

SECTION 12.3.6 LAPSE OF APPROVAL PROVISIONS AND EXTENSION OF APPROVAL PERIOD

12.3.6.1 In General - Lapse of Approved Applications, Plans and Permits

An application, site development plan, or zoning permit approved under this Code may lapse if certain actions related to the approved application are not taken within a specified time period as set forth in Division 12.4, Zoning Application and Review Procedures. Specific actions that must be taken with regard to each application, plan or permit to avoid lapsing of the approval are set forth in Division 4 of this Article for each type of zoning application.

12.3.6.2 Beginning of Approval Period - General Rule

Unless otherwise specified in Division 4 of this Article 12, the approval period of an approved application, plan or permit, after which lapse will occur, shall begin on the date of the decision-making body's final action, which shall be interpreted to mean:

- A. For approved plans or permits that this Code requires to be recorded: the date of recordation.
- B. For all other approved applications, plans or permits: the date of the decision-making body's final action, which shall be affixed to all approved applications, plans or permits.

12.3.6.3 Extension of Approval Period

- A. The Zoning Administrator may grant an extension of an approval period up to 12 months for good cause, including but not limited to a showing that development was delayed by economic or physical problems beyond the applicant's or property owners' control.
- B. In no case shall the Zoning Administrator grant an extension if, since the date of the original approval, the subject property's zoning designation has changed or the applicant proposes an amendment to the approved application, plan or permit with the request for extension. See Section 12.3.7, Modification or Amendment of Applications, Plans and Permits, below.
- C. All requests for extensions shall be submitted to Community Planning and Development in writing at least 30 days before the expiration of the approval period. An extension request shall include:
 1. Payment of any required fee for the extension review; and
 2. A narrative stating the reasons for the applicant's or owner's inability to comply with the specified deadlines, listing any changes in the character of the neighborhood, any changes to the Comprehensive Plan or this Code that have occurred since the original approval date and that affect the subject development, and the anticipated time schedule for completing the development.
- D. Additional review of the application, permit or plan may result in additional conditions placed on the extended approval, application, permit or plan, as applicable.
- E. If the extension is denied, the applicant may re-submit a new application, subject to the fees, standards, and regulations in effect at the time of re-submittal, for the same project.

SECTION 12.3.7 MODIFICATION OR AMENDMENT OF APPLICATIONS, PLANS AND PERMITS

12.3.7.1 Modifications to Pending or Approved Applications, Plans or Permits

This Section 12.3.7.1 shall not apply to modifications to GDPs; instead see Section 12.4.12.17.

The following types of minor modifications, changes, removal, or release of either (1) the Code standards applicable to a pending application; or (2) the Code provisions applicable to, or the

conditions attached to, an approved application, plan or permit, shall be treated as "modifications" rather than "amendments," and may be approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator according to this Section.

A. Modifications to Regulating Plans, Site Development Plans or Zoning Permits

1. Modifications to a pending or approved regulating plan, site development plan or zoning permit application that are expressly allowed as "administrative adjustments" under Section 12.4.5 (Administrative Adjustments) of this Code, may be approved by the Zoning Administrator according to the procedures and criteria in Section 12.4.5.
2. The Zoning Administrator may allow minor changes in the location of structures shown on an approved regulating plan, site development plan or zoning permit provided such minor changes do not constitute an "amendment" under Section 12.3.7.2.B, "Amendments to Approved Regulating Plans, Site Development Plans and Zoning Permits," below.
3. All modifications to an approved regulating plan, site development plan or zoning permit shall be submitted to the Zoning Administrator as "redline" edits to the previously approved plan or permit documents. After approval, the Zoning Administrator shall record a modified regulating plan or site development plan in the records of the Denver County Clerk and Recorder's Office, and shall register a modified zoning permit in the records of Community Planning and Development.

