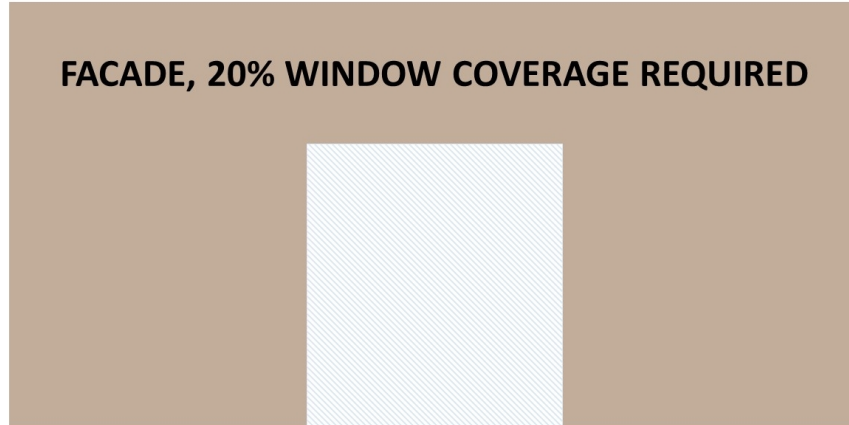


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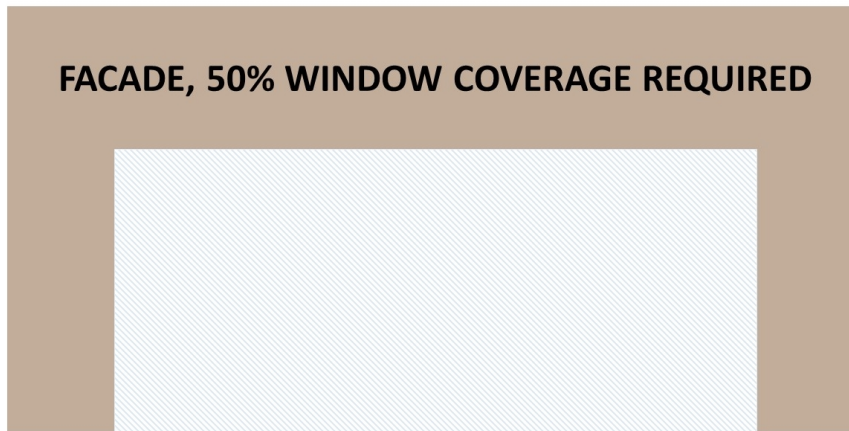
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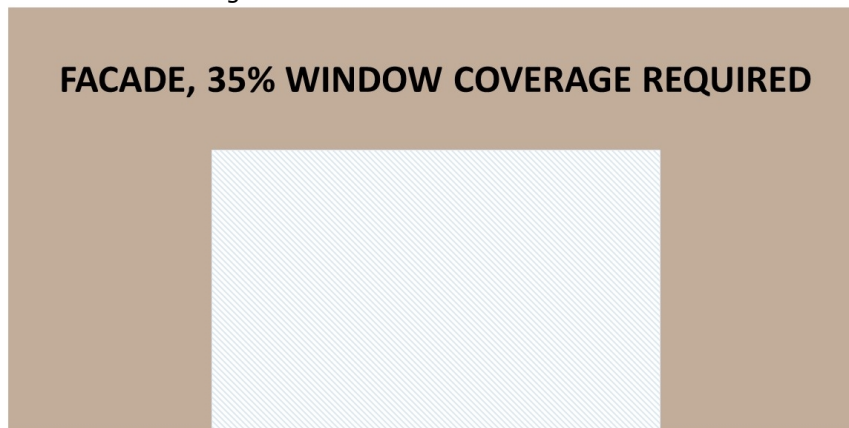
Residential uses:



Eating and drinking establishments, food and beverage retail sales, and retail sales:



All other uses, 35% window coverage:



This amendment is intended to encourage better urban design and enhance the pedestrian experience. Window coverage requirements that allow viewing into the tenant space increase visual interest and create a better walking environment, as opposed to lengthy expanses of buildings without windows.

#3, Sec. 27-98 (d)(5) Pedestrian entrances:

This is a new section that requires all commercial tenants to have an entrance facing the street. This will encourage buildings fronting on a street to provide easy, accessible entrances to pedestrians.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends **APPROVAL**.

