



Overlay Zoning District

I. Overlay Zoning

Overlay zoning creates a special zoning district over a base zone. An overlay adds to or changes the regulations, standards, or requirements of the base zone in order to protect or guide development within a specific area or corridor to meet specific needs or objectives. While the base zone determines the permitted land uses, the overlay zone establishes design or other standards that meet the overlay's purposes.

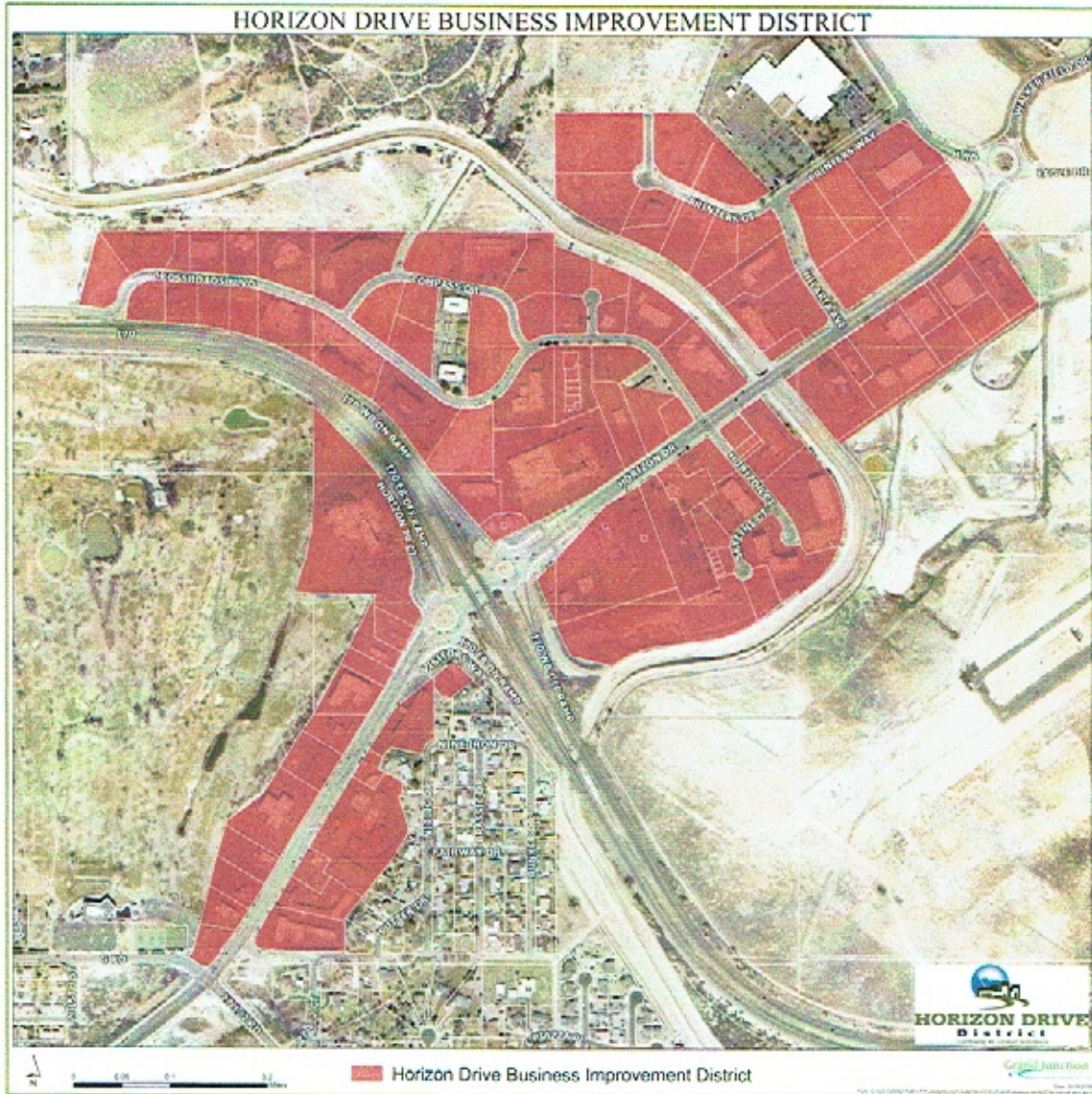
The overlay zone for the Horizon Drive District provides direction and vision for development in the corridor. The purpose of the overlay's standards and guidelines is to stimulate new development as well as redevelopment in the District, increasing business and pedestrian activity along the corridor. The overlay supports and implements the Comprehensive Plan vision and goals of making the City a more livable place.

II. Introduction to Horizon Drive District

The Horizon Drive District is comprised of commercial properties within the general geographic area of Horizon Drive between G Road and H Road. The District was formed in 2004 and is overseen by the City of Grand Junction, which appoints the Board of Directors. The District is supported by a mil levy of no more

than 5.0 mils (.005) upon every dollar of the valuation assessment of taxable property within the District.

The District's mission statement is: "Committed to build community, enhance the beauty and advocate the economic vitality of the Horizon Drive District."



III. Background

The properties within the Horizon Drive District fall into two zoning classifications. Those with frontage onto Horizon Drive, Crossroads Boulevard, Horizon Court or similar streets, are classified as light commercial (C-1) and those nearest H Road and north-west of Horizon Drive are classified as Industrial Office (I-O).

The Grand Junction Regional Airport, adjacent to the Horizon Drive District on the north and east, is the single largest adjoining property. The zoning classification for the airport is Planned Airport Development (PAD).

Horizon Drive is a busy arterial thoroughfare, five lanes wide. The roadway system is dedicated to swift vehicular movement. Buildings are generally large, set back from the roadway and fronted by large black-top parking areas. Signs for the buildings are inconsistent in size and location. Landscaping is sparse. There are intermittent sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are located only at lighted intersections.

The overall planning concept for the Horizon Drive District encourages development of (or continuity of existing) neighborhood centers. The neighborhood center approach will provide a framework for distinctive image and organizing elements for public and private (re)development of the Horizon Drive District.

The Horizon Drive Center supports the Horizon Drive corridor to retain its commercial land use designation. Crossroads Blvd & Horizon Court areas are identified as Business Park Mixed Use and Commercial/Industrial. The Business Park Mixed Use provides more options including multi-family residential development within the corridor.

These community development objectives for the District will support and integrate with the development plans of the Grand Junction Regional Airport.

IV. “Gateway to Grand Junction”

Horizon Drive is one of four gateways into Grand Junction for travelers coming to the community using I-70 and the primary gateway for those flying into Grand Junction Regional Airport. The primary objective is to develop a distinct identity for the Horizon Drive District, as a “Gateway to Grand Junction.” This identity should reflect a high quality of site design, site improvements, building architecture, and pedestrian safety.

Additionally, the corridor should accommodate multiple modes of travel making it a “Complete Street” allowing for the development of both publicly and privately owned pedestrian spaces emphasizing public interaction in gathering areas and