B. Other Modifications to Approved Applications, Plans, or Permits

Changes, modifications, removal, or release of all or some of the provisions of an approved application, plan or permit, which do not otherwise qualify as "modifications" under Section 12.3.7.1.A above, or as an "amendment" under Section 12.3.7.2, Amendment to Approved Applications, Plans and Permits, below, may be approved by the Manager, using the same review process and criteria applicable to Administrative Adjustments stated in Section 12.4.5 of this Code.

12.3.7.2 Amendments to Approved Applications, Plans and Permits

This Section 12.3.7.2 shall not apply to amendments to GDPs. See Section 12.4.12.17.

A. Procedure for Amendments

1. An "amendment" to an approved application, plan or permit shall be reviewed according to the same procedures and subject to the same limitations and requirements, including the payment of fees, as if it were a new application, including, where applicable, review at a public hearing before the Planning Board.
2. Unless otherwise allowed by this Code, each application for amendment shall include the entire land area of the original approved application, plan or permit, and may be initiated by the owner(s) or agent of the owner(s) of the property to which the amendment applies.
3. The Manager shall record all amendments to a site development plan approved according to this Section in the records of the Denver County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

B. Amendments to Approved Regulating Plans, Site Development Plans and Zoning Permits

1. All changes to all or some of the provisions of an approved regulating plan, site development plan or zoning permit, including but not limited to a site development plan in a PUD District (but excluding a PUD District Plan amendment which requires City Council approval), which do not qualify as a "modification" under Section 12.3.7.1 above, shall be considered amendments subject to this Section 12.3.7.2.

2. In addition, any of the following changes to an approved regulating plan, site development plan or zoning permit, including but not limited to a site development plan in a PUD District (but excluding a PUD District Plan amendment which requires City Council approval), shall be considered amendments subject to this Section 12.3.7.2:
 - a. An increase in overall project density;
 - b. An increase in the maximum height of any building by more than 5 feet or 5 percent, whichever is less;
 - c. An increase in the floor area ratio (FAR) by greater than 10 percent as calculated on a total project basis;
 - d. A change to the permitted uses or mix of uses if the proposed uses are more intensive than the approved uses, as determined by the Zoning Administrator according to the criteria in Section 12.4.6 (Code Interpretations and Determination of Unlisted Uses);
 - e. A change to the location of permitted land uses that would substantially change the development's character or impacts on surrounding property, as determined by the Zoning Administrator;
 - f. A reduction in required minimum setbacks from zone lot lines;
 - g. An increase in required build-to location from zone lot lines;
 - h. An increase in permitted building coverage, including coverage by surface parking;
 - i. A reduction by more than 5 percent in the land area designated for landscaping;
 - j. A reduction in the ratio of parking or loading spaces to overall gross floor area or dwelling units;
 - k. A change in the permitted number, size or lighting of signs;
 - l. Changing the vehicle access from and through public rights-of-way; provided, however, that curb cut locations may shift unless specifically established by the approved plan or permit;
 - m. Changing or negating a condition of approval; or
 - n. Modifying any other element of an approved application, plan or permit, including but not limited to architectural concepts, building elevations, facade treatments, and exterior building materials, which would substantially change its character or impacts on surrounding property, as determined by the Manager.

SECTION 12.3.8 WITHDRAWAL OF RECORDED SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Pursuant to the same procedure and subject to the same limitations and requirements by which such site development plans or General Development Plans (GDPs) were approved and recorded, all site development plans and GDPs recorded under this Code may be withdrawn, either partially or completely, if all land and structures remaining under such site development plans can be made to comply with all regulations established by this Code. Upon approval of an application to withdraw, the Manager shall record in the real property records of the Denver County Clerk and Recorder an appropriate certificate of such withdrawal.

12.4.11.9 Review Criteria

A. Consistency With Adopted Plans

All text amendments shall be consistent with the City's adopted plans, or the proposed text amendment is necessary to provide for a community need that was not anticipated at the time of the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan.

B. Public Health, Safety and General Welfare

All text amendments shall further the public health, safety and general welfare of the City.

