# City of Medford Public Meeting 2024-2026 Zoning Update May 29, 2025









# **Agenda**

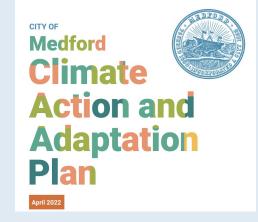
- Introduction
  - Process and Timeline
  - Opportunities for Public Comments
  - Next Meetings
  - City-Wide Maps
  - Interactive Map
- Squares:
  - Medford Square
  - West Medford Square
- Introduction to Other Corridors





# Introduction





# WS.1.1.1

Update zoning to allow for multifamily dwellings of different typologies in different zoning districts

# **BE.1.1.A**

Reduce zoning barriers to multifamily and mixed-use housing development.

# WS.1.1.4

Consider allowing smaller, infill housing on nonconforming lots to add to housing stock.

# BE.1.1.B

Enable smaller and more diverse housing options through zoning updates.

# **VP.1.2.2**

Address inconsistencies between current and past land use and the current zoning ordinance.

# **VP.2.1.2**

Revise zoning to allow for redevelopment of non-conforming lots for smaller housing types in neighborhoods.

# AA.2.1.1

Allow and promote increased density and mixed uses within walking distance of MBTA train stations and major bus hubs.

