Article 1: Base Zones

Division 7: Mixed-Use Base Zones

("Mixed-Use Base Zones" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0701 Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the mixed-use zones is to provide housing and jobs near commercial centers and corridors to reduce dependency on the automobile, to promote access to transit and multi-model transportation systems, and to provide for a walkable, pedestrian-oriented setting, including infill of existing *development*. The intent of these regulations is to create a mix of uses and provide distinct regulations for *density*, activation, and articulation that encourages pedestrian activity within *Sustainable Development Areas*. These zones are intended to accommodate small to large-scale horizontal or vertical mixed-use *development*, while maintaining connectivity to transit and promoting the livability and vitality of the *development*.

("Purpose and Intent" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.) (Amended 3-7-2023 by O-21618 N.S.; effective 5-6-2023.)

§131.0702 Definitions

The following definitions are applicable to this Division. Where not otherwise specified, the definitions found in Chapter 11, Article 3, Division 1 of the Land Development Code shall apply. Each word or phrase that is defined in this Division, or in Chapter 11, Article 3, Division 1 of the Land Development Code, appears in the text in italicized letters.

Secondary use means an allowed use that is less than 50 percent and more than 10 percent of the gross floor area of all uses in the development.

Paseo means a pedestrian access way connecting *streets*, plazas, *alleys*, *public parks*, and other existing and future public spaces abutting or within a *premises*. All buildings abutting a *paseo* shall have active building frontages along the *paseo*. A *paseo* shall have *signs* visible from the adjacent *public right-of-way* stating that the *paseo* is open to the public.

("Definitions" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.) (Amended 7-22-2024 by O-21836 N.S.; effective 10-5-2024.)

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§131.0703 Purpose of the RMX (Residential Mixed-Use) Zones

The purpose of the RMX zones is to provide a mix of uses with a focus on residential uses. The RMX zones support residential employment through the inclusion of *shopkeeper units*, small-scale artisan or production spaces, live/work units, or amenities for home employment and small businesses. Residential *development* shall be the *primary use*. The *secondary use* can be non-residential or residential *development*. If the *secondary use* is residential *development*, it shall comply with Section 131.0712.

The RMX zones are differentiated in Table 131.07B based on the *floor area ratio* and *structure height*.

("Purpose of the RMX (Residential Mixed-Use) Zones" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.) (Amended 7-22-2024 by O-21836 N.S.; effective 10-5-2024.)

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§131.0704 Purpose of the EMX (Employment Mixed-Use) Zones

The purpose of the EMX zones is to provide a mix of uses with a focus on non-residential uses with opportunities for residential *development*. The EMX zones allow for a broad mix of uses, including office, research and development, industrial, and retail sales. Non-residential *development* shall be the *primary use*. The *secondary use* can be non-residential or residential *development*. If the *secondary use* is non-residential *development*, it must be a different non-residential use than the *primary use*. *Development* that contains a research and development use within Prime Industrial Land and Prime Industrial Land – Flex identified in the *land use plan* does not require a *secondary use*. New residential *development* may be the *primary use* on a *premises* or adjacent to a *premises* where the total *gross floor area* is occupied by at least 500,000 square feet of retail sales or eating and drinking establishment uses, or both.

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The EMX zones are differentiated in Table 131-07B based on *floor area ratio* and *structure height*.

("Purpose of the EMX (Employment Mixed-Use) Zones" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.) (Amended 1-13-2023 by O-21593 N.S.; effective 2-12-2023.)

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§131.0706 Use Regulations of Mixed-Use Zones

The purpose and intent of the mixed-use zones is to allow a varied mix of uses that reduce the dependency on automobiles and promote transit accessibility and walkability.

The regulations in Section 131.0707 apply in the mixed-use zones where indicated in Table 131-07A.

- (a) The uses permitted in any mixed-use zone may be further limited by the following:
 - (1) Use limitations applicable to the Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone (Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 15);
 - (2) The presence of *environmentally sensitive lands*, pursuant to Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 1 (Environmentally Sensitive Lands Regulations); or
 - (3) Any other applicable provision of the San Diego Municipal Code.

- (b) Within the mixed-use zones, no *structure* or improvement, or portion thereof, shall be constructed, established, or altered, nor shall any *premises* be used or maintained except for one or more of the purposes or activities listed in Table 131-07A. It is unlawful to establish, maintain, or use any *premises* for any purpose or activity not listed in Sections 131.0706 and 131.0707.
- (c) All uses or activities permitted in the mixed-use zones shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building unless the use or activity is traditionally conducted outdoors.
- (d) Temporary uses may be permitted in the mixed-use zones in accordance with Chapter 12, Article 3, Division 4, Temporary Use Permit Procedures.
- (e) For any use that cannot be readily classified, the City Manager shall determine the appropriate use category and use subcategory pursuant to Section 131.0110.

("Use Regulations of Mixed-Use Zones" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0707 Use Regulations Table for Mixed-Use Zones

The uses allowed in the mixed-use zones are shown in Table 131-07A.

Legend for Table 131-07A

Symbol in Table 131-07A	Description of Symbol
Р	Use or use category is permitted. Regulations pertaining to a specific use may be referenced.
L	Use is permitted with limitations, which may include location limitations or the requirement for a use or development permit. Regulations are in Chapter 14, Article 1 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
N	Neighborhood Use Permit Required. Regulations are located in Chapter 14, Article 1 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
С	Conditional Use Permit Required. Regulations are located in Chapter 14, Article 1 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
-	Use or use category is not permitted.