C. Uniformity of District Regulations and Restrictions

A text amendment to this Code shall result in regulations and restrictions that are uniform for each kind of building throughout each district having the same classification and bearing the same symbol or designation on the official map, but the regulations in one district may differ from those in other districts.

12.4.11.10 Appeal

A decision on a text amendment may be appealed to District Court.

SECTION 12.4.12 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

12.4.12.1 Intent

A. General Intent

A General Development Plan (GDP) establishes a framework for future land use and development and resulting public infrastructure. The GDP provides an opportunity to identify issues and the development's relationship with significant public infrastructure improvements such as major multi-modal facilities and connections thereto, major utility facilities, and publicly accessible parks and open spaces. An approved GDP provides a master plan for coordinating development, infrastructure improvements, and regulatory decisions as development proceeds within the subject area. An approved GDP also constitutes a master plan that is a prerequisite to zoning within the Master Plan neighborhood context, as described in Division 9.7, Master Planned Context, of this Code.

B. Intent of the GDP Review Process

The review process for a GDP is intended to:

1. Provide for the coordinated assessment of general land development proposals by the City and other interested public agencies;
2. Ensure that the GDP is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan;
3. Identify subsequent regulatory steps, submittals, and approvals in order to determine the appropriate type and level of detail that may be needed in addition to the basic submittal requirements for the GDP; and
4. Provide for the notification and appropriate input from the public on the proposed GDP;
5. Identify the type and scope of any required technical studies, plans and documents necessary to achieve the intent of a GDP, and coordinate review of such studies, plans, and documents.

12.4.12.2 When Required

A. Mandatory GDP

Preparation of a GDP is mandatory when the Manager determines (1) the specific circumstances warrant a coordinated master framework plan to guide future development; and (2) land use, development, and infrastructure issues related to future development cannot be adequately resolved through other regulatory processes, such as subdivision or site development

plan review. In determining whether circumstances warrant preparation of a GDP, all relevant factors shall be considered, including but not limited to the following:

- 1. Adopted Plan Recommendation**
A citywide land use, or small area plan, adopted by City Council as a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan, recommends preparation of a GDP for all or portions of the plan area.
- 2. Large-Scale Development**
The GDP area either: (a) is more than 10 acres, (b) is anticipated to be developed in phases; or (c) is owned by more than one person or entity.
- 3. Infrastructure Network or System Improvements**
Future development in the GDP area anticipates any of the following infrastructure improvements:
 - a. Establishing, extending, expanding, or otherwise changing the arterial or collector street grid; or
 - b. Establishing, extending, expanding, or otherwise changing an existing regional stormwater system; or
 - c. Establishing, extending, expanding, or otherwise changing publicly accessible park and open space.
- 4. Development Adjacent to Major River or Trail Corridors**
Development within 100 feet from the Cherry Creek corridor or the South Platte River corridor, where publicly-accessible open space, pedestrian connections, or bike connections to such corridors is anticipated.

The Manager shall inform the applicant in writing when preparation of a GDP is mandatory.

B. Optional GDP

An owner may elect to submit a GDP for the property in order to establish a coordinated master plan for the property.

12.4.12.3 Timing of GDP Review

When preparation of a GDP is mandatory, the GDP shall be approved before final approval of the following, unless the Manager agrees to concurrent processing of such applications according to Section 12.3.3.9, Concurrent Applications:

- A. Official Map Amendment
- B. Subdivision under D.R.M.C., Chapter 50.

12.4.12.4 Initiation

- A. A GDP may be initiated by any one or combination of the following parties:
 1. The owner or owners of the entire subject property;
 2. The owner(s)'s authorized agent(s);
 3. The Manager;
 4. The manager of Parks and Recreation; or
 5. The manager of Public Works.
- B. The Manager shall be a co-applicant whenever a GDP includes a Secondary Area and/or when the owner or owners of the entire subject property are not applicants.

12.4.12.5 Minimum Open Space Requirements for a GDP

All applications for a General Development Plan shall comply with the following open space standards:

A. Minimum Amount Required

A minimum of 10% of the total GDP area (including the Primary Area plus any Secondary Areas) shall be included in the GDP as open space.