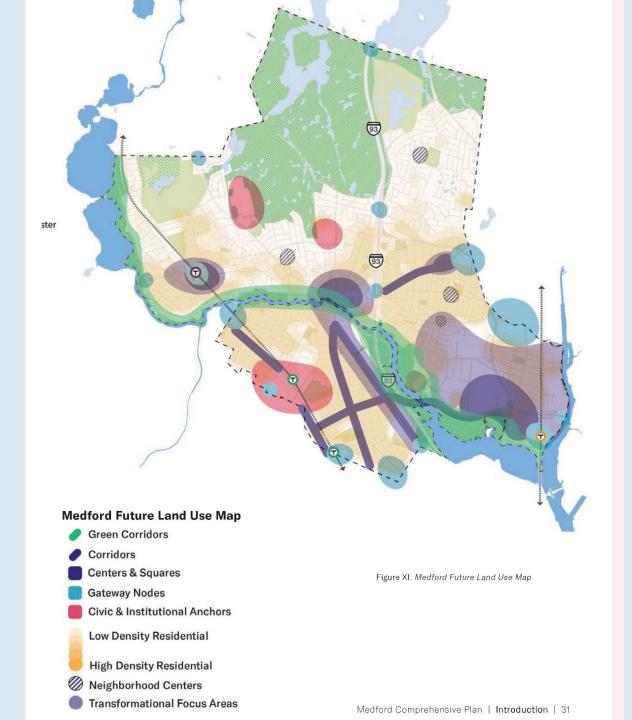




# Introduction









# **Process for approval**

City Council
Present new topic

City Council
Refer topic to CDB

S CDB

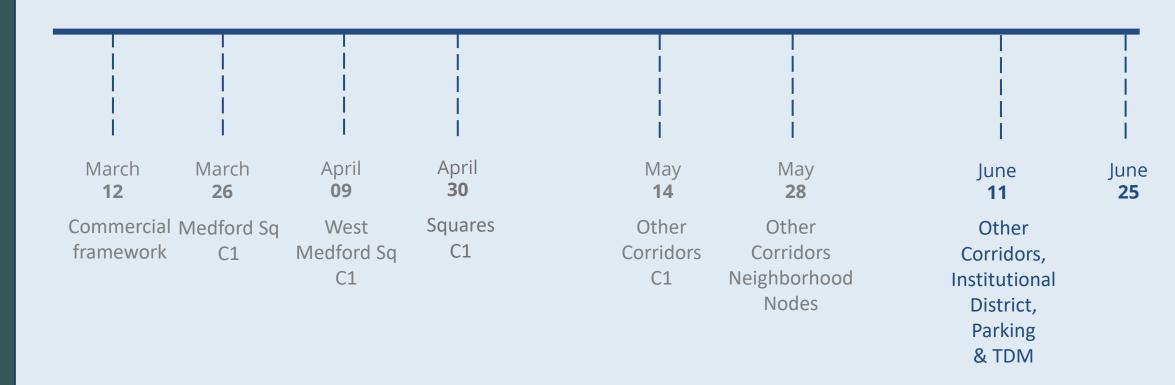
Vote on the topic

City Council
Vote on the topic





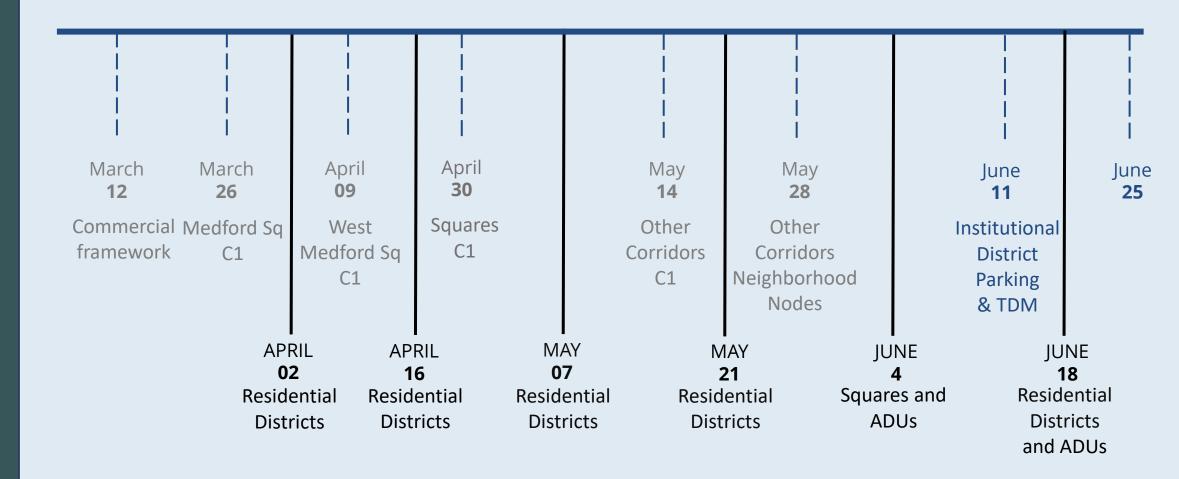
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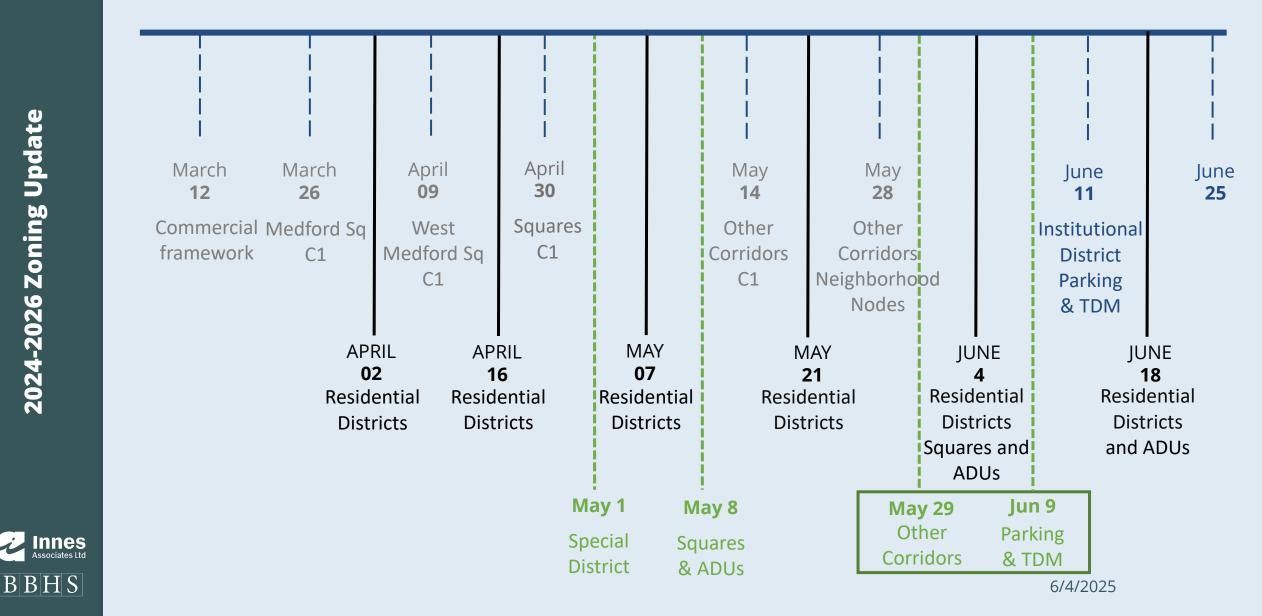
# **Timeline: Phase 3 PPCM + CDB**







# Timeline: Phase 3 PPCM + CDB + Public Q&A





# **Next Meetings**

Type of Meeting	pe of Meeting Topic		Location		
Public Meeting	Parking & TDM	06/09	Library		
Other Corridors, Institutional District, Parking & TDM		06/11	City Council & Virtual		
CDB	Residential Districts & ADU	06/18	Virtual		





# CITY-WIDE MAPS





# **New Proposed Residential Districts 05/08**



# LEGEND

## Neighborhood Residential 1

- Single-unit Dwelling
- Historic Conversion (2 units)
- ADU

## Neighborhood Residential 2

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-unit Dwelling
- Historic Conversion (2-3 units)
- ADU



## Neighborhood Residential 3

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-unit Dwelling
- 3-unit Dwelling
- Townhouse
- Historic Conversion (2-4 units)
- ADU



## Urban Residential 1

- 2-unit Dwelling
- Historic Conversion (2-5 units)
- Townhouse
- 3-unit Dwelling
- Multiplex (4-6 units)
- ADU (1/2/3-unit Dwelling)



## Urban Residential 2

- Townhouse
- 3-unit Dwelling
- Multiplex (4-6 units)
- Multiple unit Dwelling >6 units 3 stories max
- ADU (1/2/3-unit Dwelling)



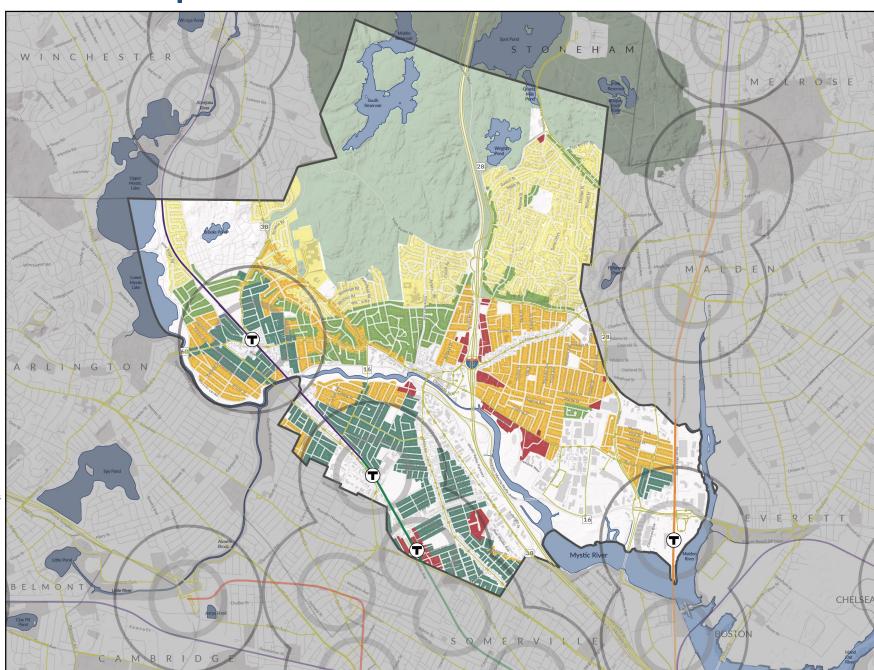
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# **Commercial Framework (March 12)**



# LEGEND



Mixed-Use 1:

