Proposed Denver Revised Municipal Code Zoning Text Amendment

Chapter 59 – Partial Rezoning for Former Chapter 59 PUDs

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The proposed zoning text amendment is sponsored by the Community Planning and Development Executive Director.



Purpose of Text Amendment

- Revises the DRMC to change who may submit an application to partially rezone a Former Chapter (FC) 59 Planned Unit Development (PUD) to a district in the Denver Zoning Code (DZC)
- Goal is to encourage the rezoning of FC59 PUDs to the DZC by simplifying the requirements for who can submit an application



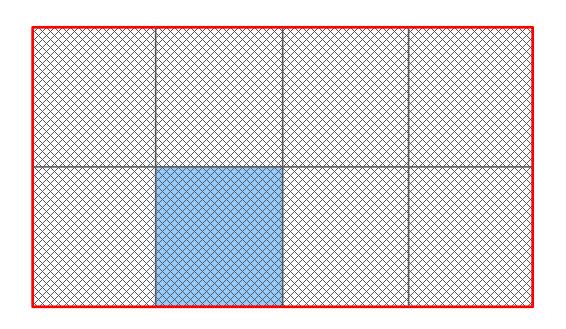
Summary of Current and Proposed Requirements

	Existing Requirement	Proposed Requirement
Who May Submit an Application	Application must be filed by 100% of property owners within the entire PUD, including portion not being rezoned (unless PUD expressly states otherwise)	Application must be filed only by those property owners within the portion being rezoned to a district in the DZC

- Applies only to applications for portions of FC59 PUDs rezoning to a district in the DZC
- The existing signatures requirement presents an unnecessary hurdle that doesn't exist for other FC59 zone districts, including those with waivers, conditions, or PBGs. Removing it would level the playing field for all property owners still in FC59.



Illustration of Existing Requirement



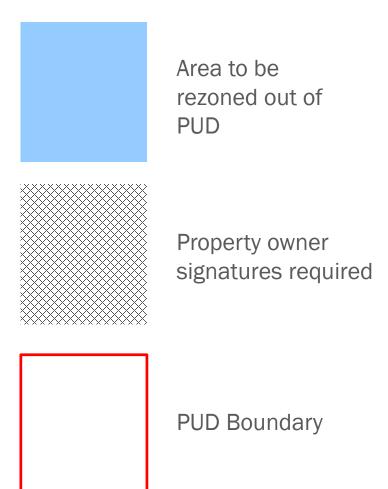
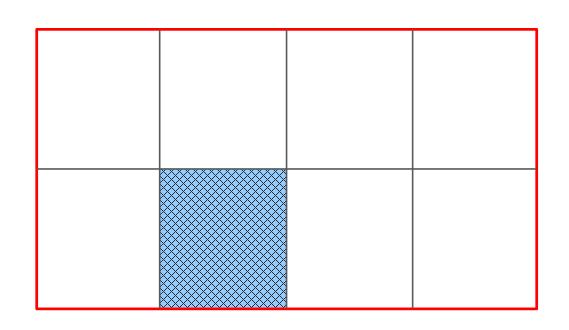
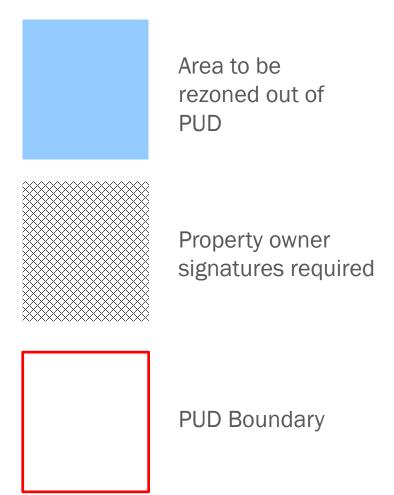




