

Section 5.1.1.2 Land Use Matrix

Future Development (FD) vs Character District-1 (CD-1)

TABLE 5.1 LAND USE MATRIX

TYPES OF LAND USES	CONVENTIONAL RESIDENTIAL				NEIGHBORHOOD DENSITY DISTRICTS					CHARACTER DISTRICTS						SPECIAL DISTRICTS						DEFINITION USE STANDARDS	
	FD	SF-R	SF-6	SF-4.5	ND-3	ND-3.2	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-1	CD-2	CD-2.5	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	BP	HC	LI	HI	MH		CM
AGRICULTURAL USES																							
Barns or agricultural buildings	P	L	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	L	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.2.1
Stables	P	L	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	L	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.2.2
Community Garden	P	P	L	L	L	L	L	L	--	P	P	L	L	L	L	L	--	P	P	P	P	P	Section 5.1.2.3
Urban Farm	P	C	C	C	C	C	L	L	C	P	P	L	L	L	C	C	--	P	P	--	P	C	Section 5.1.2.4
Plant Nursery	L	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	L	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P	Section 5.1.2.5
ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES																							
Accessory Building/Structure	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Section 5.1.3.1
Accessory Dwelling Unit	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	P	P	--	P	L	L	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.3.1
Accessory Use, except as listed below:	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Section 5.1.3.2
Outdoor Storage	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	--	P	Section 5.1.3.2
Outdoor Display	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	--	--	--	--	--	L	L	P	P	--	--	--	L	Section 5.1.3.2
Food Truck	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P	Section 5.1.3.1
Drive-thru or Drive-in	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	--	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.3.2
Home Occupation	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	--	--	L	L	L	L	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.3.4
Family Home Care	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	--	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.3.5
Short Term Rental	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	P	--	L	L	L	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	Section 5.1.3.6
RESIDENTIAL USES																							
Single Family Detached / Tiny Home	P	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	--	--	P	L	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	Section 5.1.4.1

LEGEND																							
P	Permitted Use	L	Limited Use	C	Conditional Use	--	Uses Not Permitted																

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TYPES OF LAND USES	CONVENTIONAL RESIDENTIAL				NEIGHBORHOOD DENSITY DISTRICTS					CHARACTER DISTRICTS						SPECIAL DISTRICTS						DEFINITION USE STANDARDS	
	FD	SF-R	SF-6	SF-4.5	ND-3	ND-3.2	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-1	CD-2	CD-2.5	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	BP	HC	LI	HI	MH		CM
Cottage Court	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	L	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Two Family	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	L	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Single Family Attached	--	--	--	--	L	L	L	L	L	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Small Multi-Family (up to 9 units)	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	L	L	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Courtyard Housing (up to 24 units)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	L	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Multi-family (10 or more units)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Purpose Built Student Housing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Manufactured Home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Mobile Home Community / Manufactured Home Park / Tiny Home Village	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	Section 5.1.4.1
Community Home	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	P	P	--	P	L	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	L	--	Section 5.1.4.12
Fraternity or Sorority Building	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	--	--	--	--	C	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.4.12
COMMERCIAL USES																							
Professional Office	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	P	P	P	P	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.1
Medical, except as listed below:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.2
Urgent care, emergency clinic, or hospital	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.2
Nursing/ retirement home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	--	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.2
Personal Services, except as listed below:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.3

LEGEND							
P	Permitted Use	L	Limited Use	C	Conditional Use	--	Uses Not Permitted

