

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

CITY OF LAS VEGAS, A POLITICAL  
SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF  
NEVADA,

Appellant,

vs.

180 LAND CO., LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED-  
LIABILITY COMPANY; AND FORE STARS,  
LTD., A NEVADA LIMITED-LIABILITY  
COMPANY,

Respondents.

180 LAND CO., LLC, A NEVADA LIMITED-  
LIABILITY COMPANY; AND FORE STARS,  
LTD., A NEVADA LIMITED-LIABILITY  
COMPANY,

Appellants/Cross-Respondents,

vs.

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SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OF  
NEVADA,

Respondent/Cross-Appellant.

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Ordinance Summary: Updates the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan to be consistent with the City's new Unified Development Code. <=>

Ordinance Sponsor: Flinn Fagg, Acting Director of Planning<=>



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1 **BILL NO. 2011-23**

2 **ORDINANCE NO. 6152**

3 AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE LAND USE AND RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS  
4 PRESERVATION ELEMENT OF THE LAS VEGAS 2020 MASTER PLAN TO BE CONSISTENT  
5 WITH THE CITY'S NEW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER  
6 RELATED MATTERS.

6 Proposed by: Flinn Fagg, Acting Director of  
7 Planning

Summary: Updates the Land Use and Rural  
Neighborhoods Preservation Element of the Las  
Vegas 2020 Master Plan to be consistent with  
the City's new Unified Development Code.

9 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN  
10 AS FOLLOWS:

11 SECTION 1: The document entitled "Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods  
12 Preservation Element," including its appendix, exhibits and maps, as adopted by Ordinance No. 6056,  
13 is hereby amended as set forth in Sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this Ordinance. In Sections 2 and 3,  
14 deleted material is enclosed by brackets and new material is underlined.

15 SECTION 2: The beginning paragraph of the section entitled "Mixed-Use  
16 Development," commencing on Page 16, is amended to read as follows:

17 In 2001, the Downtown Overlay District was created to coincide with the Downtown Centennial Plan  
18 area and establish special standards for any zoning district in this area.<sup>5</sup> Many traditional standards  
19 such as for setbacks, height, parking, landscaping and lot coverage were relaxed to encourage  
20 developments having both residential and nonresidential uses on the same parcel or to allow both  
21 residential and nonresidential uses in an area zoned for one or the other. By 2003, a specific use called  
22 "Mixed Use" was created and defined, and was deemed appropriate anywhere inside the boundaries  
23 of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Area.<sup>6</sup> The area permitting mixed-use developments later expanded  
24 to the boundaries of the Neighborhood Revitalization Area,<sup>7</sup> and then became permissible anywhere  
25 within the C-1, C-2 and C-PB Districts with certain restrictions.<sup>8</sup> With the adoption of a new  
26 development code, the C-PB District will be eliminated for future development, so that mixed-use  
27 developments will be limited to the C-1 and C-2 Districts.

28 SECTION 3: The fourth paragraph of the section entitled "Mixed-Use Development,"

1 commencing on Page 16, is hereby amended to read as follows:  
2 Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is walkable, mixed-use development which occurs within a  
3 quarter-mile radius of transit station locations. The goal of creating walkable neighborhoods is most  
4 fully realized by the city's TND designation, which allows the T-D (Traditional Neighborhood)  
5 zoning district.] The encouraged development pattern is for an interconnected street grid and buildings  
6 that relate to the street. This permits shorter walking times practical for access to all points in the  
7 neighborhood, whether for leisure or transportation. Complete streets that accommodate vehicles,  
8 transit, pedestrians and bicycles are mandated, with emphasis on streetscaping and sidewalks.  
9 Commercial service uses are near residential dwellings. Kyle Canyon is a development area  
10 designated for Traditional Neighborhood Development.

11 SECTION 4: Tables 5, 10 and 14 are hereby replaced by the tables of the same  
12 numbers that are attached to this Ordinance.

13 SECTION 5: The Department of Planning is authorized and directed to incorporate  
14 into the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element the changes adopted by this  
15 Ordinance and to file the final document with the City Clerk.

16 SECTION 6: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or  
17 phrase in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or  
18 ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or  
19 effectiveness of the remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the  
20 City of Las Vegas hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision,  
21 paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections,  
22 subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional,  
23 invalid or ineffective.

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1 SECTION 7: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,  
2 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada,  
3 1983 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

4 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of May, 2011.

5 APPROVED:

6  
7 By   
8 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

9 ATTEST:

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11 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, MMC  
12 City Clerk

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

14 Val Heed 4-6-11  
15 Date

1 The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council  
2 on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, and referred to a committee for recommendation; thereafter  
3 the committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011, which  
4 as a regular meeting of said Council; that at said regular meeting, the proposed ordinance  
5 was read by title to the City Council as first introduced and adopted by the following vote:

6 VOTING "AYE": Mayor Goodman and Councilmembers Reese, Wolfson, Tarkanian,  
7 Ross, Barlow and Anthony

8 VOTING "NAY": None

9 EXCUSED: None

10 ABSTAINED: None

11 DID NOT VOTE: None

12 APPROVED:

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14 OSCAR B. GOODMAN, Mayor

15 ATTEST:

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17 BEVERLY K. BRIDGES, MMC City Clerk

**Table 5: Master Plan Land Use Designations**

Master Plan Land Use Designations	RESIDENTIAL									COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL				OTHER				
Master Plan Designation	RNP	DR	R	L	ML	MLA	M	H	PCD	O	SC	GC	LI/R	TC	PR-OS	PF	TND	LVMD
Maximum Allowable Density (Units Per Acre)	2.00	2.49	3.59	5.49	8.49	12.49	25.49	≥25.5	8.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	See Town Center Chart	N/A	N/A	Variable†	See Las Vegas Medical District Chart
Allowable Zoning Categories	U*, R-E	U, R-E	U, R-E, R-1	R-1, R-MH, U, R-E	R-2, R-CL, R-1, R-MH, U, R-E	R-2, R-TH	R-3, R-2, R-TH	R-4, R-3, R-2, R-TH	PD ‡	O, P-O	C-1, O, P-O	C-2, C-1, O, P-O	M, C-M, C-2, C-1, O, P-O	See Town Center Chart	C-V	C-V	R-4, R-3, R-2, R-1, R-E, C-2, C-1, O	See Las Vegas Medical District Chart

\* Per LVMC Title 19.18.020, an undeveloped property may be zoned U (RNP) until it is rezoned or until such time as a proper classification is determined.

† The density of a development within the TND category is limited by the approved Zoning Districts or the Development Standards and Design Guidelines document in the case of an approved master planned development.

‡ The PD Zoning District shall require a minimum acreage of 40 acres.

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**Table 10: Iron Mountain Ranch Land Use Designations**

<b>Iron Mountain Ranch Master Plan Area</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>				<b>COMMERCIAL</b>	<b>OTHER</b>
<b>Master Plan Land Use Designation</b>	DR	R	L	ML	N/A	PF, PR-OS
<b>Maximum Allowable Density (Units Per Acre)</b>	2.00	3.49	5.49	8.49	N/A	N/A
<b>Allowable Zoning Categories</b>	R-PD2*	R-PD*	R-PD*	R-PD*	N/A	C-V

\* The types of development permitted under the R-PD designation prior to the adoption of the Unified Development Code shall now be achieved under the TND designation. All existing R-PD designated development as of the effective date of the Unified Development Code shall be governed by any approved Development Standards, Design Guidelines, or other active entitlements that may be applicable.

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**Table 14: Downtown Area Land Use Designations**

<b>Downtown Land Use Plan Area</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>COMMERCIAL</b>		<b>OTHER</b>	
<b>Master Plan Land Use Designation</b>	MXU	MXU	C	LI/R	PF
<b>Corresponding General Plan Categories</b>	L, ML, M, H, O, SC, GC	L, ML, M, H, O, SC, GC	O, SC, GC	LI/R	PF
<b>Allowable Zoning Categories</b>	R-E, R-MH, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-TH, O, P-O, C-1, C-2	R-E, R-MH, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R- TH, O, P-O, C-1, C-2	O, P-O, C-1, C-2	C-M, M	C-V

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COUNTY OF CLARK) SS:

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Proposed by: Flinn Fass, Acting Director of Planning

Summary: Updates the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan to be consistent with the City's new Unified Development Code.

At the City Council meeting of APRIL 20, 2011

BILL NO. 2011-23 WAS READ BY TITLE AND REFERRED TO A RECOMMENDING COMMITTEE

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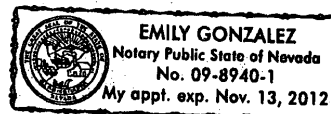
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Clark County, Nevada

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STATE OF NEVADA)  
COUNTY OF CLARK) SS:

Eileen Gallagher, being 1st duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is the Legal Clerk for the Las Vegas Review-Journal and the Las Vegas Sun, daily newspapers regularly issued, published and circulated in the City of Las Vegas, County of Clark, State of Nevada, and that the advertisement, a true copy attached for,

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ORDINANCE NO. 6152

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE LAND USE AND RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS PRESERVATION ELEMENT OF THE LAS VEGAS 2020 MASTER PLAN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY'S NEW UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Proposed by: Flinn Fagg, Acting Director of Planning

Summary: Updates the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan to be consistent with the City's new Unified Development Code.

The above and foregoing ordinance was first proposed and read by title to the City Council on the 20th day of April 2011 and referred to a committee for recommendation; thereafter the committee reported favorably on said ordinance on the 18th day of May 2011, which was a regular meeting of said City Council; and that at said regular meeting the proposed ordinance was read by title to the City Council as introduced and was adopted by the following vote:

VOTING "AYE": Mayor Goodman and Councilmembers Reese, Wolfson, Tarkanian, Ross, Barlow and Anthony  
VOTING "NAY": NONE  
EXCUSED: NONE

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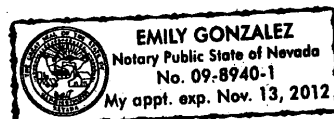
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FIRST AMENDMENT

BILL NO. 2018-13

ORDINANCE NO. 6622

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE LAND USE AND RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS PRESERVATION ELEMENT OF THE LAS VEGAS 2020 MASTER PLAN TO ESTABLISH THE FORM-BASED CODE LAND USE DESIGNATION AND ADD TRANSECT ZONES AS ALLOWABLE ZONING CATEGORIES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Proposed by: Robert Summerfield, Director of Planning

Summary: Updates the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan to establish the Form-Based Code land use designation and add transect zones as allowable zoning categories.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The document entitled "Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element," hereinafter the "Element," including its appendix, exhibits and maps, as adopted by Ordinance No. 6056, and thereafter amended by Ordinance No. 6152, is hereby further amended as set forth in Sections 2 to 11, inclusive, of this Ordinance. Where sections or provisions of existing language (other than table cell entries) are being amended or added to, deletions are shown by bracketing and additions by underlining.

SECTION 2: The Existing Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by amending the subpart entitled "Mixed-Use Development" to add to that subpart, at the end thereof, a sixth paragraph, to read as follows:

Form-Based Code (FBC) is a land use regulating system that focuses on the physical form of the built environment, and its relationship to the public realm, instead of the segregation of land uses. As such, the FBC land use designation encourages mixed-use and fosters human scale, a walkable environment, and access to employment, services and amenities for the community. Following the adoption of the Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan in 2016 the Department of Planning began drafting a Form-Based Code for downtown Las Vegas, as this had been identified as a critical step towards the implementation of the plan. The FBC land use designation was created in 2018 to provide a designation that allows for the utilization of

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1 Form-Based zoning districts, also known as Transect Zones or T-Zones, within the Downtown Area (see  
2 Exhibit 3).

3           SECTION 3: The Future Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by  
4 amending the subpart entitled "Downtown Area" to add to that subpart, at the end thereof, a fourth paragraph,  
5 to read as follows:

6 In 2016, the City of Las Vegas adopted the Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan, which identified  
7 the adoption of a Form-Based Code for the twelve identified Districts of downtown as a key step towards  
8 implementing the vision established by the policy document. The Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas  
9 Masterplan also conceptualized the expansion of the overall Downtown Area, which was established through  
10 the adoption of the Downtown Las Vegas Overlay (DTLV-O) in 2017, which replaced the previous  
11 Downtown Centennial Plan Overlay (DCP-O). To set the framework for the Form-Based Code, a Form-  
12 Based Code (FBC) land use designation was created in 2018, to allow for Form-Based Zoning Districts, also  
13 known as Transect Zones or T-Zones, to be utilized for properties within the Downtown Area (see Exhibit  
14 3). The FBC land use designation is consistent and concurrent with the Downtown Land Use map of the Las  
15 Vegas Redevelopment Area Plan.

16           SECTION 4: The Future Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by  
17 amending the subpart entitled "Southeast Sector" to add to that subpart, at the end thereof, a second  
18 paragraph, to read as follows:

19 Following the adoption of the Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan in 2016 and the establishment  
20 of the Downtown Las Vegas Overlay District (DTLV-O) in 2017, the Downtown Area boundary was  
21 expanded in 2018. The Downtown Area now includes the entirety of the Las Vegas Medical District, as well  
22 as portions of the Downtown North Plan Area and the West Las Vegas Plan Area (see Exhibit 5).

23           SECTION 5: Exhibits 3 and 5 of the Element, pertaining respectively to the Downtown  
24 Area Map and to the Southeast Sector Map, are hereby replaced with the Exhibits that are attached to this  
25 Ordinance as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, which are hereby adopted and incorporated by this reference.

26           SECTION 6: The Future Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by

1 amending the subpart entitled "Land Use Tables" to amend Table 5 appearing therein, pertaining to Master  
2 Plan Land Use Designations, to add, under the column labeled as "Other", a new subcolumn pertaining to  
3 the FBC Master Plan Designation. The new subcolumn, to be incorporated into Table 5, shall be labeled  
4 "FBC", and shall include the following values with respect to the Maximum Allowable Density (Units per  
5 Acre) and Allowable Zoning Categories listed in the table:

6 Maximum Allowable Density (Units per Acre)	Variable†
7 Allowable Zoning Categories	See Downtown Area Chart

8 SECTION 7: The Future Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by  
9 amending the subpart entitled "Land Use Tables" to further amend Table 5 appearing therein to amend the  
10 footnote pertaining to the superscript character "†" to read as follows:

11 † The density of a development within the TND [category] and FBC categories is limited by the approved  
12 Zoning Districts or the Development Standards and Design Guidelines document in the case of an approved  
13 master planned development.

14 SECTION 8: The Future Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by  
15 amending the subpart entitled "Land Use Tables" to amend Table 14 appearing therein, pertaining to  
16 Downtown Area Land Use Designations, to add, under the column labeled as "Other", a new subcolumn  
17 pertaining to the FBC Master Plan Land Use Designation. The new subcolumn, to be incorporated into Table  
18 14, shall be labeled "FBC", and shall include the following values with respect to the Corresponding General  
19 Plan Categories and Allowable Zoning Categories listed in the table:

20 Corresponding General Plan Categories	FBC
21 Allowable Zoning Categories	T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, SD* (asterisk applicable to all)

22 SECTION 9: The Future Land Use section of the Element is hereby amended by  
23 amending the subpart entitled "Land Use Tables" to further amend Table 14 appearing therein to add a  
24 footnote pertaining to the superscript character "\*" and referring to the Allowable Zoning Categories listed  
25 for the FBC value, to read as follows:

26 \*The Allowable Zoning Categories indicated as T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, and SD include all Form-Based Code

1 Zoning Districts and Sub-Districts, also referred to as Transect Zones and Sub-Zones, that are indicated as  
2 pertaining to the Las Vegas Transect as described in the Unified Development Code.

3 SECTION 10: The Description of Master Plan Land Use Categories section of the Element  
4 is hereby amended by amending the subpart entitled "Downtown Land Use Plan" to add, before the entry  
5 entitled "MXU (Mixed- Use)", a new entry entitled "FBC – Form-Based Code", to read as follows:

6 **FBC – Form-Based Code**

7 The Form-Based Code (FBC) category allows for a wide array of uses and development types, which vary  
8 depending on the specific neighborhood context and character of the area. Because of the importance of the  
9 individual place when considering the application of a Form-Based Code for future development, a  
10 comprehensive study and extensive outreach must be carried on before the FBC can be properly utilized on  
11 properties.

12 The focus of the FBC is on:

- 13 • The physical character and quality of the public realm
- 14 • The human scale of the built environment, including the way that city blocks, structures and the  
15 public right-of-way interact with the people
- 16 • Accessibility to employment, services and amenities, as well as more transportation options
- 17 • Simplification of the by-right development process that has been deemed contextual to the  
18 surrounding area

19 The Zoning Districts allowed within the FBC category are also referred to as Transect Zones, or T-Zones,  
20 and are classified using a numbering system that goes from one (1) to six (6). The intensity of development  
21 and mix of uses varies depending on the Transect Zone that is taken into consideration, with T1 Zones  
22 allowing for the least intensity and mix of uses, and T6 Zones allowing for the most intensity and mix of  
23 uses.

24 SECTION 11: The Overview of General Plan Amendment/Major Modification Process  
25 section of the Element entitled "is hereby amended by adding thereto, following the existing paragraphs, a  
26 new subpart labeled "Form-Based Code (FBC) Provisions," to read as follows:

1 **Form-Based Code (FBC) Provisions**

2 A change of land use designation for a property that is designated with the FBC designation is generally  
3 considered not in the best interest of the effective and consistent development of the community, as doing so  
4 would dramatically alter the contextual character of the entire Downtown District or Special Area previously  
5 identified and designated with the FBC designation. Additionally, the FBC land use designation allows for  
6 a great variety of Zoning Districts, also referred to as Transect Zones or T-Zones, which allow for a wide  
7 array of land uses, densities, and types of development. For these reasons, if a special circumstance, which  
8 may necessitate the modification of the FBC designation, arise, the applicant should first consider to address  
9 such special circumstance not by means of General Plan Amendment, but by maintaining the FBC  
10 designation and using, instead, the flexibility provided by the Transect Zones allowed under the FBC  
11 designation.

12 For a change of land use designation for a property designated with the FBC designation, a property owner  
13 must submit a General Plan Amendment (GPA) application for review by city staff, Planning Commission,  
14 and approval by City Council, following the procedure as provided by the Unified Development Code.

15 Notwithstanding the provisions above, for a parcel-specific GPA, because of the holistic approach of the  
16 FBC and its critical link to the character of the area, in addition to the requirements as set forth in LVMC  
17 Chapter 19.16, the following shall apply:

18 • A Notice of Public Hearing shall be mailed to each owner of real property located within the  
19 Downtown District or Special Area identified with the FBC designation in which the property is located. The  
20 applicant shall pay the fees associated with the Notice of Public Hearing.

21 • As part of the application, the applicant shall submit to the Director a study containing clear and  
22 convincing evidence that:

- 23     o A viable use of the property cannot be achieved under the FBC designation; and  
24     o The GPA is necessary to achieve the long-term goals of the specific Downtown District as  
25 envisioned in the Vision 2045 Downtown Masterplan or character of the area as described in the Special Area  
26 Plan.

1 SECTION 12: The Department of Planning is authorized and directed to  
2 incorporate into the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element the amendments made by this  
3 Ordinance, including, without limitation and as deemed appropriate, reconstituting tables, replacing Exhibits  
4 3 and 5 at the appropriate locations and in final publication versions, and making parallel reference changes  
5 and corresponding changes to the table of contents.

6 SECTION 13: If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
7 in this ordinance or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective by  
8 any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the  
9 remaining portions of this ordinance or any part thereof. The City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby  
10 declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase  
11 thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs,  
12 sentences, clauses or phrases be declared unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective.

13 SECTION 14: All ordinances or parts of ordinances or sections, subsections, phrases,  
14 sentences, clauses or paragraphs contained in the Municipal Code of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada, 1983  
15 Edition, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

16 PASSED, ADOPTED and APPROVED this 26<sup>TH</sup> day of June, 2018.

17 APPROVED:

18 By Carolyn G. Goodman  
19 CAROLYN G. GOODMAN, Mayor

20 ATTEST:

21 Luann D. Holmes  
22 LUANN D. HOLMES, MMC  
City Clerk

23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

24 Val Steed 6-18-18  
25 Val Steed, Date  
Deputy City Attorney



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7 VOTING "AYE": Mayor Goodman and Councilmembers Tarkanian, Anthony, Coffin  
Seroka, Fiore and Crear

8 VOTING "NAY": None

9 EXCUSED: None

10 ABSTAINED: None


11 APPROVED:


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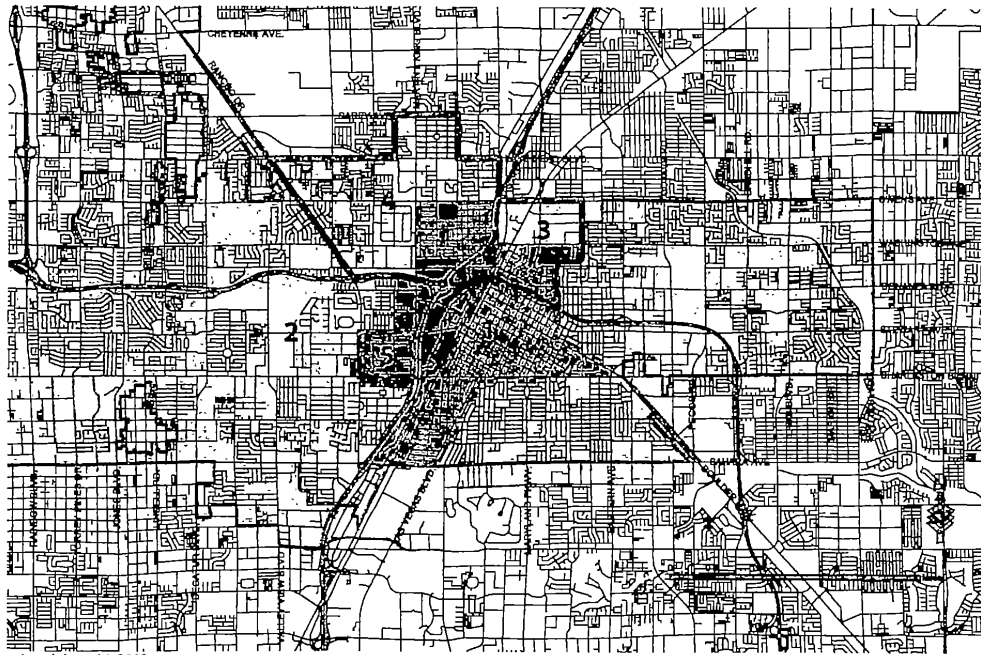
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## Future Land Use

Exhibit 5:  
Southeast Sector Map



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|    | Freeway            |    | 3 Downtown North Plan Area   |
|   | 1 Downtown Area    |   | 4 West Las Vegas Plan Area   |
|  | 2 Southeast Sector |  | 5 Las Vegas Medical District |

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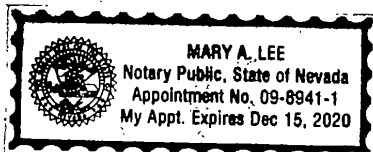
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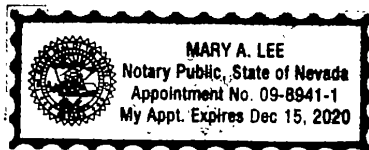
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The intent of the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element is to inventory and classify the types of land uses in the city and serve as a comprehensive plan for the most desirable utilization of land. It also addresses the acquisition and use of land that is under federal management, and it shows general plans to preserve the character and density of rural neighborhoods.

The Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element is framed by goals, objectives and policies that are intended to guide the growth and development of the city of Las Vegas. These policies reflect a vision for redevelopment of existing areas, preservation of rural areas and planned growth for new areas that takes into account the needs of area citizens. The policies will be implemented through existing land use plans, master development plans and design standards, as well as the Municipal Code.

In recent years the city has increased efforts to foster the development of walkable urban communities. In contrast to the predominant suburban, auto-oriented development pattern, these areas typically feature a mix of denser residential products with convenient services nearby or in the same development. Streets are designed to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists in addition to automobiles. The establishment of a mixed use district and a transit oriented land use category have provided the opportunity for development of these types of projects.

Land use categories used in the city's general land use plans and various special area plans and master planned community plans are presented in table format. Descriptions of each category follow the tables. About 35 percent of the city's land area is planned for residential purposes, approximately six percent is planned for commercial purposes and about two percent is planned for industrial uses. These figures do not include the master planned areas of Town Center and Summerlin. Although the area planned for industrial uses is relatively small, approximately 46 percent of this land is still undeveloped.

General Plan Amendments and Major Modifications are the mechanisms used to modify the Master Plan and special area plans. A brief overview of the application and approval process is given.

Operation of new establishments with nonrestricted gaming licenses in the city requires the creation of Gaming

Enterprise Districts. This element details the criteria for establishment of Gaming Enterprise Districts as required by the Nevada Revised Statutes and shows the locations of nonrestricted gaming licenses in the city.

Preservation of rural residential areas is an objective of the Master Plan Policy Document. This document provides the basis for establishment of a land use overlay district, the intent of which is to protect rural residential communities from encroachment by more dense development. A map of this overlay and analysis of the changes in the overlay since the last update of this element is provided.

# INTRODUCTION

Land Use is the central element of the Master Plan. It serves as the long-range planning tool used in conjunction with other elements of the Master Plan to guide the city's future growth, revitalization, and preservation efforts. In 2000, the City Council adopted the City of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan with goals, objectives and policies designed to guide growth through 2020. Since its adoption, many Elements of the Master Plan have been updated. This Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element is one in a series of required Elements to be updated and added to the 2020 plan.

## PURPOSE

This update to the 2005 Land Use Element is designed to provide updated information regarding existing land use and to be a quick reference for future land use definitions, allowable densities and corresponding zoning categories. In addition, the existing section on the Rural Preservation Overlay District is expanding to meet the intent of the Nevada Revised Statutes, which requires a Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Plan. There are a number of plan documents that have been adopted by the City Council that dictate allowable land use throughout the city. By including maps and summarizing the land use categories and contents of the various plans, it is hoped that this document will serve to simplify the land development process and clarify allowable land use and densities throughout the city.

## ENABLING LEGISLATION

Under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), land use has long been a recommended component of a city's Master Plan. In 2001, during the 71st session of the Nevada State Legislature, a land use plan became a required part of a city or county's master plan in counties of at least 400,000 population.<sup>1</sup>

The Nevada Revised Statutes, Sections 278.150 through 278.230, contain legislation enabling the development and adoption of a master plan. Subsection 4 of NRS Section 278.150 states:

*In counties whose population is 400,000 or more, the governing body of the city or county shall adopt a master plan for all of the city or county that must address each of the subjects set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 278.160.*

<sup>1</sup> NRS 278.150 as amended by AB 182 (2001).



In addition, Subsection 3 of NRS 278.170 also states:

*In counties whose population is 400,000 or more, the Commission shall prepare and adopt a master plan for all of the city or county that must address each of the subjects set forth in subsection 1 of NRS 278.160.*

The appropriate subject matter of master plans is stated in NRS 278.160:

*Except as otherwise provided in Subsection 4 of NRS 278.150 and Subsection 3 of NRS 278.170, the master plan, with the accompanying charts, drawings, diagrams, schedules and reports, may include such of the following subject matter or portions thereof as are appropriate to the city, county or region, and as may be made the basis for the physical development thereof:*

NRS 278.160, Subsections (f) and (k) state that the master plan must include the following elements:

- (f) *Land use plan. An inventory and classification of types of natural land and of existing land cover and uses, and comprehensive plans for the most desirable utilization of land. The land use plan:*
  - (1) *Must address, if applicable:*
    - (I) *Mixed-use development, transit-oriented development, master-planned communities and gaming enterprise districts; and*
    - (II) *The coordination and compatibility of land uses with any military installation in the city, county or region, taking into account the location, purpose and stated mission of the military installation.<sup>2</sup>*
  - (2) *May include a provision concerning the acquisition and use of land that is under federal management within the city, county or region, including, without limitation, a plan or statement of policy prepared pursuant to NRS 321.7355.*
- (k) *Rural neighborhoods preservation plan. In any county whose population is 400,000 or more, showing general plans to preserve the character and density of rural neighborhoods.<sup>3</sup>*

A Land Use Element has provided guidance to policymakers in the city of Las Vegas for nearly half a century. The city first adopted a Land Use Element as part of its Master Plan

<sup>2</sup> NRS 278.160 (f)(1)(I) as amended by AB 425 (2005);

NRS 278.160 (f)(1)(II) as amended by SB 269 (2007).

<sup>3</sup> NRS 278.160 (k) as amended by SB 391 (1999).

in 1959. Since then the City Council has adopted a new or updated Land Use Element in 1975, 1985, 1992 and 2005. The 2005 Land Use Element shall remain in effect until the adoption of this document.

## PLANNING CONTEXT

The Master Plan Policy Document, adopted in September 2000, represents Phase I of the Master Plan project and forms the framework for the contents of Phase II: a series of elements, special area plans, and long-term land use designations, including a revised future land use map. The Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element is among the elements identified for completion during Phase II of the Master Plan project.

## RELATIONSHIP TO THE LAS VEGAS 2020 MASTER PLAN

The intent of this Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element is to provide a framework for the orderly planning of land uses within the city of Las Vegas. This element may be the most visible element in the planning process, and it is related to the other elements found within the 2020 Master Plan. The following is a brief description of the various roles played by other elements and their influence on land use planning.

### Conservation Element

The Conservation Element addresses many issues ranging from improving air quality to protecting endangered species to soil management, solid waste recycling and energy conservation. Sound land use planning is essential to ensure the success of all aspects of this element.

### Housing Element

The Housing Element is a major component of the Master Plan and is highly related to land use. While the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element provides a general overview of the city's residential areas, the Housing Element provides a detailed analysis of all aspects of residential development. Examples of data within the Housing Element include state and federal housing policies, analysis of current and future housing trends, affordable housing needs, neighborhood revitalization, downtown reurbanization and demographics. The Housing Element is an important component of the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan and is essential to ensure sound land use planning for all aspects of future residential development.





### Parks and Recreation Element

When considering land use, it is important to allocate land for parks and other recreational facilities in convenient and accessible locations that best serve the needs of the community. The Parks and Recreation Element evaluates existing parks and recreational facilities, and the future park needs for the Centennial Hills, Southeast, and Southwest Sectors of the Master Plan.

### Population Element

The intent of the Population Element is two-fold. First, it tracks various categories of the general population, such as income and education level, which provide a greater understanding of the people that inhabit the city. Second, it forecasts future population growth and demographics and predicts how these changes will affect the city in the years to come.

### Public Buildings Element

With an ever increasing population, it is imperative that public buildings are well planned in order to meet the city's future service goals. The purpose of the Public Buildings Element is to inventory and assess the present and future needs of public buildings given various population trends, level of service goals, land uses and administrative space needs. Future facilities are identified as well as those that are required given the current conditions pertaining to the various city departments. All aspects of city government and its buildings are analyzed and recommendations are provided based on the future needs and service requirements of particular city functions.

### Public Safety Element

As the city of Las Vegas continues to grow, it is imperative that there are adequate facilities to ensure the public's health, safety, and general welfare. The Public Safety Element influences land planning by addressing the number and location of facilities such as police services, fire protection services, and drainage and flood control. In addition, adequate land use planning can mitigate the severity of hazards such as flooding, subsidence and earthquakes, and keep noise, traffic and other safety concerns at tolerable levels.

### Public Services and Facilities Element

The direction and extent of development in the city is influenced by the availability of systems to support expansion. This element describes the public services and facilities available within the city, including stormwater and wastewater systems, flood control facilities and public utilities, recommending ways to maximize their efficiency.

### Recreation Trails Element

The Recreation Trails Element establishes standards for the location, development and maintenance of recreation trails in Las Vegas. The recreation trails are intended to contribute to the preservation of natural resources, provide a community recreation resource, promote health and fitness, and provide aesthetic relief from urban forms.

### School Facilities Element

The provision of adequate schools is a public service of critical importance to the citizens of the city of Las Vegas. Land use maps are used by the Clark County School District to assist in strategically locating school facilities on a regional level. The School Facilities Element addresses existing conditions and projections for schools in the city of Las Vegas and criteria used for site selection for schools in both the city and Clark County. In addition, service standards are provided which are used for planning and to determine site suitability and selection for providing public school services.

### Transit Element

Land use typologies and development patterns directly influence the attractiveness, efficiency, and effectiveness of mass transit systems. The Transit Element recognizes that regional solutions are required for the development and integration of a seamless Valley-wide transit system, including provisions for a high-volume, high-speed fixed guideway to connect the Downtown and major urban hubs across the Valley. The need for efficient, effective mass transit is a continuous thread throughout various master plan elements that is tightly woven into the central theme of the Master Plan 2020 vision.

### Transportation & Streets and Highways Element

Transportation and land use planning are interrelated and have direct and indirect effects upon each other within the community. The Transportation and Streets and Highways Element establishes policies that treat these two areas complementarily, describing the transportation system within the context of increased mobility and access to the built environment. Although future growth is anticipated, responsible land use planning can curtail sprawling development patterns and minimize the effects of anticipated increases in traffic volumes.

### Transportation Trails Element

The Transportation Trails Element establishes standards for the location, development, and maintenance of transportation trails in Las Vegas. These trails are intended to provide a multi-modal transportation system for pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with other modes of non-motorized vehicular travel. Establishment of this system of trails will help reduce vehicular congestion and other problems due to the recent growth of the Las Vegas Valley.

## Water Element

Water is essential for the development of land. This natural resource must be managed so that quality of life is maintained for the residents of the city. The Water Element outlines existing efforts and policies of the city of Las Vegas pertaining to water conservation, flood control, erosion control and wetlands management. It stresses the importance of coordination between regional governments, water utilities and other organizations to maintain high standards for water availability, quality and safety and to encourage sustainable use.

## GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The city of Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan consists of a series of elements that are intended to direct the actions of the city regarding land use and development for the period from 2000 to 2020. The Master Plan outlines broad policies, and each individual element builds on those policies and provides specific direction as to how the city should accommodate particular land use issues.

The following goals, objectives and policies from the Las Vegas 2020 Master Plan provide the policy framework and direction for this element:

### Neighborhood Revitalization

GOAL 2: Mature neighborhoods will be sustained and improved through appropriate and selective high quality redevelopment and preservation.

OBJECTIVE 2.1: To focus residential reinvestment on transitional sites within the central city area at densities that support mass transit usage.

POLICY 2.1.3: That urban hubs at the intersections of primary roads, containing a mix of residential, commercial and office uses, be supported.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: To ensure that low density residential land uses within mature neighborhoods can exist in close proximity to higher density residential, mixed-use, or non-residential land uses by mitigating adverse impacts where feasible.

POLICY 2.2.3: That design standards be adopted to address the need for transitions between different kinds of urban land uses.

OBJECTIVE 2.3: To prepare, adopt and implement special area plans and neighborhood plans where more detailed planning is needed. These special area plans shall conform to and implement the Master Plan and address land use and other issues specific to that area. Neighborhood plans shall be prepared in conformance with the neighborhood planning process.

POLICY 2.3.1: That the Downtown Centennial Plan, in conjunction with appropriate neighborhood plans, such as the Downtown Neighborhood 2000 Plan, provide such direction for Downtown.

POLICY 2.3.2: That a West Las Vegas Plan provide such direction for West Las Vegas and adjacent areas.

POLICY 2.3.3: That a Medical District Plan provide such direction for medical facilities and support services for area hospitals and their adjacent residential neighborhoods.

POLICY 2.3.5: That special area plans be prepared for other areas of the city where appropriate.

#### Newly Developing Areas

GOAL 3: Newly developing areas of the city will contain adequate educational facilities and recreational and open space and be linked to major employment centers by mass transit, including buses, and by trails.

OBJECTIVE 3.2: To ensure that rural preservation areas with distinctive rural residential character are preserved and buffered from surrounding higher density development, in accordance with the Nevada Revised Statutes.

POLICY 3.2.1: That "rural preservation neighborhoods," as defined by the State of Nevada, be afforded the required transitional buffer where such portions of the required buffer area fall within the City of Las Vegas and are lands that are currently vacant.

POLICY 3.2.2: That land within such rural preservation neighborhoods located within portions of Clark County located north of Cheyenne Avenue and west of Decatur Boulevard be annexed to the City of Las Vegas in order to provide them with urban municipal services. Any additional tax costs that would be borne by these property owners as a result of such annexation would be phased into effect over several years.

POLICY 3.2.4: That the City revisit its policies regarding rural preservation legislation at such time as the applicable state statute expires.

POLICY 3.2.5: That the Northwest Sector Plan be amended to reflect the outcome of a more detailed review of rural preservation issues and to offer a set of recommendations regarding the City's mandated role to protect rural preservation neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVE 3.4: To ensure that adequate portions of the lands released for urban development by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are developed for recreational and educational public facilities, transit facilities and fire stations that will benefit the city.

POLICY 3.4.1: That a minimum of 30 percent of available BLM lands be planned for recreational and parks uses within the northwest sector of the city, in the general vicinity of the intersection of Kyle Canyon Road and US 95.

POLICY 3.4.2: That detailed plans for recreation, parks and other uses be set forth in a special area plan for the Kyle Canyon area. Any future Kyle Canyon special area plan shall include policies to ensure that an acceptable percentage of the residential and commercial portions of Town Center is developed before residential, commercial and industrial development is allowed in Kyle Canyon. The growth planned for the Kyle Canyon area should not be in direct competition with any undeveloped portions of Town Center, and direct competition with Downtown growth should also be considered.

POLICY 3.4.3: That a minimum of 20 percent of available BLM lands within the Kyle Canyon area be made available for the development of a high technology business park, research and higher education, within the northwest sector of the city.

POLICY 3.4.4: That, only after the other policies of this section have been achieved, and the City has communicated its lands requirements to the Bureau of Land Management, that the City make available the remaining surplus BLM lands in the northwest sector of the city for master planned communities, which includes affordable housing.

#### Regional Coordination

GOAL 7: Issues of regional significance, requiring the City of Las Vegas to coordinate with other government entities and agencies within the Valley, will be addressed in a timely fashion.

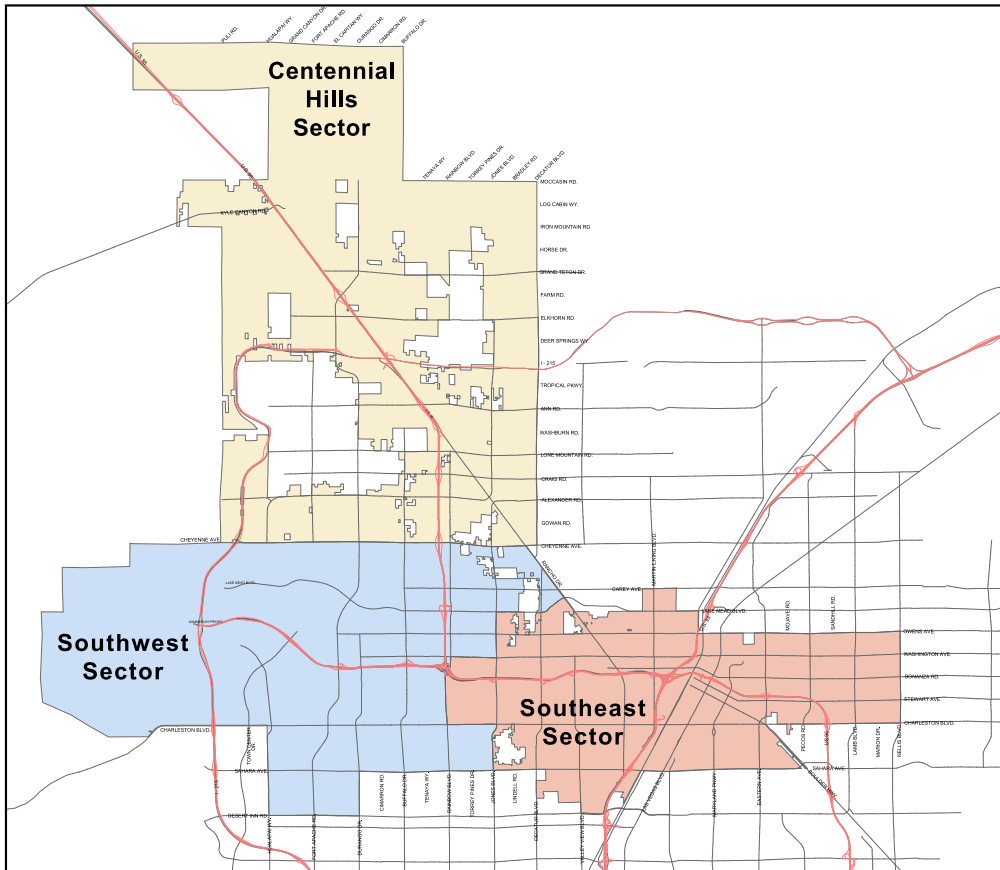
OBJECTIVE 7.1: To ensure that the natural resources of the City, particularly those that directly support an enhanced quality of life for its residents, are protected.

POLICY 7.1.7: That land within such rural preservation neighborhoods located within portions of Clark County located north of Cheyenne Avenue and west of Decatur Boulevard be annexed to the City of Las Vegas in order to provide them with urban municipal services. Any additional tax costs that would be borne by these property owners as a result of such annexation would be phased into effect over several years.

# EXISTING LAND USE

The city of Las Vegas encompasses approximately 133 square miles and is home to 599,087 people.<sup>4</sup> The city is divided into three areas known as "sectors." Each sector represents a geographical area of the city, and each has its own unique characteristics. The three sectors are identified as the Centennial Hills Sector, the Southwest Sector and the Southeast Sector.

Exhibit: 1  
City Sectors Map



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 Southeast Sector     Southwest Sector     Centennial Hills Sector

<sup>4</sup> Southern Nevada Consensus Population Estimate – July 1, 2008 as approved by the Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition Board on November 20, 2008 and reported to the city of Las Vegas City Manager on December 20, 2008.

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## LAND USE DISTRIBUTION

The following tables depict the distribution of existing land use by generalized categories for each sector and for the city as a whole. For simplicity, residential Master Plan categories allowing less than 5.5 developed units per acre were classified as Low Density Residential, between 5.5 and 12.49 developed units per acre were classified as Medium Density Residential, and greater than 12.49 developed units per acre were classified as High Density Residential.

Table 1: Centennial Hills Sector Land Use Distribution

Classification	Acreage	Percent of Total Acreage	Percent Developed	Percent Undeveloped
Low Density Residential (< 5.5 DUA)	5,442	15%	69%	31%
Medium Density Residential (5.5-12.49 DUA)	2,823	8%	93%	7%
High Density Residential (> 12.49 DUA)	338	1%	90%	10%
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>8,603</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>22%</b>
Commercial	954	3%	73%	27%
Industrial	688	2%	0%	100%
Town Center	1,828	5%	48%	52%
Planned Community Development	5,441	15%	48%	52%
Traditional Neighborhood Development	7,137	20%	0%	100%
Open Space	4,792	13%	N/A	N/A
Public Facilities	1,437	4%	N/A	N/A
Right of Way	5,199	14%	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,079</b>	<b>100%</b>		

Source: City of Las Vegas, Planning & Development Department, November 2008. Percentages rounded to nearest whole percent.

The Centennial Hills Sector is located in the northwest portion of the city and has been experiencing rapid commercial and residential growth in recent years. The Centennial Hills Sector contains a diverse mix of residential and nonresidential land uses providing opportunities for employment and retail services. It is the largest sector in the city with 36,079 acres of land; 8,603 acres are designated for residential uses and 954 acres are designated for commercial land uses, which rank first and last, respectively, among city sectors. There are currently 1,253 acres (15%) of residentially designated land and 261 acres (27%) of commercially designated land vacant and available for development. All 688 acres designated as industrial

are undeveloped. In addition, 2,826 acres (52%) of parcels designated as Planned Community Development, and 951 acres (52%) of parcels designated as Town Center are undeveloped and can be utilized for a variety of uses. The Traditional Neighborhood Development category was added in 2006 and contains 7,137 acres of land, all of which remains to be developed. Approximately 18% of land has been reserved for public facilities and rights-of-way. The Centennial Hills Sector area has approximately 4,800 acres (13%) of open space.

Table 2: Southwest Sector Land Use Distribution

Classification	Acreage	Percent of Total Acreage	Percent Developed	Percent Undeveloped
Low Density Residential (< 5.5 DUA)	2,449	8%	95%	5%
Medium Density Residential (5.5-12.49 DUA)	4,008	13%	99%	1%
High Density Residential (> 12.49 DUA)	1,669	6%	96%	4%
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>8,126</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Commercial	1,487	5%	86%	14%
Industrial	330	1%	83%	17%
Summerlin West	8,420	28%	10%	90%
Summerlin North	4,839	16%	99%	1%
Open Space	1,979	7%	N/A	N/A
Public Facilities	798	3%	N/A	N/A
Right of Way	3,885	13%	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,864</b>	<b>100%</b>		

Source: City of Las Vegas, Planning & Development Department, November 2008. Percentages rounded to nearest whole percent.

The Southwest Sector is a slightly more mature area than the Centennial Hills Sector, but there is still a fair amount of vacant land available for development. There are currently 231 acres (3%) of residentially designated land and 213 acres (14%) of commercially designated land available for development. In addition, the Southwest Sector also contains the master planned communities of Summerlin North and Summerlin West, which make up 44% of the total acreage in the sector. These communities contain a balanced mix of homes, commercial services, and amenities such as multi-use playing fields, sidewalks, clubhouses, transit, parks, trails, and open spaces that were incorporated into the design. While the Summerlin North area is nearly built out, the Summerlin West area contains 7,614 acres (90%) of undeveloped land that can be designated for a variety of uses. There are 57 acres (17%) of industrial land available for development, and there are 798 acres



of land designated for public facilities. There are 1,979 acres of open space located within the Southwest Sector. Due to a calculation error in the 2005 Land Use Element distribution tables, the total acreage in the Southwest Sector had been shown in that document to be greater than the actual total. The figure in Table 2 reflects the corrected total.