Table 131-07A Use Regulations Table for Mixed-Use Zones

Use Categories/Subcategories	Zone			Zor	Zones				
[See Section 131.0112 for an	Designator								
explanation and descriptions of the	1st >>		RMX			EMX	7		
Use Categories, Subcategories, and	15077		242/222				_		
Separately Regulated Uses]	2nd >>	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Open Space									
Active Recreation		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Passive Recreation		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Natural Resources Preservation	1	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Park Maintenance Facilities		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Agriculture									
Agricultural Processing		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Aquaculture Facilities		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Dairies		-	-	1	-	-	-		
Horticulture Nurseries & Green	nhouses	-	-	ı	-	-	-		
Raising & Harvesting of Crops		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Raising, Maintaining & Keeping of		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Animals									
Separately Regulated Agriculture	Uses								
Agricultural Equipment Repair Sl	hops	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Commercial Stables		-	-	1	-	_	-		
Community Gardens		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Equestrian Show & Exhibition Fa	acilities	-	-	1	-	_	-		
Open Air Markets for the Sale of related Products & Flowers	Agriculture-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
Residential					I				
Mobilehome Parks		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Multiple Dwelling Units		P	P	P	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽¹⁾		
Rooming House		P	Р	P	$\mathbf{p}^{(1)}$	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽¹⁾		
[See Section 131.0112 (a)(3)(A)]		1	1	1		_	-		
Shopkeeper Units		L	L	L	L ⁽¹⁾	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$		
Single Dwelling Units		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Separately Regulated Residential	Uses								
Accessory Dwelling Units		L	L	L	L ⁽¹⁾	L ⁽¹⁾	$L^{(1)}$		
Boarder & Lodger Accommodati	ons	P	P	P	P ⁽¹⁾	P ⁽¹⁾	$\mathbf{P}^{(1)}$		
Continuing Care Retirement Com	nmunities	L	L	L	$L^{(1, 9)}$	$L^{(1, 9)}$	$L^{(1, 9)}$		

Use Categories/Subcategories	Zone			Zon	nes					
Use Categories/Subcategories	Designator			Zun	es	S				
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Separately Regulated Uses]	2 1	1	2	2	1		2			
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Employee Housing:					- (1)	- (1)	- (1)			
6 or Fewer Employees		N	N	N	L ⁽¹⁾	L ⁽¹⁾	L ⁽¹⁾			
12 or Fewer Employees		-	-	-	L ⁽¹⁾	L ⁽¹⁾	L ⁽¹⁾			
Greater than 12 Employees		-	-	-	C ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾			
Fraternities and Sororities		C	С	C	C ⁽¹⁾	C ⁽¹⁾	$C^{(1)}$			
Garage, Yard, & Estate Sales		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Guest Quarters		-	-	-	-	-	-			
Home Occupations		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Junior Accessory Dwelling Units		-	-	-	-	-	-			
Live/Work Quarters		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Low Barrier Navigation Centers		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Movable Tiny Houses		-	-	-	-	-	-			
Permanent Supportive Housing		L	L	L	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$			
Residential Care Facilities:										
6 or Fewer Persons		P	P	P	P ⁽¹⁾	$\mathbf{P}^{(1)}$	$P^{(1)}$			
7 or More Persons		L	L	L	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$			
Student Housing		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Transitional Housing:										
6 or Fewer Persons		P	P	P	$\mathbf{P}^{(1)}$	$P^{(1)}$	$P^{(1)}$			
7 or More Persons		L	L	L	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$			
Watchkeeper Quarters		_	-	-	L	L	L			
Institutional						i i				
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Separately Regulated Institutional	Uses									
Airports		-	-	-	-	-	-			
Battery Energy Storage Facilities										
Small Scale (≤ 0.25 acre)		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Medium Scale (0.25 acre < 1 acre	e)	C	C	C	С	C	C			
Large Scale (>1 acre)		C	C	C	C	C	C			
Botanical Gardens & Arboretums		-	-	-	-	-	-			
Cemeteries, Mausoleums, Cremat	ories	-	-	_	-	-				
Correctional Placement Centers		-	-	-	-	-	-			
Educational Facilities:										
Kindergarten through Grade 12	2	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Colleges / Universities		С	С	С	С	С	С			
Vocational / Trade School		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Electric Vehicle Charging Station	s	L	L	L	L	L	L			
Energy Generation & Distribution		C ⁽²⁾	$C^{(2)}$	C ⁽²⁾	С	С	С			

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Use Categories, Subcategories, and						1			
Separately Regulated Uses]	2nd >>	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Exhibit Halls & Convention Facil	lities	-	-	-	C	C	С		
Flood Control Facilities		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Historical Buildings Used for Pur	poses Not	$C^{(2)}$	$\mathbf{C}^{(2)}$	$C^{(2)}$	C	С	С		
Otherwise Allowed									
Homeless Facilities:					1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Congregate Meal Facilities		C	C	С	C	C	С		
Emergency Shelters		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Homeless Day Centers		C	C	С	C	C	C		
Hospitals		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Intermediate Care Facilities & Nu	rsing	L	L	L	L ⁽¹⁾	$L^{(1)}$	$L^{(1)}$		
Facilities									
Interpretive Centers		С	С	C	C	С	<u>C</u>		
Museums		С	C	С	C	C	C		
Major Transmission, Relay, or		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Communications Switching Station	ons		L		L	L			
Placemaking on Private Property		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Outdoor Dining on Private Proper	rty	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Satellite Antennas		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Social Service Institutions		C	C	C	C	C	C		
Solar Energy Systems		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Wireless Communication Facility	y :								
Wireless communication facili	ty in the								
public right-of-way with subte	rranean	L	L	L	L	L	L		
equipment adjacent to a non-re									
Wireless communication facili	ty in the								
public right-of-way with subte	rranean	N	N	N	N	N	N		
equipment adjacent to a reside	ntial use								
Wireless communication facili	ty in the								
public right-of-way with above	e ground	C	C	C	C	C	C		
equipment									
Wireless communication facili	ty outside	L	т	L	L	т	L		
the <i>public right-of-way</i>		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Retail Sales									
Building Supplies & Equipmen	t	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	$\mathbf{P}^{(7)}$	P ⁽⁷⁾		
Food, Beverages and Groceries		P ⁽⁷⁾	$P^{(7)}$	$P^{(7)}$	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾		
Consumer Goods, Furniture, A	ppliances,	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P (7)	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾		
Equipment			-	-		•	_		
Pets & Pet Supplies		$P^{(7)}$	$\mathbf{P}^{(7)}$	$P^{(7)}$	P ⁽⁷⁾	$\mathbf{P}^{(7)}$	$P^{(7)}$		

