

MTC – McKinney Town Center District Amendments 18-0014M

Background

2006

Phase I of the Town Center Study kicked off to establish a starting point for a revitalization plan of the Town Center

2008

City Council approved the Town Center Study Phase I Report

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Phase II of the Town Center Study kicks off, and includes downtown parking analysis, creation of TIRZ #1, and creation of the MTC Zoning District

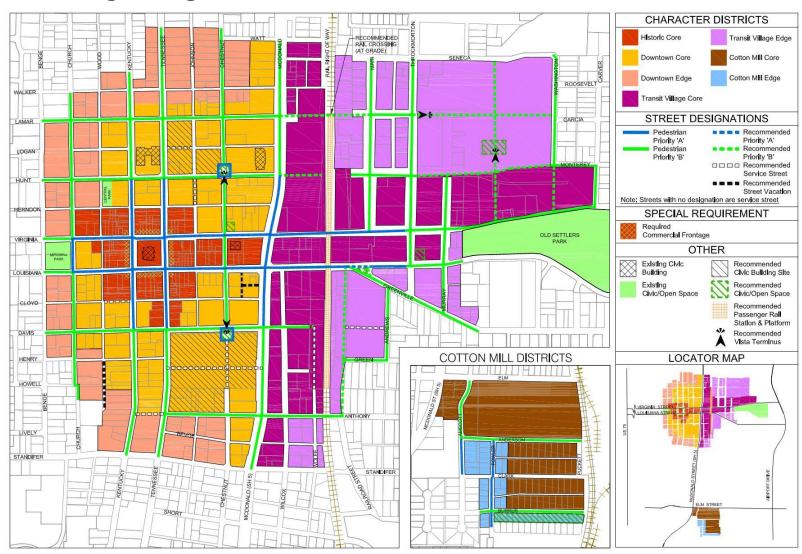
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• Why make changes now?

In order to ensure that the MTC continues to function as intended, it is necessary from time to time to review it for potential issues, concerns and inconsistencies.

What information is Staff reviewing?



All MTC Cases



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> Current Issue: Requirements for a certain district or development type are located in various sections of the Ordinance

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> Use Staff level variance process; no immediate modification

> Establish a provision for sites with multiple street frontages to accommodate multiple points of access while maintain the pedestrian atmosphere

> Establish a provision to allow alternative options for buildings that wish to provide less than the required level of transparency

> Re-organization and clean-up of the MTC Ordinance