Small-Mid Scale. Mid Density. 3stories by right + 1 IZ



Mixed-Use 2

Mid Scale. Mid-High Density. 4 stories by right + 2 IZ



Mixed-Use 3

Mid-High Scale. High Density. 6 stories by right + 6 IZ

Commercial

6 stories by right + 2 IZ



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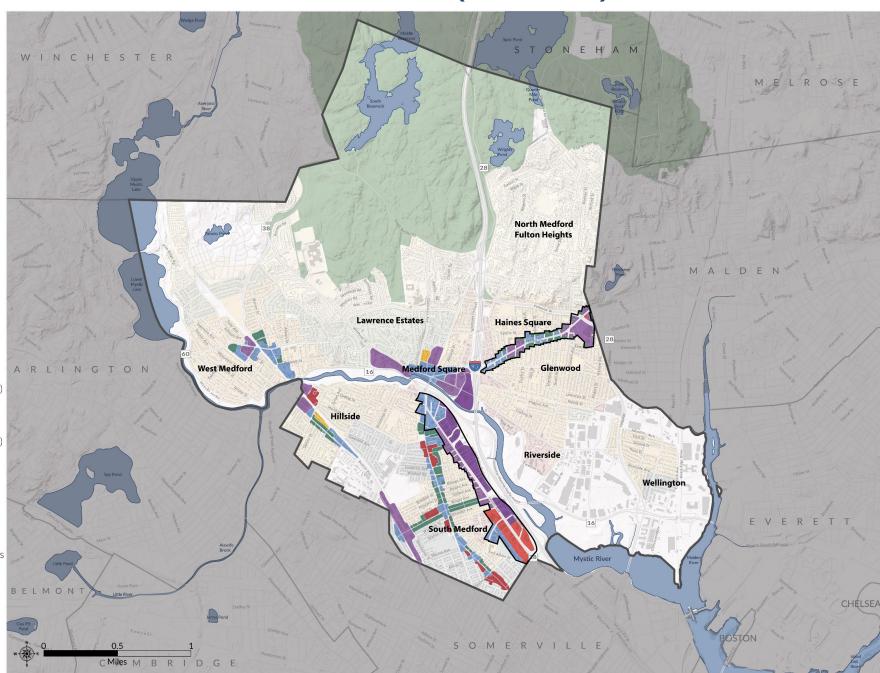
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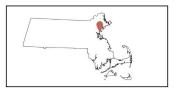








# **Approved and Proposed Districts 05/08**



# LEGEND



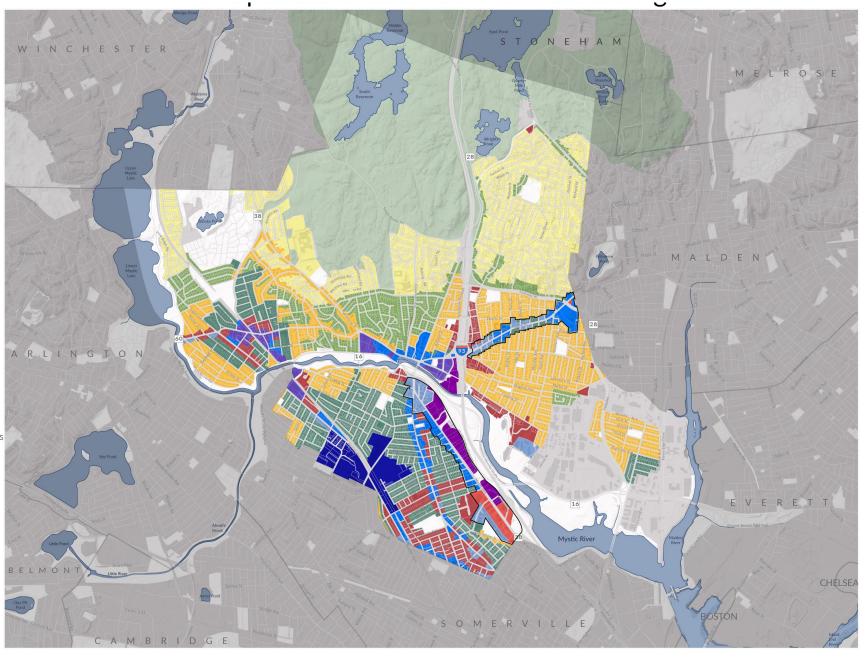
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5 stories by right + 2 IZ

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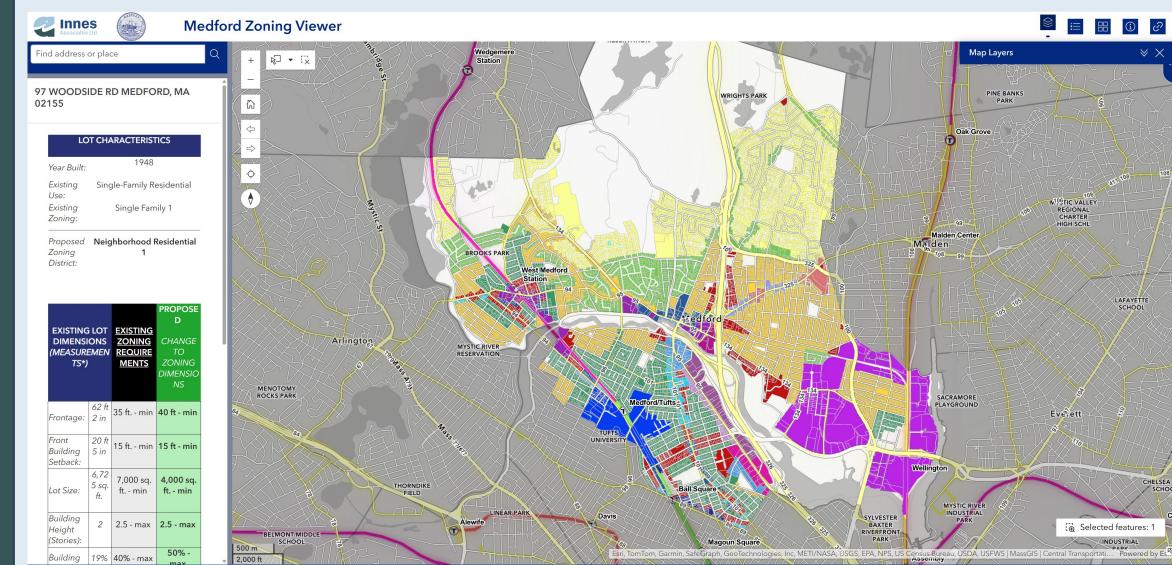


