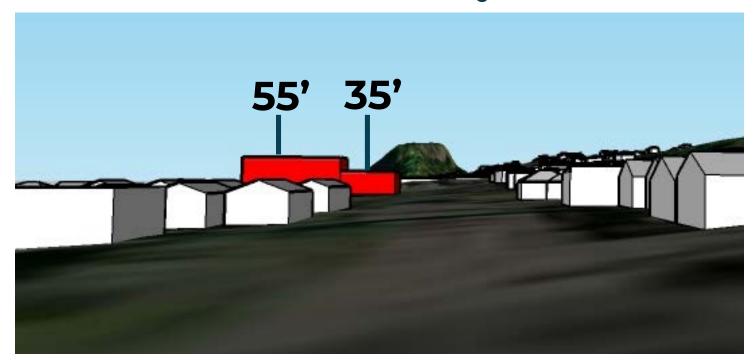
# HEIGHT AND BULK | Broughton Bluff View Corridor

# View corridor preserved through 75' height stepback

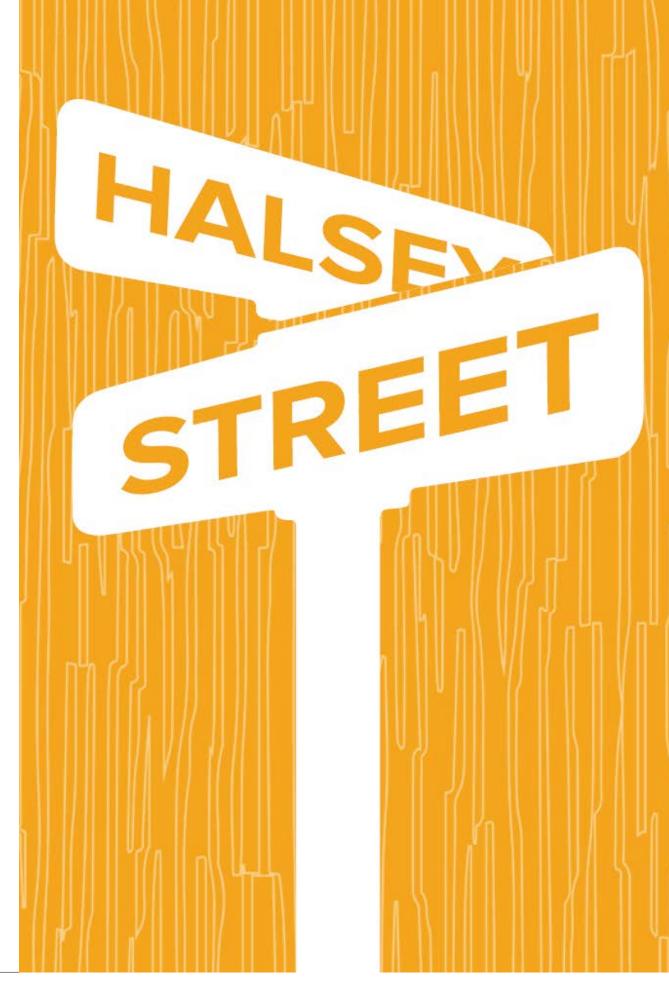
Height stepback map



Visualization from Halsey St.



# OFF-STREET PARKING



# OFF-STREET PARKING | Code Audit Key Issues

# Existing parking standards vary widely on Halsey. In many places, they may inhibit vertical mixed use development.

	FAIRVIEW		WV	TROUTDALE		
	тсс	VO	NC	CBD	мо/н	A-2
Residential - Multifamily	None	1.5 per unit	1.5 per unit	2 per unit	2 per unit	2.33 per unit
Residential - Mixed Use	None	1.5 per unit	1.5 per unit	1 per unit	1 per unit	2.33 per unit
Retail - Goods and Services	None	2 per 1,000 sf	3.33 per 1,000 sf	None	None	4.1 per 1,000 sf
Retail - Eating and Drinking	None	10 per 1,000 sf	8 per 1,000 sf	None	None	10 per 1,000 sf
Lodging	None	1 per 1,000 sf	1 per room	None	None	1 per room
Office	None	2 per 1,000 sf	2.5 per 1,000 sf	None	None	2.7 per 1,000 sf

## OFF-STREET PARKING | Recommended Standards

Except for Fairview TCC zone, no change to base requirement, but provide reductions in exchange for desirable features and community benefits.