TABLE 5.1 LAND USE MATRIX

TYPES OF LAND USES	CONVENTIONAL RESIDENTIAL				NEIGHBORHOOD DENSITY DISTRICTS					CHARACTER DISTRICTS						SPECIAL DISTRICTS						DEFINITION USE STANDARDS	
	FD	SF-R	SF-6	SF-4.5	ND-3	ND-3.2	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-1	CD-2	CD-2.5	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	BP	HC	LI	HI	MH		CM
Animal care (indoor)	C	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.3
Animal care (outdoor)	C	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.5.3
Funeral Home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.3
Tattoo, body piercing	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	--	--	--	--	C	P	P	--	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.3	
Adult Oriented Businesses	See Section 18, Article 6 of the City Code																						
All Retail Sales, except as listed below:	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.4	
Gasoline Sales	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	C	P	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.5.4	
Truck stop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.5.4
Building material sales	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	P	P	P	P	--	P	Section 5.1.5.4	
Vehicle Sales/ Rental	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	--	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.4	
Pawnshop	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	C	P	P	--	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.4	
Restaurant/ Bar, as listed below:																							
Eating Establishment	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.5	
Bar	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	C	C	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.5.5	
Mobile Food Court	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	C	--	--	--	--	--	Section 5.1.5.5	

LEGEND							
P	Permitted Use	L	Limited Use	C	Conditional Use	--	Uses Not Permitted

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	FD	SF-R	SF-6	SF-4.5	ND-3	ND-3.2	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-1	CD-2	CD-2.5	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	BP	HC	LI	HI	MH		CM	
Sale of Alcohol for on premise consumption	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	--	--	--	--	C	C	C	C	C	--	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.5.5
Overnight Lodging, as listed below:																								Section 5.1.5.6
Bed and Breakfast (up to 8 rooms)	L	C	C	C	C	C	L	L	P	--	P	C	C	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.6	
Boutique Hotel (9 - 30 rooms)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	P	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.6	
Hotel/ Motel (more than 30 rooms)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	C	--	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.6	
Outdoor Recreation, except as listed below:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	C	L	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.7	
Golf Course	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	--	--	--	--	C	C	Section 5.1.5.7	
Traveler Trailers/ RVs Short Term stays	P	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	P	--	Section 5.1.5.7	
Shooting Range	C	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.5.7	
Indoor Recreation, except as listed below:	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P	Section 5.1.5.8	
Gym/ Health club	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	L	P	--	--	--	--	L	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	P	Section 5.1.5.8	
Smoking Lounge	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.5.8	
Charitable Gaming Facility	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	C	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.5.8	
Special Event Facility	C	C	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	--	--	5.1.5.9	
PUBLIC & INSTITUTIONAL																								
Civic, except as listed below:	P	L	L	L	L	L	L	P	P	L	L	L	L	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Section 5.1.6.1	
Day Care Center	C	--	--	--	C	C	C	L	P	--	C	C	C	L	P	P	P	P	--	--	--	P	Section 5.1.6.1	
Parks, Open Space, and Greenways	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Section 5.1.6.2	
Minor Utilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	Section 5.1.6.3	
Major Utilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	C	C	--	--	Section 5.1.6.3	

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TYPES OF LAND USES	CONVENTIONAL RESIDENTIAL				NEIGHBORHOOD DENSITY DISTRICTS					CHARACTER DISTRICTS						SPECIAL DISTRICTS						DEFINITION USE STANDARDS	
	FD	SF-R	SF-6	SF-4.5	ND-3	ND-3.2	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-1	CD-2	CD-2.5	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	BP	HC	LI	HI	MH		CM
Antenna	See Section 5.1.6.3D																						
INDUSTRIAL																							
Light Industrial	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.1
Light Manufacturing	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	P	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.2
Vehicle Service, as listed below:																						Section 5.1.7.3	
Car Wash	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.3
Vehicle repair (minor)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	--	P	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.3
Vehicle repair (major)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.7.3
Warehouse & Distribution	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	C	P	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.4
Waste-Related service	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	--	--	C	C	C	--	--	Section 5.1.7.5
Wholesale trade	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	P	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.6
Self Storage	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	Section 5.1.7.7
Research and Development	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	C	C	P	P	P	P	--	C	Section 5.1.7.8
Wrecking/Junk Yard	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	--	--	Section 5.1.7.9

LEGEND							
P	Permitted Use	L	Limited Use	C	Conditional Use	--	Uses Not Permitted

(Ord. No. 2020-60, 9-1-2020; Ord. No. 2021-47, 8-3-21, Ord. No. 2023-72, 10-17-2023)