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Sundries, Pharmaceutical, & Convenience Sales P(7) P(7)											
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Separately Regulated Retail Sales Uses Agriculture Related Supplies & Equipment Alcoholic Beverage Outlets C C C L L L Cannabis Outlets		onvenience	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾ P ⁽⁷⁾		P ⁽⁷⁾			
Agriculture Related Supplies & Equipment	Wearing Apparel & Accessorie	S	P ⁽⁷⁾	$P^{(7)}$	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾			
Alcoholic Beverage Outlets				l		ı					
Alcoholic Beverage Outlets	Agriculture Related Supplies & E	quipment	-	-	-	P	P	P			
Farmers' Markets	Alcoholic Beverage Outlets		С	C	C	L	L	L			
Weekly Farmers' Markets Daily Farmers' Market Stands L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L L	Cannabis Outlets		_	-	-	-	-	-			
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Plant Nurseries P	Weekly Farmers' Markets		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Retail Farms	Daily Farmers' Market Stands		L	L	L	L	L	L			
Retail Tasting Stores Swap Meets & Other Large Outdoor Retail Facilities Commercial Services Building Services P P P P P P P P Business Support P P P P P P P P Eating & Drinking Establishments P(4) P(4) P(4) P(4) P(4) P(4) P(4) P(4) Financial Institutions P P P P P P P P P Funeral & Mortuary Services P P P Instructional Studios P P P P P P P P P Maintenance & Repair P P P Personal Services P P P Radio & Television Studios P P P P P P P P Tasting Rooms P P P P P P P P Visitor Accommodations P(10) P(10) P(10) P(10) P(10) Separately Regulated Commercial Services Uses Adult Day Care Facility L L L L L	•		P	P	P	P	P	P			
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Funeral & Mortuary Services Instructional Studios P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	Eating & Drinking Establishme	ents	P ⁽⁴⁾	P ⁽⁴⁾	P ⁽⁴⁾	P ⁽⁴⁾	P ⁽⁴⁾	P ⁽⁴⁾			
Instructional Studios	Financial Institutions		P	P	P	P	P	P			
Maintenance & Repair - - - P P P Off-site Services - - - - P	Funeral & Mortuary Services		-	-	-	P	P	P			
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Separately Regulated Uses]	2nd >>	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Adult Book Store		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Cabaret		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Drive-In Theater		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Mini-Motion Picture Theate	er	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Model Studio		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Motel		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Motion Picture Theater		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Peep Show Theater		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult Theater		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Body Painting Studio		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Massage Establishment		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Sexual Encounter Establishment		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Assembly and Entertainment Uses, Including		$L^{(2)}$	$L^{(2)}$	$L^{(2)}$	$L^{(2)}$	$L^{(2)}$	$L^{(2)}$		
Places of Religious Assembly			L			L' L'			
Bed & Breakfast Establishments:					(1.0)				
1-2 Guest Rooms		P	P	P	$P^{(1, 9)}$	$P^{(1,9)}$	$P^{(1,9)}$		
3-5 Guest Rooms		P	P	P	$P^{(1, 9)}$	$P^{(1,9)}$	P ^(1, 9)		
6+ Guest Rooms		P	P	P	$P^{(1, 9)}$	$P^{(1, 9)}$	$P^{(1, 9)}$		
Boarding Kennels/Pet Day Care		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Camping Parks		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Child Care Facilities:					1	ı			
Child Care Centers		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Large Family Child Care Home		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Small Family Child Care Home		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Eating and Drinking Establishmer Drive-in or Drive-through Compo		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Fairgrounds		_	_	_	-	-	-		
Golf Courses, Driving Ranges, an	d Pitch &								
Putt Courses		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Helicopter Landing Facilities		-	-	-	С	С	С		
Massage Establishments, Speciali	zed Practice	P	P	P	Р	P	P		
Mobile Food Trucks		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Nightclubs & Bars Over 5,000 Sq in Size	uare Feet	С	С	С	L	L	L		
Parking Facilities as a <i>primary usa</i>	2:				1	1	<u> </u>		
Permanent Parking Facilities		_	_	_	_	_	_		
Temporary Parking Facilities		_	_		<u> </u>	_	_		
Private Clubs, Lodges and Fratern Organizations	al	P ⁽²⁾	P ⁽²⁾	P ⁽²⁾	P	Р	P		