Table 3: Southeast Sector Land Use Distribution

Classification	Acreage	Percent of Total Acreage	Percent Developed	Percent Undeveloped
Low Density Residential (< 5.5 DUA)	5,543	29%	98%	2%
Medium Density Residential (5.5-12.49 DUA)	1,415	7%	95%	5%
High Density Residential (> 12.49 DUA)	1,331	7%	96%	4%
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>3%</b>
Commercial	2,559	13%	88%	12%
Industrial	706	4%	94%	6%
Medical District	176	1%	94%	6%
Mixed Use	950	5%	78%	22%
Open Space	365	2%	N/A	N/A
Public Facilities	1,688	9%	N/A	N/A
Right of Way	4,534	23%	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,267</b>	<b>100%</b>		

Source: City of Las Vegas, Planning & Development Department, November 2008. Percentages rounded to nearest whole percent.

The Southeast Sector is the most mature and built-out sector within the city. As the city begins to reach its limits on available land, mixed-use projects as well as infill and redevelopment will be emphasized in future developments. The city will encourage new infill development while remaining sensitive to the character of existing stable neighborhoods. There are 210 acres (3%) of residentially designated land and 313 acres (12%) of commercially designated land available for development. There are 209 acres designated Mixed Use (22%) and 11 acres (6%) of the Las Vegas Medical District available for development. The Southeast Sector contains 44 acres (6%) of undeveloped industrial land, and 1,688 acres are designated for public facilities. Of all the sectors, the Southeast Sector contains the least amount of open space, with only 365 acres (2%) of available land designated for it.

Table 4: City of Las Vegas Citywide Land Use Distribution

Classification	Acreage	Percent of Total Acreage	Percent Developed	Percent Undeveloped
Low Density Residential (< 5.5 DUA)	13,434	16%	86%	14%
Medium Density Residential (5.5-12.49 DUA)	8,246	10%	96%	4%
High Density Residential (> 12.49 DUA)	3,338	4%	95%	5%
<b>Total Residential</b>	<b>25,018</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>9%</b>
Commercial	5,000	6%	84%	16%
Industrial	1,724	2%	54%	46%
Town Center	1,828	2%	48%	52%
Planned Community Development	5,441	6%	48%	52%
Traditional Neighborhood Development	7,137	8%	0%	100%
Summerlin North	4,839	6%	99%	1%
Summerlin West	8,420	10%	10%	90%
Medical District	176	0.2%	94%	6%
Mixed Use	950	1%	78%	22%
Open Space	7,136	8%	N/A	N/A
Public Facilities	3,923	5%	N/A	N/A
Right-of-Way	13,618	16%	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,210</b>	<b>100.0%</b>		

Source: City of Las Vegas, Planning & Development Department, November 2008. Percentages rounded to nearest whole percent.

The city as a whole has 2,338 acres (9%) of residentially designated parcels, 787 acres (16%) of commercially designated parcels, 789 acres (46%) of industrially designated parcels and 18,595 acres (67%) within planned development areas (Town Center, Traditional Neighborhood Development, Planned Community Development and Summerlin) available for development. The Traditional Neighborhood Development and Summerlin West categories contain the most vacant land and provide the best opportunities for future development. One hundred percent of the land in the Traditional Neighborhood Development category and approximately 90 percent of Summerlin West is undeveloped.

Most of the changes in the distribution of land uses in recent years have occurred in the Centennial Hills Sector (Newly Developing Area) and Southwest Sector (Recently Developed Area) as a result of annexations and new developments requiring changes in land use designation.

## MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

In 2001, the Downtown Overlay District was created to coincide with the Downtown Centennial Plan area and establish special standards for any zoning district in this area.<sup>5</sup> Many traditional standards such as for setbacks, height, parking, landscaping and lot coverage were relaxed to encourage developments having both residential and nonresidential uses on the same parcel or to allow both residential and nonresidential uses in an area zoned for one or the other. By 2003, a specific use called "Mixed Use" was created and defined, and was deemed appropriate anywhere inside the boundaries of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Area.<sup>6</sup> The area permitting mixed-use developments later expanded to the boundaries of the Neighborhood Revitalization Area,<sup>7</sup> and then became permissible anywhere within the C-1, C-2 and C-PB Districts with certain restrictions.<sup>8</sup> With the adoption of a new development code, the C-PB District will be eliminated for future development, so that mixed-use developments will be limited to the C-1 and C-2 Districts.

The Mixed Use (MXU) District was created in 2003 as part of a revision to the Las Vegas Redevelopment Area.<sup>9</sup> Both residential and nonresidential land use categories could be allowed on redevelopment parcels designated as MXU.

The Centennial Hills Town Center area was envisioned as a mixed-use employment center that would create an economic hub in the northwest part of the city. The Town Center (TC) land use category, T-C (Town Center) zoning district and the Town Center Development Standards Manual were created to designate and regulate development in this area.

The Planned Development (PD) zoning district is intended to be flexible in the distribution of land uses, the density of development and in other matters typically regulated in zoning districts, thereby allowing the possibility of mixed-use development. Symphony Park is an example of a mixed-use planned development within the city.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) is walkable, mixed-use development which occurs within a quarter-mile radius of transit station locations. The goal of creating walkable neighborhoods is most fully realized by the city's TND designation. The encouraged development pattern is for an interconnected street grid and buildings that relate to the street. This permits shorter walking times practical for access to all points in the neighborhood, whether for leisure or transportation. Complete streets that ac-

<sup>5</sup> *City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5301 (March 7, 2001).*

<sup>6</sup> *City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5565 (February 3, 2003).*

<sup>7</sup> *City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5662 (January 21, 2004).*

<sup>8</sup> *City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5738 (December 15, 2004).*

<sup>9</sup> *City of Las Vegas City Council Agenda Item 137 (GPA-2497), October 1, 2003; City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5652 (December 17, 2003).*



commodate vehicles, transit, pedestrians and bicycles are mandated, with emphasis on streetscaping and sidewalks. Commercial service uses are near residential dwellings. Kyle Canyon is a development area designated for Traditional Neighborhood Development.

Form Base Code (FBC) is a land use regulating system that focuses on the physical form of the built environment, and its relationship to the public realm, instead of the segregation of land uses. As such, the FBC land use designation encourages mixed-use and fosters human scale, a walkable environment, and access to employment, services and amenities for the community. Following the adoption of the Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan in 2016 the Department of Planning began drafting a Form-Based Code for downtown Las Vegas, as this had been identified as a critical step towards the implementation of the plan. The FBC land use designation was created in 2018 to provide a designation that allows for the utilization of Form-Based zoning districts, also known as Transect Zones or T-Zones, within the Downtown Area (see Exhibit 3)

## FEDERALLY MANAGED LANDS

Several areas of the city are under management of the United States government. The Paiute Indian Colony, located between Main Street and the Union Pacific Railroad north of Washington Avenue, was established in 1912 after landowner Helen Stewart deeded 10 acres of her ranch property to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Since then, nearly 10 additional acres have been added to the original tract. The U.S. government holds the reservation in trust; however, the Paiute tribe has autonomy and has the power to develop on these parcels without interference.<sup>10</sup> The colony includes residential, commercial, and civic uses, including burial grounds.

Analysis of land use and land ownership reveals that approximately 11,300 acres (17.66 square miles) within city limits are managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an agency of the Department of the Interior. Approximately 74 percent of this land area includes the upper Las Vegas Wash and its environs, and about nine percent is located in steeply sloped areas in undeveloped portions of Summerlin west of the Bruce Woodbury Beltway. The federal government owns other properties within the city that are managed by the city, county, and the Las Vegas Valley Water District, including parks and public facilities.

<sup>10</sup> *City of Las Vegas, Downtown North Land Use Plan (Revised November 19, 2008), p. 19.*

<sup>11</sup> *U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volume I (May 1998), p. 1-1.*



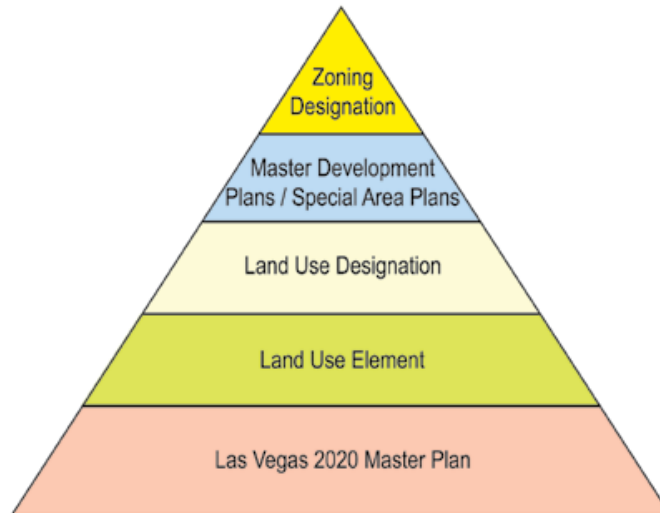
The BLM has a Resource Management Plan in place for all of the area it manages in the Las Vegas District. The plan addresses land tenure, desert tortoise protection, availability of minerals, minerals management, off-road vehicle use, special management areas/areas of critical environmental concern, and utility corridors.<sup>11</sup> Special emphasis was placed on protection of the desert tortoise (listed as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act) and other sensitive natural resources; however, the plan also recognizes the need not only to protect federal lands, but also to provide opportunities for recreation and mineral exploration and to provide for growth of the Las Vegas area by making public lands available for development.

Recognizing that local governments could better manage parcels located within their own jurisdictions, Congress passed the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA), which established a boundary within which federally owned lands in the Las Vegas Valley area could be auctioned, sold, exchanged or otherwise disposed to local governments or private entities. SNPLMA authorized the disposal of approximately 52,000 acres, with large areas located north and south of the urbanized area. In 2002, SNPLMA was amended<sup>12</sup> to expand the disposal boundary so that an additional 22,000 acres could be transferred. Within the disposal boundary, approximately 5,000 acres in the vicinity of the Upper Las Vegas Wash received special consideration for protection of rare plant species, Pleistocene Era animal fossils and other cultural resources. Lands in this "Conservation Transfer Area" may only be disposed after the BLM and the recipients sign a Conservation Agreement stating the manner in which these lands are to be managed in the long term.

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, *Las Vegas Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement, Volume I (May 1998)*, p. 1-1.

<sup>12</sup> *Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 (HR 5200) (October 1, 2002)*.

A Final Environmental Impact Statement for the disposal area was released in December 2004; however, transfer of title to any of the lands in the Conservation Transfer Area is pending the outcome of a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) that will determine the final boundary of the Conservation Transfer Area and summarize the impacts of various uses to the special resources of the area. Approximately 3,000 acres of the Conservation Transfer Area are located within the city limits, subject to the final SEIS. The city has designated this area as PR-OS (Parks/Recreation/Open Space) in its General Land Use Plan.



## LAND USE HIERARCHY

The land use hierarchy of the city of Las Vegas is designed to progress from broad to specific. In descending order, the land use hierarchy progresses in the following order: 2020 Master Plan; Land Use Element; Master Plan Land Use Designation; Master Development Plan Areas; and Zoning Designation. The following is a brief explanation of the role assumed by each level of the land use hierarchy.

### LAS VEGAS 2020 MASTER PLAN

In 2001, the city of Las Vegas adopted the 2020 Master Plan, which provided a broad and comprehensive policy direction for future land use planning. Within this document, the city was divided into four strategy areas whose boundaries were roughly adopted from the 1992 General Plan Sector Plans. The areas are defined as the Downtown Reurbanization Area, Neighborhood Revitalization Area, Newly Developing Area, and Recently Developed Area.<sup>13</sup> Within these areas, broad goals, objectives, and policies were developed in order to direct planning efforts until the year 2020.

### LAND USE ELEMENT

<sup>13</sup> Recently Developed Area was added through a revision of the 2020 Master Plan dated July 6, 2005 (GPA-6363).



Within the Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element, the city is divided into the Centennial Hills Sector, Southeast Sector, Southwest Sector, and the Downtown Area. The sector plans have the same geographical boundaries as the four strategy areas (Downtown Reurbanization, Neighborhood Revitalization, Newly Developing, and Recently Developed) identified in the 2020 Master Plan.

While the 2020 Strategy Areas and Land Use Element Sector Plans have different names, the objectives and policies developed for each Strategy Area in the Master Plan also directs future planning policy for each corresponding Sector Plan.

The following list depicts the 2020 Master Plan Strategy Areas and their Land Use and Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element equivalents.

2020 Plan Strategy Area	Land Use & Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element
Downtown Reurbanization Area	Downtown Area
Neighborhood Revitalization Area	Southeast Sector Plan
Newly Developing Area	Centennial Hills Sector Plan
Recently Developed Area	Southwest Sector Plan

## MASTER PLAN DESIGNATION

The Master Plan designation determines its future land use. There are 17 land use designations within the Master Plan that allow for various residential, commercial, industrial, and public facility uses. Within each designation, a specific set of zoning districts are allowed.

## MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREAS AND SPECIAL LAND USE DESIGNATION

Master planned areas are comprehensively planned developments with a site area of more than eighty acres.<sup>14</sup> Other special area plans are intended for neighborhood and other smaller areas where it is determined that a more detailed planning direction is needed. These areas are located throughout the city and are listed by Sector Plan in the Future Land Use section of this element.

Some plan areas have separate land use designations that are unique to that particular plan. These special land use designations are described within the Description of Master Plan Land Use Designations subsection of the Future Land Use section of this element.

<sup>14</sup> Certain infill developments may receive a waiver from the eighty-acre requirement.

## ZONING

Zoning is the major implementation tool of the Master Plan. The use of land as well as the intensity, height, setbacks, and associated parking needs of a development are regulated by zoning district requirements. Each Master Plan designation has specific zoning categories that are compatible, and any zoning or rezoning request must be in substantial agreement with the Master Plan as required by Nevada Revised Statutes 278.250 and Title 19.00 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code. The land use tables within the Future Land Use section of this element depict the allowable zoning districts for each Master Plan designation.

## FUTURE LAND USE

### CENTENNIAL HILLS SECTOR

The Centennial Hills Sector Plan was adopted in 1999<sup>15</sup> in order to provide for orderly development in the northwest portion of the city and was intended to replace the Northwest Sector map of the 1992 General Plan. The Centennial Hills Sector area is bounded by the city limits to the north, Cheyenne Avenue to the south, Decatur Boulevard to the east and Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area to the west. The Centennial Hills plan defines land use, addresses circulation, open space, public facilities and includes the Centennial Hills Town Center land use plan.

### TOWN CENTER

The Centennial Hills Town Center land use plan is intended to be a high intensity, high density, mixed use development located on all four quadrants of the Beltway and US 95 interchange. The intent of the Town Center plan is to prevent the sprawl of commercial and office development into the residential neighborhoods that exist within the Centennial Hills Sector Plan area.

### MONTECITO TOWN CENTER

Partially located within the Town Center Land Use Plan, the area known as Montecito Town Center was established by a 2002 development agreement. Montecito Town Center is a 217.5 acre area generally bounded by Elkhorn Road to the north, I-215 to the south, El Capitan Way to the west and Durango Drive to the east. It is intended to be a multi-use ac-

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<sup>15</sup> City of Las Vegas Ord. 5152, June 28, 1999.







tivity center, and is the most appropriate area within Centennial Hills for larger scale mixed-use and multi-use developments. The Montecito Town Center Land Use and Design Standards appendix to the development agreement introduces the Mixed-Use Commercial land use designation, which governs all development in the Montecito area. Within this category, there are six "Activity Centers" that encompass various commercial and residential uses, as well as a buffer area for the Timberlake residential community. Descriptions of Montecito activity centers, buffer area, permitted uses, and design standards can be viewed in their entirety within the Montecito Town Center Land Use and Design Standards appendix to the development agreement.

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

On January 2, 2002, an Interlocal Agreement between Clark County and the city of Las Vegas was approved to establish joint policies on corporate boundaries, annexations, land use planning (including zoning and development review), transportation planning, parks and trails planning, and urban services (including sewer, water and flood control facilities planning). This agreement resulted in a joint planning effort that created a seamless land use plan illustrating the anticipated development patterns for the city of Las Vegas and Clark County in the Centennial Hills/Lone Mountain Planning Areas. On December 3, 2008, a restated interlocal agreement<sup>16</sup> was approved to further clarify the rights, roles and obligations of the city and the county. The restated agreement expires five years after the Effective Date unless one of the parties wishes to cancel.

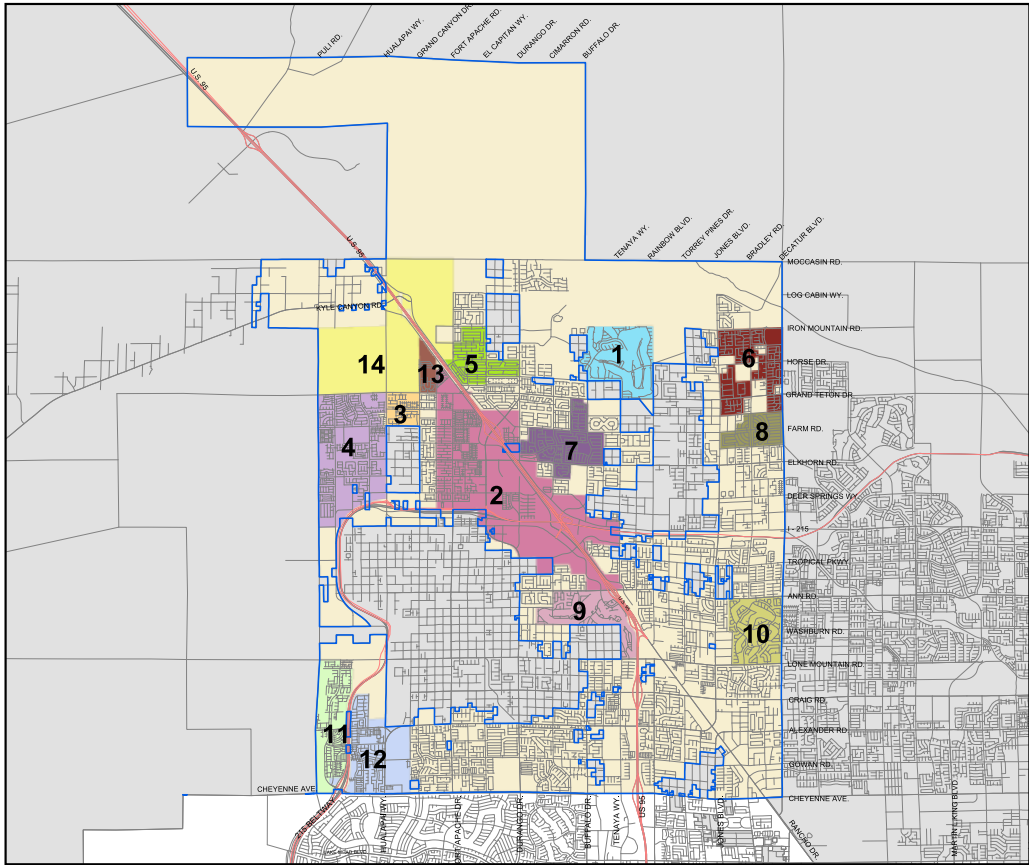
## MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREAS

The following Master Development Plan Areas are located within the Centennial Hills Sector:

Cliffs Edge (Providence)	Los Prados
Elkhorn Ranch	Lynbrook
Grand Canyon Village	Montecito Town Center
Grand Teton Village	Painted Desert
Iron Mountain Ranch	Silverstone Ranch
Kyle Canyon	Spring Mountain Ranch
Lone Mountain	Town Center
Lone Mountain West	

<sup>16</sup> City of Las Vegas City Council Agenda Item 48. The Interlocal Agreement was approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 2, 2008.

Exhibit 2:  
Centennial Hills Sector Map



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## DOWNTOWN AREA

The auction of land owned by the Union-Pacific Railroad Company on May 5, 1905 is considered the birthday of Las Vegas. Downtown Las Vegas has long served as the hub of the entire Las Vegas region. In the 1990s, office and commercial development began to disperse to new suburban centers such as Summerlin and Green Valley. New housing developments spread out across the valley, and commercial development within the downtown core was passed over for new suburban areas.

