

# 1520 South Ash Street.

2023I-00004

Request: S-SU-D to E-SU-D1

City Council: August 14, 2023

Presenter: Fran Peñafiel

# Agenda

- Request
- Location and Context
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# Request to Rezone from E-SU-Dx to E-SU-D1x



## Location

- 6,250 sf
- Single-unit residential

## Proposal

Rezoning from S-SU-D to E-SU-D1

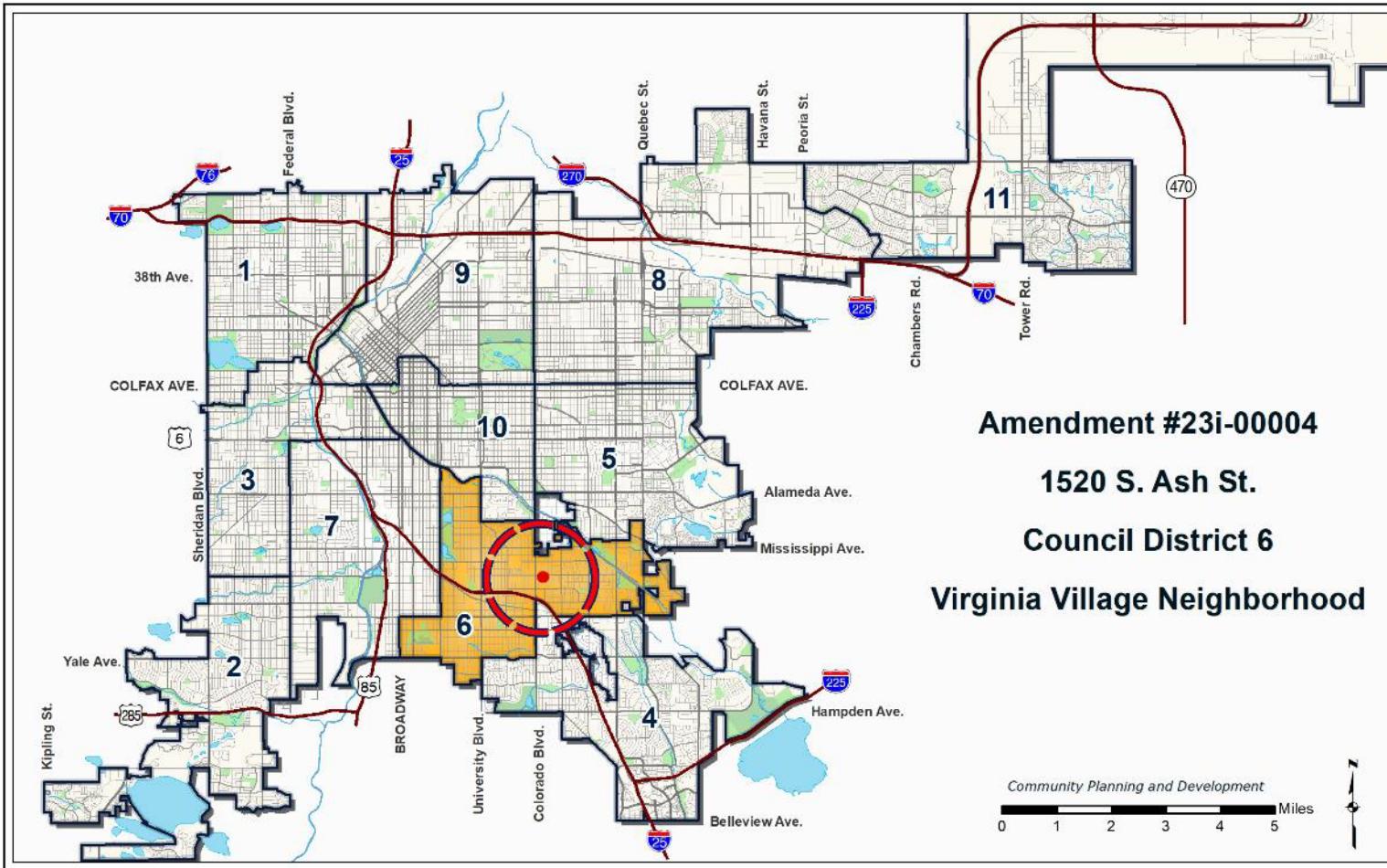
- Allows Urban House and Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit building forms
- Max. building height 30-35 feet, 24 feet for ADU
- Min. lot size of 6,000 sf