ATTACHMENTS

Chapter 27, Sec. 27-98 - current.
Chapter 27, Sec. 27-98 - proposed.

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 27 OF THE CITY OF DUNWOODY CODE
OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND REGULATIONS FOR THE PERIMETER CENTER
OVERLAY**

WHEREAS, the City of Dunwoody is charged with preserving the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Ordinance specifies enhanced regulations for the Perimeter Center Overlay area, the boundaries of which are defined by Figure 27-98-1; and

WHEREAS, the further intent of the Zoning Ordinance is to implement relevant provisions of the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments seek to simplify the relief process and encourage higher quality urban design; and

WHEREAS, the amendment supports the comprehensive plan's stated goal to redevelop target areas, which includes the Perimeter Center area, with a vibrant mix of uses, transportation options, high quality design, and amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is appropriate and consistent with the Comprehensive Plan to amend Chapter 27 to amend the regulations for the Perimeter Center Overlay.

THEREFORE, Mayor and City Council of the City of Dunwoody hereby **ORDAIN that Chapter 27 is amended as follows:**

Section I: That Chapter 27 of the City Code is amended by amending Code Section 27-98 to read as follows:

Sec. 27-98. - Perimeter Center Overlay.

(a) *Overlay generally.*

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 - a. *Plan compatibility.* To guide new development and redevelopment as defined by the City of Dunwoody Comprehensive Plan (adopted 2015) and as amended.

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 - 5. Any other minor exception expressly authorized under the Perimeter Center Overlay regulations.

- b. *Major exceptions—~~Special land use permit~~Variance.* Major exceptions to strict compliance with the Perimeter Center Overlay regulations include any exception to strict compliance that is not expressly authorized as a minor exception under the provisions of subsection (a)(7)a. Major exceptions require review and approval in accordance with the ~~special land use permit~~variance procedures of article V, division 53.

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Major Materials: Brick, stone



Major Materials: Glass, concrete

Figure 27-98-32 Major Materials

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(d) *General building design criteria.*

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a. *Applicable façades.* These criteria apply to all façades visible from the street, facing streets, facing main parking lots, and adjacent to open spaces, unless otherwise noted.

b. *Applicable development sites.* All new development and redevelopment within the Perimeter Center Overlay shall meet the general building design requirements under any of the following circumstances:

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(3) *Materials.*

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b. *Minor materials.* Acceptable high quality minor façade materials include all major materials; cement-based stucco; wood lap siding and shingles; architectural metal siding; architecturally finished concrete; fiber cement siding or shingles (such as Hardie Company products or similar); synthetic stucco/EIFS (see restrictions below); glass block; split-faced, burnished, glazed, or honed concrete masonry units (CMU), cast stone concrete elements. No more than 20 percent of each façade shall consist of minor materials.

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a. *Quantity of windows.* ~~Window coverage is required for street facing façades and façades visible from the street that are fully or partially set back no more than 50 feet from the street. A minimum of 15 percent window coverage is required per story on all street facing façades and any façade visible from a street.~~

Use	Ground Story Quantity	Upper Story Quantity

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 3. Visibility. 100 percent of the required street-facing, street-level window pane surface area must allow viewing into the ground story for a minimum of 8 feet in depth. Unless permitted by the Sign Ordinance, windows cannot be made opaque by non-operable window treatments. Acceptable operable window treatments include curtains, blinds, and shades.
 - b. Transparent glass. All window glass shall be highly transparent with low reflectance. Light transmission should be approximately 60 percent for ground story windows and a minimum of 55 percent for upper story windows.
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SO ORDAINED, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Approved:

Lynn Deutsch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Content:

Sharon Lowery, City Clerk
(Seal)

City Attorney

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 27 - ZONING ORDINANCE
ARTICLE III. - USES AND USE-SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
DIVISION 2. SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS

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Sec. 27-131. Animal services.

(a) *Animal hospitals and veterinary clinics.*

- (1) All buildings and outdoor activity areas must be set back at least 100 feet from any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
- (2) No boarding or outdoor animal runs or kennels are allowed unless required in connection with medical treatment or when located in a zoning district that allows animal boarding.
- (3) When located in a multi-tenant center, the use must be adequately soundproofed and odor-proofed, and pet food must be secured to avoid rodents.