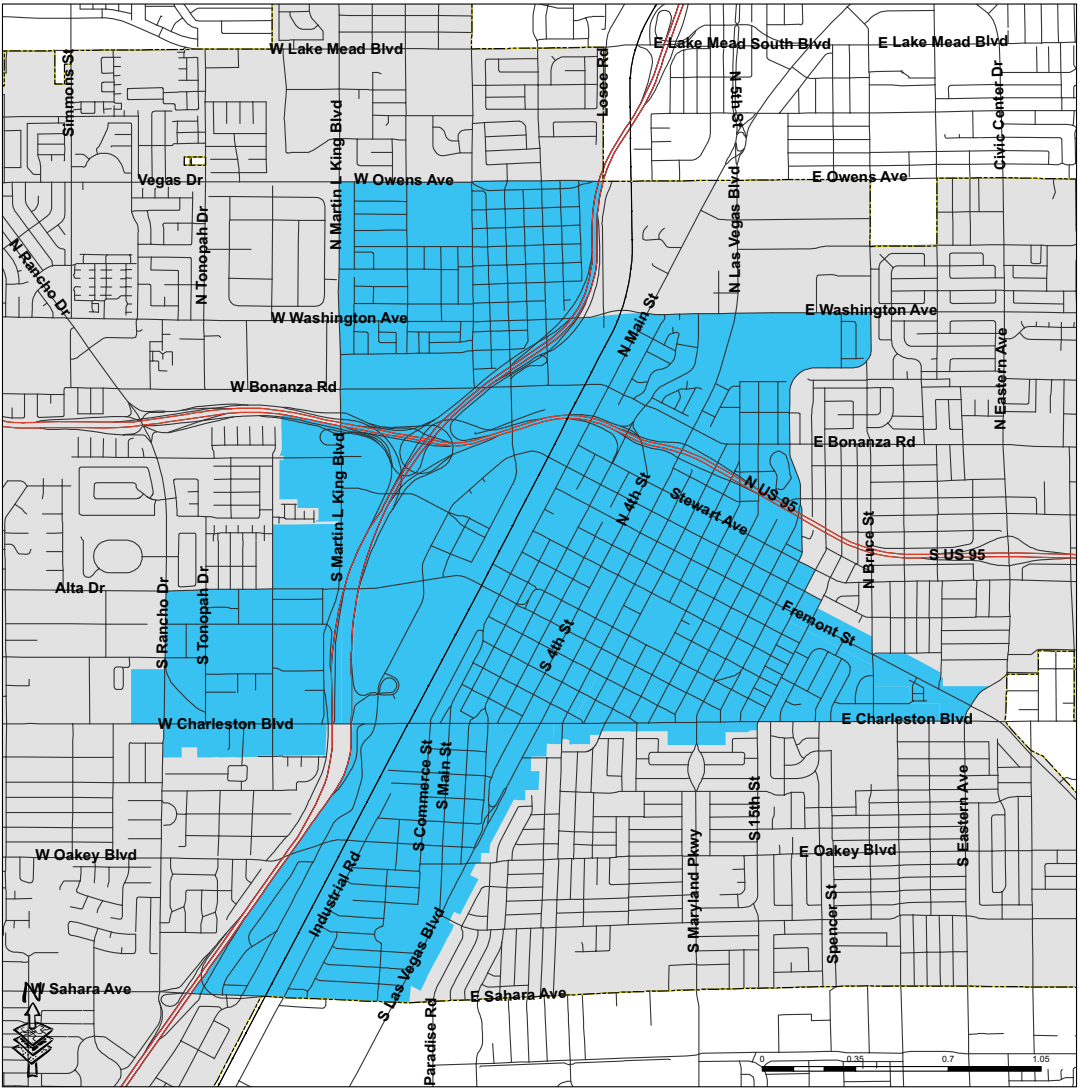
In the past few years, however, the Downtown area has experienced an urban renaissance illustrated by a number of diverse residential, commercial, and mixed-use projects that have been built, are under construction, or are currently in the planning stages. Development towards the city's vision of a vibrant 24-hour downtown where people can live, work, and play has gained momentum in recent years. The Regional Justice Center, Clark County Government Complex, Federal Courthouse, and Premium Outlet Center are examples of employment centers that are located within the city's core. The city, through its consultant Newland Communities, is developing 61 acres of the downtown area known as Symphony Park. Related Companies, LP continues to co-develop the adjacent 57-acre home furnishings complex known as World Market Center. Several mixed-use, high-rise condominium towers have been recently approved and may soon add additional residential units to the downtown area. Six of these projects that have recently been completed (Allure, L'Octaine, Newport Lofts, Soho Lofts, Streamline Towers and Juhl) have collectively added 1,383 residential units to the Downtown area.

Land use in the downtown area is governed by the Downtown Land Use map of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Area Plan.<sup>17</sup> The plan has been implemented to encourage desirable and orderly development within the downtown area. The plan establishes land uses for the Downtown Area, and encourages the continuing development of downtown Las Vegas as the regional center for finance, businesses, governmental services, entertainment and recreation, while retaining the gaming and tourism vital to economic prosperity.

In 2016, the City of Las Vegas adopted the Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan, which identified the adoption of a Form-Based Code for the twelve identified Districts of downtown as a key step towards implementing the vision established by the policy document. The Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan also conceptualized the expansion of the overall Downtown Area, which was established through the adoption of the Downtown Las Vegas Overlay (DTLV-O) in 2017, which replaced the previous Downtown Centennial Plan Overlay (DCP-O). To set the framework for the Form-Based Code, a Form-Based Code (FBC) land use designation was created in 2018, to allow for Form-Based Zoning Districts, also known as Transect Zones or T-Zones, to be utilized for properties within the Downtown Area (see Exhibit 3). The FBC land use designation is consistent and concurrent with the Downtown Land Use map of the Las Vegas Redevelopment Area Plan.

<sup>17</sup> Adopted by City of Las Vegas Ord. 3218 (March 5, 1986) and amended by General Plan Amendment.

Exhibit 3:  
Downtown Area Map



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- Southeast Sector
- City Boundary
- Downtown Area

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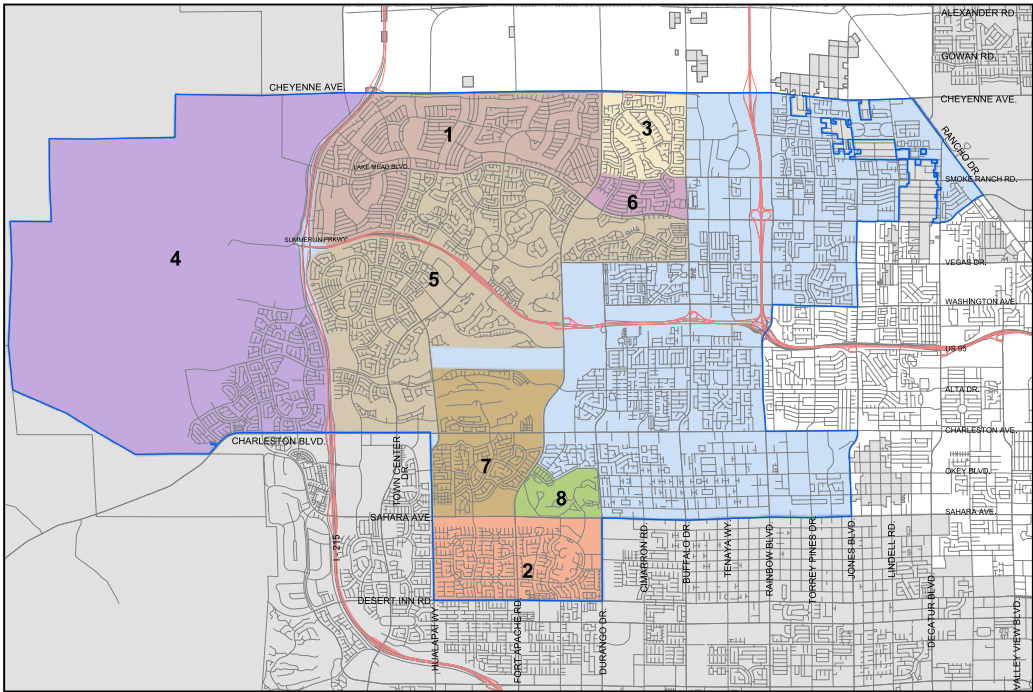
## SOUTHWEST SECTOR

The Southwest Sector of the Master Plan is located along Cheyenne Avenue to the north, portions of Rainbow and Jones Boulevard to the east, the Bruce Woodbury Beltway to the west, and the city limit boundaries to the south. Many of the city's more recently developed areas such as Summerlin and the Lakes are located within the Southwest Sector Plan. The following Master Development Plan Areas are located within the Southwest Sector:

Canyon Gate	Desert Shores
The Lakes	Peccole Ranch
South Shores	Summerlin North
Summerlin West	Sun City



Exhibit 4:  
Southwest Sector Map



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| 1 Sun City      | 4 Summerlin West  | 7 Peccole Ranch  |
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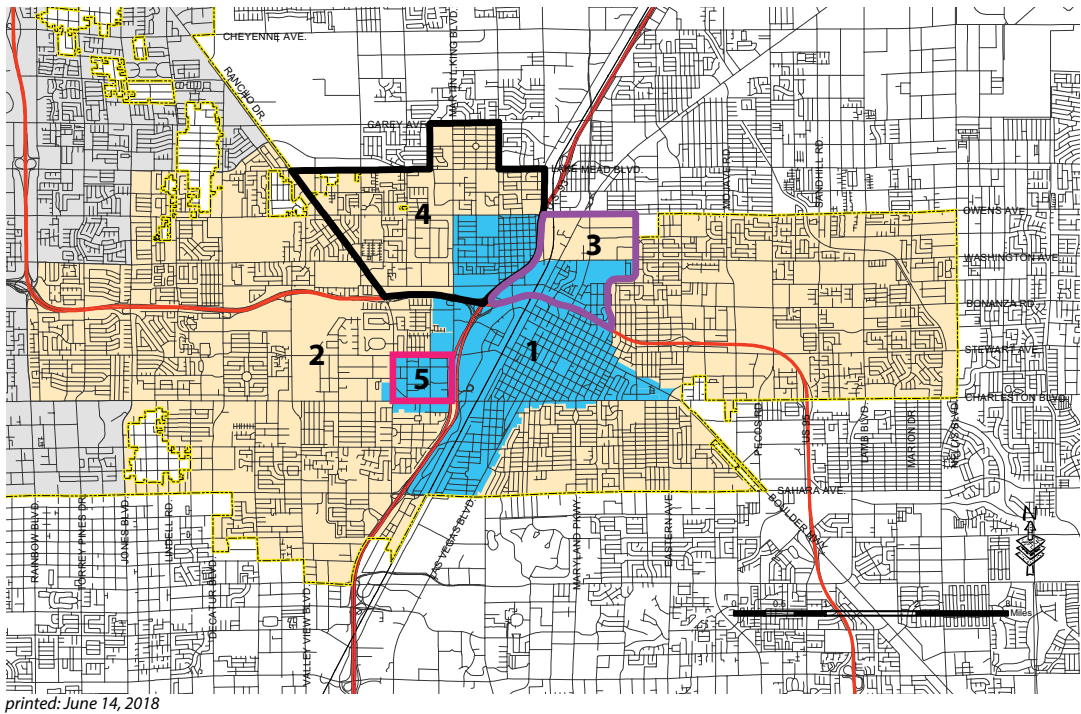
## SOUTHEAST SECTOR

The Southeast Sector of the Master Plan is located along portions of Jones and Rainbow Boulevards to the west, and the city limit boundaries to the northeast of Rancho Drive, south, and east. The Southeast Sector is comprised of many of the city's more mature areas. Much of the Southeast Sector is built out, and future growth in the area will most likely consist of infill development and neighborhood revitalization. The Southeast Sector includes Downtown and Downtown North, West Las Vegas, and the Las Vegas Medical District. The historic John S. Park and Las Vegas High School neighborhoods are also located here.

Following the adoption of the Vision 2045 Downtown Las Vegas Masterplan in 2016 and the establishment of the Downtown Las Vegas Overlay District (DTLV-O) in 2017, the Downtown Area boundary was expanded in 2018. The Downtown Area now includes the entirety of the Las Vegas medical District, as well as portions of the Downtown North Plan Area and the West Las Vegas Plan Area (see Exhibit 5).



Exhibit 5:  
Southeast Sector Map



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|  Freeway              |  3 Downtown North Plan Area     |
|  1 Downtown Area     |  4 West Las Vegas Plan Area    |
|  2 Southeast Sector |  5 Las Vegas Medical District |





## LAND USE TABLES

The following matrices display the allowable land use categories, residential densities, and zoning districts within the various planning areas of the city of Las Vegas. While some planning areas have unique land uses, development standards, and design guidelines, the individual attributes of each area are beyond the scope of these matrices. The master plan for each development area may be viewed in its entirety at the city of Las Vegas Development Services Center.

Table 5: Master Plan Land Use Designations

Master Plan Land Use Designations	RESIDENTIAL									COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL				OTHER					
	RNP	DR	R	L	ML	MLA	M	H	PCD	O	SC	GC	LI/R	TC	PR-OS	PF	TND	LVMD	FBC
Master Plan Designation																			
Maximum Allowable Density (Units Per Acre)	2.00	2.49	3.59	5.49	8.49	12.49	25.49	≥25.5	8.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	See Town Center Chart	N/A	N/A	Variable†	See Las Vegas Medical District Chart	Variable†
Allowable Zoning Categories	U*, R-E	U, R-E	U, R-E, R-1	R-1, R-MH, U, R-E	R-2, R-CL, R-1, R-MH, U, R-E	R-2, R-TH, R-MH	R-3, R-2, R-TH	R-4, R-3, R-2, R-TH	PD ‡	O, P-O	C-1, O, P-O	C-2, C-1, O, P-O	M, C-M, C-2, C-1, O, P-O	See Town Center Chart	C-V	C-V	R-4, R-3, R-2, R-1, R-E, C-2, C-1, O	See Las Vegas Medical District Chart	See Downtown Area Chart

\* Per LVMC Title 19.18.020, an undeveloped property may be zoned U (RNP) until it is rezoned or until such time as a proper classification is determined.

† The density of a development within the TND and FBC categories is limited by the approved Zoning Districts or the Development Standards and Design Guidelines document in the case of an approved master planned development.

‡ The PD Zoning District shall require a minimum acreage of 40 acres.

Table 6: Town Center Special Land Use Designations

Centennial Hills Town Center	RESIDENTIAL				COMMERCIAL								OTHER	
	L-TC	ML-TC	MLA-TC	M-TC	EC-TC	MS-TC	SX-TC	UC-TC	SC-TC	GC-TC				
Special Land Use Designation														
Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	Up to 5.5	5.6 - 8	8.1 - 12	12.1 - 25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C	T-C

\* Per Town Center Development Standards Manual (Revised April 15, 2009), pp. 6 and 9.

Centennial Hills Sector Plan last amended March 1, 2006 (GPA-10835).





Table 7: Cliff's Edge Special Land Use Designations

Cliff's Edge Master Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL				COMMERCIAL	OTHER
Special Land Use Designation	L	ML	RSL	M	VC	PF
Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	Up to 5.5	Up to 8	Up to 15	Up to 25	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD

\*Per Cliff's Edge Master Development Plan and Design Guidelines (Revised September 19, 2007), pp. 12-13.  
 Note: For maximum allowable number of units, refer to the Cliff's Edge Master Development Plan.  
 Plan last amended September 19, 2007 (MOD-22968).

Table 8: Grand Canyon Village Special Land Use Designations

Grand Canyon Village Master Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL			COMMERCIAL
Special Land Use Designation	ML	MFH	MFH	CC
Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	Up to 12	Up to 25	Up to 25	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	PD	PD	PD	PD

\*Per Grand Canyon Village Master Development Plan and Design Standards, p. 11.  
 Note: For maximum allowable number of units, refer to the Grand Canyon Village Master Development Plan.  
 Plan last amended April 2, 2003 (MOD-1696).

Table 9: Grand Teton Village Special Land Use Designations

Grand Teton Village Master Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL				COMMERCIAL	OTHER
Special Land Use Designation	L	ML	MLA	MFM	N/A	PF
Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	Up to 5.5**	Up to 8	Up to 12	Up to 25	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	PD	PD	PD	PD	N/A	PD

\*Per Grand Teton Village Master Development Plan and Design Guidelines (Revised November 3, 2004), p. 12.

Note: For Maximum allowable number of units, refer to the Grand Teton Village Master Development Plan.

\*\* A 330-foot wide portion of the (L) category along the north side of Farm Road is limited to 3.0 gross dwelling units per acre, per Z-0014-02. Plan last amended November 3, 2004 (MOD-5125).

Table 10: Iron Mountain Ranch Land Use Designations

Iron Mountain Ranch Master Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL				COMMERCIAL	OTHER
Master Plan Land Use Designation	DR	R	L	ML	N/A	PF, PR-OS
Maximum Allowable Density (Units Per Acre)	2.00	3.49	5.49	8.49	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	R-PD2*	R-PD*	R-PD*	R-PD	N/A	C-V

\* The types of development permitted under the R-PD designation prior to the adoption of the Unified Development Code shall now be achieved under the TND designation. All existing R-PD designated development as of the effective date of the Unified Development Code shall be governed by any approved Development Standards, Design Guidelines, or other active entitlements that may be applicable.





Table 11: Lone Mountain Special Land Use Designations

Lone Mountain Master Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL				COMMERCIAL		OTHER	
	L	ML	MLA	M	NC	VC	PR-OS	PF
Special Land Use Designation								
Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	Up to 5.5	5.6 to 8	8.1 to 12	12.1 to 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD

\*Per Lone Mountain Master Development Plan and Design Guidelines (Revised December 3, 2008), pp. 7, 9.  
 Note: For Maximum allowable number of units, refer to the Lone Mountain Master Development Plan.  
 Plan last amended December 3, 2008 (Ord. #6015).

Table 12: Lone Mountain West Special Land Use Designations

Lone Mountain West Master Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL				COMMERCIAL		OTHER	
	L	ML	MFM	NC	VC	PR-OS	PD, C-V	PD, C-V
Special Land Use Designation								
Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	Up to 6	Up to 12	Up to 25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD, C-V	PD, C-V	PD, C-V

\*Per Lone Mountain West Master Development Plan and Design Guidelines (Revised January 7, 2009), pp. 11-12.  
 Note: For Maximum allowable number of units and maximum overall density, refer to the Lone Mountain West Master Development Plan.  
 Plan last amended January 7, 2009 (Ord. #6020).

Table 13: Las Vegas Medical District Special Land Use Designations

Las Vegas Medical District Plan Area	COMMERCIAL					OTHER
Special Land Use Designation	HD	P-O	SC	MD-1	MD-2	N/A
Allowable Density	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	PD	PD	PD	PD	PD	N/A

Plan last amended August 1, 2007 (R-57-07).

Table 14: Downtown Area Land Use Designations

Downtown Land Use Plan Area	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL			OTHER	
Master Plan Land Use Designation	MXU	MXU	C	LI/R	PF	FBC
Corresponding General Plan Categories	L, ML, M, H, O, SC, GC	L, ML, M, H, O, SC, GC	O, SC, GC	LI/R	PF	FBC
Allowable Zoning Categories	R-E, R-MH, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-TH, O, P-O, C-1, C-2	R-E, R-MH, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-TH, O, P-O, C-1, C-2	O, P-O, C-1, C-2	C-M, M	C-V	T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, SD* (asterisk applicable to all)

Plan last amended May 17, 2006 (Ord. #5830).

\*The Allowable Zoning Categories indicated as T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, and SD include all Form-based Code Zoning Districts and Sub-Districts, also referred to as Transect Zones and Sub-Zones, that are indicated as pertaining to the Las Vegas Transect as described in the Unified Development Code.





Table 15: Summerlin North Special Land Use Designations

Summerlin North	RESIDENTIAL											COMMERCIAL				OTHER	
Special Land Use Designation	EQR	ER	SF1	SF2	SF3	SFZL	SFA	SFSD	MF1	MF2	MF3	RR	NF	VC	TC	EC	COS
Maximum Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	2	2	3.5	6	10	12	18	18	14	21	>21	4.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C

\*Per Summerlin Development Standards (Revised September 15, 2004), pp. 2-24; 2-26; 2-27

Summerlin Development Standards last updated September 15, 2004 (DIR-3934).

Table 16: Summerlin West Special Land Use Designations

Summerlin West	RESIDENTIAL											COMMERCIAL				OTHER	
Special Land Use Designation	EQR	ER	SF1	SF2	SF3	SFZL	SFA	SFSD	MF1	MF2	MF3	RR	NF	VC	TC	EC	COS
Maximum Allowable Gross Density (Units Per Acre)*	2	2	3.5	6	10	12	18	18	14	21	>21	4.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Allowable Zoning Categories	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C	P-C

\*Per Summerlin Development Standards (Revised September 15, 2004), pp. 2-24; 2-26; 2-27

Summerlin Development Standards last updated September 15, 2004 (DIR-3934).

# DESCRIPTION OF MASTER PLAN LAND USE CATEGORIES

The following is a description of the various land use categories within the city of Las Vegas. Because some designations are exclusive to particular plan areas, designations have also been categorized according to their respective Master Development Plans.

## RESIDENTIAL

RNP (Rural Neighborhood Preservation) – The predominant feature of these residential areas is single-family homes on large lots, many including equestrian facilities. This is generally a rural environment that permits greater privacy and some non-commercial raising of domestic animals. An Interlocal Agreement between the city of Las Vegas and Clark County approved January 2, 2002 established certain parcels with these characteristics in the Centennial Hills Sector and the unincorporated area of the Northwest as “rural neighborhood preservation” areas. A Restated Interlocal Agreement between the parties approved December 3, 2008 reestablishes these parcels, and sets the allowable density requirement and the rules by which parcels may be permitted to be amended to a more intense land use category. This category allows up to 2.00 units per acre.

DR (Desert Rural Density Residential) – The predominant lifestyle feature of these residential areas is single-family homes on large lots, many including equestrian facilities. This is a generally rural environment that permits greater privacy and some non-commercial raising of domestic animals. It is expected that in the Desert Rural Density Residential Category there generally would be no need for common facilities such as recreation, with the exception of maintaining an existing water system. This category allows up to 2.49 units per acre.

R (Rural Density Residential) – The Rural Density Residential category is a rural or semi-rural environment with a lifestyle much like that of the Desert Rural, but with a smaller allowable lot size. This category allows up to 3.59 units per acre.

L (Low Density Residential) – The Low Density category generally permits single family detached homes, manufactured homes on individual lots, gardening, home occupations, and family child care facilities. This category allows up to 5.49 units per acre.

ML (Medium Low Density Residential) – The Medium Low





Density Residential category generally permits single-family detached homes, including compact lots and zero lot lines, mobile home parks and two-family dwellings. Local supporting uses such as parks, other recreation facilities, schools and churches are allowed in this category. This category allows up to 8.49 units per acre.

MLA (Medium Low Attached Density Residential) – The Medium Low Attached Density Residential category includes a variety of multi-family units such as plexes, townhouses, condominiums, and low-density apartments. This category is an appropriate use for the residential portion of a Village Center or Town Center area. It is also an appropriate transitional use. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district. This category allows up to 12.49 units per acre.

M (Medium Density Residential) – The Medium Density Residential category includes a variety of multi-family units such as plexes, townhouses, and low-density apartments. This category allows up to 25.49 units per acre.

H (High Density Residential) – Depending on the location of the parcel, the High Density Residential category allows development such as multi-family plexes, townhouses, high-density apartments, and high-rise residential. This category allows 25.5 or more units per acre.

PCD (Planned Community Development) – The Planned Community Development category allows for a mix of residential uses that maintains an average overall density ranging from two to eight dwelling units per gross acre, depending upon compatibility with adjacent uses (e.g., a density of two units per acre will be required when adjacent to DR designated property). In addition, commercial, public facilities and office projects may be used as buffers (depending on compatibility issues) within the PCD. Residential streets shall be designed to discourage through traffic, provide maximum privacy, and avoid the appearance of lot conformity. In order to protect existing lifestyles, adjacency standards and conditions may be required for new development.

## COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL

O (Office) – The Office category provides for small lot office conversions as a transition along primary and secondary streets from residential and commercial uses, and for large planned office areas. Permitted uses include business, professional and financial offices as well as offices for individuals, civic, social, fraternal and other non-profit organizations.

SC (Service Commercial) – The Service Commercial

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category allows low to medium intensity retail, office, or other commercial uses that serve primarily local area patrons, and that do not include more intense general commercial characteristics. Examples include neighborhood shopping centers, theaters, and other places of public assembly and public and semi-public uses. This category also includes offices either singly or grouped as office centers with professional and business services. The Service Commercial category may also allow mixed-use development with a residential component where appropriate.

GC (General Commercial) – The General Commercial category generally allows retail, service, wholesale, office and other general business uses of a more intense commercial character. These uses may include outdoor storage or display of products or parts, noise, lighting or other characteristics not generally considered compatible with adjoining residential areas without significant transition. Examples include new and used car sales, recreational vehicle and boat sales, car body and engine repair shops, mortuaries, and other highway uses such as hotels, motels, apartment hotels and similar uses. The General Commercial category allows Service Commercial uses, and may also allow mixed-use development with a residential component where appropriate.

