

City of Auburn, Maine

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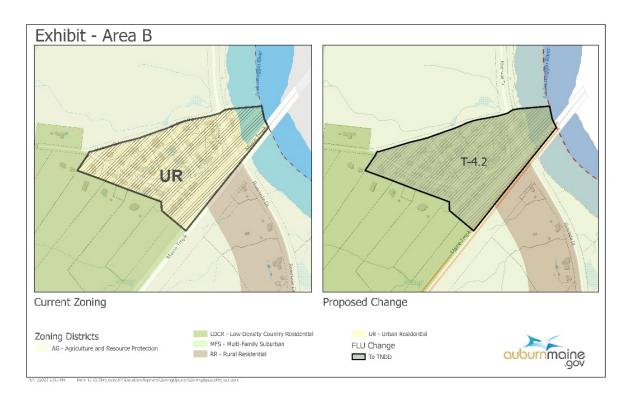
From: Katherine Cook, Planning Coordinator

Re: Public Hearing on a zoning map amendment to change the zoning in the area described below to T-4.2B. Specifically, consider changing the area from Urban Residential to the Traditional Neighborhood Development District (T-4.2B) as recommended in the Comprehensive Plan.

Date: May 21st, 2022

AREA B: Vickery Road Traditional Neighborhood District Form Based Code Expansion

Consideration of the Comprehensive Plan recommendation to expand the T-4.2B Traditional Downtown Neighborhood or some variation of that district to the Vickery Road area as outlined on the Map below. The area includes 19 +/- acres within the Comprehensive Plan designated growth area.



Examples of currently existing design within Hector Road and Carrier Court



Recommendation for a T-4.2B zone, based on amendments previously put forward by the Council and potentially recommended by the board today. They include the following:

- All Bed and Breakfast establishments allowed with special exception approval from the Planning Board.
- Residential Facilities allowed with special exception approval from the Planning Board.
- Lodging allowed with special exception approval from the Planning Board.
- Personal Services allowed with special exception approval from the Planning Board.
- Age restricted retail not allowed.
- Restaurants with over 30 seats not allowed.
- Government offices allowed with special exception approval from the Planning Board.
- Parking requirements (public or private) may be provided within 500 feet of the establishment.
- Office, Service and Retail Use limited to 1,500 SF footprint and must include upper floor residential unit.
- No drive through businesses allowed.
- Multifamily allowed with special exception approval from Planning Board. (Limit is 14 units per acre-above with Planning Board approval).

I. SUGGESTED FINDINGS AND REASONS:

- 1. The 2010 and now 2020 Comprehensive Plan recommends expanding the Formed Base zoning. This can be accomplished with the creation of a new district by using T-4.2B that conforms to and expands existing development patterns.
- 2. The distinctions between allowed uses, density, and development patterns in the existing T-4.2 areas in place for years and the Court Street/City Core area are significant enough to warrant a new zoning district that can be called T-4.2-B. This will prevent limitation in the urban core where density and mixed use has been allowed by leaving T.4.2 zoning in place in some areas.



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- 3. The area is considered the core of the city and the 2010 and now 2021 support higher density with available infrastructure in place. (Sewer, water, power, high speed internet)
- 4. The proposal can be implemented without detriment to city resources.
- 5. Assure that the City's zoning and land use regulations allow for private investments to improve property in these neighborhoods.
- 6. Maintain and increase the City's population.
- 7. Limit the need for new roads by encouraging infill development within the identified growth areas in 2020 Comprehensive Plan .
- 8. FBC allows for 5-foot front and side setbacks in contrast with the current 25 feet. Most buildings in these districts are currently non-conforming because of this standard. Generally, the change recommended will have little impact on the allowed uses in the district.
- 9. In many of the older, developed areas of the city, the current configuration of space within residential buildings is functionally obsolete. Reconfiguration of the available space is often difficult under the density and lot size requirements of the current zoning ordinance.
- **II. SUGGESTED MOTION:** I make a motion of the proposed map amendment (UR to T-4.2B) for the Vickery Rd Area. The total map amendment includes 19 acres shown on the Map as Exhibit-Area B.