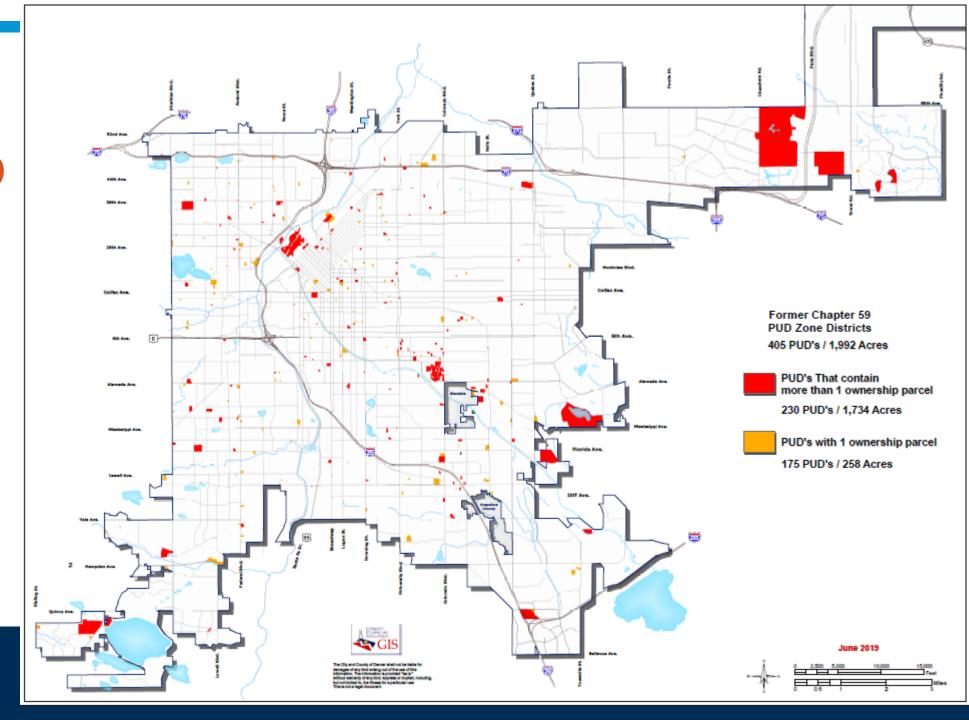
Illustration of Proposed Requirement







FC59 PUD Map





Public Process

January 7, 2019	Summary and redline draft of text amendments posted to website for public review and email notice sent to all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and City Councilmembers
January 17, 2019	Email notice to all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and City Councilmembers of scheduled Planning Board public hearing, with link to updated summary and summary of all items
January 23, 2019	Televised Planning Board Informational Item
January 26, 2019	CPD attends Inter Neighborhood Cooperation (INC) Zoning and Planning Committee for briefing on Partial Former Chapter 59 PUD rezonings
January 30, 2019	Email notice to all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and City Councilmembers of the postponed Planning Board hearing to allow additional opportunity for community input
February 20, 2019	CPD attends Montbello Neighborhood Improvement Association Meeting for briefing on Partial Former Chapter 59 PUD rezonings
May 21, 2019	Email notice to all Registered Neighborhood Organizations (RNOs) and City Councilmembers of scheduled Planning Board public hearing, with link to updated summary and summary of all items
May 28, 2019	Planning Board staff report and updated redline draft posted to website
June 5, 2019	Planning Board voted 10 to 0 to recommend approval to Denver City Council



Public Process

June 25, 2019	Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure Committee of the Denver City Council moved the bill forward for consideration by full City Council
August 5, 2019	City Council public hearing

Additional notices to RNOs and City Councilmembers before LUTI Committee and Public Hearing



Public Process

- Three public comment emails and motion from the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation
 - One comment from a private citizen in opposition concerned the proposed amendment would facilitate piecemeal rezoning of Former Chapter 59 PUD properties into the Denver Zoning Code
 - One comment from an RNO concerned PUD agreements that were negotiated with the RNO in good faith will be eliminated
 - One comment form a private citizen in support of the amendment
 - Motion from INC in opposition



Rezoning Criteria

- Consistent with the City's Adopted Plans and Policies
 - Comprehensive Plan 2040
 - Amendment improves equitable access to city resources (Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 1, Strategy D).
 - Amendment adopts a strategy the ensure city plans and processes incorporate equity (Equitable, Affordable and Inclusive Goal 6, Strategy A).
 - Amendment promotes infill development where infrastructure and services are already in place (Environmentally Resilient Goal 8, Strategy A).
 - Blueprint Denver 2019
 - Amendment incentivizes owners to come out of the former chapter 59 zoning code and rezone into the DZC (Land Use & Built Form Policy 3 A).



Rezoning Criteria

- Furthers the Public Health, Safety and General Welfare
 - Amendment provides equal opportunity for all property owners with Former Chapter 59 zoning to apply to rezone to a DZC district



Rezoning Criteria

- Results in Regulations that are Uniform with Each Zone District
 - Amendment will result in uniform regulations for submitting an application to rezone for each zone district



Staff Recommendation

Based on the review criteria for text amendment stated in the Denver Zoning Code, Section 12.4.11 (Text Amendment), staff recommends the Denver City Council approve the partial rezonings of Former Chapter 59 PUDs amendment to the Denver Revised Municipal Code.