# INTERACTIVE MAP





# **Interactive Map**







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# Medford Square







# LEGEND



Buildings



Hydrography

## Medford Zoning



APT1 - Apartment 1 APT2 - Apartment 2



C1 - Commerical 1



C2 - Commercial 2



GR - General Residential



I - Industrial



MUZ - Mized Use



O - Office



O2 - Office 2



ROS - Recreational Open





SF1 - Single Family 1



SF2 - Single Family 2



PDD-1



PDD-3



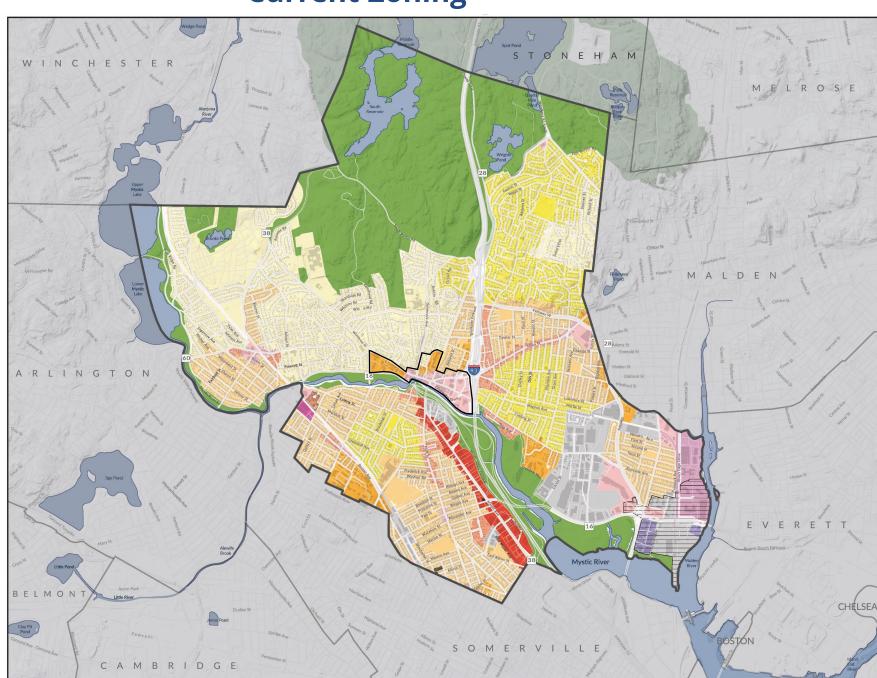
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# LEGEND



## Commercial 1:

Residential building:

- 6 stories by right Commercial building:
- 4 stories by right
  Other permited Structures
- 15 stories by right



## Apartment 2

Residential building:

- 6 stories by right Commercial use:
- NOT allowed
  Hotel
- 15 stories by right



## General residential

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-Units Dwelling
- ADU



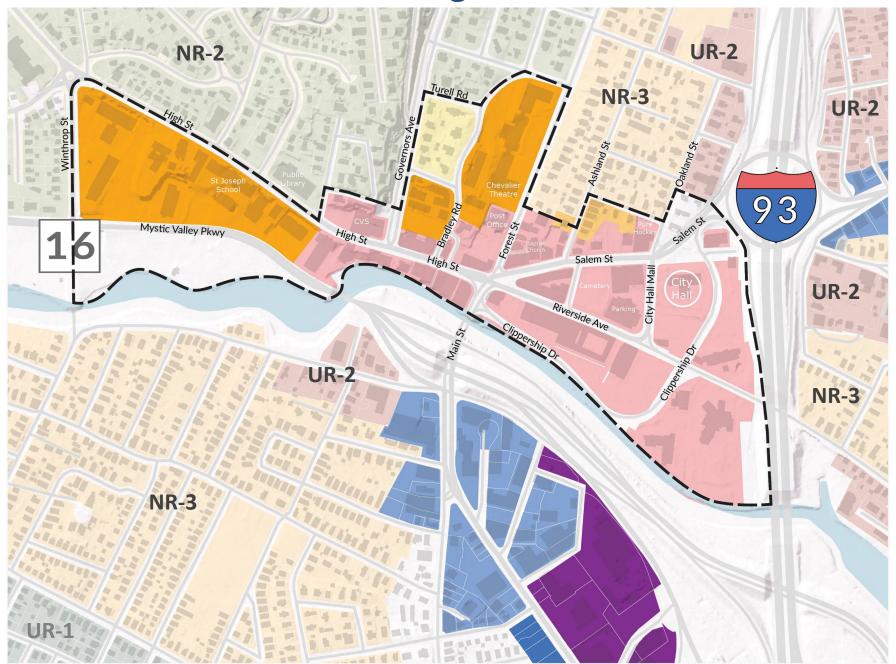
## Single Family 1

- Single-unit Dwelling
- ADU













Medford Zoning Dimensions														
		Minimum Permitted								Maximum Permitted				
		Lot												
		Area (SF)	Ler	Length (FT)		Open Space % Gross Floor Aea	oor Aea		Yards (feet)			Height		
District	Use	Per Dwelling Unit	Total					Usuable	Front	Side	Rear	Lot Coverage (%)	Feet	Stories
	4. Multiple Dwelling	21	10,000	50	100	100	10%	127	15	15	15	30%	- 2	
	4(a) 1st and 2nd dwelling units, total	4,500	-	-			25%	-	-	-	-	_	35	3
	4. 1) on first three floors	1,000	-	1074	-	-	25%	-	-		-	-	35	3
	4. 2) on or above fourth floor	600	-	100	-	-	20%	72	-	-		-	75	6
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	4B. (b) On or above fourth floor	600	-	1.70	-5			1,50	-		-5	-	-	-
	4A. Hotel			50	100	100	10%	25%	-	-	15	-	140	15
	5.Other permitted principal structures	-	-	20	-		-		-	5-5	15	-	50	4
	1. Detached Single-Family	-	5,000	35	50	55	727		15	7 1/2	15	40%	35	2.5
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	5.Other permitted principal structures	-	10,000	50	100	100	10%	25%	15	15	15	35%	125	15





# **Medford Square Proposal 02**

April 30



## LEGEND



## Mixed-Use 1:

Small-Mid Scale. 4 stories by right + 1 IZ



## Mixed-Use 2A

Mid Scale.

5 stories by right + 2 IZ



## Mixed-Use 2B

Mid-High Scale. 7 stories by right + 2 IZ



## Mixed-Use 3

Mid-High Scale. 8 stories by right + 4 IZ



## Neighborhood Residential 3

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-unit Dwelling
- 3-unit Dwelling
- Townhouse
- Historic Conversion
- ADU