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Separately Regulated Uses]	2nd >>	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Privately Operated, Outdoor Recr Facilities over 40,000 Square Fee		C ⁽⁵⁾							
Pushcarts:		т .	т	т	т	т	т		
Pushcarts on Private Property	7	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Pushcarts in Public Right-of-W	/ay	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Recycling Facilities:									
Large Collection Facility		- T	т	- T	т	т	- T		
Small Collection Facility	in a Dalada	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Large Construction & Demolit Recycling Facility	tion Debris	-	-	-	-	ı	-		
Small Construction & Demolit	tion Debris								
Recycling Facility			_	-	_	-	-		
Drop-off Facility		-	-	-	L	L	L		
Green Materials Composting F	Facility	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Mixed Organic Composting Fa	acility	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Large Processing Facility According Least 98% of Total Annual Work Recyclables from Commercial Traffic	eight of	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Large Processing Facility According Types of Traffic	epting All	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Small Processing Facility According Least 98% of Total Annual We Recyclables from Commercial Traffic	eight of	-	-	-	-	1	-		
Small Processing Facility According Types of Traffic	epting All	-	-	-	_	-	-		
Reverse Vending Machines		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Tire Processing Facility		-	-	-	-	1	-		
Sidewalk Cafes, Streetaries, and A Sidewalks	Active	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Sports Arenas & Stadiums		-	-	_	-	-	_		

Use Categories/Subcategories	Zone			Zon	nes				
	Designator								
[See Section 131.0112 for an									
explanation and descriptions of the	1st >>		RMX	ζ		EMX			
Use Categories, Subcategories, and									
Separately Regulated Uses]	2nd >>	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Theaters that are Outdoor or Over	r 5,000	С	C	С	С	С	С		
Square Feet in Size									
Urgent Care Facilities		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Veterinary Clinics & Animal Hos	spitals	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Zoological Parks		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Offices									
Business & Professional		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Government		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Medical, Dental & Health Pract	titioner	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Regional & Corporate Headqua	arters	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Separately Regulated Office Uses									
Real Estate Sales Offices & Model Homes		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Sex Offender Treatment & Cou	unseling	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Vehicle & Vehicular Equipment S		L	L	L	L	L L L			
Service Commercial Vehicle Repair &									
Maintenance		-	-	-	P	P	P		
Commercial Vehicle Sales & Re	entals	-	-	_	P	Р	P		
Personal Vehicle Repair & Mai	ntenance	_	-	_	Р	P	P		
Personal Vehicle Sales & Renta		-	-	-	P	P	P		
Vehicle Equipment & Supplies	Sales &	P	Р	P	Р	Р	P		
Rentals		Г	Γ	Г	Г	Г	Г		
Separately Regulated Vehicle & V	ehicular								
Equipment Sales & Service Uses Automobile Service Stations				NT	NT	NI	NI		
	Novy	_	-	N	N	N	N		
Outdoor Storage & Display of Unregistered Motor Vehicles a				С	C	С	С		
Use	is a <i>Primary</i>	-	_	C		C	C		
Distribution and Storage									
Equipment & Materials Storage	e Yards	_	_	_	Τ_	_			
Moving & Storage Facilities	c rurus	P ⁽⁸⁾	P ⁽⁸⁾	P ⁽⁸⁾	P ⁽⁹⁾	P ⁽⁹⁾	P ⁽⁹⁾		
Distribution Facilities			_		P ⁽⁹⁾	P ⁽⁹⁾	P ⁽⁹⁾		
Separately Regulated Distribution	and		i l		1 *				
Storage Uses	- /								
Impound Storage Yards		-	_	_	-	-	_		
Junk Yards		-	-	-	-	-	-		

Use Categories/Subcategories	Zone			Zon	ies	S			
	Designator				1				
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explanation and descriptions of the	1st >>		RMX E		EMX				
Use Categories, Subcategories, and	<u>_</u>		T						
Separately Regulated Uses]	2nd >>	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Located Off-site									
Industrial									
Heavy Manufacturing		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Light Manufacturing		-	-	-	P ⁽³⁾	$P^{(3)}$	P ⁽³⁾		
Marine Industry		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Research & Development		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Testing Labs		P	P	P	P	P	P		
Trucking & Transportation Tel	rminals	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Separately Regulated Industrial U	ses								
Artisan Food and Beverage Pro	oducer	L	L	L	L	L	L		
Cannabis Production Facilities		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hazardous Waste Research Fa	cility	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Marine Related Uses Within the Coastal					<u> </u>	C	C		
Overlay Zone		-	-	-	C	С	C		
Mining and Extractive Industri	ies	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Newspaper Publishing Plants		-	-	-	C	C	C		
Processing & Packaging of Pla	ant Products								
& Animal By-products Grown	Off-	-	-	-	P	P	P		
premises									
Very Heavy Industrial Uses		-	-	-	-	-	-		
Wrecking & Dismantling of M	Iotor	_	_	_	l _	_	_		
Vehicles									
Signs									
Allowable Signs		P ⁽⁷⁾	$\mathbf{P}^{(7)}$	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾	P ⁽⁷⁾		
Separately Regulated Signs Uses									
Community Entry Signs		L	L	L	L	L	L		
Neighborhood Identification S	igns	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Comprehensive Sign Program		N	N	N	N	N	N		
Revolving Projecting Signs		N	N	N	N	N	N		
Signs with Automatic Changin	ig Copy	N	N	N	N	N	N		
Theater Marquees		N	N	N	N	N	N		

Footnotes for Table 131-07A

- Not allowed on sites designated as Prime Industrial Land in a *land use plan*.
- Not allowed within the Coastal Overlay Zone, except that assembly and entertainment uses may be incorporated as an *accessory use* to visitor accommodations.
- Activities that would require a permit from the Hazardous Materials Management Division of the County of San Diego or from the San Diego Air Pollution Control District require a Conditional Use Permit.
- Eating and drinking establishments abutting an existing residential base zone shall only operate between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 a.m.
- The 40,000 square feet includes all indoor and outdoor areas that are devoted to the recreational use; it does not include customer parking areas.
- ⁶ All mixed-use zones shall use Category A within Section 142.1220.
- ⁷ Development of a large retail establishment is subject to Section 143.0302.
- ⁸ Prohibited on sites designated as Prime Industrial Land in a *land use plan*.
- Not allowed on sites designated as Prime Industrial Land Flex in a land use plan.
- Visitor accommodation lodging for uses other than a SRO *hotel* or SRO *hotel room* shall not be used for a stay of more than 30 consecutive days.