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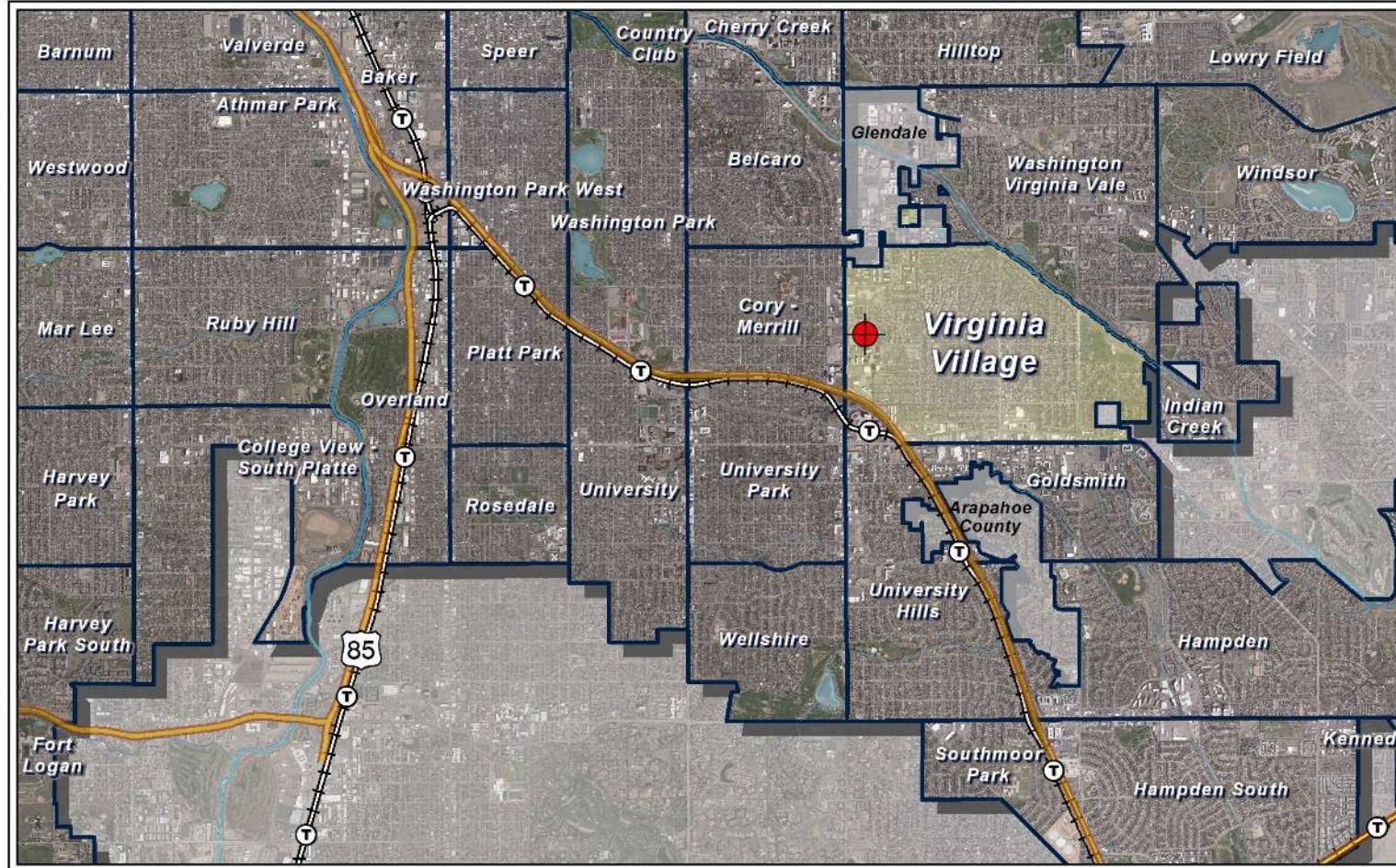