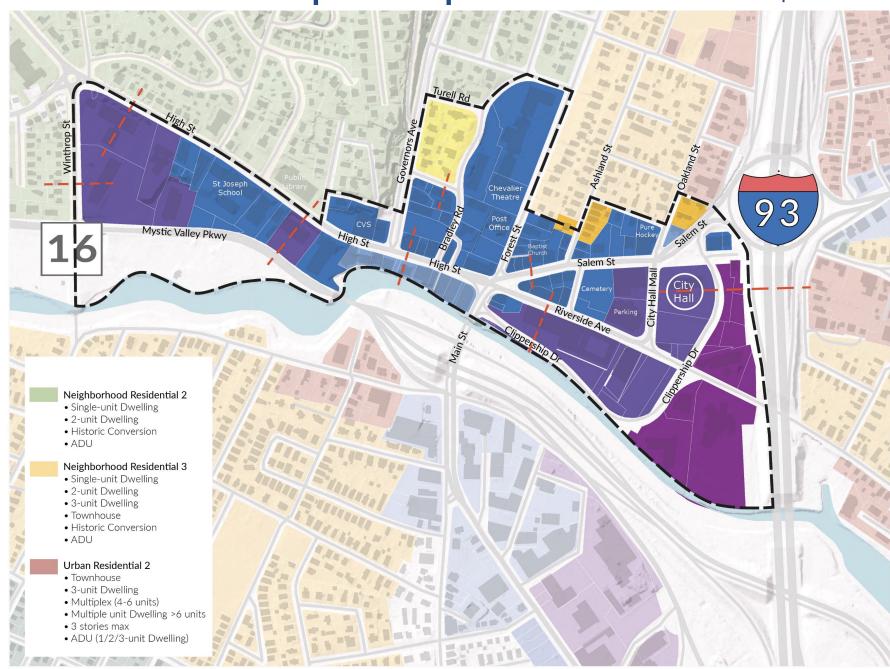
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# West Medford Square







# LEGEND



Buildings



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## Medford Zoning



APT1 - Apartment 1



APT2 - Apartment 2



C1 - Commerical 1 C2 - Commercial 2



GR - General Residential



I - Industrial



MUZ - Mized Use



O - Office



O2 - Office 2



ROS - Recreational Open Space



SF2 - Single Family 2



PDD-1



PDD-3



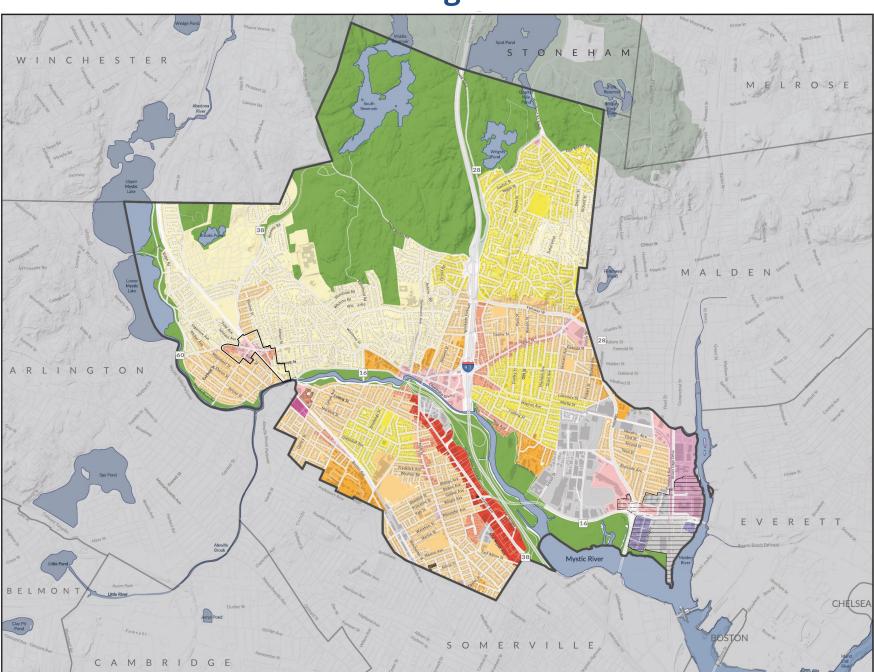
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## Commercial 1:

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## General residential

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-Units Dwelling
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## Single Family 1

- Single-unit Dwelling
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## Apartment 1

Residential building:

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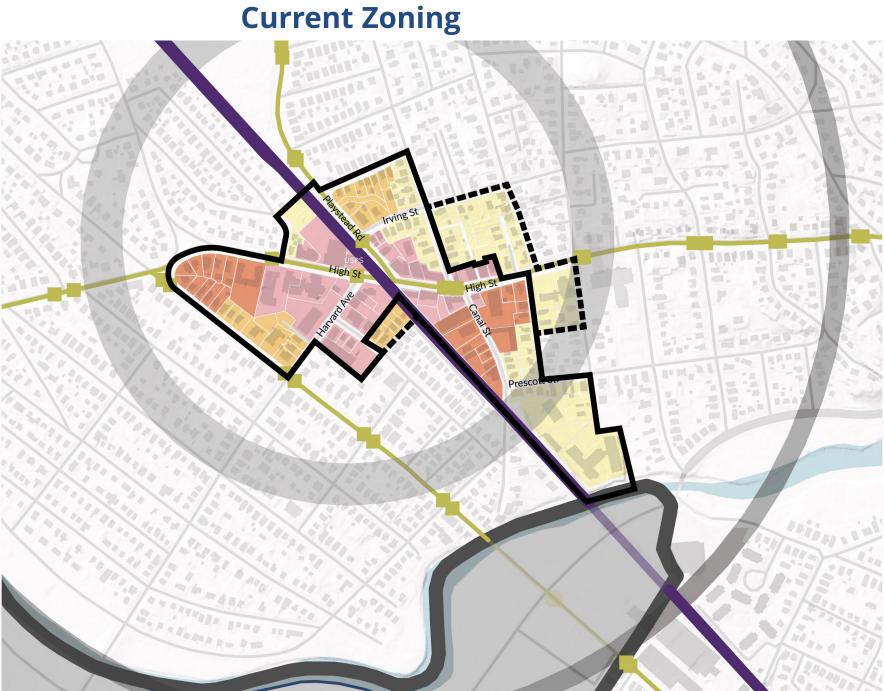




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# 2024-2026 Zoning Update

# **West Medford Square Proposal 02**

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# LEGEND



## Mixed-Use 2A

Mid Scale. 5 stories by right + 2 IZ



## Mixed-Use 2B

Mid-High Scale. 7 stories by right + 2 IZ



## Urban Residential 2

- Townhouse
- 3-unit Dwelling
- Multiplex (4-6 units)
- Multiple Unit Dwelling (>6 units)
- ADU (1/2/3-unit Dwelling)



## Neighborhood Residential 2

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-unit Dwelling
- Historic Conversion
- ADU