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§131.0708 Development Regulations of Mixed-Use Zones

The purpose and intent of the development regulations is to allow increased density and flexibility, while maintaining ground floor pedestrian orientation, connectivity and activation through design rather than use.

- (a) Within the mixed-use zones, no *structure* or improvement shall be constructed, established, or altered, nor shall any *premises* be used unless the *premises* complies with the regulations and standards in this Division and with any applicable development regulations in Chapter 13, Article 2 (Overlay Zones) and Chapter 14 (General and Supplemental Regulations).
- (b) A Neighborhood Development Permit or Site Development Permit is required for the types of *development* identified in Section 143.0302, Table 143-03A.
- (c) The regulations in this Division apply to all proposed development in the mixed-use base zones whether a permit or other approval is required, except where specifically identified.

("Development Regulations of Mixed-Use Zones" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0709 Development Regulations Table for Mixed-Use Zones

The following development regulations apply in the mixed-use zones as shown in Table 131-07B.

Table 131-07B
Development Regulations for RMX and EMX Zones

	Zones							
Development Regulations	RMX-			EMX-				
	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Minimum Lot Area (sf)	20,000							
Minimum Lot Dimensions				-				
Setback Requirements								
Min Front Setback (ft) Max Front Setback (ft) 1	20	20	20	20	20	20		
Min Side & Rear <i>Setback</i> (ft) Max Side & Rear <i>Setback</i> (ft)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Min Street side Setback (ft) Max Street side Setback (ft) ¹	20	20	20	20	20	20		
Maximum Floor Area Ratio ⁽³⁾	3.0	5.0	7.0	3.0	5.0	7.0		
Floor Area Ratio Bonus for Child Care [See Section 131.0719(a)]			Ap	plies				
Maximum Structure Height (ft) ⁽²⁾	120	240	-	120	240	-		
Minimum Ground-floor Height for Non-Residential Uses (ft)	13	13	13	13	13	13		
Supplemental Regulations for RMX Zones [See Section 131.0712]	Applies					-		
Building Frontage Activation, Articulation and Transparency [See Section 131.0713]	Applies							

	Zones							
Development Regulations		RMX-		EMX-				
	1	2	3	1	2	3		
Pedestrian Entrances and Connections [See Section 131.0714]			App	olies	l			
Open Space Regulations for Residential Only [See Section 131.0715]			Арр	olies				
Parking Design [See Section 131.0716]	Applies							
Supplemental Regulations for Premises Greater than Five Acres [See Section 131.0718]			App	olies				
Loading Area Regulations [See Section 142.1001]			App	olies				
Visibility Area [See Section 113.0273]			App	olies				
Refuse and Recyclable Material Storage [See Section 142.0805]	Applies							
Dwelling Unit Protection Regulations [See Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 12]	Applies							

Footnotes for Table 131-07B

- The maximum front and *street* side *setback* applies to 60 percent of one *street* or *front* side frontage for each building along the *street* or front side. The remaining 40 percent is not required to observe the maximum *setback* and may be located farther from the *property line*. Exceptions to the maximum front and *street* side *setbacks* can be made for *development* that includes a public plaza, *paseo*, linear park, or outdoor eating establishment where the *existing grade* slopes 20 percent or more, where the *development* is adjoining a freeway, or for phased projects where a future phase is demonstrated to implement the required maximum *setback*.
- ² See Section 131.0717 for buildings over 90 feet in height.

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Underground or structured parking is exempt from *floor area ratio* calculation.

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§131.0710 Deviations

Development that proposes deviations to the development regulations of this Division may be permitted with a Neighborhood Development Permit decided in accordance with Process Two for the following:

- (a) *Development* that proposes deviations from applicable Land Development Code regulations, provided that the *findings* in Section 126.0404(a) are made.
- (b) Development located within environmentally sensitive lands in accordance with Section 143.0110, including development that may potentially impact steep hillsides where alternative compliance is requested in accordance with Section 143.0151, provided that the findings in Sections 126.0404(a) and (b) are made. In the event an environmentally sensitive lands deviation is requested, the supplemental findings in Section 126.0404(c) shall also be made.
- (c) A deviation may not be requested for the following:
 - (1) A deviation from the requirements of the Coastal Height Limit Overlay Zone (Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 5).
 - (2) Within the Coastal Overlay Zone, a deviation from the requirements of the Parking Impact Overlay Zone (Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 8).
 - (3) A deviation from the requirements of the Clairemont Mesa Height Limit Overlay Zone (Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 13).
 - (4) A deviation from the requirements of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Overlay Zone (Chapter 13, Article 2, Division 15).

- (5) Within the Coastal Overlay Zone, a deviation from the requirements of the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Regulations (Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 1).
- (6) A deviation from the requirements of the Historical Resources Regulations (Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 2).

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§131.0711 Phasing

For any *development* within the mixed-use zones that is proposed to be constructed in phases, the *applicant* shall submit a *development* phasing plan that specifies the chronology of *development*, including required land use components, *structures*, public facilities, and infrastructure. *Development* shall be phased so that supporting public facilities and infrastructure will be provided concurrently with the need and completed before occupancy of the *structures*.