LI/R (Light Industry/Research) – The Light Industry/Research category allows areas appropriate for clean, low-intensity (non-polluting and non-nuisance) industrial uses, including light manufacturing, assembling and processing, warehousing and distributions, and research, development and testing laboratories. Typical supporting and ancillary general uses are also allowed. This category may also allow mixed-use development with a residential component as a transition to less-intense uses where appropriate.

## OTHER

TC (Town Center) – The Town Center category is intended to be the principal employment center for the Northwest and is a mixed-use development category. As compatibility allows, a mix of uses can include: mall facilities; high-density residential uses; planned business, office and industrial parks; and recreational uses.

PR-OS (Parks/Recreation/Open Space) – The Parks/Recreation/Open Space category allows large public parks and recreation areas such as public and private golf courses, trails, easements, drainage ways, detention basins, and any other large areas or permanent open land.

PF (Public Facilities) – The Public Facilities category allows





for large governmental building sites and complexes, police and fire facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation sites, sewage treatment and storm water control facilities, and other uses considered public or semi-public such as libraries and public utility facilities.

**TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development)** – The Traditional Neighborhood Development category is a mixed-use development type that allows for a balanced mix of housing, commercial, and civic uses. The TND shall be organized as a series of pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods with a mixture of housing types, with the uses of daily living within proximity of dwellings. Vehicular systems shall be organized as a hierarchy of interconnected streets, and shall demonstrate an appropriate relationship between street hierarchy, building type, and use. Streets within the TND shall incorporate facilities for pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and vehicles, with an emphasis on pedestrian movement and the provision of protected sidewalks. Existing natural features within the TND are to be retained and incorporated, where feasible, as organizational and recreational elements of the community.

The TND category differs from the PCD category as follows:

- The TND features pedestrian-oriented neighborhoods with a mixture of housing types;
- The TND primarily utilizes an interconnected grid of streets that de-emphasizes gated private streets and cul-de-sacs; and
- The TND primarily emphasizes a strong relationship between buildings and streets, and de-emphasizes perimeter walls along the roadways.

**LVMD (Las Vegas Medical District)** – The Las Vegas Medical District category encompasses a 214-acre special plan area that includes several major medical facilities and supporting office and commercial uses. Multi-family residential uses are permitted, while existing single-family uses are intended to transition to medical and commercial uses over time.

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### FBC - Form-Based Code

The Form-Based Code (FBC) category allows for a wide array of uses and development types, which vary depending on the specific neighborhood context and character of the area. Because of the importance of the individual place when considering the application of a Form-Based Code for future development, a comprehensive study and extensive outreach must be carried on before the FBC can be properly utilized on properties.

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The focus of the FBC is on:

- The physical character and quality of the public realm
- The human scale of the built environment, including the way that city blocks, structures and the public right-of-way interact with the people
- Accessibility to employment, services and amenities, as well as more transportation options
- Simplification of the by-right development process that has been deemed contextual to the surrounding area

The Zoning Districts allowed within the FBC category are also referred to as Transect Zones, or T-Zones, and are classified using a numbering system that goes from one (1) to six (6). The intensity of development and mix of uses varies depending on the Transect Zone that is taken into consideration, with T1 Zones allowing for the least intensity and mix of uses, and T6 Zones allowing for the most intensity and mix of uses.

MXU (Mixed Use) – The Mixed-Use category allows for a mix of uses that are normally allowed within the L (Low Density Residential), ML (Medium Low Density Residential), M (Medium Density Residential), H (High Density Residential), O (Office), SC (Service Commercial), and GC (General Commercial) Master Plan land use categories.

C (Commercial) – The Commercial category allows for commercial uses that are normally allowed within the O (Office), SC (Service Commercial), and GC (General Commercial) Master Plan land use categories.

LI/R (Light Industry/Research) – The Light Industry/Research category allows areas appropriate for clean, low-intensity (non-polluting and non-nuisance) industrial uses, including light manufacturing, assembling and processing, warehousing and distributions, and research, development and testing laboratories. Typical supporting and ancillary general uses are also allowed.

PF (Public Facilities) – The Public Facilities category allows for large governmental building sites and complexes, police and fire facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation sites, sewage treatment and storm water control facilities, and other uses considered public or semi-public such as libraries and public utility facilities.

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L-TC (Low Density Residential – Town Center) – The Low Density Residential District allows up to 5.5 units per gross





acre. This district permits single-family detached homes as well as other more imaginative low density residential development that puts an emphasis upon common open space. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, schools and churches are also allowed in this district.

**M-TC (Medium Density Residential – Town Center) –** The Medium Density Residential District has a density range from twelve (12) units to twenty-five (25) units per gross acre. The intent of the Medium Density Residential District is to enable development with imaginative site and building design and maximize the use of the property. Projects within the M-TC district shall place an emphasis on maximizing usable common open space. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools and churches are also allowed in this district.

**ML-TC (Medium Low Density Residential – Town Center) –** The Medium Low Density Residential District has a density range from 5.6 to 8.0 dwelling units per gross acre. This district permits single-family compact lots and zero lot lines, manufactured home parks, and residential planned development. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district.

**MLA-TC (Medium-Low Attached Density Residential – Town Center) –** The Medium Low Attached Density Residential District has a density range from 8.1 to 12.0 dwelling units per gross acre. This district includes a variety of multi-family units such as plexes, townhouses, condominiums, and low-density apartments. This category is an appropriate use for the residential portion of a Village Center or Town Center area. It is also an appropriate transitional use. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools and churches are also allowed in this district.

**SC-TC (Service Commercial – Town Center) –** The Service Commercial District allows low to medium intensity retail, office or other commercial uses that are intended to primarily serve the Centennial Hills area and do not include more intense general commercial characteristics. Examples include neighborhood shopping centers, theaters, bowling alleys, and other places of public assembly and public/quasi-public uses. This district also includes office centers offering professional and business services. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools and churches are also allowed in this district.

**GC-TC (General Commercial – Town Center) –** The General Commercial District allows all types of retail, service,

office and other general business uses of a more intense commercial character. These uses will normally require a Special Use Permit and will commonly include limited outdoor display of product and lights or other characteristics not generally compatible with the adjoining residential areas without significant transition. Examples include new and used car sales, highway commercial uses such as hotels and motels, and tourist commercial uses such as resorts and recreational facilities. When adjacent to the beltway or US 95, buildings may be higher than otherwise allowed. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district.

MS-TC (Main Street Mixed Use – Town Center) – The purpose of the Main Street Mixed Use District is to create a neighborhood which generates a sense of place, a feeling of being in a unique small town business district. Because of the intensive pedestrian orientation of the Main Street Mixed Use designation, structures must be a minimum of two stories in height. Uses such as automobile services, outdoor sales yards, drive-in businesses and other similar uses are prohibited from locating within this district. This designation is intended to encourage a cohesive mix of interdependent uses, including leisure shopping, and offices on the main floor and similar uses and/or medium to high density residential on the upper floor(s). The object of this district is to provide amenities which are conducive to attracting pedestrian activity, rather than automotive access. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district. Development in this land use designation shall be consistent with the Mixed Use section of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan.

SX-TC (Suburban Mixed Use – Town Center) – The Suburban Mixed Use District can be characterized as being similar to the previously described Service Commercial District with the addition of medium density residential being a permitted use. Building and site designs which reflect a mixture of compatible land uses having either a vertical or horizontal character will maximize employment and housing opportunities. This district is also more reflective of suburban development than the Urban Center Mixed Use category.

Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district. Site plans in this district shall be designed to discourage access from Suburban Mixed Use (SX-TC) uses onto eighty foot (80') or less streets that are clearly recognized as residential streets (streets with residences having direct access and are addressed to said street). Development in this land use designation shall be consistent with the Mixed Use section of the Centennial





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UC-TC (Urban Center Mixed Use) – The intent of the Urban Center Mixed Use District is to enable development with imaginative site and building design and maximize the use of the property. These developments should have a compatible mixture of land uses and encourage employment opportunities and the provision of goods and services to the Centennial Hills area of the city. Development within this land use designation will typically be multi-storied, having ground floor offices and/or retail, with similar or residential uses utilizing the upper floors. Minimum development shall be two stories in height. Developments in excess of twelve (12) stories along the Durango corridor are possible with a Special Use Permit (SUP). There are no density limitations in the UC-TC District. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district. Development in this land use designation shall be consistent with the Mixed Use section of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan.

EC-TC (Employment Center Mixed Use–Town Center)– The Employment Center Mixed Use District is intended to accommodate needed non-polluting and non-nuisance services, which under normal circumstances, would not otherwise be found in a Central Business District. Given the land use constraints of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan, few opportunities for light manufacturing uses exist within the Centennial Hills sector of the city. Given the propensity for visual pollution, all uses within the district are required to be completely self-contained within a structure giving a business park appearance. The Employment Center Mixed Use District permits the broadest spectrum of uses within the Town Center; however, residential development opportunities are minimal. Local supporting land uses such as parks, other public recreational facilities, some schools, and churches are also allowed in this district. Development in this land use designation shall be consistent with the Mixed Use section of the Centennial Hills Sector Plan.

PF-TC (Public Facilities – Town Center) – The Public Facilities district is intended to accommodate any property which is used for a Public and/or Quasi-Public purpose. Any project which is owned and operated by a governmental agency (e.g., schools) or is used solely by a non-profit organization (e.g., religious facility) qualifies for this land use designation. Utility projects can also qualify for this designation and must adhere to the design regulations of Town Center.

## CLIFF'S EDGE (PROVIDENCE)

L (Low Density Residential) – The Low Density category allows for lower density single-family product types. This category allows up to 5.5 dwelling units per gross acre. However, within the Low Density Land Use Category, seven acres have been designated as a buffer area around unincorporated parcels that are not a part of the Cliff's Edge Master Plan Area. Property within these seven acres has a maximum

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allowable density of 2.0 units per gross acre.

ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) – The Medium Low Density Residential category allows for medium density detached or attached single-family product types including, but not limited to, duplexes, compact lots, cluster and zero lot line developments. This category allows up to 8.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

RSL (Residential Small Lot) – This land category allows for higher density detached and attached single-family product types, including, but not limited to, senior housing, duplexes, compact lots, townhomes, condominiums, apartments, cluster and zero lot line developments. The Residential Small Lot category provides for the development of up to 15.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

M (Medium Density Residential) – The Medium Density Residential category includes a variety of higher density multi-family units such as condominiums, townhomes and apartment developments. This category allows up to 25.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

VC (Village Commercial) – The Village Commercial category allows low to medium intensity retail, office or other commercial uses that are intended to serve patrons from the local area and surrounding neighborhoods, and do not include more intense general commercial characteristics. Village Commercial is typically located on the periphery of residential neighborhoods and should be confined to intersections of major arterials and major freeways.

PF (Public Facility/Open Space and Recreation) – The Public Facility/Open Space and Recreation category allows for large governmental building sites and complexes, police and fire facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation sites, sewage treatment and storm water control facilities, and other uses considered public or semi-public such as libraries and public utility facilities. This category also designates areas where the primary land uses are public or private outdoor recreation facilities that do not generate substantial noise as part of their everyday operations. Examples include parks, designated recreation or wilderness areas, golf courses, tennis courts and ball fields.

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ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) – The Medium Low Density Residential category generally permits higher density detached, single-family product types including, but not limited to, compact lot and zero lot line developments. This category allows up to 12.0 dwelling units per gross acre.





MFM (Multi-Family Medium Residential) – Product types include a higher density variety of multi-family units such as condominiums, low-density multi-family, and residential buildings. The Multi-Family Medium Residential category provides for the development of up to 25.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

CC (Community Commercial) – The Community Commercial category allows low to medium intensity retail, office or other commercial uses and serves as an employment center. Community Commercial areas are meant to provide services for a larger portion of the city's population. The market for Community Commercial uses is generally between two and seven miles.

## GRAND TETON VILLAGE

L (Low Density Residential) – The Low Density category allows for single-family product types including, but not limited to, duplexes, cluster and zero lot line developments. This category allows up to 5.5 dwelling units per gross acre.

ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) – The Medium-Low Density Residential category allows for higher density detached or attached single-family product types including, but not limited to, compact lot and zero lot line developments. This category allows up to 8.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

MLA (Medium-Low Attached Density Residential) – The Medium Low Attached Density Residential category allows for a variety of higher density attached, single-family product types, including, but not limited to, townhomes, condominiums, compact lot and zero lot line developments. This category allows up to 12.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

MFM (Multi-Family Medium Density Residential) – This category allows for product types that include a higher density variety of multi-family units such as condominiums, medium-density multi-family, and residential buildings. The Multi-Family Medium Residential category provides for the development of up to 25.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

PF (Public Facility/Open Space and Recreation) – The Public Facility category allows for large governmental building sites and complexes, police and fire facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation sites, sewage treatment and storm water control facilities, and other uses considered public or semi-public such as libraries and public utility facilities. This category also allows public or private outdoor recreation facilities.

## IRON MOUNTAIN RANCH

DR (Desert Rural Density Residential) – The predomi-

nant lifestyle is single-family homes on large lots, many including equestrian facilities. This is a generally rural environment that permits greater privacy and some non-commercial raising of domestic animals. It is expected that in the Desert Rural Density Residential category there generally would be no need for common facilities such as recreation, with the exception of maintaining an existing water system. This category allows up to 2.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

R (Rural Density Residential) – The Rural Density Residential category is a rural or semi-rural environment with a lifestyle much like that of the Desert Rural, but with a smaller allowable lot size. This category allows up to 3.49 dwelling units per gross acre.

L (Low Density Residential) – The Low Density category generally permits single-family detached homes, manufactured homes on individual lots, gardening, home occupations, and family child care facilities. This category allows up to 5.49 dwelling units per gross acre.

## LAS VEGAS MEDICAL DISTRICT

HD (High Density Residential) – Depending on the location of the parcel, the High Density Residential category allows development such as multi-family plexes, townhouses, high-density and high-rise residential.

P-O (Professional Office) – The Professional Office category is intended to allow the conversion of existing single-family residential structures to low intensity commercial uses and administrative and professional offices. The assemblage of more than one lot and the demolition of the existing structures to construct a new structure is also encouraged.

SC (Service Commercial) – The Service Commercial category allows low to medium intensity retail, office, or other commercial uses that serve primarily local area patrons, and that do not include more intense general commercial characteristics.

MD-1 (Medical Support) – The Medical Support category is intended to allow less intense development within the Las Vegas Medical District. It is designed to allow medical and medically related uses, office and professional uses.

MD-2 (Major Medical) – The Major Medical category is intended to allow the most intense development within the Las Vegas Medical District. It is designed to allow major medical uses and office uses. The minimum allowable site shall be one acre to encourage larger scale development.

## LONE MOUNTAIN

L (Low Density Residential) – The Low Density category generally permits detached, single-family product types including compact lots and zero lot line units. This category allows up to 5.59 dwelling units per gross acre.

ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) – The Medium-Low Density Residential category allows for higher density detached, single-family product types including but not limited to compact lots and zero lot line developments. This category has a density range from 5.6 to 8.09 dwelling units per gross acre.

MLA (Medium-Low Attached Density Residential) – The Medium-Low Attached Density Residential category includes a variety of multi-family units such as plexes, townhouses, condominiums, and low-density multi-family and detached single-family residential buildings. This category has a density range from 8.1 to 12.09 dwelling units per gross acre.

MFM (Multi-Family Medium Density Residential) – The Multi-Family Medium Density Residential category includes a variety of multi-family units such as plexes, townhouses, condominiums, and low-density apartments. This category has a density range from 12.1 to 18 dwelling units per gross acre.

NC (Neighborhood Commercial) – The Neighborhood Commercial category addresses parcels of five acres or less and provides for the development of convenience retail shopping, services and professional offices principally serving neighborhood needs, and compatible in scale, character and intensity with adjacent residential development.

VC (Village Commercial) – The Village Commercial category allows low to medium intensity retail, office or other commercial uses that serve primarily local area patrons, and do not include more intense general commercial characteristics. Village Commercial is typically located on the periphery of residential neighborhoods and should be confined to intersections of major arterials and major free-ways.

PF (Public Facilities) – The Public Facilities category allows for large governmental building sites and complexes, police and fire facilities, hospitals and rehabilitation sites, sewage treatment and storm water control facilities, and other uses considered public or semi-public such as libraries, churches and public utility facilities.

PR-OS (Parks/Recreation/Open Space) – The Parks/Recreation/Open Space category allows large public parks and recreation areas such as public and private golf courses, trails, easements, drainage

ways, detention basins, and any other large areas or permanent open land.

## LONE MOUNTAIN WEST

L (Low Density Residential) – The Low Density category generally permits detached, single-family product types, including compact lots and zero lot line units. This category allows up to 6.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

ML (Medium-Low Density Residential) – The Medium Low Density Residential category generally permits higher density detached, single-family product types including, but not limited to, compact lots and zero lot line developments. This category allows up to 12.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

MFM (Multi-Family Medium Residential) – Product types include a higher density variety of multi-family units such as condominiums and low-density multi-family buildings. The Multi-family Medium Residential category provides for the development of up to 25.0 dwelling units per gross acre.

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## MONTECITO TOWN CENTER

Mixed-Use Commercial – Development within the Montecito Town Center area is governed by one land use category. Within



the Mixed-Use Commercial category, there are six distinct activity centers that encompass commercial and residential uses within Montecito Town Center. The activity centers do not have fixed boundaries, and their locations are intended to be flexible within the overall context of the Mixed-Use Commercial designation. The six activity centers are as follows: Timberlake Buffer Area; Main Street; Regional Center; Suburban Center; Office Center; and High Density Residential. Descriptions of Montecito activity centers, buffer areas, permitted uses and design standards can be viewed in their entirety within the Montecito Town Center Land Use and Design Standards appendix to the development agreement.

PR-OS (Parks/Recreation/Open Space) – This category allows large public parks and recreation areas such as public and private golf courses, trails, easements, drainage ways, detention basins, and any other large areas or permanent open land.

## SUMMERLIN NORTH/SUMMERLIN WEST

EQR (Equestrian Residential) – Allows for single-family residential with up to 2.0 units per gross acre.

ER (Estate Residential) – Allows for single-family residential with up to 2.0 units per gross acre.

SF-1 (Single Family Detached) – Allows for detached single-family residential with up to 3.5 units per gross acre.

SF-2 (Single Family Detached) – Allows for detached single-family residential with up to 6.0 units per gross acre.

SF-3 (Single Family Detached) – Allows for detached single-family residential with up to 10.0 units per gross acre.

SFA (Single Family Attached) – Allows for single-family attached residential with up to 18.0 units per gross acre.

SFSD (Single Family Special Lot Development) – Allows for single-family residential with up to 18.0 units per gross acre.

SFZL (Single Family Zero Lot Line) – Allows for zero lot line attached and detached single family residential with up to 12.0 units per gross acre.

MF-1 (Low Density Multi-Family) – Allows for low-density multi-family development with up to 14.0 units per gross acre.

MF-2 (Medium Density Multi-Family) – Allows for medium-density multi-family development with up to 21.0 units per

gross acre.

MF-3 (High Density Multi-Family) – Allows for high-density multi-family development with no maximum density limit.

VC (Village Center) – The Village Center will allow a mix of land uses including multi-family residential uses and commercial, cultural, recreational and meeting facilities that provide most of the daily and weekly support services and activities for a village or combination of villages. A Village Center area may include a grocery store, a drugstore, and the supporting commercial uses (retail, service and convenience) residents require on a regular basis. Village Centers may also include recreational facilities and business and professional offices.

NF (Neighborhood Focus) – The Neighborhood Focus Land Use District is intended to provide limited commercial facilities designed for use primarily by neighborhood residents. A typical Neighborhood Focus area provides a point of orientation for residents, and in a typical residential setting might contain retail convenience shopping as a primary use. Secondary uses might include a professional office complex, a day care facility, an elementary school, a worship site, tot lots, playgrounds, playfields, and other recreational facilities. A Neighborhood Focus area within a golf or resort neighborhood might include a combination of uses already mentioned with a clubhouse facility.

TC (Town Center) – The Town Center Land Use District is designed to accommodate large commercial, community, and cultural complexes and will ultimately become the main or “downtown” business center for the Summerlin Planned Community. Located at the heart of the community, the Town Center typically may include regional shopping facilities, high and mid-rise office structures, high-density residential, cultural, community and recreational facilities to serve the entire Summerlin population.

EC (Employment Center) – The Employment Center Land Use District provides employment opportunities for Summerlin residents. These areas may accommodate office, light industry, business, professional, and support commercial services and may include higher density multi-family residential areas.

COS (Community Open Space) – Facilities defined as Community Open Space include all public, semi-public, and private recreational facilities; golf courses; pathways; landscape zones in and adjacent to major roadways; civic, cultural, community, religious, educational, library and quasi-public facilities; as well as parks, playfields and natural open spaces. Facilities

owned by the Summerlin Community Association will be permitted in Community Open Space.

## OVERVIEW OF GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT/ MAJOR MODIFICATION PROCESS

A General Plan Amendment is a requested change of land use designation or text within the Master Plan. Periodically, the Planning Commission and City Council will review and evaluate the Master Plan to ensure that it remains an accurate statement of the city's land-use goals and policies. In other instances, the owner of a property may wish to change a particular parcel's land use designation in order to allow for a rezoning on the site.

A property owner must submit a General Plan Amendment (GPA) application for review by city staff, Planning Commission, and approval by City Council. Prior to holding a public hearing to amend the land use plan, a neighborhood meeting to explain the request must be held by the applicant. As mandated by NRS, the city's land use sector plans may not be amended more than four times per calendar year.<sup>18</sup>

The City Council should consider the following when making a determination for approval of a proposed amendment to the city's general land use plans:

1. The density and intensity of the proposed General Plan Amendment should be compatible with the existing adjacent land use designations;
2. The zoning designations allowed by the proposed amendment should be compatible with the existing adjacent land uses or zoning districts;
3. Transportation, recreation, utility and other facilities should be adequate to accommodate the uses and densities permitted by the proposed General Plan designation; and
4. The proposed amendment should conform to other applicable adopted plans and policies.

When a land use change is requested within a special area plan, a Major Modification is required. A Major Modification is similar to a General Plan Amendment, but instead of amending a land use designation within a sector plan,

<sup>18</sup> NRS 278.210, Subsection 5.

the special land use designation of a parcel within a special area plan (Town Center, Lone Mountain, Grand Teton Village, etc.) is amended.

A property owner must submit a Major Modification (MOD) application for review by city staff, Planning Commission, and approval by City Council. A Major Modification application is not bound by the same statutory requirements as General Plan Amendments. The procedure for application, review and approval of modifications to special areas plans should be similar to that for Rezoning applications.