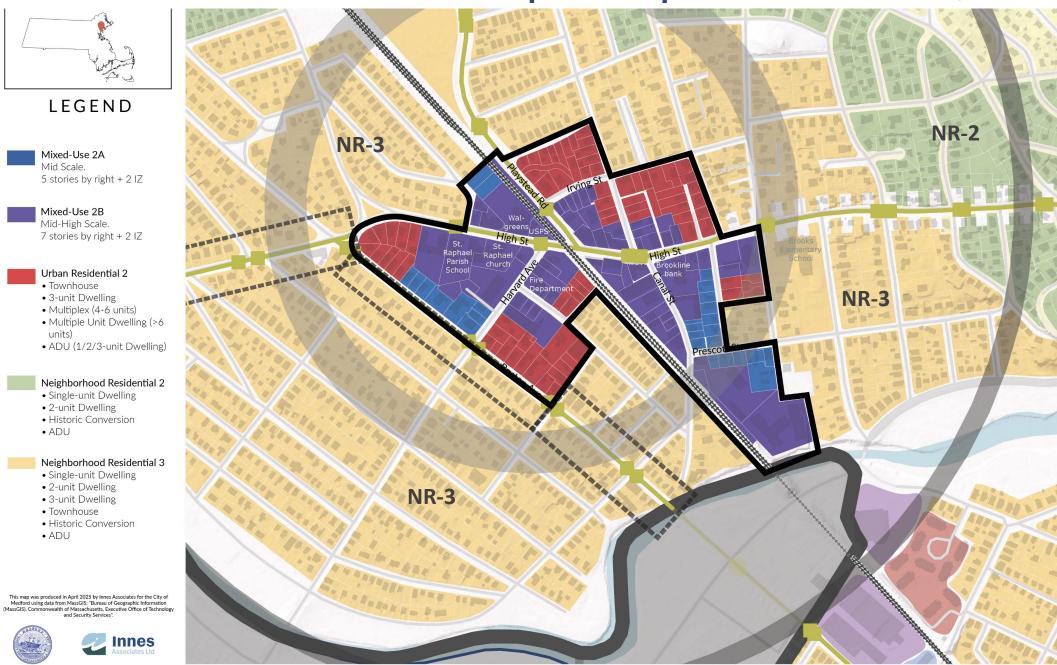
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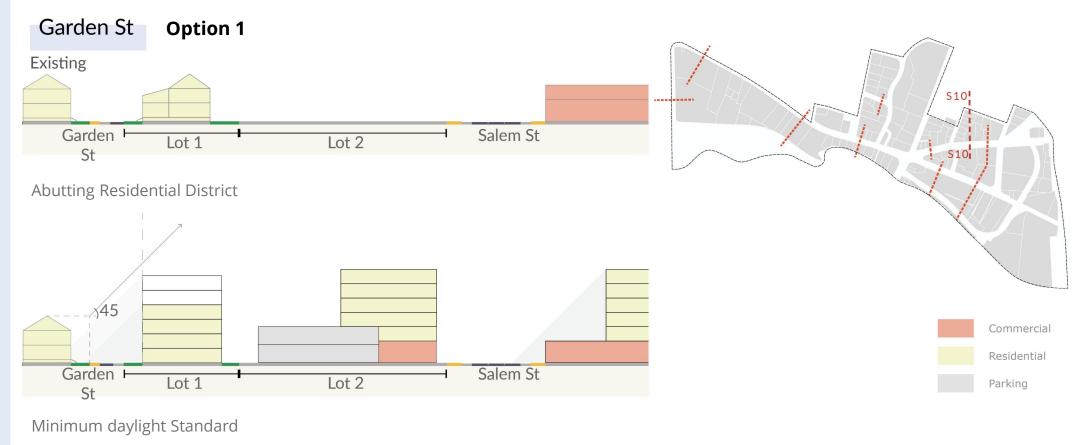
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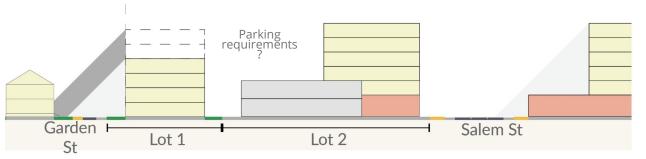
Districts	MX-1B	MX-2A	MX-2B	MX-3	NR-2	NR-3	UR-1	UR-2
	4 stories	5 stories	7 stories	8 stories	1-unit	1-unit	-	
	+ 1 IZ	+ 2 IZ	+ 2 IZ	+ 4 IZ	2-unit	2-unit	2-unit	-
					-	3-unit	3-unit	3-unit
					+	+	Multiplex (4-6 units)	Multiplex (4-6 units)
					-	-	-	Multifamily (6+ units)
					Historic conversion	Historic conversion	Historic conversion	Historic conversion
					-	Townhouse (max 3)	Townhouse (max 6)	Townhouse
					Up to two ADUs per lot (one by right; one by special permit)	Up to two ADUs per lot (one by right; one by special permit)	Up to two ADUs per lot for 1-3 unit (one by right; one by special permit)	Up to two ADUs per lot for 1-3 unit dwellings (one by right; one by special permit)
Medford Sq.	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N
West Medford Sq.	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	N	Υ





# **Development Standards**





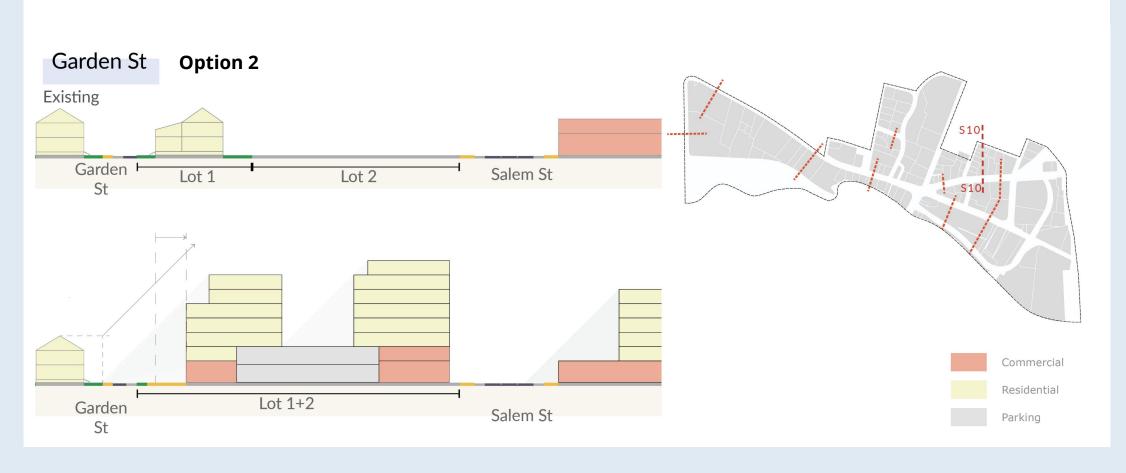








# **Development Standards**







# INTRODUCTION TO OTHER CORRIDORS

**Boston Ave** 

Main St

Broadway

Harvard St

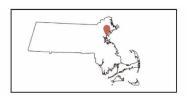
High St (West Medford)