("Phasing" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0712 Supplemental Regulations for RMX Zones

These regulations are intended to enable joint living and working opportunities and contribute to the vitality of mixed-use zones. The following regulations apply to *development* within RMX zones where indicated in Table 131-07B, when the *primary use* and *secondary use* are both residential.

- (a) A minimum of 10 percent of the *structures*' ground *floor gross floor area ratio* shall be dedicated to facilitating home-based employment, excluding leasing offices, gyms, or community rooms. This requirement can be met by including one or more of the following:
 - (1) Live/work quarters in accordance with Section 141.0311;
 - (2) Shopkeeper units; or
 - (3) A minimum of 500 square feet to accommodate home-occupation amenities, shared resources, and facilities such as conference rooms or co-work spaces.

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(b) Each *dwelling unit* on the ground *floor* fronting a *public right-of-way* or a private drive shall have a separate ground *floor* entrance adjacent to the *public right-of-way*, or a path that leads directly to the *public right-of-way*.

("Supplemental Regulations for RMX Zones" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0713 Building Frontage Activation, Articulation and Transparency

The purpose and intent of these regulations is to create visual interest that enhances the pedestrian experience, assists in diminishing the overall mass of buildings, and creates variation from a pedestrian's perspective.

- (a) All buildings shall be oriented so that primary pedestrian entrances for each ground *floor* use are accessible from an abutting public sidewalk or pedestrian connection to a sidewalk. Where there is an internal pedestrian pathway or a plaza, the primary pedestrian entrance may be internal.
- (b) All buildings located on a *public right-of-way* and *building facades* that front a private drive, plaza, or other open space area in the *development* shall provide a minimum of two frontage activation elements from Table 131-07C.

Table 131-07C Building Frontage Activation Elements

Activation Element	Amount- Minimums	Min Width	Min Depth
Commercial Storefront	None	None	None
Porches, Patios, Yards and/or Stoops	50% of the building facade at ground level or one for every 30 feet of frontage At least 30 square feet in total area	None	None
Vertical and/or Horizontal Off- Setting Planes	None	2 ft	2 ft
Balconies	30% of the <i>building facade</i> or one for every 30 feet of frontage	4 ft	6 ft
Arcades, Colonnades or Galleries	30% of the building facade	20 ft	10 ft
Awning, Canopy, Marquee, Sunshade or Trellis	50% of the building facade at ground level 15% for upper floor building facades	2 ft	2 ft
Roll up or Large Opening Doors	None, but still subject to transparency requirements	Greater than 5 ft	N/A
Plazas	See Section 131.0718(d)(7)	20 ft	N/A
Paseos	None	8 ft	N/A

The maximum length for the portion of a building located within 20 feet of a (c) street property line is 100 feet, unless there is a recess or separation to break up the building mass.

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- (d) A total of 50 percent of the *building facade* shall be offset by at least two feet in depth from the rest of the *building facade*.
- (e) For buildings exceeding eight *dwelling units*, at least 30 percent of the roof area shall have designs that vary and provide either vertical or horizontal relief from the remainder of the roof area.
- (f) Buildings at intersections with traffic signals shall include one of the following gateway or architectural features at the corner. These features may not exceed the height limit within the Coastal Overlay Zone or other height overlay zones.
 - (1) Rounded corner with vertical or horizontal projecting or exaggerated roof element;
 - (2) Corner plaza;
 - (3) Recessed entries;
 - (4) Variations in materials or color; or
 - (5) Roll up or large opening doors greater than five feet in width.
- (g) For non-residential uses, a minimum of 60 percent of the *street wall* area on the ground *floor* shall be transparent.
- (h) For residential uses, a minimum of 40 percent of *street wall* area on the ground *floor* shall be transparent.

Diagram 131-07A Transparency Requirement for Non-Residential Uses



("Building Frontage Activation, Articulation and Transparency" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0714 Pedestrian Entrances and Connections

The purpose and intent of these regulations is to provide a logical interconnected network for pedestrians to facilitate access to the *premises* and internal circulation within the *premises*, which must comply with all state and federal regulations regarding accessibility compliance.

- (a) Pedestrian Entrances. One pedestrian entrance is required for every 300 feet of *street frontage*. A minimum of one pedestrian entrance is required for each *premises*. Each pedestrian entrance shall be accessed from the *public right-of-way* at grade.
- (b) Pedestrian Paths. Pedestrian paths shall be provided in accordance with Section 131.0550.
- (c) Pedestrian Connections shall comply with the following:
 - (1) An internal connection system shall connect all primary entrances on the *premises* and provide connections to other areas of the *premises* used by building occupants, including parking areas, bicycle parking, recreational areas, common outdoor areas, and any pedestrian amenities. For main entrances that are within 10 feet of a public sidewalk, pedestrian connections to public sidewalks may be substituted for internal connections;
 - (2) Direct pedestrian access shall be provided to adjacent *development*. If direct access to adjacent *development* is not possible due to existing *development*, connections shall be identified on the development plans to allow future access at the time of redevelopment of the adjacent property; and
 - (3) Direct pedestrian connections shall be provided to transit stops abutting the building.

("Pedestrian Entrances and Connections" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0715 Open Space Regulations for Residential Uses

The purpose and intent of these regulations is to provide a minimum amount of private and common outdoor area for residents.