The City Council should consider the following when making a determination for approval of a proposed modification of a special area plan with regard to land use:

1. The proposal should conform to the General Plan;
2. The uses which would be allowed on the subject property by approving the modification should be compatible with the surrounding land uses and zoning districts;
3. Growth and development factors in the community should indicate the need for or appropriateness of the modification; and
4. Street or highway facilities providing access to the property should be adequate in size to meet the requirements of the proposed modification.

Special area plans in which a Major Modification is required to change a land use designation include the following:

Grand Canyon Village	Lone Mountain West
Grand Teton Village	Las Vegas Medical District
Cliff's Edge (Providence)	Kyle Canyon Gateway
Lone Mountain	Summerlin
Town Center	

## Form-Based Code (FBC) Provisions

A change of land use designation for a property that is designated with the FBC designation is generally considered not in the best interest of the effective and consistent development of the community, as doing so would dramatically alter the contextual character of the entire Downtown District or Special Area previously identified and designated with the FBC designation. Additionally, the FBC land use designation allows for a great variety of Zoning Districts, also referred to as Transect Zones or T-Zones, which allow for a wide array of land uses, densities, and types of development. For these reasons, if a special circumstance, which may





necessitate the modification of the FBC designation, arise, the applicant should first consider to address such special circumstance not by means of General Plan Amendment, but by maintaining the FBC designation and using, instead, the flexibility provided by the Transect Zones allowed under FBC designation.

For a change of land use designation for a property designated with the FBC designation, a property owner must submit a General Plan Amendment (GPA) application for review by city staff, Planning Commission, and approval by City Council, following the procedure as provided by the Unified Development Code. Notwithstanding the provisions above, for a parcel-specific GPA, because of the holistic approach of the FBC and its critical link to the character of the area, in addition to the requirements as set forth in LVMC Chapter 19.16, the following shall apply:

- A Notice of Public Hearing shall be mailed to each owner of real property located within the Downtown District of Special Area identified with the FBC designation in which the property is located. The applicant shall pay the fees associated with the Notice of Public Hearing.
- As part of the application, the applicant shall submit to the Director a study containing clear and convincing evidence that:
  - A viable use of the property cannot be achieved under the FBC designation; and
  - The GPA is necessary to achieve the long-term goals of the specific Downtown District as envisioned in the Vision 2045 Downtown Masterplan or character of the area as described in the Special Area Plan.

## GAMING ENTERPRISE DISTRICTS

A Gaming Enterprise District is an area that has been deemed by a city, county, or town as a suitable location for the operation of an establishment with a nonrestricted gaming license as allowed by the Nevada Revised Statutes. A nonrestricted gaming license allows for gaming operations that consist of sixteen or more slot machines or “any number of slot machines together with any other game, gaming device, race book or sports pool at one establishment.”<sup>19</sup> The state legislature has found that while the gaming industry is vital to the economy of the State and Clark County, it is necessary to manage its growth in a planned and predictable manner.<sup>20</sup> To ensure compatibility with surrounding areas, Nevada Revised Statutes 463.308 prohibits the approval of a new non-restricted gaming license for establishments outside of

<sup>19</sup> NRS 463.0177

<sup>20</sup> NRS 463.3072

a gaming enterprise district. In order to petition a city, county, or town for the establishment of a new Gaming Enterprise District, the following criteria must be met:

- The roads, water, sanitation, utilities and related services for the location must be adequate.
- The proposed establishment will not unduly impact public services, consumption of natural resources, and the quality of life enjoyed by residents of the surrounding neighborhoods.
- The proposed establishment will enhance, expand and stabilize employment and the local economy.
- The proposed establishment will be located in an area planned or zoned for that purpose pursuant to NRS 278.010 to 278.630, inclusive.
- The proposed establishment will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community or be incompatible with the surrounding area.

Establishments with a valid nonrestricted license that are outside a designated gaming enterprise district may not increase the number of games or slot machines operated at the establishment beyond the number of games or slot machines authorized by local ordinance on December 31, 1996. In addition, in counties whose population is 100,000 or more, a nonrestricted gaming license cannot be approved unless the establishment is a resort hotel or meets certain conditions for redevelopment. Please see Map 1 (Gaming Enterprise Districts and Locations Approved for Nonrestricted Gaming) for locations and details of nonrestricted gaming establishments within the city of Las Vegas.

## **RURAL NEIGHBORHOODS PRESERVATION**

Rural communities exemplify a character and quality of life that should be protected. Many people who live in rural areas expect to continue the rural lifestyle enjoyed by previous generations. Still others want to live in rural areas to enjoy their beauty while retaining the conveniences of urban life. Reconciling these expectations with the need to manage the impacts of growth is an issue for cities within the Valley.

Preservation of rural residential areas is an objective of the Master Plan Policy Document. This element provides the basis by which these areas are preserved.

### **PURPOSE**

The Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element serves two purposes:

- To conform to NRS requirements for master plan content, specifically for a Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Plan.



- To update the Rural Preservation Overlay District Map and analyze changes in the Overlay District boundaries since the previous amendment.

## ENABLING LEGISLATION

Nevada Revised Statutes 278.150 and 278.160 state that in any county whose population is 400,000 or more, the governing body shall establish provisions to preserve the rural character and density of rural neighborhoods. In addition, state law directs the governing body to adopt zoning regulations that are designed to ensure the protection of existing neighborhoods and communities, including the protection of rural preservation neighborhoods.<sup>21</sup> In 1999 the Nevada State Legislature adopted SB 391, which allowed for the creation and protection of rural preservation neighborhoods. Because this state legislation expired on May 31, 2004, the city of Las Vegas adopted a Rural Preservation Overlay District<sup>22</sup> to continue to protect the character of rural neighborhoods within the city. The Rural Preservation Overlay District is reflected on a map that may be amended administratively from time to time or, if requested by the Planning & Development Department, amended by the City Council.<sup>23</sup>

## INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

An Interlocal Agreement between the city of Las Vegas and Clark County approved January 2, 2002 established certain parcels having characteristics of rural living in the Centennial Hills Sector and the unincorporated area of the Northwest as “rural neighborhood preservation” areas.<sup>24</sup> A Restated Interlocal Agreement between the parties approved December 3, 2008 reestablishes the location of these parcels and sets the allowable density requirement and the rules by which parcels may be permitted to be amended to a more intense land use category. These areas are reflected in the RNP (Rural Neighborhood Preservation) land use category.

## RURAL PRESERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT

The Rural Preservation Overlay District is intended to preserve the rural nature of designated neighborhoods located in the Southeast, Southwest and Centennial Hills Sectors by attaching special importance to their rural character and low density. Some characteristics of a rural preservation neighborhood include single-family homes on large lots, non-commercial raising of domestic animals, and a density limit of two units per acre. The existing character of rural neighborhoods and communities is protected by establishing boundaries to limit encroachment of higher density development into protected areas. The Rural Preservation Overlay District Map (Map 2A) reflects the properties that, at a particular point in time, are deemed consistent with the definition and intent of a rural preservation neighborhood. The definition of a rural preservation neighborhood and the specifics of the Rural Preservation Overlay

<sup>21</sup> NRS 278.250 Subsection 2(m).

<sup>22</sup> City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5791 (October 5, 2005).

<sup>23</sup> City of Las Vegas Ordinance 5827 (May 3, 2006).

<sup>24</sup> Interlocal Agreement between City of Las Vegas and County of Clark for Establishing a Joint Position on Corporate Boundaries, Planning, Public Facilities/Service Provision and Future Annexations (January 2, 2002), Paragraph F.

District can be found in Title 19.06 of the Las Vegas Municipal Code.

Currently, approximately 2,520 acres make up the Rural Preservation Overlay District. Rural preservation neighborhoods are located in every sector of the city, but primarily in the Centennial Hills Sector, which contains many small subdivisions featuring large lot zoning.

Approximately 73 acres of new parcels that now qualify for inclusion in a rural preservation neighborhood are proposed to be added to the Overlay District. Approximately 110 acres of existing parcels are proposed to be removed from the Overlay District. These parcels do not qualify for inclusion in rural preservation neighborhoods because of their proximity to new development or because their density exceeds two dwelling units per acre. Map 2B indicates the parcels that are proposed to be added or removed from the Rural Preservation Overlay District.

Since planning is an ongoing process, development must be monitored to determine if rural character outside urban growth areas is being maintained. Therefore, updates and evaluation of rural preservation areas must be timely and frequent to ensure that rural character is preserved.

## CONCLUSION

The city has traditionally relied on a system based on density and intensity to classify the use of land. Land use regulation is implemented through a Euclidean system of zoning whereby uses of a particular category are grouped together and segregated from uses of other types. While this system is straightforward and easy to implement, it tends to create and maintain areas with similar characteristics that lack unique features and discourages non-motorized modes of transportation. It ignores the possibility that commercial and residential uses can coexist in the same neighborhood or even in the same buildings.

The city has already begun to transition from this traditional approach to a more flexible form of regulation by allowing for the development of master planned communities, planned development zoning, mixed use developments and the introduction of traditional neighborhood planning in limited areas. Parallel with the shift in thinking about how land uses interact, development codes must also change to implement a vision that is based more on building types and locations for uses rather than the uses themselves.

Conclusion



In residential areas, the demand for walkable urban neighborhoods is growing due to shifts in demographics, concern for the environment, and a desire for aesthetics and uniqueness that will maintain property values. The housing market will change to meet this demand by providing higher density single family and a variety of multi-family products that will be built in proximity to planned transit stations.

The city's current General Plan depicts a snapshot of future land use based on physical characteristics of the land, proximity to other types of uses, and the needs of particular areas. Where more detailed planning is needed, special area plans should continue to be developed. The Downtown Centennial Plan, Medical District Plan and West Las Vegas Plan still require further implementation to reach their goals for revitalization of the core area of the city, while the Centennial Hills Sector Plan continues to guide the development of raw land in the Northwest.

Particular attention should be paid to development of open space within developing areas so that they will be within walking distance or a short drive for residents of these areas. Additionally, the Master Plan has identified that more park facilities need to be developed to meet the needs of the growing population. Master planned communities in the Northwest have integrated adequate recreational facilities into their plans, and the city has designated BLM-managed areas of the west and northwest for future public use.

The Centennial Hills Sector Plan provides recommendations for further protection of rural neighborhoods. These include specific design standards for neighborhoods and buffering from denser development. In time, the definitional characteristics that compose such neighborhoods may need to be altered to simplify the process by which parcels are added or subtracted from the Rural Preservation Overlay District.

The scope of this element is to provide a conceptual overview of land use at a citywide level. It is intended to provide direction for the location of future land uses and the regulation of existing ones. More detailed information about the requirements of each planning area is available in the master development plans and development standards for each particular special area plan.

Future updates to this plan will reflect changes in policy that aim to meet the needs of a city that is expanding toward the limits of its physical growth but also is developing anew in its older sections.

# APPENDIX: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Planning & Development Department facilitated the following neighborhood meetings to present the Land Use & Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element and to receive public input:

Monday, June 15, 2009  
6:30 p.m.  
Mirabelli Community Center  
6200 Hargrove Avenue  
Las Vegas, Nevada 89107

Tuesday, June 16, 2009  
6:30 p.m.  
Centennial Hills Community Center  
6601 North Buffalo Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89131

Wednesday, June 17, 2009  
6:30 p.m.  
Rafael Rivera Community Center  
2900 Stewart Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Presentation of the draft Land Use & Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element was made to the Planning Commission on July 9, 2009.

Presentation of the draft Land Use & Rural Neighborhoods Preservation Element was made to the City Council on August 5, 2009.

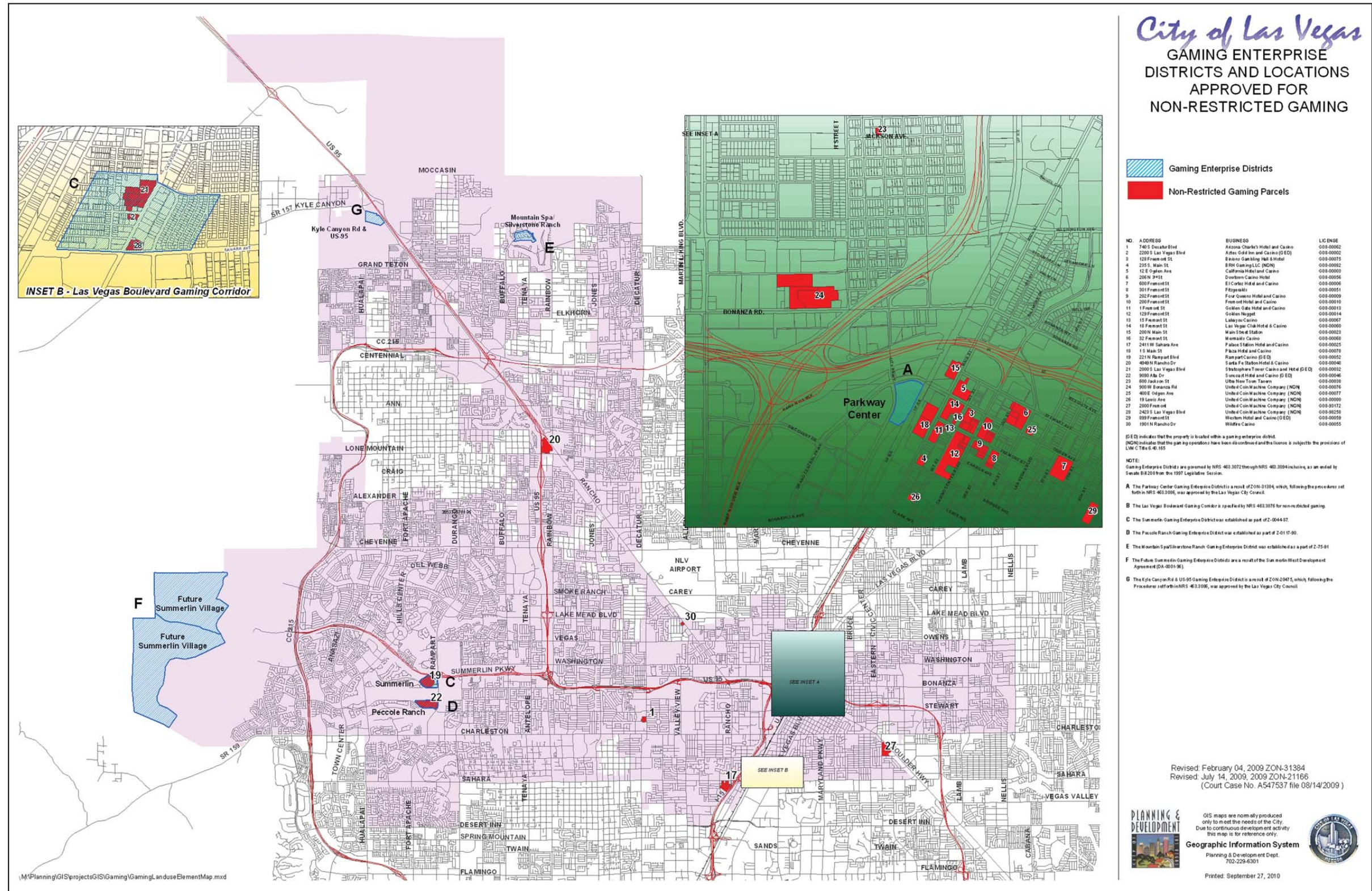
The City Council adopted the element on September 2, 2009.

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**Map I: Gaming Enterprise Districts and Locations Approved for Nonrestricted Gaming**

