

**ATTACHMENT 3
GENERAL PLAN ELEMENTS AND POLICIES
PA-2019-028, PENINSULA HEIGHTS PRE-APP**

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City of San Mateo General Plan – Applicable Policies

Adopted October 18, 2010

Development of the site is guided by the following relevant planning documents:

1. General Plan Vision 2030
Available online at: <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=2021>
2. City of San Mateo Zoning Code
Available online at: <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=1122>

Applicable General Plan Elements and Policies are listed to facilitate further discussion and direction for the project at this preliminary stage. The formal planning application submittal will be required to provide further clarification and/or documentation to ensure conformance with all applicable policies and guidelines.

Land Use Element

- LU 1.5:** **Building Height.** Maintain maximum building height limits contained in Appendix C, and as specified in Policy LU 6A.2, closely matched with the Land Use categories and Building Intensity standards.
- LU 1.6:** **Residential Development.** Facilitate housing production by carrying out the goals and policies in the Housing Element.
- LU 1.14:** **Special Use Permit for Residential Uses.** To ensure a balanced mix of land use categories and to minimize nuisance impacts between conflicting uses a special use permit shall be required for residential uses in areas designated as neighborhood commercial, regional community commercial, and executive office on the Land Use Plan. However, mixed use land use designations are exempt from this requirement, as is development on the Hillsdale Shopping Center Property subject to the Q5 Qualified Overlay District, so long as such development is consistent with a Master Development Plan prepared consistent with the policies of this General Plan.
- LU 4.31:** **Solid Waste Disposal.** Continue to support programs to reduce solid waste materials in landfill areas in accordance with State requirements.

- LU 4.32: Recycling and Composting.** Support programs to recycle solid waste in compliance with State requirements. Require provisions for onsite recycling for all new development and expand composting of green waste and food scraps, as directed by the City's Climate Action Plan which is an appendix of the General Plan.
- LU 4.33: Waste Management.** Manage toxic and hazardous wastes by following the goals and policies contained in the Safety Element.
- LU 8.4 Sustainable Development.** Incorporate Sustainability into existing single family and multifamily housing. Require sustainable features and techniques to address energy and water efficiency in remodels of existing structures.
- LU 8.6: Waste Reduction.** Reduce waste sent to landfills by San Mateo's residents, businesses and visitors by a minimum of 75% from 2005 levels by 2020 by mandating recycling, setting aggressive waste reduction goals for all development, implementing composting programs, and increasing costs for residential and commercial waste collection then using increased waste collection revenue to provide waste reduction incentives. Supportive actions for waste reduction are detailed in the Climate Action Plan.
- PA 8.7: Campus Drive Emergency Access.** Maintain access between Campus Drive and 26th Avenue for emergency use only, and preclude modifications which would allow through vehicular access between these streets to protect surrounding residences.

Circulation Element

- C 1.1: Minimize Traffic Diversion.** Discourage non-local and commercial traffic from using local and collector residential streets through land use restrictions and traffic control devices, where appropriate. Design existing arterial roadways to minimize the diversion of traffic onto local residential streets.
- C 1.3: Protect Local Streets.** Minimize the impact of new development on local streets. When warranted, construct improvements on local streets consistent with the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program.
- C 1.4: Neighborhood Traffic Management.** Manage traffic and speeds on arterials, collector and local streets using techniques specified in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP).