Zoning District Comparison Chart

Topic	Existing Zoning: Future Development (FD)	Proposed Zoning: Character District – 1 (CD-1)
Zoning Description	The Future Development (FD) District is intended to serve as a temporary zoning district for properties that shall develop in the future but have been newly annexed and/or are not yet ready to be zoned for a particular Use. Characterized by primarily agricultural use with woodlands and wetlands and scattered buildings.	The CD-1 District is intended for the preservation of open space and to protect the most sensitive natural resources in San Marcos. It may include widely dispersed rural single-family homes but is primarily characterized by extensive, undisturbed landscapes.
Uses	Residential / Agricultural (<i>See Land Use Matrix</i>)	Agricultural & its Accessory Uses, Public & Institutional, etc. (<i>See Land Use Matrix</i>)
Parking Location	No location standards	No location standards
Parking Standards	Dependent upon use	Dependent upon use
Max Residential Units per acre	0.4 units per acre (max)	N/A
Occupancy Restrictions	N/A	N/A
Landscaping	Tree and shrub requirements	Dependent upon use
Building Height (max)	2 stories	N/A
Setbacks	50' minimum front, 20' side, and 20% of total lot depth measured at point of greatest depth in rear	N/A
Impervious Cover (max)	30%	20%
Lot Sizes	Minimum 2 acres lot area, Minimum 200 ft lot width	N/A
Streetscapes	Residential Street: 5' sidewalk for lots smaller than 1 acre, street trees every 40' on center average, 7' planting area between sidewalk and street required.	N/A
Blocks	No Block Perimeter Required	No Block Perimeter Required

Section 4.2.1.2 Building Types Allowed by District

Building types are allowed by district as set forth below.

Future Development (FD) vs Character District-1 (CD-1)

TABLE 4.10 BUILDING TYPES ALLOWED BY DISTRICT















		FD CD-2 SF-R	SF-6 SF 4.5	ND-3	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	HC, BP LI, HI	CM
	ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	--	--
	HOUSE	■	■	■	■	■	--	■	■	--	--	--	--
	COTTAGE COURT	--	--	--	■	--	--	■	--	--	--	--	--
	DUPLEX	--	--	--	■	--	--	■	■	--	--	--	--
	ZERO LOT LINE HOUSE	--	--	■	■	--	--	■	--	--	--	--	--
	TOWNHOUSE	--	--	--	■	■	■	--	■	■	■	--	--
	SMALL MULTI-FAMILY	--	--	--	■	■	■	--	--	--	--	--	--
	COURTYARD HOUSING	--	--	--	--	■	--	--	■	--	--	--	--
	APARTMENT	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	■	■	■	--	--

TABLE 4.10 BUILDING TYPES ALLOWED BY DISTRICT

		FD CD-2 SF-R	SF-6 SF 4.5	ND-3	ND-3.5	ND-4	N-CM	CD-3	CD-4	CD-5	CD-5D	HC, BP LI, HI	CM
	LIVE/WORK	--	--	--	--	--	■	--	■	■	■	--	■
	NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPFRONT	--	--	--	--	■	■	--	■	--	--	--	--
	MIXED USE SHOPFRONT	--	--	--	--	--	■	--	--	■	■	--	■
	GENERAL COMMERCIAL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	■	■
	CIVIC	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