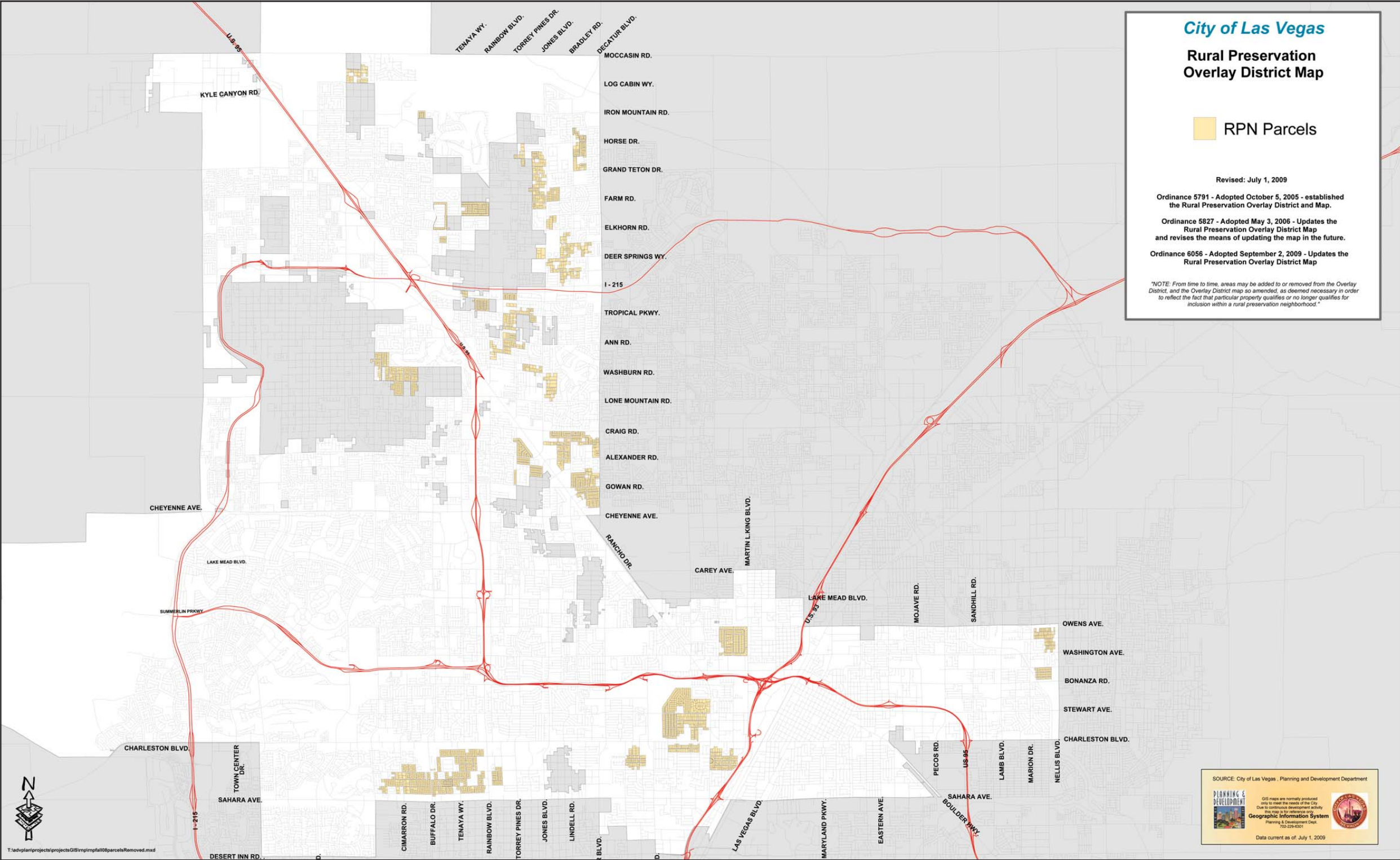






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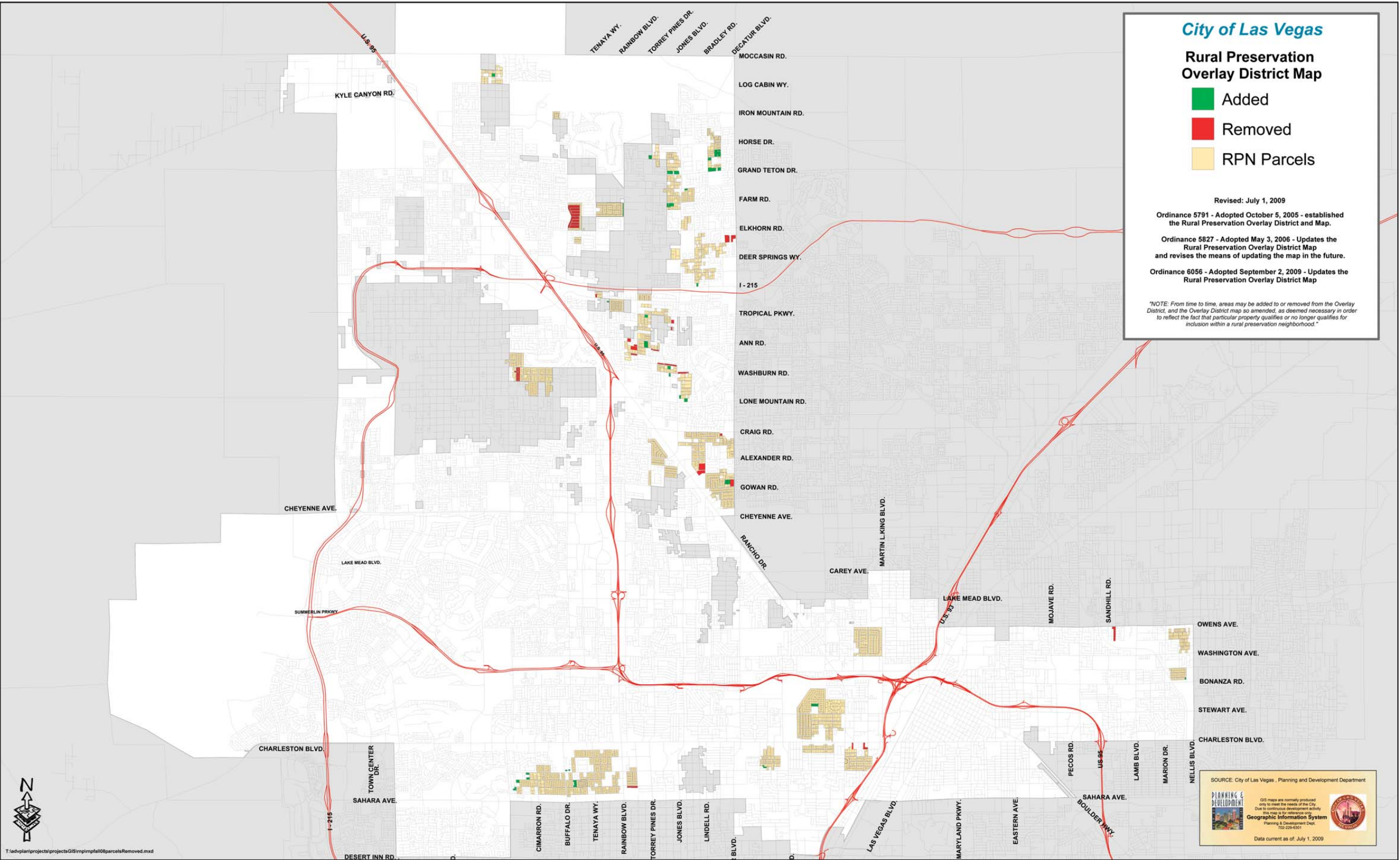
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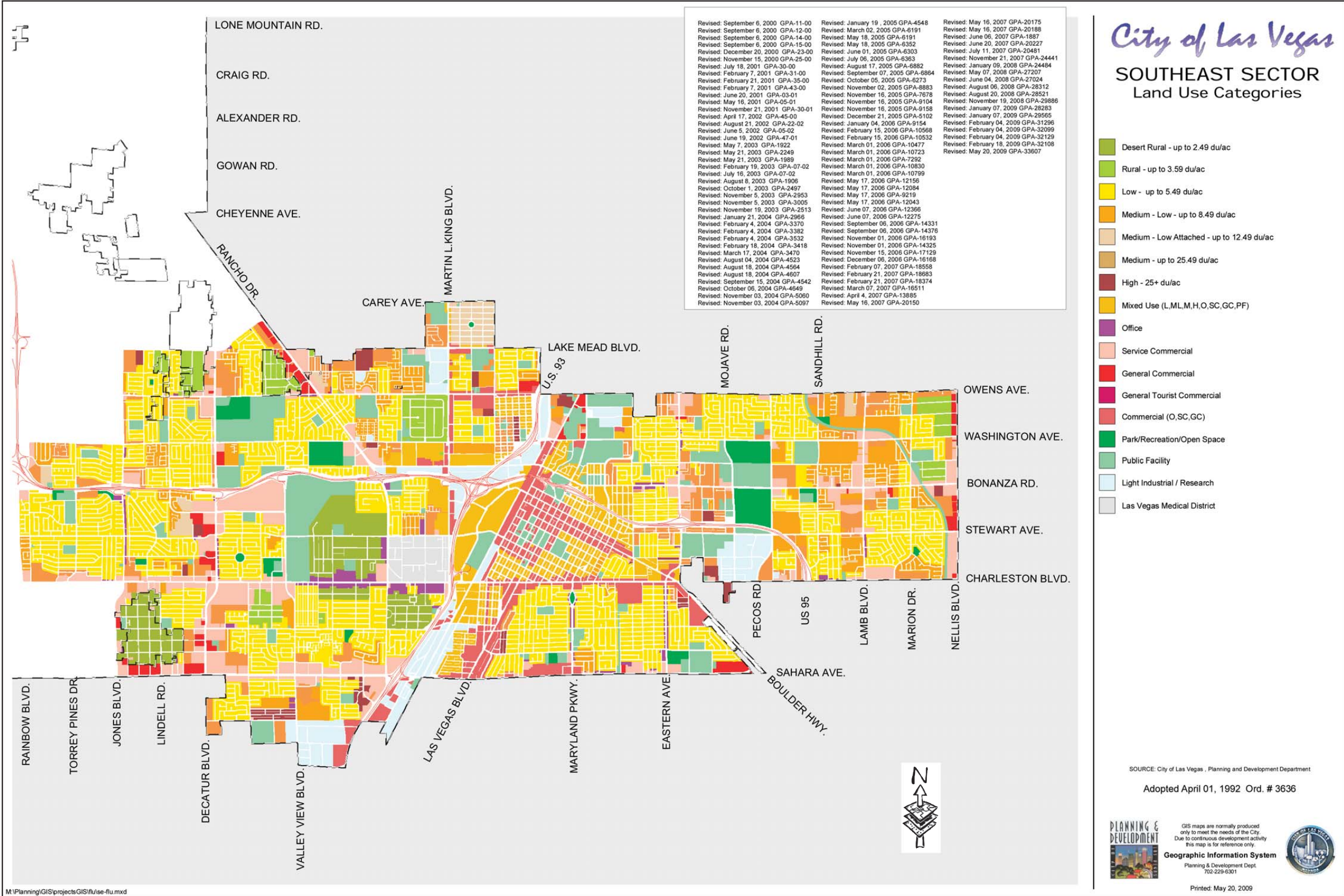
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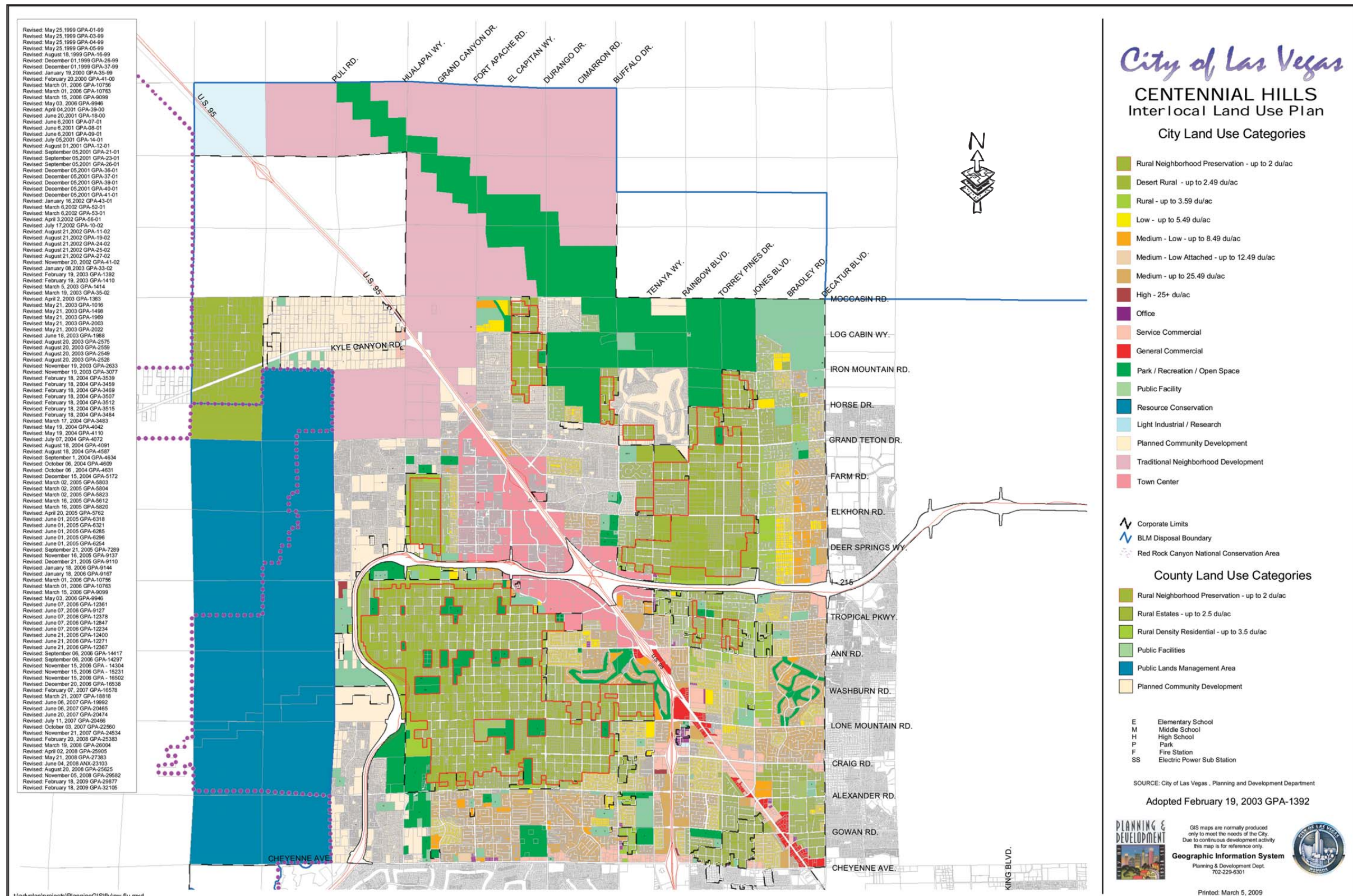




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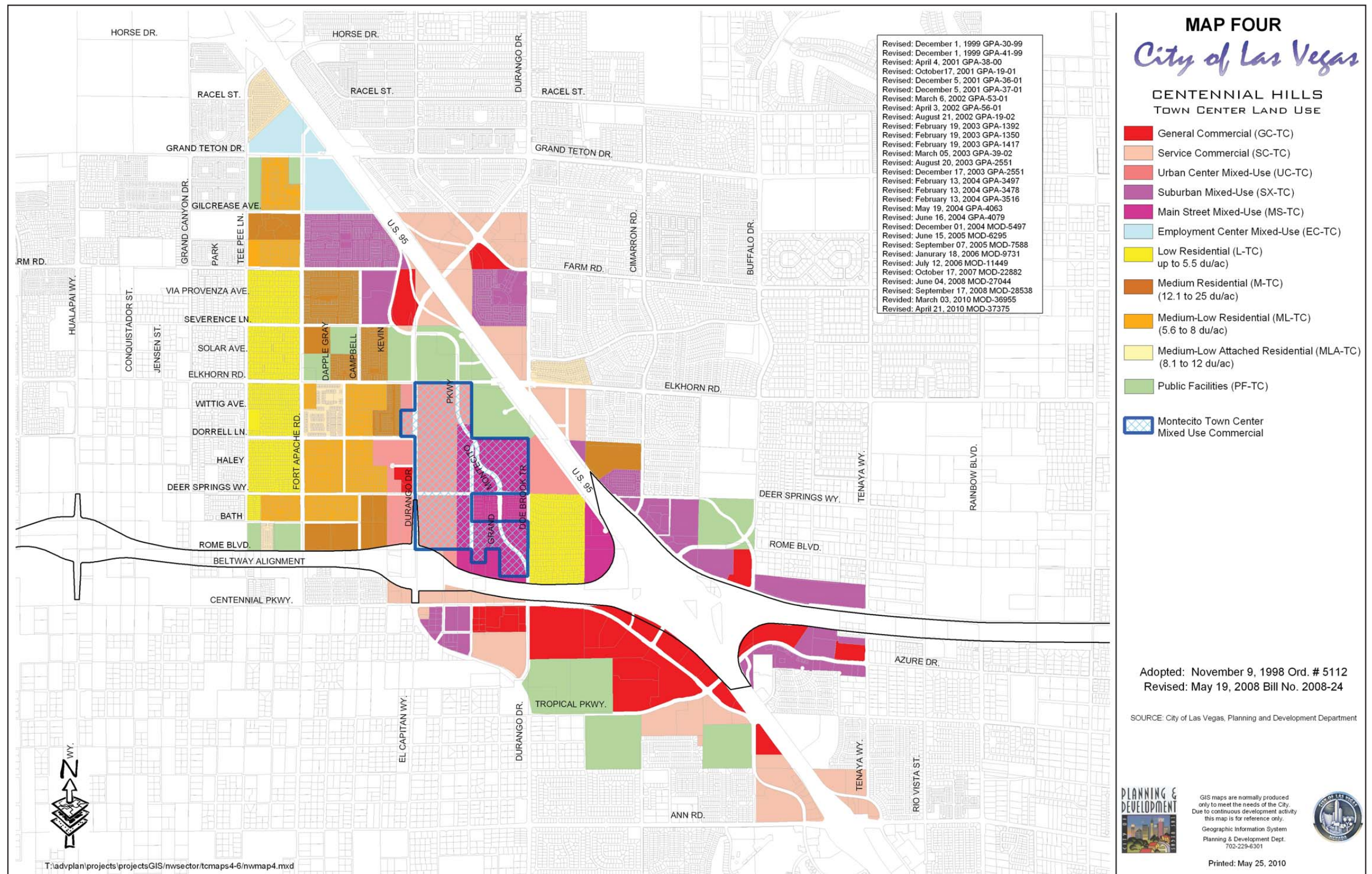


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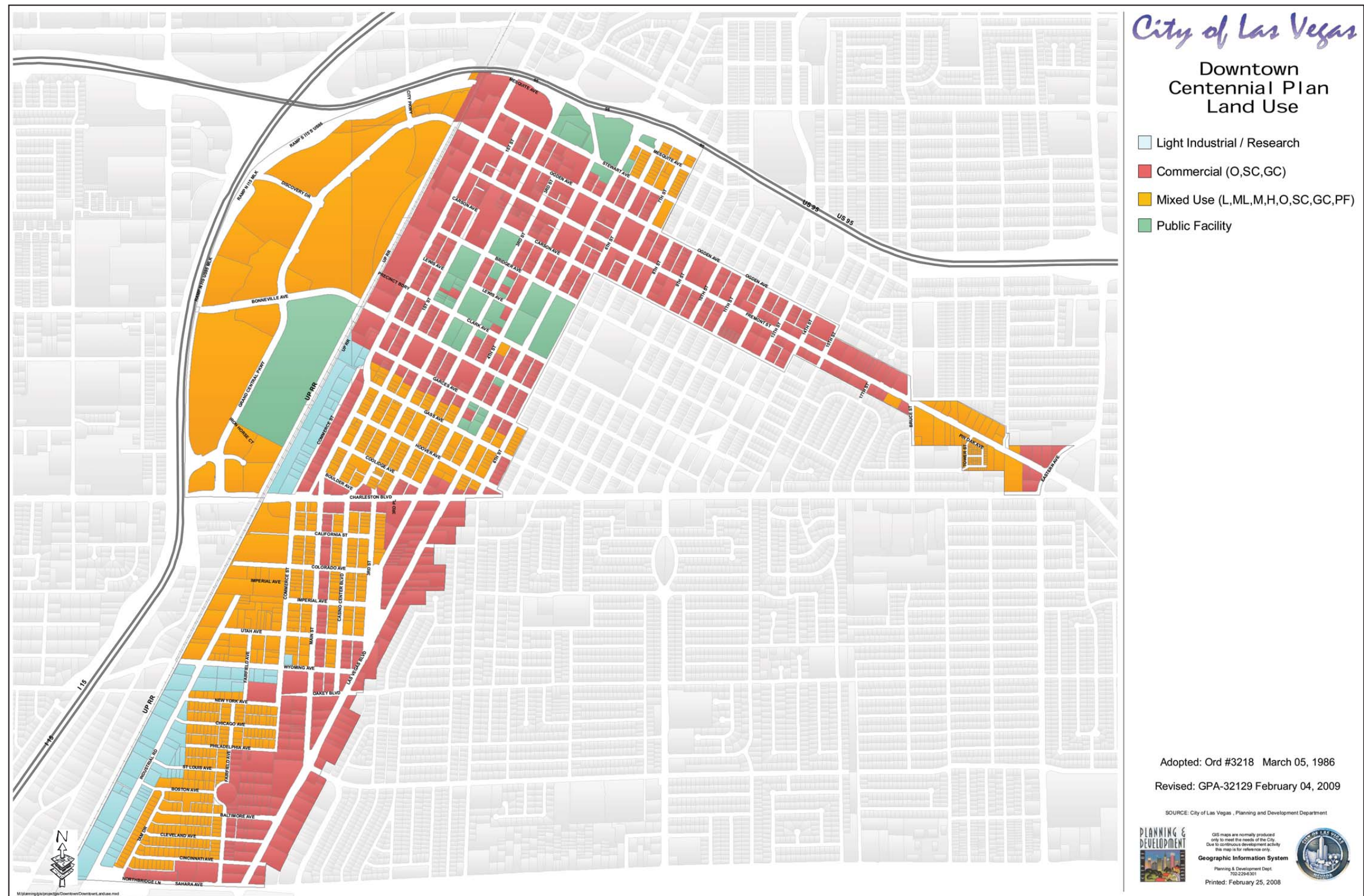
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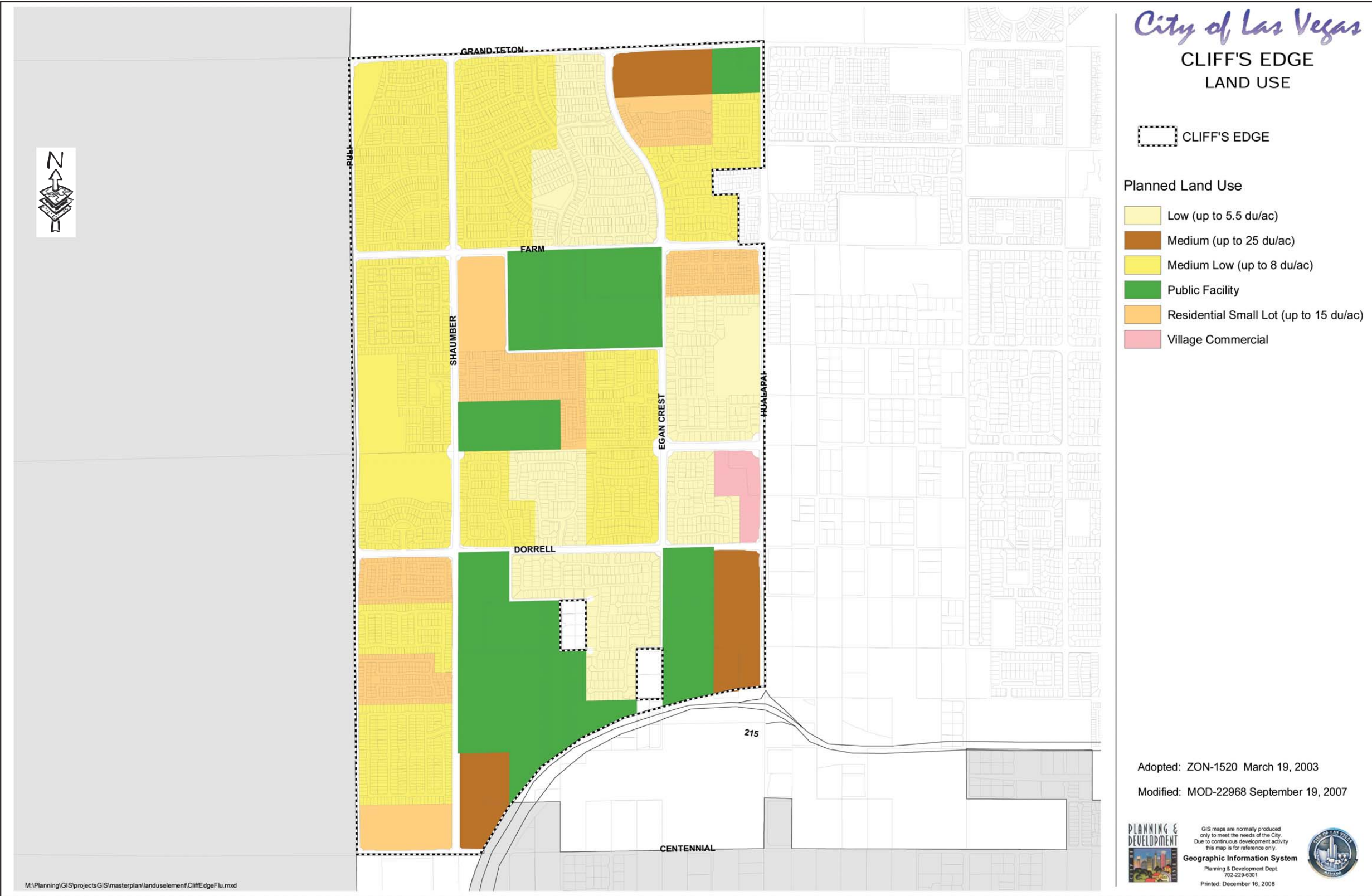
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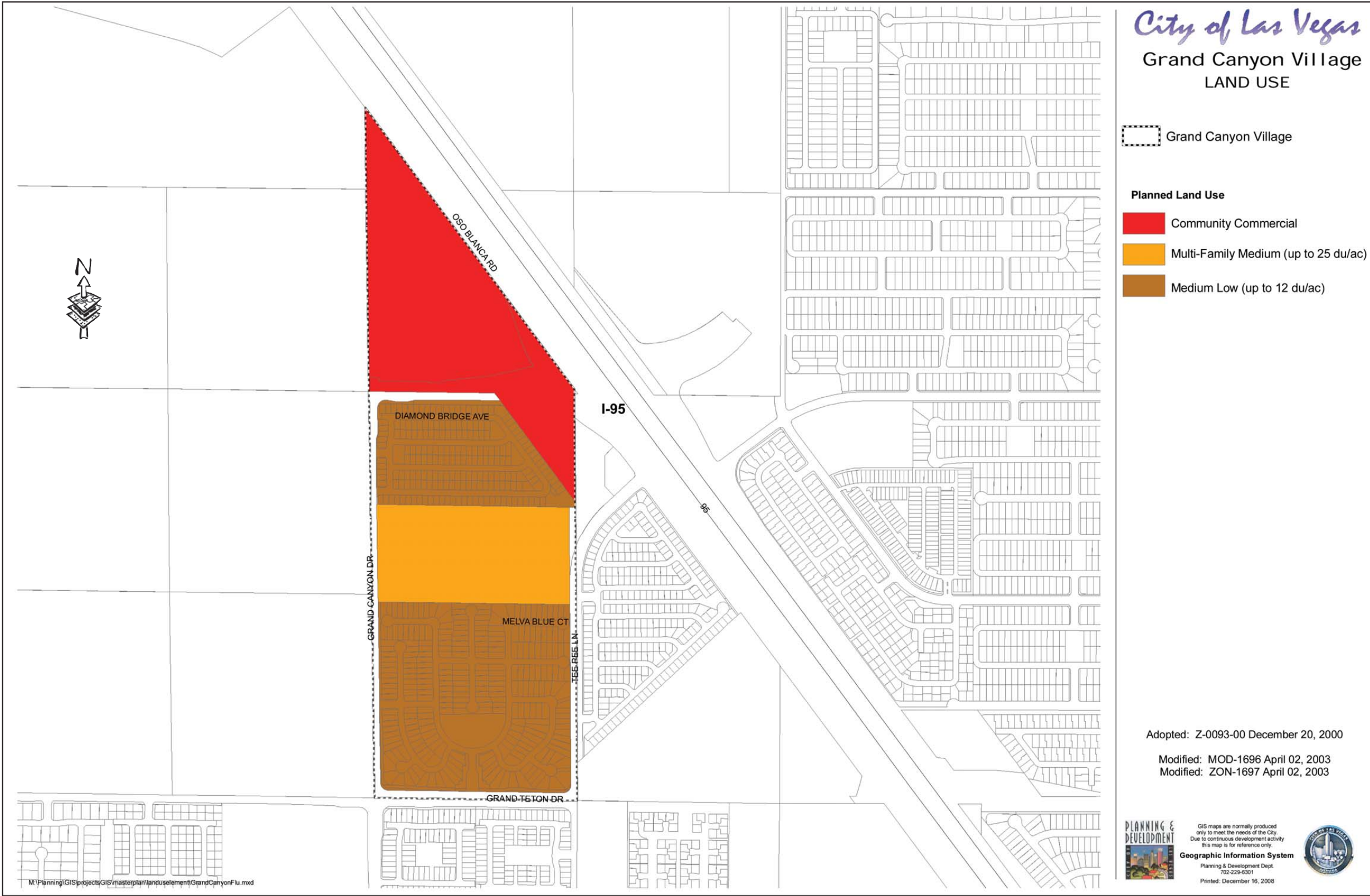