FEATURE/BENEFIT	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL
Vertical mixed use development Residential above commercial that occupies 75% of the width of the ground floor	10%	20%
<b>Affordable housing</b> 20% of units at 80% of MFI OR 10% of units at 60% of MFI	20%	N/A
Small scale retail spaces Three retail spaces that are no more than 800 sf per space	N/A	20%
Public plaza or open space Minimum 500 square feet, with improvements	10%	10%
High quality design features Achieve an additional 5 points on the ground floor/site design menu	10%	20%
Proximity to standard service transit Site is within 500 feet of any transit stop 10%	10%	10%
Proximity to frequent service transit Site is within 500 feet of frequent service transit	20%	20%
Limit on Total Reduction	No less than 0.75 spaces per unit	No less than 2 spaces per 1,000 sf

#### Fairview TCC Zone

Current standard: No off-street parking requirements

#### Recommendation:

- · Apply citywide parking standards:
  - · Residential: 1 1.75 spaces per unit
  - · Retail: 4.1 spaces per 1,000 sf
  - Office: 3.9 spaces per 1,000 sf
- Except allow a reduction to the standard for eating and drinking establishments from 15.3 to 10 spaces per 1,000 sf.
- Allow for Main Streets on Halsey parking reduction incentives

# BUILDING ORIENTATION



### BUILDING ORIENTATION | Context

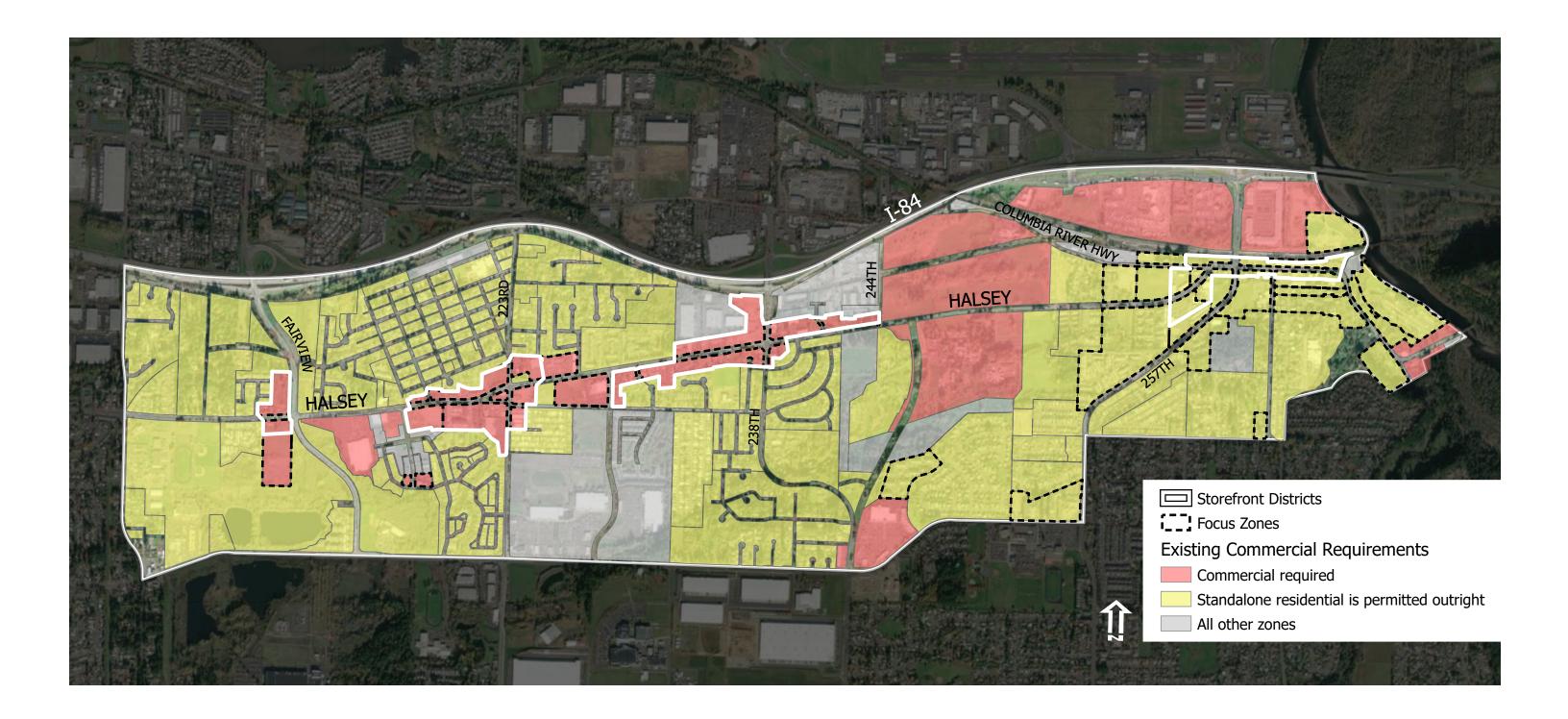
- One of the defining features of a Main Street is that buildings are oriented to and help frame the street
- This serves many important functions:
  - Providing "eyes on the street"
  - Creating a visually interesting and active environment for pedestrians
  - Supporting storefront shopping
  - Create a comfortable sense of enclosure and definition
- Some existing code provisions require buildings oriented to the street, but they are inconsistent and may not result in coherent pattern throughout Halsey corridor