- C 2.4: Transportation Fee Ordinance.** Require new developments to pay for on-site improvements to meet the needs of development and their proportionate share of the costs for mitigating cumulative traffic impacts within the City of San Mateo. Utilize a Transportation Fee Ordinance to finance necessary off-site improvements equitably. The off-site improvements will include intersection and street improvements to maintain intersection levels of service, traffic safety improvements and improvements to reduce single occupant vehicle trips such as bicycle system enhancements, pedestrian improvements, and trip reduction measures.
- C 2.5: Traffic Studies.** Require site-specific traffic studies for development projects where there may be a substantial impact on the local street system. Traffic impacts caused by a development project are considered to be unacceptable and warrant mitigation if the addition of project traffic results in a cumulative intersection level of service exceeding the acceptable level established in Policy C-2.1; where there may be safety hazards created; or where there may be other substantial impacts on the circulation system.
- C 2.8: Traffic Signal Installation.** A development project may be required to fund signalization of off-site unsignalized intersections if warranted as a result of project generated traffic. In addition, existing conditions may warrant signalization of unsignalized intersections. A warrant analysis to determine the need for signalization shall include consideration of both existing and projected traffic and pedestrian volumes, traffic delays and interruptions, accident history, and proximity of sensitive land uses, such as schools.
- C 2.10: Transportation Demand Management (TDM).** Participate in the TDM Program as outlined by the San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG). Encourage TDM measures as a condition of approval for development projects, which are anticipated to cause substantial traffic impacts. C/CAG requires the preparation of a TDM program for all new development that would add 100 peak hour trips or more to the regional road network.
- C 4.5: Pedestrian Enhancements with New Development.** Continue to require as a condition of development project approval the provision of sidewalks and wheelchair ramps where lacking and the repair or replacement of damaged sidewalks. Require that utility poles, signs, street lights, and street landscaping on sidewalks be placed and maintained to permit wheelchair access and pedestrian

use. Increase awareness of existing trails and routes by promoting these amenities to residents.

C 5.1: Parking Standards.

- a. Review parking requirements periodically to ensure adequate parking supply as a condition of development approval.
- b. Review parking requirements periodically to ensure adequate parking supply for change and/or expansion of land use resulting in increased parking demand.

Housing Element

H 1.1: Residential Protection. Protect established single-family and multi-family residential areas by the following actions:

1. Prevent the intrusion of incompatible uses not indicated in the Land Use Element as allowed in residential districts;
2. Avoid the overconcentration on individual blocks of non-residential uses defined by the Land Use Element as being "potentially compatible" in residential areas;
3. Assure that adequate buffers are provided between residential and non-residential uses to provide design compatibility, protect privacy, and protect residences from impacts such as noise and traffic; and
4. Review development proposals for conformance to the City's multi-family design guidelines for sites located in areas that contain substantial numbers of single-family homes to achieve projects more in keeping with the design character of single family dwellings.

H 2.2: Jobs/Housing Balance. Maintain an overall balance of housing and employment within the community over the term of the Plan.

H 2.4: Private Development of Affordable Housing. Encourage the provision of affordable housing by the private sector through:

1. Requiring that a percentage of the units, excluding bonus units, in specified residential projects be affordable.
2. Requiring construction or subsidy of new affordable housing as a condition for approval of any commercial development which affects the demand for housing in the City.
3. Providing density bonuses and priority processing for projects which qualify for density bonuses under State law.

H 2.10: Housing Densities.

1. Maintain a density range, with densities at the higher end of the range to be considered based on provision of public benefits such as affordable housing, increased open space, public recreational facilities, or off-site infrastructure improvements, or location adjacent or near (generally within a half-mile walking distance) transit nodes; (Note: Related Land Use Element Policy LU 1.4)
2. Ensure that inappropriate densities are not permitted for lots of less than one-half acre.

H 3.1: Sustainable Housing Development. Incorporate Sustainability into existing and future single family and multifamily housing:

1. Ensure that all existing and future housing, including both single family and multifamily housing, is developed in a sustainable manner.

H 4.1: Energy and Water Efficiency. Encourage energy and water efficiency in all existing residential units.

Urban Design Element

UD 2.1: Multi-Family Design. Ensure that new multi-family developments substantially conform to the City's Multi-family and Small Lot Multi-family Design Guidelines that address the preservation and enhancement of neighborhood character through building scale, materials, architectural style, quality of construction, open space, location of parking and lot size.

UD 2.2: Building Scale. Ensure that new multi-family developments respect the existing scale of the neighboring buildings by providing a change in the building face at spacings common to existing buildings and by stepping down building height towards the street to more closely match the height of existing buildings.

UD 2.3: Style and Materials. Encourage the design of new multi-family developments in areas with a dominant building style or dominant type of exterior building materials to complement the style and incorporate the common materials of the area.