B. Design Criteria

1. The required open space shall be provided in one (1) or more areas.
2. The required open space shall remain publicly accessible and usable.
3. The required open space shall result in one or more of the following public benefits:
 - a. Enhanced connections to transit facilities, plazas, or streets;
 - b. Enhanced pedestrian environments; and/or
 - c. Enhances or creates public spaces.

12.4.12.6 Development Review Committee – Final Approval Authority

The Development Review Committee (“DRC”) shall have the authority to approve, approve with conditions, or deny a GDP application, after consideration of the recommendation from the Planning Board.

12.4.12.7 Pre-Application Conference

- A. A pre-application conference is mandatory prior to the start of the concept GDP review and preliminary GDP review required under this Section. See 12.3.2, Pre-Application Conference/Concept Plan Review.
- B. The DRC shall attend the pre-application conference, at which the applicant shall present the land use and development concept for the subject property and identify the existing or desired neighborhood context. The DRC, as part of the pre-application conference, shall identify the necessary regulatory processes applicable to development of the subject property, and on this basis confirm the need for and establish the contents of the GDP submittal.

12.4.12.8 Application and Fees

All applications for concept review, preliminary, and final GDP review shall be filed in writing with Community Planning and Development. The applicant shall pay all required fees at the same time the application is submitted. See Section 12.3.3, Submission of Applications.

12.4.12.9 Concept GDP Review

Before a preliminary GDP application is submitted, the applicant shall submit a concept GDP for review. During this concept GDP review, the DRC and the applicant shall agree upon the parameters for the preliminary GDP submittal, including, at a minimum, the following:

- A. GDP area boundaries, including designation of a Primary Area and one or more Secondary Areas, as applicable.
- B. Required community outreach and public participation.
- C. Technical studies required, as applicable.
- D. General development concepts for the following elements, as applicable:
 1. Land use
 2. Building scale and density ranges anticipated

3. Pedestrian environment
4. Existing and future street network; as part of this element, the applicant may designate Primary Streets (as defined and regulated by this Code). If Primary Streets are not designated as part of the GDP, submittal of a Regulating Plan according to Section 12.4.13 will be required prior to site development.
5. Existing and future publicly accessible open space and parks
6. Existing and future public facilities.

12.4.12.10 Preliminary GDP Review

A. Timing After Concept GDP Review

The applicant shall submit an application for preliminary GDP review within 180 days after completion of the concept GDP review. The Manager may approve up to one 180-day extension of this filing deadline upon a showing of good cause by the applicant. If the 180 day filing period expires, and is not otherwise extended, the applicant shall be required to submit a new application for concept GDP review and pay all required fees.

B. Submittal

The preliminary GDP application shall contain all items and elements required through the concept GDP review above.

C. Public Meeting, Notice, and Public Comment Period

1. Public Meeting and Public Notice

Upon the Manager's determination that the application for preliminary GDP review is complete (see Section 12.3.3.8, Determination of Complete Applications), and at least 21 days prior to such meeting, the applicant shall schedule a public meeting to take place 21 to 45 days hence and send written notice of submittal of the preliminary GDP application and public meeting to:

- a. The City Council member(s) in whose district the GDP is located and the at-large Council members;
- b. All property owners within the defined GDP boundaries who are not co-applicants for the GDP;
- c. All property owners within 200 feet of the GDP boundary;
- d. Denver Public Schools if the GDP anticipates residential development;
- e. Any special districts of which any part of the district's boundaries is included in the GDP boundaries; and
- f. All Registered Neighborhood Organizations whose boundaries include or are within 200 feet of the GDP boundary.

2. Conduct of Public Meeting

At the public meeting, the applicant shall present the substantive content of the preliminary GDP application, record public comment, and submit a written report of such recorded comments to Community Planning and Development by no later than 7 days after the public meeting date. Such report shall be forwarded to the DRC for consideration.