- (a) Private Exterior Open Space. Each *development* shall provide the following private exterior open space.
 - (1) A minimum area of 36 square feet and a minimum dimension of six feet in any direction of open space per *dwelling unit* is required.
 - (2) Private open space shall be provided on a balcony, patio, or roof terrace for at least 50 percent of all *dwelling units*.
 - (3) Balconies shall be proportionately distributed throughout the *development* in relationship to floor levels and sizes of the *dwelling units*.
 - (4) Where private exterior open space is not provided at the quantity required above, an equal amount of common exterior space in addition to the requirements of Section 131.0715(b) shall be provided.
- (b) Common Space. Each *development* shall provide the following common space, either indoor or outdoor, at *grade*, podium level, or roof level.
 - (1) A minimum of 30 square feet is required for each *dwelling unit*, or 40 square feet when a *dwelling unit* is bordered by three building walls exceeding a height of 15 feet.
 - (2) The common space may contain active or passive areas and a combination of hardscape and landscape features.
 - (3) A minimum of 10 percent of the common outdoor open space shall be landscaped.
 - (4) All common open space on the *premises*, including recreational facilities, shall be accessible to all occupants and be physically connected to other common open space areas on the *premises*.
 - (5) Amenities, such as tables, benches, trees, shrubs, planter boxes, garden plots, pet areas, spas, pools, play areas, plazas, roof-top patios, picnic areas, and open recreational facilities may be counted as common space.

(c) Required private exterior open space or common space shall be surfaced with lawn, artificial turf, pavers, decking, or sport court paving use.

("Open Space Regulations for Residential Uses" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0716 Parking Design

The purpose and intent of these regulations is to screen and conceal the *off-street* parking spaces from the public right-of-way.

- (a) At grade off-street parking spaces are prohibited within the front and street yard.
- (b) Up to 30 percent of the total amount of required parking for each use can be at grade off-street parking spaces, which shall be screened with landscaping, wrapped buildings, or an architectural screen so they are not visible from the public right-of-way. If the at grade off-street parking spaces are screened with a building along all street frontages, up to 100 percent of the required parking may be at grade off-street parking spaces. Chain-link fencing around at grade off-street parking spaces is prohibited. Existing or required driveways, curb cuts, and access lanes provided for vehicular access, fire access, or pedestrian access to the parking area are exempt from the screening requirement.
- (c) If the longest frontage of an off-street parking space area existing as of September 12, 2019 is adjacent to a freeway, and there is freeway noise over 70 DBA CNEL, then Section 131.0716(a) (b) do not apply. The freeway may be separated from the off-street parking space area frontage by a public right-of-way, a landscaped area, or both.

("Parking Design" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0717 Bulk Standards for Buildings Over 90 Feet in Height

For purposes of this Section, bulk and scale are divided into the two main areas of the building base and the tower. Buildings over 90 feet in height shall adhere to the following requirements:

(a) For the purposes of this Section, building base means the *structural envelope* located immediately above *existing grade*, *proposed grade*, or a *basement*. The maximum *lot coverage* for the building base shall be 100 percent. The maximum height of the building base shall be 90 feet.

- (b) The minimum height of the *street wall* shall be 30 feet.
- (c) A *street wall* shall be provided for 70 percent of the building frontage along the *public right-of-way*, with the following exceptions, which may be subtracted from the length of the frontage:
 - (A) Publicly or privately-owned plazas;
 - (B) Courtyard entrances up to 30 feet wide for residential uses;
 - (C) Recessed entrances up to a maximum of 25 feet in width and a maximum of 15 feet in depth; and
 - (D) Entries into interior or auto courts, or auto drop-offs may be allowed behind the required *street wall*.
 - (E) Areas where the *existing grade* of the *public right-of-way* differs from the building pad by more than two feet.
- (d) For the purposes of this Section, tower means the *structural envelope* located immediately above the building base to the top of the building.
 - (1) The maximum *lot coverage* of the tower shall be 75 percent.
 - (2) Within a single *development*, towers shall be separated by a minimum of 50 feet.

("Bulk Standards for Buildings Over 90 Feet in Height" added 9-12-2019 by O-21118 N.S.; effective 10-12-2019.)

§131.0718 Supplemental Regulations for Premises Greater Than Five Acres

The purpose and intent of these regulations is to break down sites larger than 5 acres into two-acre segments to enhance a sense of place; facilitate pedestrian circulation; reduce walking distances; improve connections to the *public right-of-way* or private drives, transit, and adjoining neighborhoods; and promote the livability and vitality of such *development*. These requirements shall apply even in the event of the approval of a Lot Line Adjustment which reduces the size of the *premises* to less than 5 acres.

(a) Connectivity. A minimum of one *paseo* and one bicycle access way into the *development* shall be provided for every two acres of developable area, as shown in Diagram 131-07B. Two *paseos* are required on corner sites.

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- (b) Pedestrian Paths. Pedestrian paths shall be provided in accordance with Section 131.0550.
- (c) Private Drives. For the purposes of this Section, a private drive is a nonpublic thoroughfare. Private drives shall connect *public rights-of-way* to multiple locations within a *development*. Where private drives are provided, they shall comply with the following:
 - (1) Private drives shall be designed to reduce conflicts between vehicles and pedestrian and bicycle circulation.
 - (2) Non-contiguous sidewalks shall be provided along both sides of private drives.
 - (3) The alignment of private drives shall be coordinated and connected to the *public right-of-way*, emphasizing interconnected *streets* and the ability to reach local destinations through multiple routes.
 - (4) The number of trees required for each private drive frontage shall be calculated at the average rate of one 24-inch box canopy tree for every 40 feet of private drive frontage. Tree spacing may be varied to accommodate site conditions or design considerations.
 - (5) Trees shall be planted between the curb and the internal *street wall*. Where there is no *street wall*, trees shall be located within 12 feet of the curb-line along the private drive frontage.
- (d) Pedestrian Circulation Space. The pedestrian circulation system shall be ungated and publicly accessible. The pedestrian circulation shall include three or more of the following features:
 - (1) Artwork that is integrated with the design of the pedestrian circulation space. Qualifying artwork may not incorporate addresses, text or logos related to the adjacent building or tenants of such buildings. Artwork may satisfy the Civic Enhancement Allocation regulations, in accordance with Chapter 2, Article 6, Division 7.
 - (2) Food service, including service in a retail space directly accessible from the major portion of the plaza or an open-air café.