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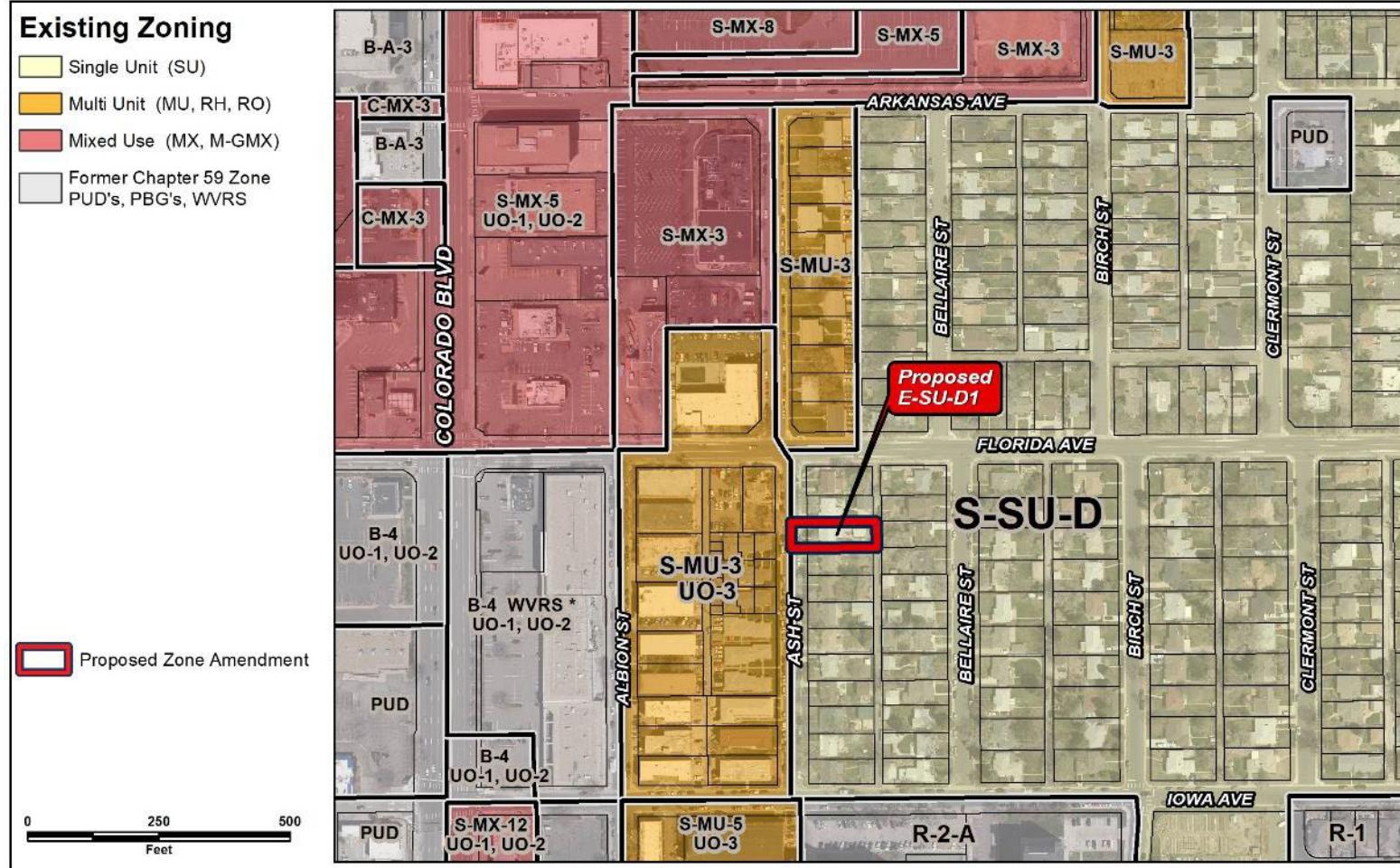
# Council District 6