3. Public Comment Period

Members of the public and anyone receiving notice of the preliminary GDP application may provide written comments on the application to the Manager up to 15 days after the date of the public meeting. Such written comments shall be forwarded to the DRC for consideration during review of the preliminary GDP.

D. Review and Referral by Manager

The Manager shall refer the GDP application to the DRC and to all affected or interested agencies and departments for review and comment. The Manager shall provide the applicant with a written compilation of all agency and department comments.

E. Revisions by Applicant

The applicant shall respond in writing to all comments received and submit a revised GDP as necessary. Subsequent rounds of DRC review and applicant revisions may follow until the DRC determines the application is ready for final GDP review, as described below.

12.4.12.11 Final GDP Review

A. Determination by DRC

When the DRC determines review of the preliminary GDP is complete, the preliminary GDP application is deemed to be the Final GDP application and ready for Planning Board recommendation and final DRC decision.

B. Planning Board Review and Recommendation

1. When the Final GDP application is ready for Planning Board recommendation, the Manager shall schedule the GDP application for the Planning Board's consideration at a public hearing. The Manager shall make a written recommendation to the Planning Board for its consideration.
2. Written and posted notice of the Planning Board public hearing shall be provided according to Section 12.3.4, Public Notice Requirements, and such written notice shall also be sent to the following:
 - a. All owners of land included in the boundaries of the Final GDP other than the applicant;
 - b. Owners of real property located within 200 feet of the boundary of the Final GDP area, including any Secondary Area, as applicable;
 - c. The City Council members in whose districts the Final GDP area is located, and the at-large Council persons;
 - d. Any neighboring municipality or county which is contiguous to any boundary of the Final GDP;
 - e. Denver Public Schools if the Final GDP anticipates residential development.
 - f. Any special district of which any part of the district's boundaries is included in the GDP boundaries; and
 - g. All Registered Neighborhood Organizations whose boundaries include or are within 200 feet of the GDP boundary.
3. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on the Final GDP application and shall consider the recommendations of the Manager and the Managers of Parks and Recreation and Public Works, any comments received, and the review criteria below in making its recommendation to the DRC.
4. The Planning Board's recommendation shall be forwarded to the DRC for action within 30 days after the public hearing is closed, unless the applicant requests an extension of such time.

C. DRC Final Decision

The DRC shall make all final decisions on a Final GDP after consideration of information received from the public hearing and otherwise and the recommendation by the Planning Board. The DRC shall approve, approve with conditions, or deny the Final GDP application based on

the review criteria set forth below. The applicant shall revise the application as required, and submit a final GDP for execution and recording required herein.

12.4.12.12 Review Criteria

The DRC shall approve a Final GDP application only if the DRC finds:

- A. The Final GDP is consistent with applicable city plans;
- B. The pedestrian, transit, and street pattern is appropriate to serve the final GDP area and provide connectivity to surrounding properties, as applicable, and promotes and accommodates multi-modal transportation;
- C. The final GDP contains an adequate master plan for provision of drainage, sewage, and water systems through subsequent regulatory process;
- D. Unique natural resource features and sensitive areas can be adequately protected and accommodated through subsequent regulatory process;
- E. The Final GDP contains an adequate master plan for the provision of publicly accessible and usable open space that enhances the connection to transit facilities, plazas or streets, and the pedestrian environment through subsequent regulatory process; and
- F. The Final GDP provides an adequate master plan to ensure that all phases of development will occur in an orderly fashion, and that infrastructure improvements necessary to serve future development have been identified and will be provided concurrent with such development as further approved through subsequent regulatory processes.

12.4.12.13 Appeals

The final decision of the DRC on a GDP application may be appealed to the District Court.