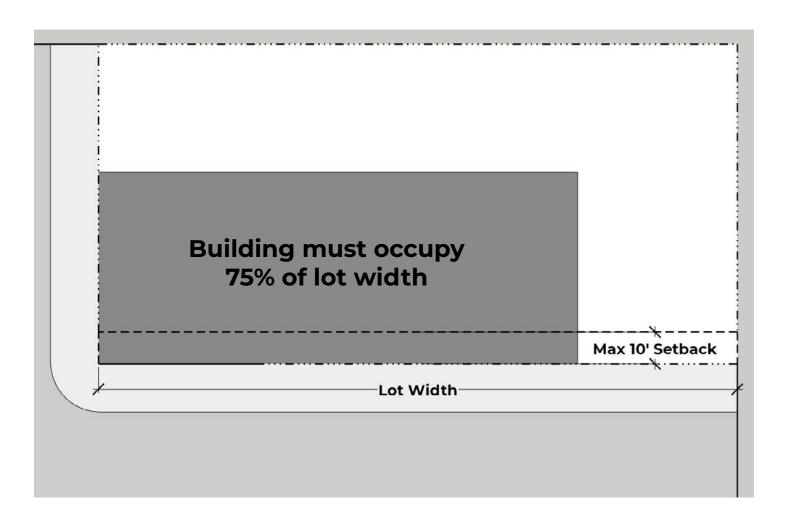
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# BUILDING ORIENTATION | Storefront Districts