# Virginia Village Neighborhood



# Existing Zoning

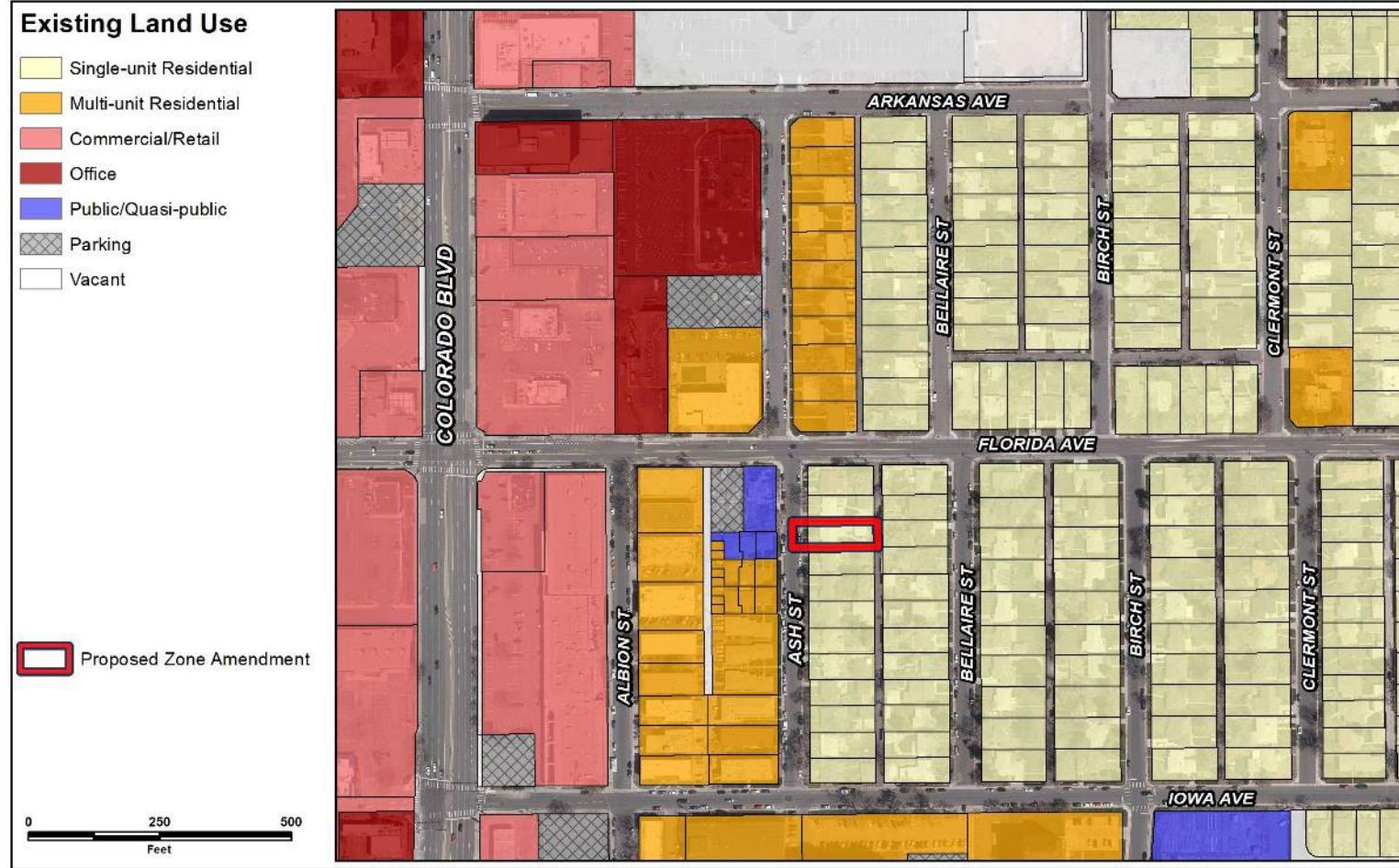


## Current Zoning: S-SU-D

## Surrounding Zoning:

- S-MU-3 U0-3
- S-SU-D

# Existing Land Use



**Land Use:** Single-Unit Residential

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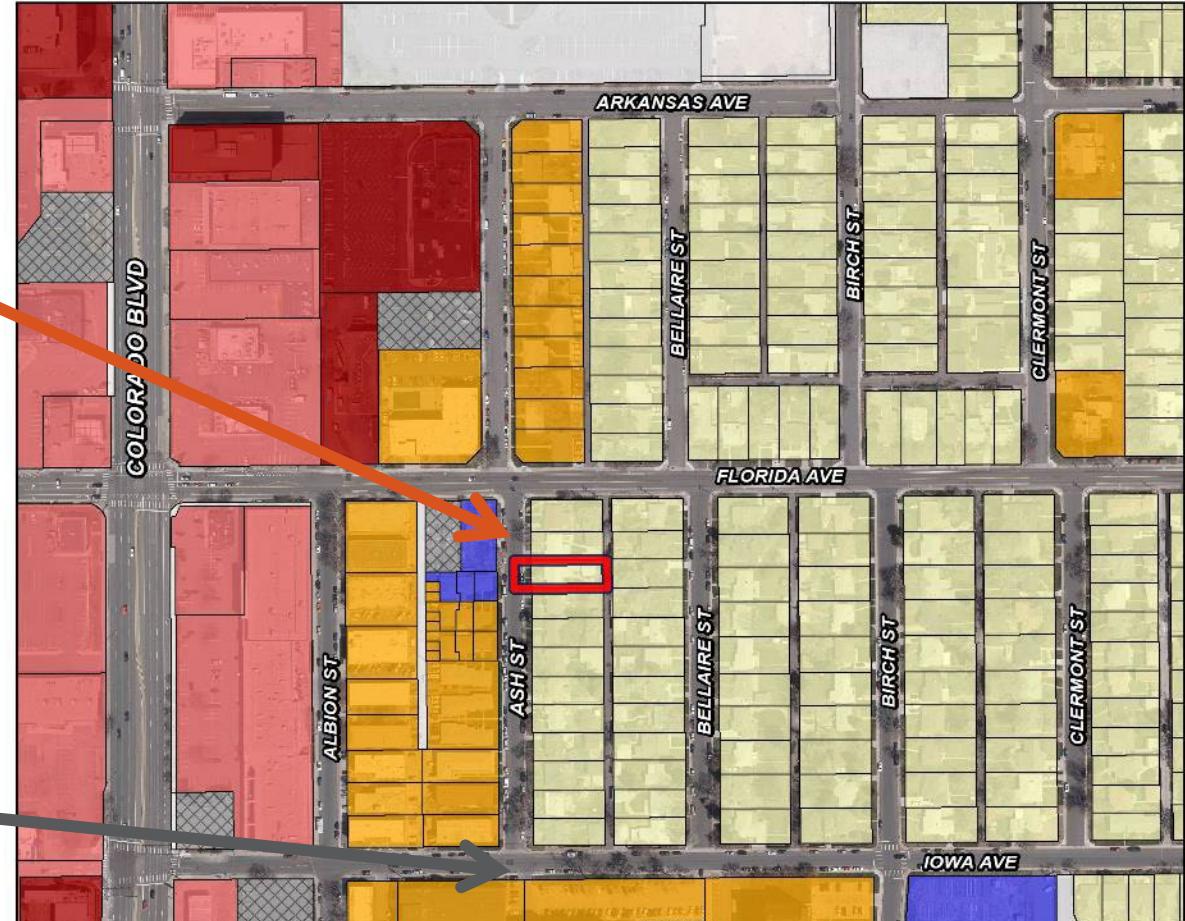
- Single-Unit Residential
- Multi Unit Residential
- Public/quasi public
- Commercial/Retail

# Existing Building Form/Scale



Existing Land Use

- Single-unit Residential
- Multi-unit Residential
- Commercial/Retail
- Office
- Public/Quasi-public
- Parking
- Open Space



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# Process

- Informational Notice: 03/22/2023
- Planning Board Notice: 05/22/2023
- Planning Board Public Hearing: 06/07/2023
- LUTI Committee: 06/27/2023
- City Council Public Hearing: **08/14/2023**
- Public Comment
  - One letter of support

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# Consistency with Adopted Plans: Comprehensive Plan 2040

## Equity

- Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 2, Strategy A: Create a greater mix of housing options in every neighborhood for all individuals and families (p. 28).



## Climate

- Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy A: Promote infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place (p. 54).