12.4.12.14 Execution and Recording

- A. The applicant shall submit an electronic file of the final approved GDP for recording, which shall include an electronic copy of the original GDP mylar cover sheet signed by all owners of the subject property and by the managers of Community Planning and Development, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation.
- B. Following execution of the final GDP, the Manager shall record the electronic GDP in the records of the Denver County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

12.4.12.15 Effect of Approved GDPs

- A. A recorded GDP, including any subsequently recorded amendments, shall be in full force and effect until and unless such time as the GDP is either superseded or rescinded.
- B. The City Council may approve an official map amendment (rezoning) application for property located within an approved GDP area, taking into consideration the approved GDP.
- C. The City may issue subdivision approvals, site development plan approvals, zoning permits, and may approve the construction, location, use, and operation of all land and structures for properties located within an approved GDP area, only upon a finding that such subsequent zoning and building actions are consistent with the terms and conditions of the approved GDP.

12.4.12.16 Vested Property Rights

A. Certain General Development Plans Eligible for Vested Rights

- 1. A GDP initiated by an owner or owners of the subject property, or their authorized agents, and which by its express terms will not require one or more official map amendments

(rezoning) to implement the GDP, shall result in vested rights, provided the GDP contains the specificity stated in Section 12.4.12.16.A.3 below.

2. A GDP approved prior to or concurrent with the City Council's approval of one or more official map amendment (rezonings) to implement the GDP may be amended after approval of the official map amendment(s) to obtain vested rights, provided the GDP contains the specificity stated in Section 12.4.12.16.A.3 below. All GDP amendments seeking the addition of vested rights shall be processed according to the same procedure and criteria stated in Section 12.4.12.17, Amendments and Minor Deviations to an Approved GDP.
3. Any GDP eligible for vested rights according to this subsection may be afforded vested rights only if the GDP provides specificity regarding:
 - a. The location and intensity of permitted land uses;
 - b. Building scale (heights) anticipated, including building height transitions to adjacent properties, as applicable;
 - c. The location and general specifications for a network of internal pedestrian walkways and connections to primary uses within the GDP area and to adjacent development or public amenities/facilities such as schools, parks, and open space.
 - d. The location and functional classification of the future street network within the GDP area, as applicable;
 - e. The designation of Primary Streets to guide future development in compliance with this Code;
 - f. The location of future publicly accessible open space and parks; and
 - g. The location of future public facilities, as applicable.
4. The vested rights in an approved GDP are directly proportional to the level of detail and specificity approved in the plan.

B. Vesting Period

Rights vested through approval of a General Development Plan shall remain vested until such time as the General Development Plan is either superseded or rescinded. Amendments to GDPs shall not affect vested rights unless expressly stated otherwise in the amendment.

12.4.12.17 Amendments and Minor Deviations to an Approved GDP

A. Amendments to an Approved GDP

1. Intent

In addition to Section 12.4.12.1, Intent, the amendment process is intended to allow for GDPs to change over time as needed and to establish appropriate procedures, including initiation of amendments and communication to property owners and the general public.

2. Applicability

Any of the following changes to an approved GDP, if included in the GDP, shall be considered amendments subject to this Section 12.4.12.17.A. The DRC shall decide if the proposed change falls within any of the following:

- a. Significantly modifying or reallocating the allowable height, mix of uses, or density of development;
- b. Significantly altering the location or amount of land area intended for publicly accessible open space or other public purposes required by this Code or by other City ordinances, rules, or regulations;
- c. Substantially moving or altering the vehicle access and circulation to or within the development;

- d. Changing or negating a condition of approval; or
- e. Modifying any other element of the approved GDP that would substantially change its character or impacts on surrounding property, as determined by the Manager.

3. Procedure for Amendments

An amendment to an approved GDP may be reviewed concurrently with other applications according to Section 12.3.3.9, Concurrent Applications. An amendment to an approved GDP shall be reviewed according to the same procedures and subject to the same limitations and requirements contained in Section 12.4.12.1 and Sections 12.4.12.4 through 12.4.12.16, with the following exceptions:

a. Initiation

In place of Section 12.4.12.4, a GDP amendment may be initiated by any one or combination of the following parties:

- i. One or more property owners or their authorized agent(s) within the area being amended;
- ii. The Manager;
- iii. The manager of Parks and Recreation; or
- iv. The manager of Public Works.