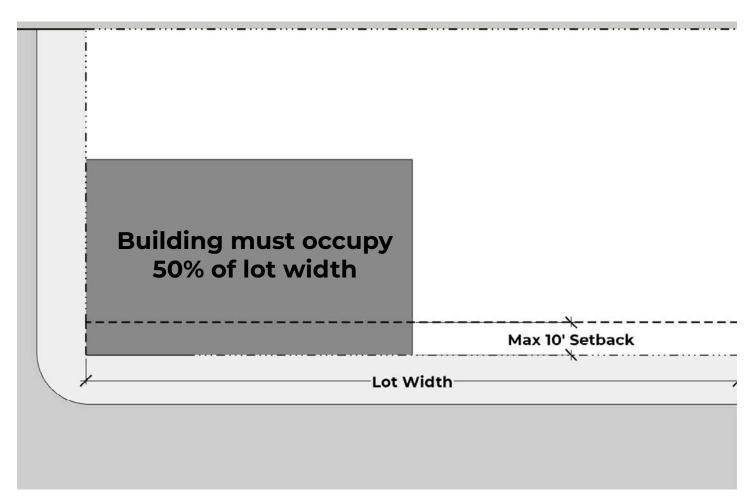


# BUILDING ORIENTATION | Recommendations: Maximum Setback

#### **Storefront Districts**



#### **Main Street Corridor Areas**



### BUILDING ORIENTATION | Recommendations: Other Orientation Standards

- 1. No parking between the building and the street
- 2. Larger parking areas require additional setback and landscaped buffer
- 3. Plazas and usable open space such as courtyards are encouraged, particularly in Storefront Districts
- 4. Landscaping allowed but must meet minimum planting standards
- 5. Main entrance must face the street (not a parking lot) and be architecturally treated to be prominent and visible

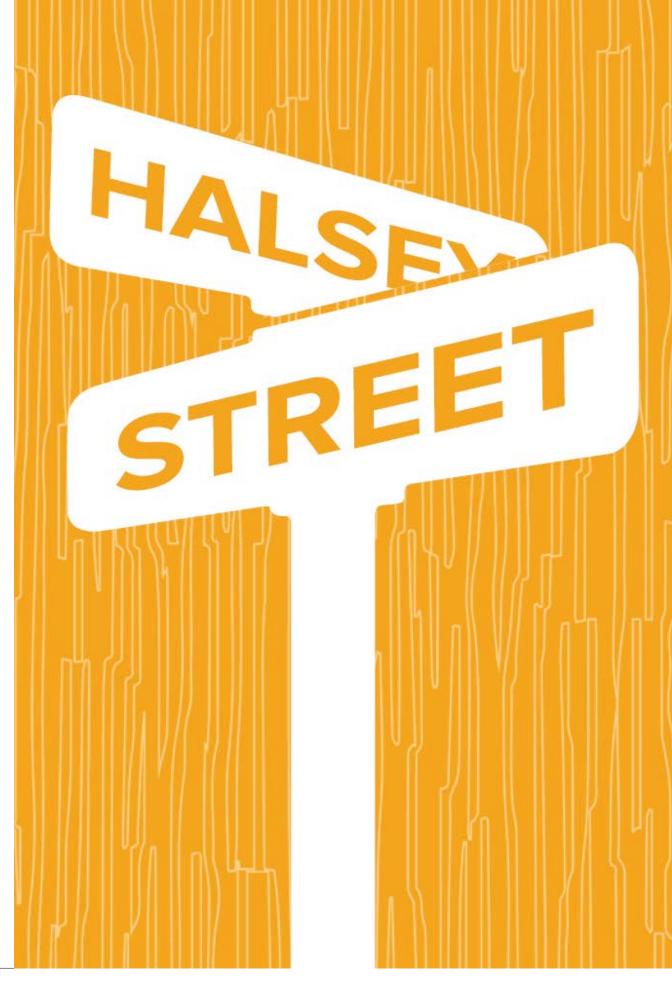








# BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN



# BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Code Audit Key Issues

# Many key building and site design issues are addressed today, but they are unlikely to result in a coherent pattern across Halsey