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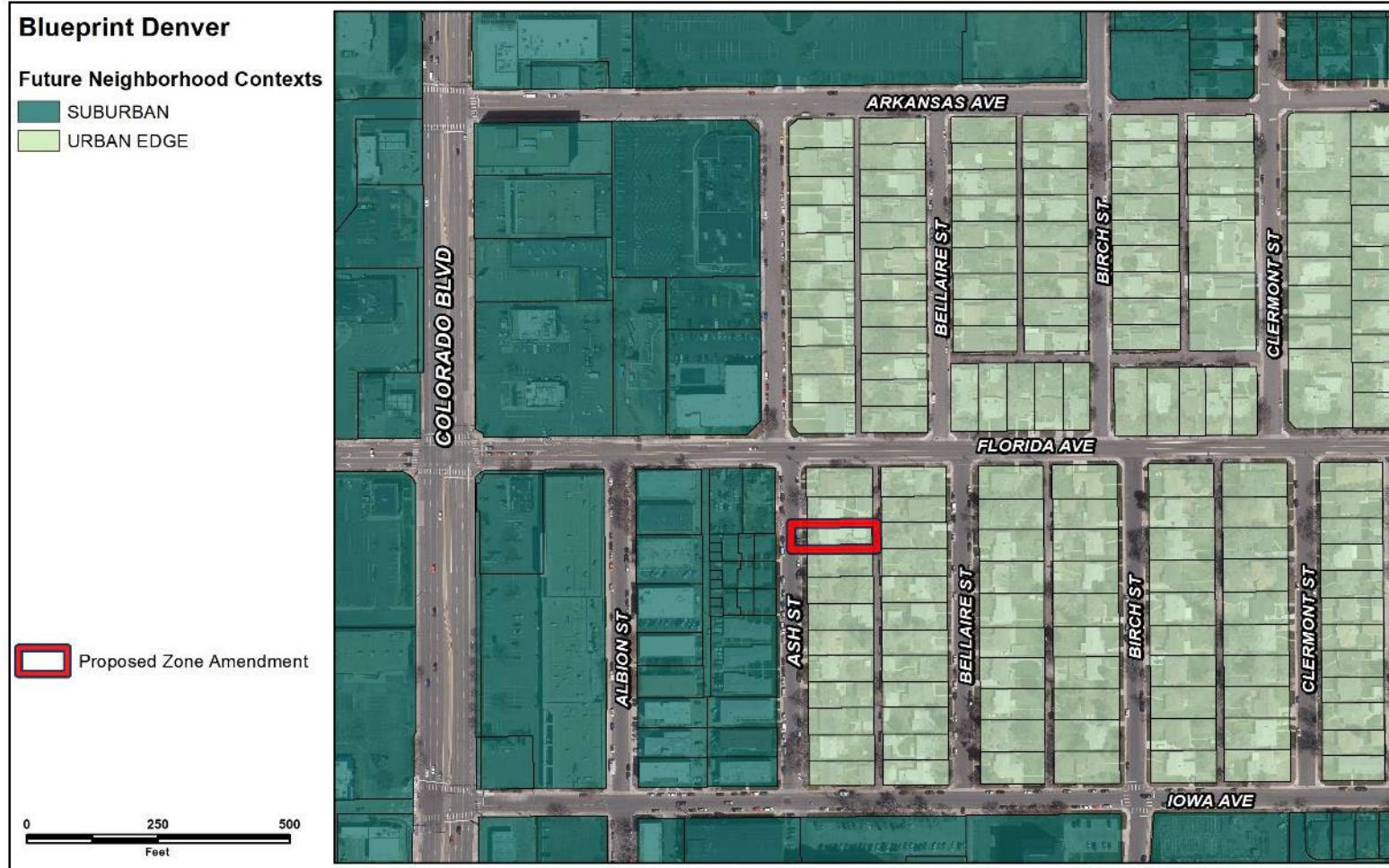
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# Blueprint Denver 2019



## Urban Edge Future Neighborhood Context

- Small multi-unit residential and mixed-use areas are typically embedded in 1-unit and 2-unit residential areas.