b. Public Meeting and Public Notice

In place of Section 12.4.12.10.C.1, upon the Manager's determination that the application for preliminary review of the GDP amendment is complete (see Section 12.3.3.8, Determination of Complete Applications), and at least 21 days prior to such meeting, the applicant shall schedule a public meeting to take place 21 to 45 days hence and send written notice of submittal of the preliminary GDP amendment application and public meeting to:

- i. The City Council member(s) in whose district the approved GDP is located and the at-large Council members;
- ii. All property owners within the GDP area being amended who are not co-applicants for the GDP amendment;
- iii. All property owners within 200 feet of the GDP area being amended;
- iv. Denver Public Schools if the approved GDP anticipates residential development;
- v. Any special district of which any part of the district's boundaries is included in the approved GDP boundaries; and
- vi. All Registered Neighborhood Organizations whose boundaries include or are within 200 feet of the approved GDP boundary.

c. Planning Board Meeting Notice

In place of Section 12.4.12.11.B.2, written and posted notice of the Planning Board public hearing shall be provided according to Section 12.3.4, Public Notice Requirements, and such written notice shall also be sent to the following:

- i. All owners of land included in the boundaries of the GDP area being amended other than the applicant;
- ii. Owners of real property located within 200 feet of the GDP area being amended;
- iii. The City Council members in whose districts the approved GDP area is located, and the at-large Council persons;
- iv. Any neighboring municipality or county which is contiguous to any boundary of the approved GDP;

- v. Denver Public Schools if the approved GDP anticipates residential development.
- vi. Any special district of which any part of the district's boundaries is included in the approved GDP boundaries; and
- vii. All Registered Neighborhood Organizations whose boundaries include or are within 200 feet of the approved GDP boundary.

d. Review Criteria

In addition to the review criteria in Section 12.4.12.12, the DRC shall approve the GDP amendment only if the DRC finds the Amendment will not result in any material adverse effects on the remainder of the approved GDP.

B. Minor Deviations to an Approved GDP

The DRC may authorize minor deviations from a previously approved General Development Plan (GDP). Minor deviations are allowed provided such deviation does not constitute an "amendment" to a GDP under Section 12.4.12.17.A, Amendments. All minor deviations to a GDP approved by the DRC shall be submitted as "redline" edits to the previously approved electronic GDP, which, after approval, shall be recorded by the Manager in the records of the Denver County Clerk and Recorder's Office.

SECTION 12.4.13 REGULATING PLAN

12.4.13.1 Intent

A. General Intent of a Regulating Plan

A Regulating Plan is used to apply allowed building types, building heights and land uses to specific street frontages and specific blocks and/or zone lots within a Zone District. A Regulating Plan is also a vehicle for the designation of Primary Streets and Side Streets in advance of site development to increase the predictability and certainty of future development under this Code. A Regulating Plan is an optional step and process in all Zone Districts except in the M-GMX Zone District. An approved Regulating Plan provides a binding plan that narrows the broad flexibility otherwise allowed in the Zone District as site specific development proceeds within the subject area.

B. Intent of Regulating Plan in the M-GMX Zone District

For properties zoned to a Mater Planned General Mixed Use ("M-GMX") District, a Regulating Plan is mandatory prior to site development. The M-GMX District allows a broad menu of potential building forms and land uses, which are intended to allow flexibility to create places with a specific character, as described in an approved General Development Plan. The broad menu of building forms and land uses must be restricted in their geographic location in order to successfully implement the approved General Development Plan, and to provide predictability and certainty for future property owners within the M-GMX District. The geographic application of specific building forms, building heights and land uses is shown through a Regulating Plan, which ensures the character described in the General Development Plan is implemented throughout the M-GMX district.

C. Intent of the Regulating Plan Review Process

The review process established in this Section 12.4.13 for a Regulating Plan is intended to:

1. Narrow the application of the allowed building forms, land uses, and building heights within a Zone District to specific geographic sites; and
2. Ensure that the implementation of the Zone District standards are consistent with the approved General Development Plan.