Example of building design standards summary table from code audit

	FAIRVIEW		wv	TROUTDALE		
	тсс	VO	NC	CBD	мо/н	A-2
Articulation/massing	Yes - guidelines		Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines	Yes - res. only, standards	Yes - res. only, standards
Roof forms	Yes - guidelines		Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines	Yes - res. only, standards	Yes - res. only, standards
Entrance design	Yes - guidelines		Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines		
Ground floor windows	Yes - guidelines	Yes - 50%	Yes - guidelines	Yes - 20% and guidelines	Yes - res. only, 10-15%	Yes - res. only, 10-15%
Upper floor windows	Yes - guidelines		Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines	Yes - res. only, 10-15%	Yes - res. only, 10-15%
Detailed design elements	Yes - guidelines		Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines	Yes - res. only, standards	Yes - res. only, standards
Architectural style			Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines		
Materials or colors			Yes - guidelines	Yes - guidelines		

## BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Code Update Approach

# Recommended Approach

# Halsey Main Street Core Design and Development Standards

Storefront Districts
Building Height and Bulk
Off-Street Parking
Building Orientation
Building and Site Design

#### **Fairview**

Additional Local Standards and Guidelines

#### **Wood Village**

Additional Local Standards and Guidelines

#### **Troutdale**

Additional Local Standards and Guidelines

## BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Design Standards Overview and Applicability

Storefront Districts

Main Street
Corridor Areas

**Ground Floor Commercial** 



**Required Standards**Storefront Districts

Required Standards
Main Street Areas

**Ground Floor Residential** 



Required Standards
Residential Ground Floor Design

**Ground Floor and Site Design** 



**Menu of Options** 10 point minimum Menu of Options
5 point minimum

**Building Design** 



Required Standards

Menu of Options - 5 point minimum

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# BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Ground Floor Commercial - Required Standards

		Storefront Districts	Main Street Corridor Areas
Ground floor height	Besaus	Minimum <b>12 feet</b>	Minimum <b>12 feet</b>
Ground floor windows		Minimum <b>60%</b> window area	Minimum <b>30%</b> window area
Weather protection		Minimum <b>75%</b> of facade width	Minimum <b>25%</b> of facade width
Screening of utilities and equipment		Required	Required
NEW Corner orientation		Required	Required
Public plaza, courtyard, or usable open space		Minimum 500 square feet with improvements	
Exterior lighting		Required on facades within 20 feet of street	

## BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Ground Floor Residential - Required Standards

#### **OPTION 1**

#### "Retail-ready" spaces

- Meet the applicable commercial ground floor design standards
- · Build to commercial building code

#### **OPTION 2**

### "Eyes on the Street"

- Minimum 50% of ground floor units have individual entrances
- Each ground floor entrance must be
  - Set back at least 8 feet from the street
  - Include two of four optional elements to create a transition from public to private realm.

#### Raised entry



Low wall or fence



Raised private open space



Landscaping



## BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Ground Floor and Site Design - Menu of Options

**Storefront Districts** 

10 point minimum

**Main Street Corridor Areas** 

5 point minimum

15 foot ground floor



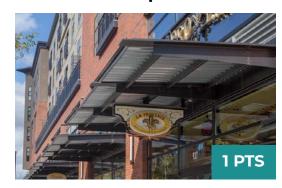
Small scale retail spaces



Extra window area



**Extra weather protection** 



Distinct ground floor NEW



Extra plaza space



**Transit stop amenities** 



**Public seating** 



Extra corner feature NEW



**Oversized opening** 



**Outdoor recreation area** 



**Public art feature** 



**Pervious paving** 



**Native plants** 

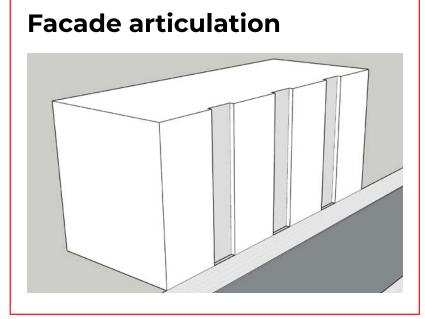


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# BUILDING AND SITE DESIGN | Building Design

#### **Required Standards**











#### **Corner orientation**



#### Menu of Options 5 point minimum