Arcades. For the purposes of this Section, an arcade is a space located along a *street frontage* or an interior pathway or plaza that is free of obstructions. Driveways, parking spaces, passenger drop-offs, loading berths, or trash storage facilities are not permitted within an arcade. Arcades shall comply with the following:

- (A) Minimum depth (ft.): 10
- (B) Maximum depth (ft.): 15
- (C) Minimum height (ft.): 12
- (D) Maximum height (ft.): 30
- (3) Building entrance recess area. For the purposes of this Section, a building entrance recess area is a space adjoining a sidewalk for the entire length of the building entrance area that provides unobstructed access to a building lobby or ground *floor* use. It may overlap with an arcade. Building entrance recess areas shall comply with the following:
 - (A) Minimum width (ft.): 10
 - (B) Maximum width (ft.): 50
 - (C) Maximum height (ft.): 30
- (4) Sidewalk Widening. A sidewalk widening enlarges a pre-existing or required sidewalk by at least five additional feet, but no more than 10 additional feet, measured perpendicular to the *street*.
- (5) Pedestrian Through-block Connections. For the purposes of this Section, a pedestrian through-block connection is a paved, open or enclosed space providing unobstructed pedestrian access to a building entrance or lobby. Driveways, parking spaces, passenger drop-offs, loading berths, and trash storage facilities are not permitted within a pedestrian through-block connection. Pedestrian through-block connections shall comply with the following:
 - (A) Location: at least 150 feet from the intersection of two *streets*
 - (B) Minimum width (ft.): 10, which can include landscaping
 - (C) Maximum width (ft.): 20, which can include landscaping

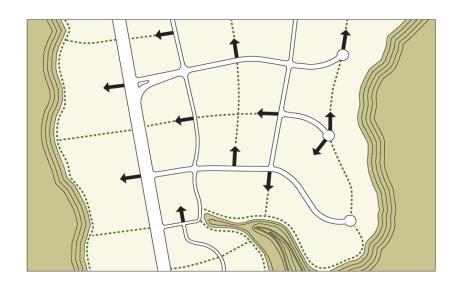
(6) Plazas. For the purposes of this Section, a plaza is an open space that adjoins or is visible from a *public right-of-way* or private drive. A plaza may be public or private and can include play areas, pedestrian pathways, seating area, game tables, performance areas, water features, useable lawn areas, paving, shrub beds, and plants in containers. Garage entrances, driveways, parking spaces, passenger drop-offs, loading berths, trash storage facilities, as well as the access or service for these facilities, are not permitted within a plaza.

Plazas must comply with the following:

- (A) Minimum width (ft.): 40
- (B) Circulation paths within a plaza shall connect to all *streets* and building entrances that front the plaza.
- (C) A minimum of 50 percent of a plaza shall be free of obstructions.
- (D) Seating shall be provided by movable seating, fixed individual seats, benches with or without backs, and design feature seating, such as seat walls, ledges and seating steps.
- (E) Trees and Planting
 - (i) Four, 24-inch box canopy trees are required for plazas that are 6,000 square feet or less.
 - (ii) For each 1,000 square feet of plaza area over 6,000 square feet, an additional tree is required.
 - (iii) Fifteen percent of the plaza area shall be comprised of plants. This can include hanging plants, beds with plants, or living walls.
- (F) Multi-Modal Parking.
 - A combination of six parking spaces for bicycle or micro-mobility equipment shall be provided.
 - (ii) If the plaza is greater than 10,000 square feet, a combination of ten parking spaces for bicycle or micromobility devices shall be provided.

- (iii) For the purposes of this Section, micro-mobility means a compact sized device designed for personal mobility with one or two passengers that is powered by a rechargeable electric battery. For example, micro-mobility devices include electric scooters, electric bicycles, or other similar sized personal compact devices.
- (G) Food services, including food service in a retail space, shall be directly accessible from the plaza.
- (H) Abutting Frontages. For residential uses fronting a plaza, at least 40 percent of the exterior walls facing the plaza shall be transparent or glazed.

Diagram 131-07B Example of Connectivity for Premises Greater than Five Acres



LEGEND



Reduce block size through pedestrian and vehicular accessways. Provide a minimum of one pedestrian and one bicycle access way or one *paseo* into the *development* for every two acres of developable area.

---- A minimum of three pedestrian circulation space features per Section 131.0718(d).

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§131.0719 Maximum Floor Area Ratio

Maximum *floor area ratio* is specified in Table 131-07B.

Floor Area Ratio Bonus for Child Care Facilities

In the EMZ and RMX zones, a *floor area ratio* bonus over the otherwise maximum allowable *gross floor area* is permitted at the rate of 10 square feet of additional *gross floor area* for each 1 square foot of *gross floor area* devoted to the *child care facility* to be added to the total area of the *premises* when determining the *floor area ratio* for a *development*. The area designated for the *child care facility* must maintain an 'E' occupancy permit for a minimum of 10 years from the time of *construction permit* issuance and must comply with the requirements of Section 141.0606 (Child Care Facilities).

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