RIO29 SMALL AREA PLAN

CHARACTER TYPES PLAN | STUDIO USE ONLY | DRAFT 8/30/2018

To facilitate the creation of different, better places, the Small Area Plan recommends prioritizing the form of development over the use. The Place Types/Character plan designates parts of Rio29 as Urban Core, Core, Flex, and Edge areas and recommends form guidelines for each place type, in addition to general use categories. These guidelines will also encourage the development of vibrant communities with a mixture of living, working, and entertainment spaces while continuing to give landowners flexibility in how they develop and use their property.



URBAN CORE + CORE

The **Core Zones** are intended to have the highest intensity of development and the tallest buildings. Buildings fronting the streets in the **Urban Core Zone** should have "active" first floor uses.



The **Flex Zone** is intended to have the highest amount of flexibility. Buildings can have a range of heights and uses but should be built in a form that is designed for people spatially and conducive to walkability.



Edges are areas of less intense development next to existing neighborhoods. Buildings within the **Edge Zone** are expected to have lower heights and smaller footprints.

Examples

Block Size



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200 - 300 feet Charlottesville Downtown Mall **Massing & Parking**

3 - 6 stories —— Building stepback when close to intersections

Parking garages are by right, with first floor buildings 14 - 20 feet deep Architectural standards requiring first floor windows and "active" first floor uses

Built close to roads and walkways







300 - 400 feet









1 - 3 stories Smaller scale parking garages are by right Can be set back farthest from road

Surface parking should be relegated to the side and behind buildings

Little to no architectural requirements except when adjacent to an entrance corridor