Boston Ave (West Medford)



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# **Current Zoning**



# LEGEND





## Medford Zoning

APT1 - Apartment 1

APT2 - Apartment 2

C1 - Commerical 1

C2 - Commercial 2

GR - General Residential

I - Industrial

MUZ - Mized Use

O - Office

O2 - Office 2

ROS - Recreational Open

Space

SF1 - Single Family 1

SF2 - Single Family 2

PDD-1

PDD-2

PDD-3

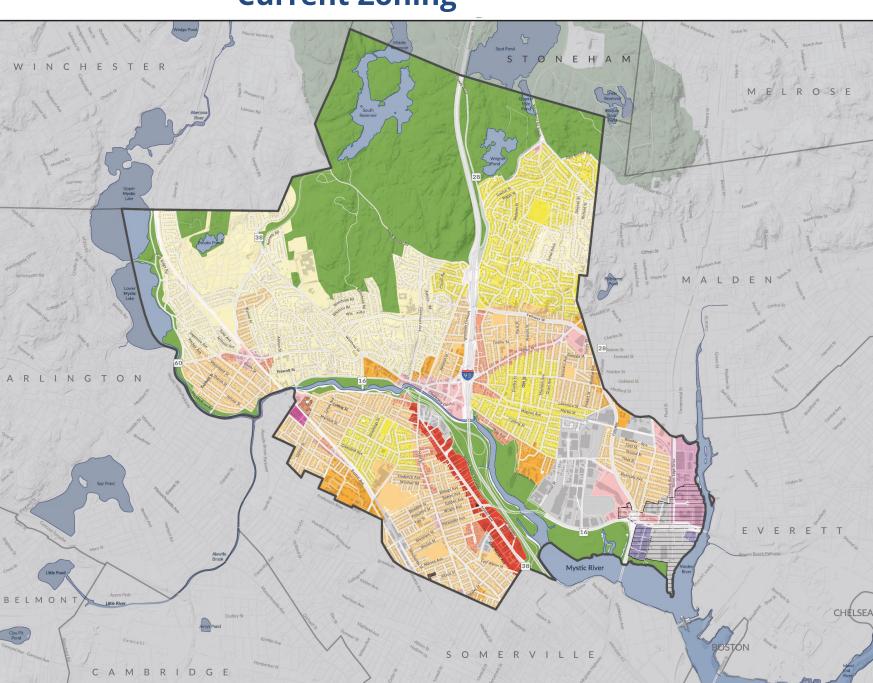
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# LEGEND



## C1 - Commercial 1

Residential Building:

- 6 stories by right Commercial building:
- 4 stories by right Other permited Structures
- 15 stories by right



# APT1 - Apartment 1 Residential Building:

- 3 stories by right Commercial building:
- NOT allowed



## l - Industrial

Other permited Structures

• 2 stories by right



## O2 - Office 2

Other permited Structures

• 6 stories by right



## GR- General Residential

- Single-unit Dwelling
- 2-unit Dwelling
- ADU

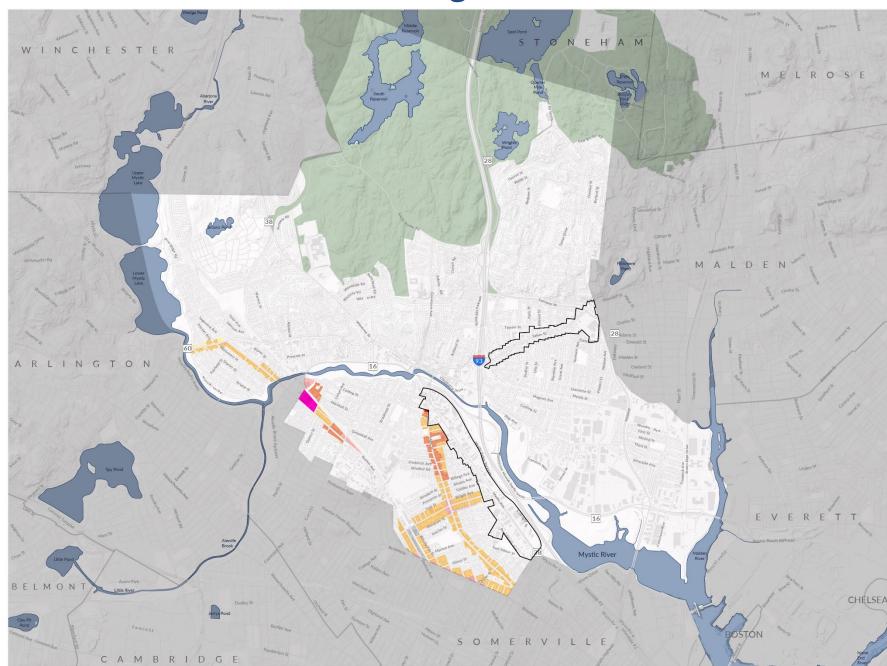


- SF1- Single Family 1Single-unit Dwelling
- ADU

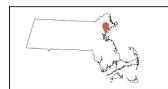
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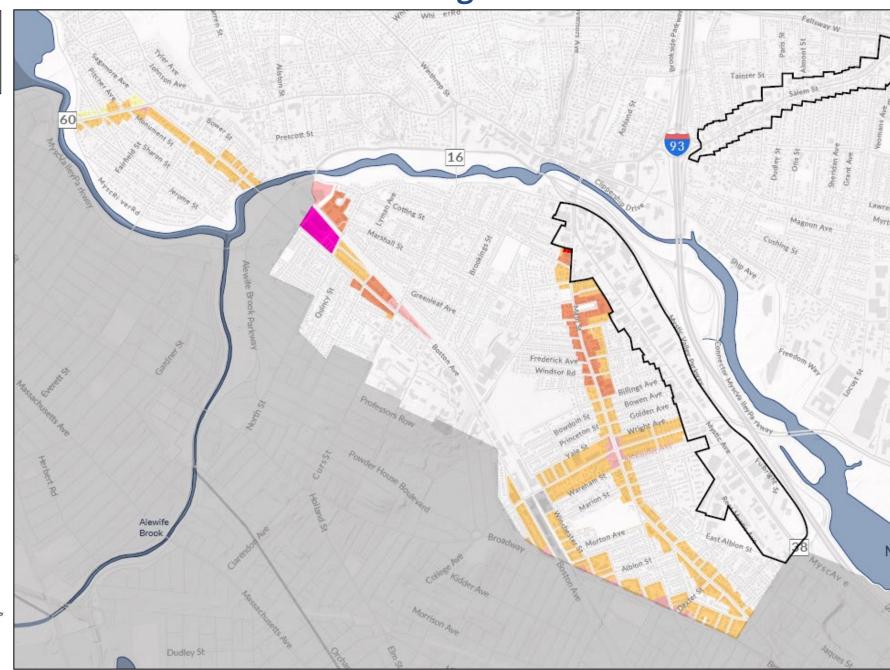
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# **Proposed Districts for Other Corridors**