LEGEND

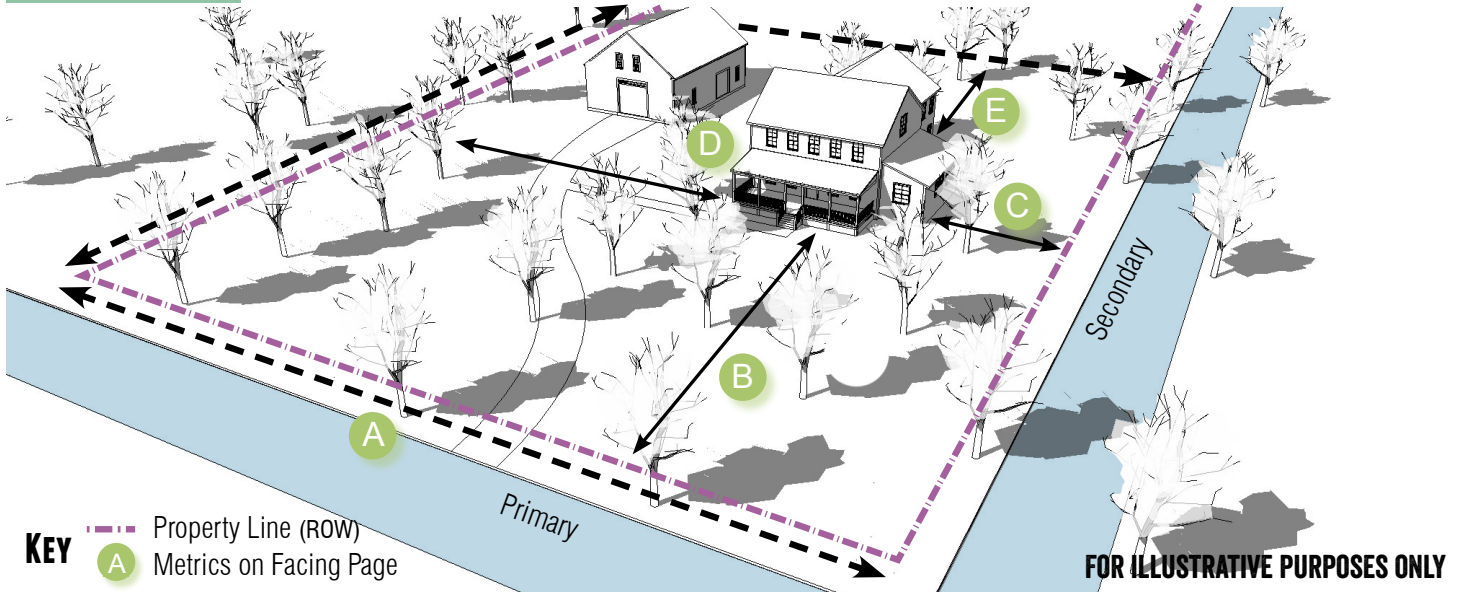
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-- =Not Allowed

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FD

SECTION 4.4.1.1 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT



KEY Property Line (ROW)
 Metrics on Facing Page



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DENSITY

Units Per Gross Acre	.4 max.
Impervious Cover	30% max.

TRANSPORTATION

Streetscape Type	Residential	Section 3.8.1.10
Sidewalks are not required for lots greater than 1 acre		

BUILDING TYPES ALLOWED

Accessory Dwelling	Section 4.4.5.1
House	Section 4.4.5.2
Civic	Section 4.4.5.14

BUILDING STANDARDS

Principle Building Height	2 stories max.	40 ft. max.
Accessory Structure	N/A	N/A

LOT

BUILDING TYPE	LOT AREA	LOT WIDTH	A
House	2 acres min.	200 ft min.	
Civic Building	2 acres min.	200 ft. min.	

SETBACKS - PRINCIPAL BUILDING

Primary Street	50 ft. min.	B
Secondary Street	25 ft. min.	C
Side	20 ft. min.	D
Rear	Min. 20% of total lot depth measured at the point of the greatest depth	E

SETBACKS - ACCESSORY STRUCTURE

Primary Street	50 ft. min.
Secondary Street	25 ft. min.
Side	10 ft. min.
Rear	10 ft. min.

CD-1

SECTION 4.4.3.1 CHARACTER DISTRICT - 1



FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The CD-1 District is intended for the preservation of open space and to protect the most sensitive natural resources in San Marcos. It may include widely dispersed rural single family homes but is primarily characterized by extensive, undisturbed landscapes.

TRANSPORTATION

Block Perimeter	N/A
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DENSITY

Units Per Gross Acre	N/A
Impervious Cover	20% max.