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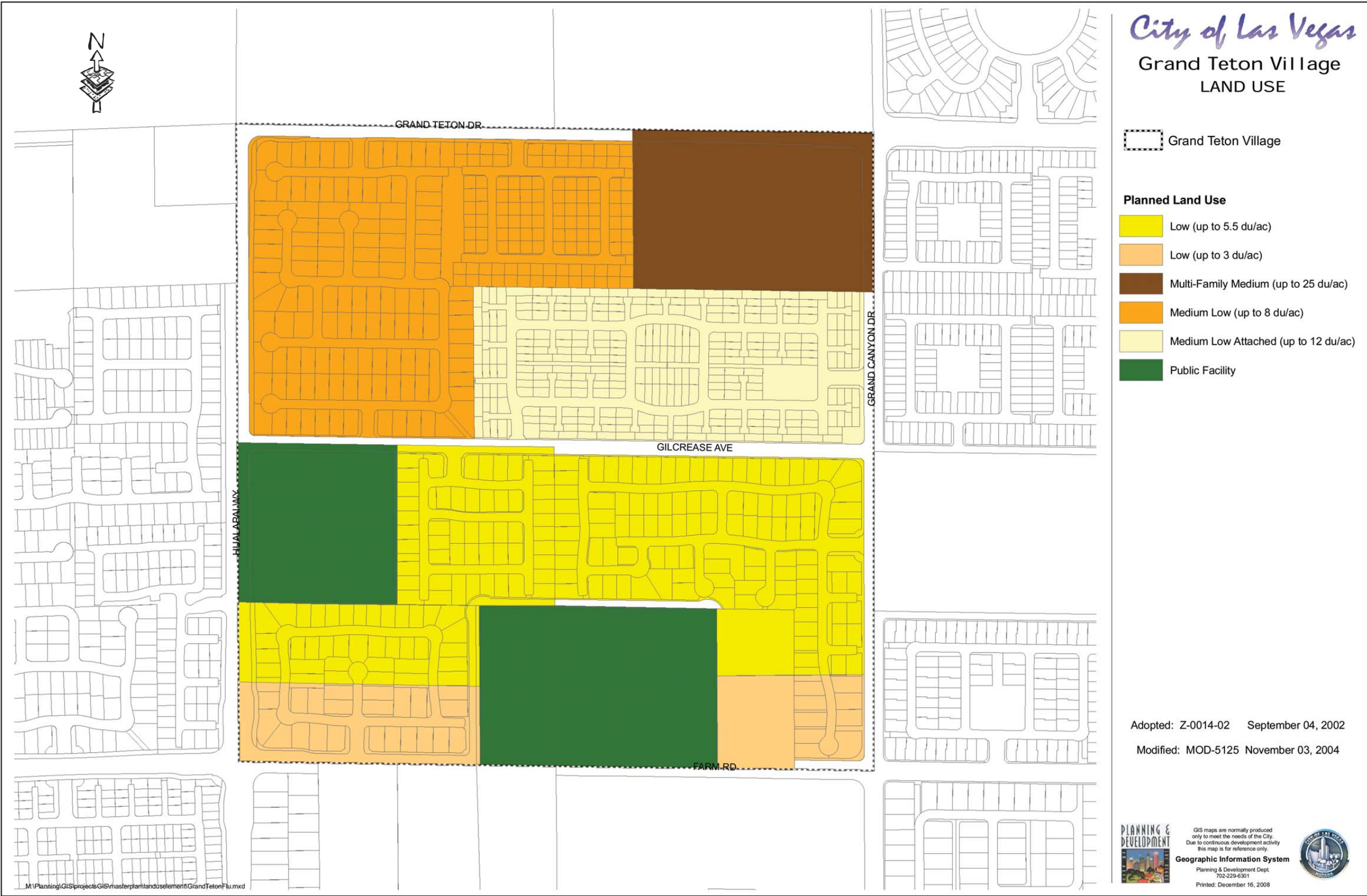


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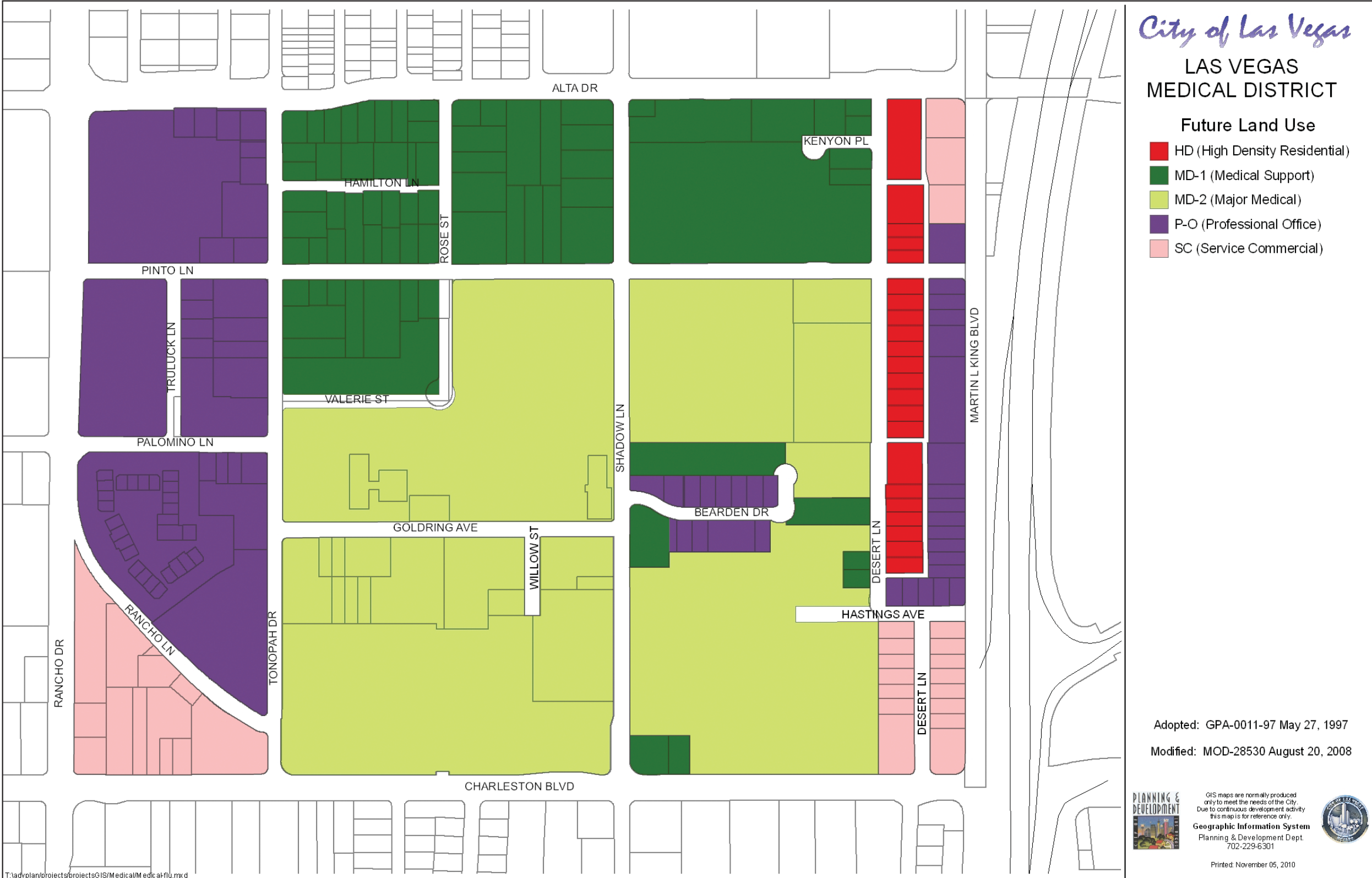
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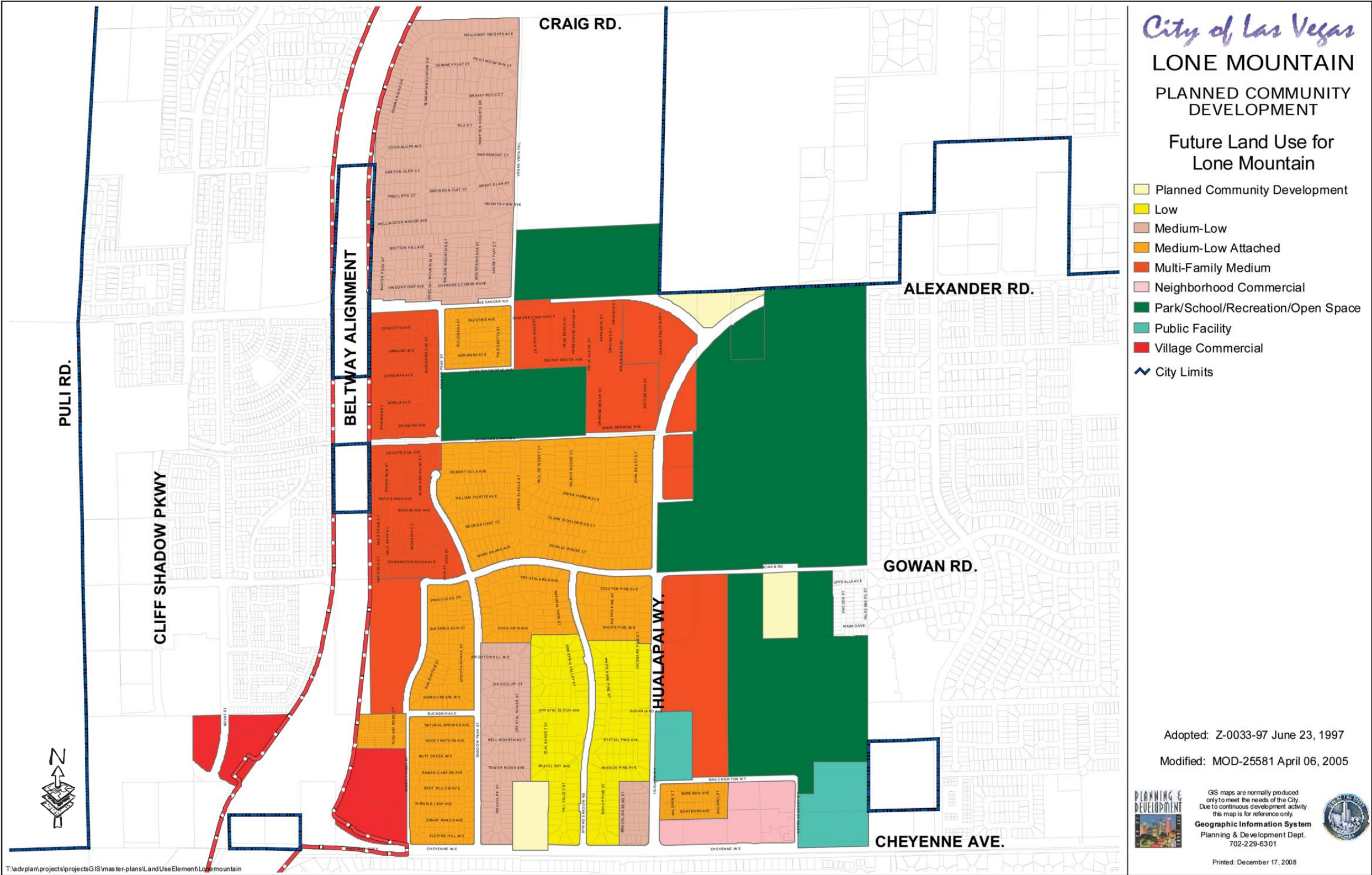


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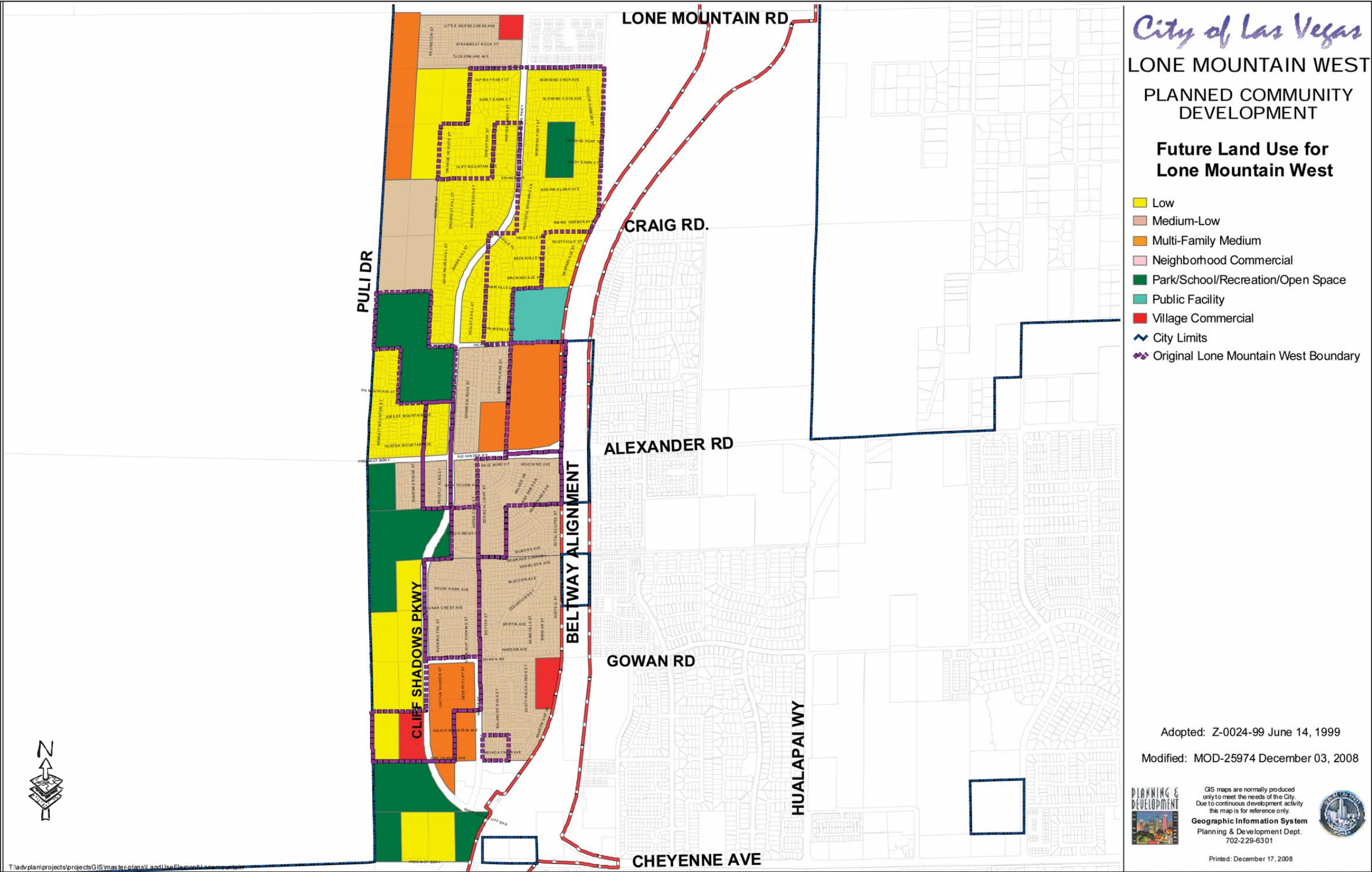


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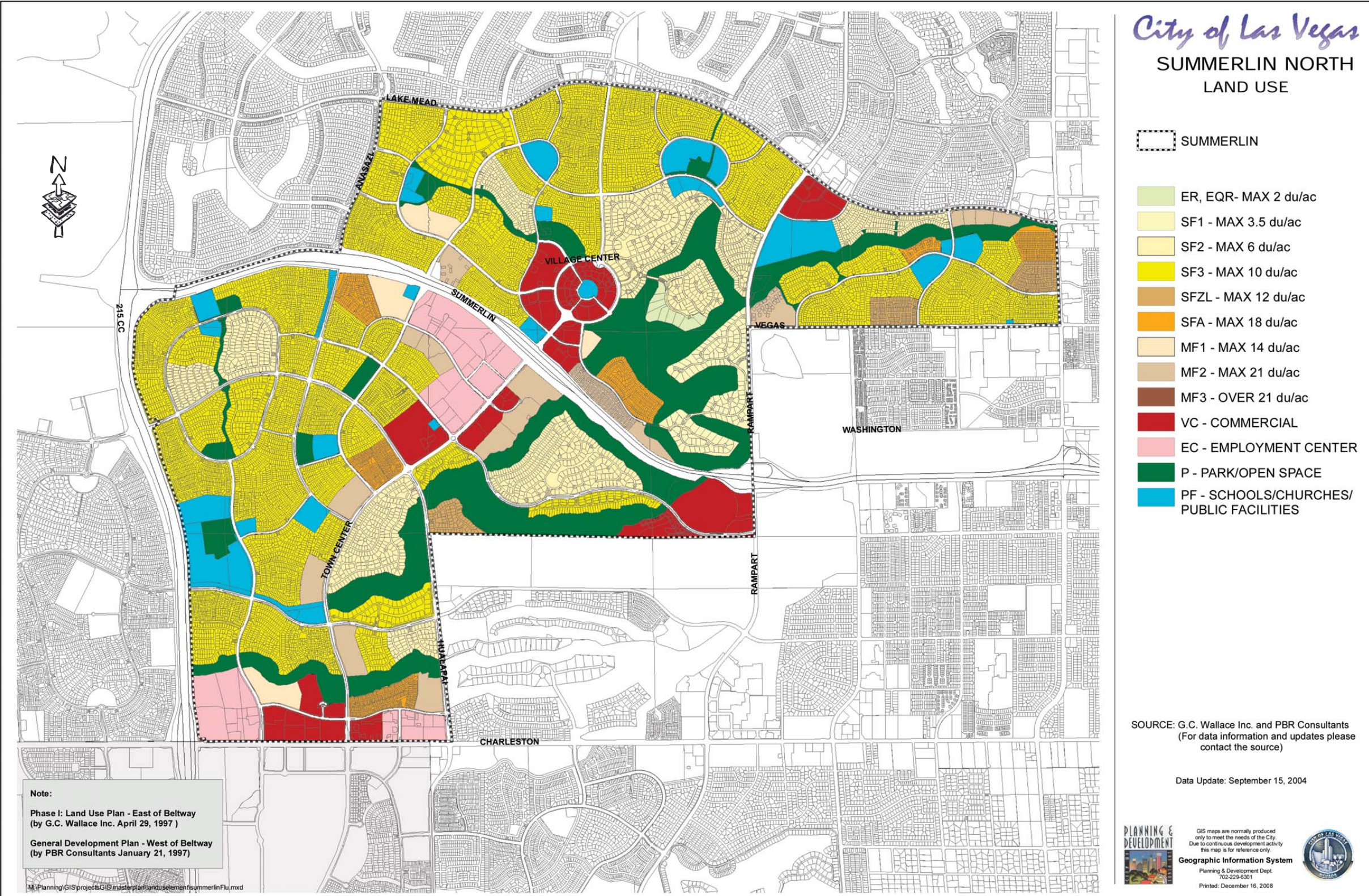
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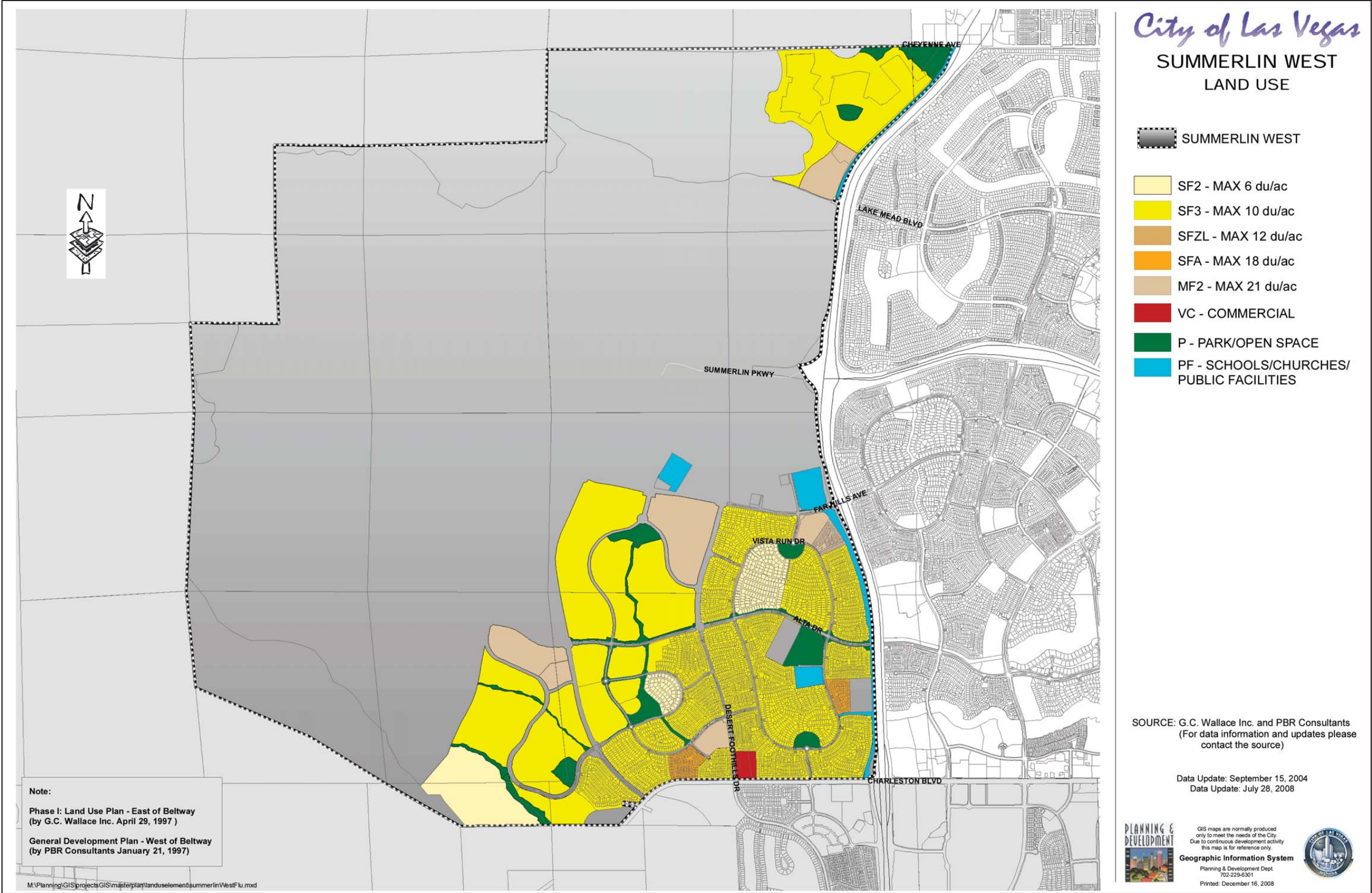






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