# LEGEND



Mixed-Use 1B:

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Mixed-Use 2A

Mid Scale.

5 stories by right + 2 IZ



Mixed-Use 2B

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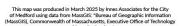
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Urban Residential 2

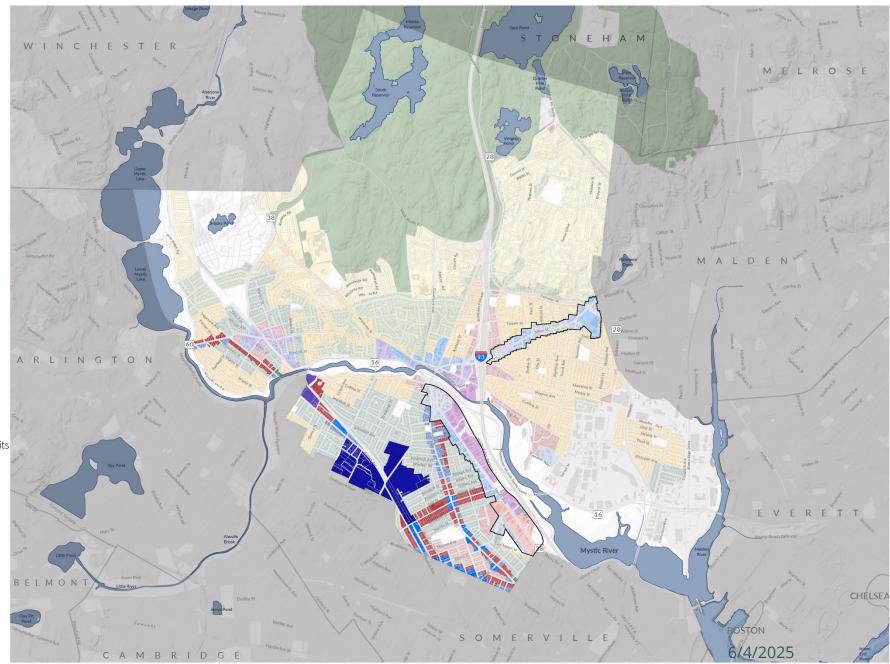


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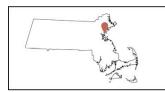








# **Proposed Districts for Other Corridors**



# LEGEND



Mixed-Use 1B: Small-Mid Scale. 4 stories by right + 1 IZ



Mixed-Use 2A Mid Scale.

5 stories by right + 2 IZ



Mixed-Use 2B

Mid Scale.

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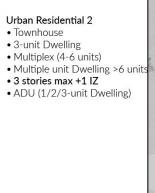


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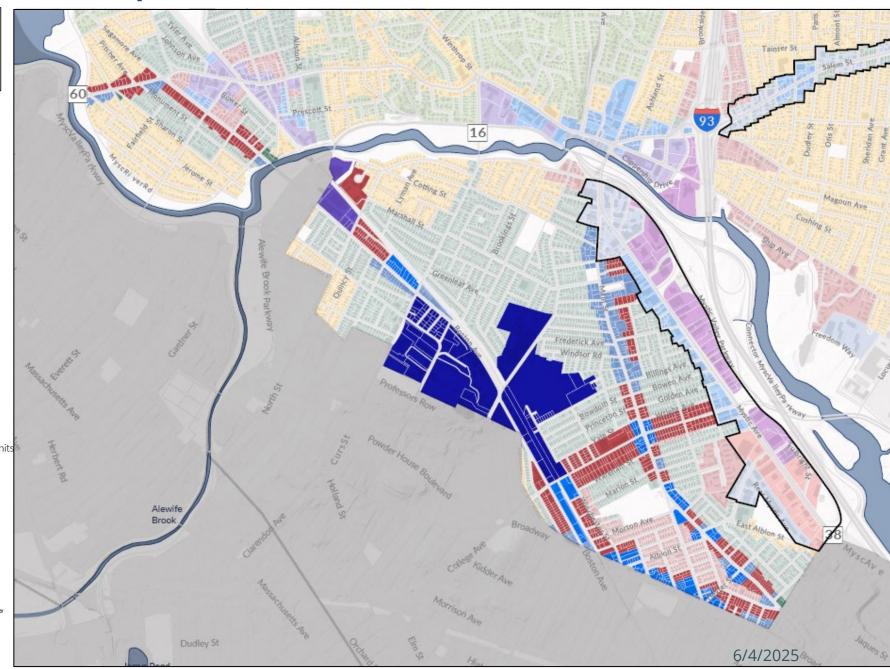
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- ADU (1/2/3-unit Dwelling)



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# **DISTRICT COMPARISONS**

Districts	MX-1B	MX-2A	MX-2B	MX-3	UR-1	UR-2	
	4 stories	5 stories	7 stories	8 stories	-		
	+ 1 IZ	+ 2 IZ	+ 2 IZ	+ 4 IZ	2-unit	-	
					3-unit	3-unit	
					Multiplex (4-6 units)	Multiplex (4-6 units)	
					-	Multifamily (6+ units)	
					Historic conversion	Historic conversion	
					Townhouse (max 6)	Townhouse	
					Up to two ADUs per lot for 1-3 unit (one by right; one by special permit)	Up to two ADUs per lot for 1-3 unit dwellings (one by right; one by special permit)	
High St	Υ	N	N	N	N	Υ	
Boston Ave (West Medford)	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	Υ	
Boston Ave	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	
Main St	Υ	Υ	N	N	Υ	Υ	
Harvard St	N	Υ	N	N	N	Υ	
Broadway	Υ	Υ	N	N	N	<b>Y</b> 6/4/2025	