(b) *Animal care/boarding and animal grooming.*

- (1) All buildings and outdoor activity areas associated with animal care/boarding and animal grooming uses must be set back at least 100 feet from any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
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(Ord. No. 2013-10-15, § 1(Exh. A § 27-9.10), 10-14-2013)

Sec. 27-132. Attached houses.

The following building separation requirements apply to all attached house buildings on sites containing two or more attached house buildings. For the purpose of these provisions, the front and rear faces are those exterior building walls generally perpendicular to the party (or abutting) walls between dwelling units and the side face is the exterior building wall that is generally perpendicular to the building's front and rear faces.

- (1) Building setbacks must be provided as required by the applicable zoning district requirements.
- (2) Buildings that are front face to front face, rear face to rear face, or front face to rear face must be separated by a distance of at least 60 feet.
- (3) Buildings that are side face to front face or rear face must be separated by a distance of at least 40 feet.
- (4) Buildings that are side face to side face must be separated by a distance of at least 20 feet.
- (5) Buildings may not exceed 250 feet in length along any elevation.

(Ord. No. 2013-10-15, § 1(Exh. A § 27-9.20), 10-14-2013)

Sec. 27-133. Bed and breakfast.

Bed and breakfast are subject to all of the following regulations:

- (1) A bed and breakfast must be occupied by the owner or renter-occupant of the dwelling.

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- (2) The minimum lot area requirement for a bed and breakfast is 20,000 square feet.
 - (3) A dwelling must have a minimum floor area of at least 2,500 square feet in order to be used for a bed and breakfast.
 - (4) No separate kitchen facilities are allowed for the bed and breakfast.
 - (5) The exterior residential appearance of the dwelling must be maintained, and no signs other than those otherwise permitted within the subject zoning district are allowed.
 - (6) Meals may be served only to members of the resident household and to registered overnight guests of the bed and breakfast.
 - (7) Business and accounting records for the bed and breakfast use must be made available to the city upon request to verify compliance with regulations.
 - (8) Guests may not stay longer than seven nights and may not re-register for a period of 30 days.

(Ord. No. 2013-10-15, § 1(Exh. A § 27-9.30), 10-14-2013)

Sec. 27-134. Car washes.

Wastewater from car washes must drain directly into the public sanitary sewer unless otherwise approved by the city. Car washes are subject to the drive-through requirements of section 27-211.

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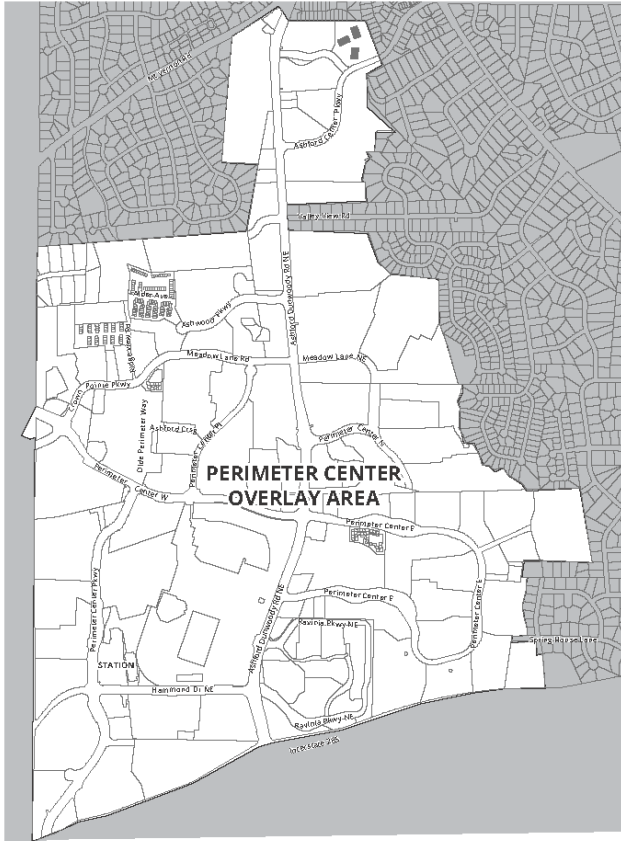


Figure 27-98-1 Perimeter Center Overlay Map

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