UD 2.5: Multi-Family Open Space. Require that a portion of required open space be useable for passive or active recreation.

UD 2.14: Sustainable Design and Building Construction. Require new development and building alterations to conform with the City's Climate Action Plan and subsequent

City Council adopted goals, policies, and standards pertaining to sustainable building design and construction.

Conservation and Open Space Element

- C/OS 3.1: Hillside Development Principles.** Minimize the impact of hillside development through conformance with the City's Zoning and Site Development Codes, and by utilizing the following principles:
- a. Limit the development of steep slopes through conformance with City regulations which consider slope in the determination of appropriate minimum lot area for subdivisions and parcel maps, permitted floor area ratio (FAR), and density of multi-family development.
 - b. Cluster development to preserve steep slopes as private or common open spaces.
 - c. Preserve the form of the existing topography by limiting cuts and fills, and the height and visibility of new development.
 - d. Comply with Safety Element Policies S 1.1, S 1.2, and S 1.3 regarding site stability.
- C/OS 3.2: Low-Impact Development.** Regulate the location, density, and design of development throughout the City in order to preserve topographic forms and to minimize adverse impacts on vegetation, water, and wildlife resources.
- C/OS 6.1: Tree Preservation.** Preserve heritage trees in accordance with the City's Heritage Tree Ordinance.
- C/OS 6.2: Replacement Planting.** Require significant replacement planting when the removal of heritage trees is permitted.
- C/OS 6.3: New Development Requirements.** Require the protection of heritage trees during construction activity; require that landscaping, buildings, and other improvements located adjacent to heritage trees be designed and maintained to be consistent with the continued health of the tree.
- C/OS 6.4: Tree and Stand Retention.** Retain the maximum feasible number of trees and preserve the character of stands or groves of trees in the design of new or modified projects.

- C/OS 6.6: New Development Street Trees.** Require street tree planting as a condition of all new developments in accordance with the adopted Street Tree Master Plan, El Camino Real Master Plan, or Hillsdale Station Area Plan, as applicable.
- C/OS 10.1: Public Open Space Design.** Review planning applications for opportunities to promote exceptional design and use of public open spaces in new developments and new public buildings. (Note: Related Urban Design policies UD-2.9, 2.10.)
- C/OS 16.5: Development Fees.** Assess appropriate fees and taxes to ensure that new development contributes adequate funding to compensate for its impacts on recreation facilities and services.

Noise Element

- N 1.1: Interior Noise Level Standard.** Require submittal of an acoustical analysis and interior noise insulation for all “noise sensitive” land uses listed in Table N-1 that have an exterior noise level of 60 dB (Ldn) or above, as shown on Figure N-1. The maximum interior noise level shall not exceed 45 dB (Ldn) in any habitable rooms.
- N 1.2: Exterior Noise Level Standard.** Require submittal of an acoustical analysis for new parks, play areas, and multi-family common open space (intended for the use and the enjoyment of residents) that have an exterior noise level of 60dB (Ldn) or above, as shown on Figure N-1. Require an acoustical analysis that uses peak hour Leq for new parks and play areas. Require a feasibility analysis of noise reduction measures for public parks and play areas. Incorporate necessary mitigation measures into residential project design to minimize common open space noise levels. Maximum exterior noise should not exceed 67 dB (Ldn) for residential land uses and should not exceed 65 dB (Leq) during the noisiest hour for public park uses.
- N 2.1: Noise Ordinance.** Continue implementation and enforcement of the City's existing noise control ordinance: a) which prohibits noise that is annoying or injurious to neighbors of normal sensitivity, making such activity a public nuisance, and b) restricts the hours of construction to minimize noise impact.
- N 2.2: Minimize Noise Impact.** Protect all “noise-sensitive” land uses listed in Tables N-1 and N-2 from adverse impacts caused by the noise generated on-site by new developments. Incorporate necessary mitigation measures into development design to minimize noise impacts. Prohibit long-term exposure increases of 3dB (Ldn) or greater at the common property line, or new uses which generate noise

levels of 60 dB (Ldn) or greater at the property line, excluding existing ambient noise levels.