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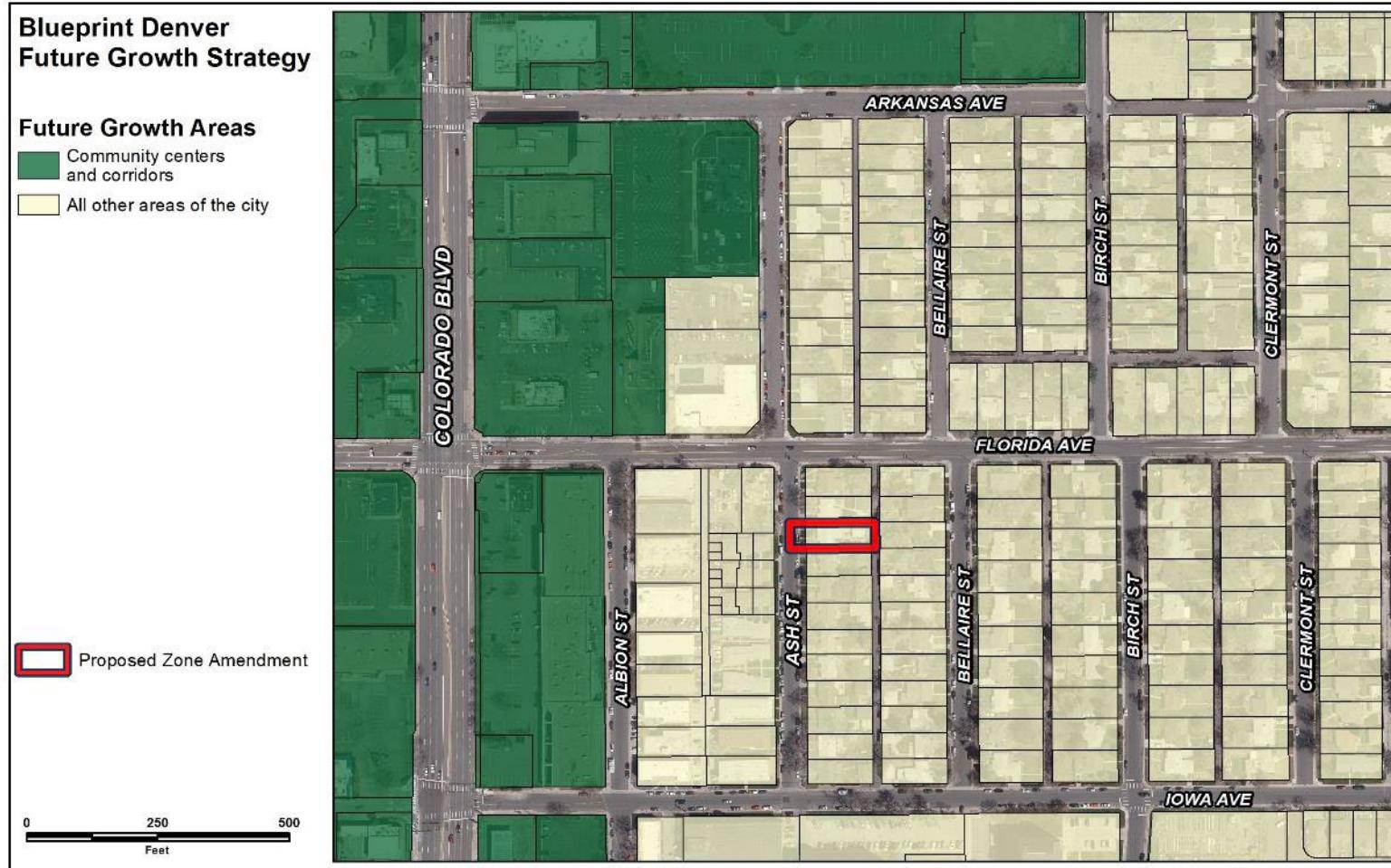
## Low Residential

- Predominantly single- and two-unit uses
- Accessory dwelling units are appropriate

## Future Street Type

Ash Street: Local or Undesignated

# Blueprint Denver 2019



## Growth Areas Strategy: All other areas of the city

- 10% jobs by 2040
- 20% housing by 2040

# Blueprint Denver

**Land Use and Built Form- Housing Policy 4: Diversity housing choice through the expansion of accessory dwelling units throughout all residential areas.**

Strategy E: A citywide approach to enable ADUs is preferred. Until a holistic approach is in place, individual rezoning to enable ADUs in all residential areas, especially where proximate to transit, are appropriate. Unless there is a neighborhood plan supporting ADUs, rezonings should be small in area in order to minimize impact to the surrounding residential area.

# Near Southeast Neighborhood Plan

- Land Use Goal 8 (LU-8): “Provide additional housing options, promote preservation and prevent involuntary displacement in residential low places by allowing duplexes and accessory dwelling units in appropriate locations and under appropriate conditions.”
- LU-8, Strategy B: “ADUs – Consistent with adopted citywide policies in Blueprint Denver and in coordination with citywide efforts, support the addition of affordable and compatible accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in Near Southeast.
- LU-8 Strategy B-3: “Until a uniform citywide approach to ADU development is complete, support neighborhood-wide and individual rezonings to allow ADUs where prohibited. Prioritize neighborhoods that have shown the strongest interest in allowing ADUs sooner, such as Virginia Village.”

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# CPD Recommendation

CPD recommends approval, based on finding all  
review criteria have been met

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