

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW  
RESOLUTION NO.  
SERIES 2014

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING BONUS FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR) REVIEW  
GUIDELINES FOR THE NORTH BAYSHORE PRECISE PLAN

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2012, the City Council adopted the 2030 General Plan, which established a vision, goals, and policies for the North Bayshore Change Area; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized development of a new North Bayshore Precise Plan to implement the City's General Plan vision for the area; and

WHEREAS, the North Bayshore Precise Plan allows new development over 0.45 FAR to request FAR Bonuses; and

WHEREAS, the amount and type of requested FAR Bonus shall comply with provisions listed in the North Bayshore Precise Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2014, the Environmental Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and thereafter forwarded its recommendation to the City Council to adopt the North Bayshore Precise Plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 2014, having given notice as required by Chapter 36 of the Mountain View City Code, the City Council held a public hearing to consider the North Bayshore Precise Plan, its Bonus FAR tiers, and adoption of Bonus FAR Review Guidelines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mountain View that the City Council adopts the North Bayshore Precise Plan Bonus FAR Review Guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit A, as may be amended by the City Council.

TIME FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The time within which judicial review of this document must be sought is governed by California Code of Procedure Section 1094.6 as established by Resolution No. 13850 adopted by the City Council on August 9, 1983.

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## **North Bayshore Precise Plan**

### **Bonus FAR Review Guidelines**

The purpose of the North Bayshore Precise Plan Bonus FAR Review Guidelines (“Guidelines”) is to provide criteria for how new North Bayshore development can qualify for Bonus Floor Area Ratio (FAR). Bonus FAR helps implement the City’s 2030 General Plan goals and policies for the North Bayshore Change Area and the intent and principles of the North Bayshore Precise Plan. These Guidelines are adopted pursuant to the City’s North Bayshore Precise Plan.

#### **Effective Date**

The City of Mountain View North Bayshore Precise Plan Bonus FAR Review Guidelines shall become effective concurrent with the effective date of the North Bayshore Precise Plan.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

#### **A. Applicability**

1. The Guidelines shall apply to any net new development within the North Bayshore Precise Plan area over 0.45 FAR requesting a Bonus FAR.
2. The amount and type of requested Bonus FAR shall comply with provisions listed within the North Bayshore Precise Plan.

#### **B. Application Submittal Timeline**

1. To be considered for review under these Guidelines, applications shall be considered by the City Council at public meetings scheduled in either April or October of any year. Specific meeting dates and times are subject to change based on a recommendation from the City Manager.
2. Application materials shall be submitted to the Community Development Department at least 30 days prior to the scheduled City Council meeting on this matter.

#### **C. Application Materials**

1. Applicant’s proposal must describe how the requested Bonus FAR projects implement the Precise Plan’s guiding principles (Create Distinct Areas within

- North Bayshore; Enhance Ecosystems and Habitat; Improve Transportation Connections to North Bayshore; Expand and Improve Open Space; Create Walkable, Human-Scaled Blocks; Concentrate Growth to Support Transit; Make the Area Highly Sustainable; Promote Transit, Biking, and Walking; Construct Buildings that Support Public Areas; Minimize the Potential Consequences of Sea Level Rise; Promote Economic Diversity; and Promote Retail, Entertainment, and the Arts).
2. Applicants can propose compliance with the Bonus FAR request through text, maps, graphics, or other presentation materials. Copies of all materials shall be submitted with the application package.

**D. Review Process**

1. The City Council shall determine which proposals qualify for Bonus FAR. The City Council shall review all submitted applications at the same time at the determined public hearing date.
2. Once the 3.4 million square feet of net new building area analyzed by the General Plan EIR and Precise Plan EIR has been either qualified for a Bonus FAR or reduced from other North Bayshore development requests, then no additional Bonus FAR requests or other North Bayshore development may be granted or entitled until additional building area capacity is authorized by further CEQA analysis.
3. Applications deemed by the City Council as qualifying for Bonus FAR may proceed through the City's development review process based on their qualified FAR amount. The City Council may qualify applicants for some or all of the requested Bonus FAR amount.

**E. Post-Review Process**

1. If Bonus FAR development projects are substantially modified from the original qualifying Bonus FAR request, either by project scope or FAR amount, then the request shall return to the City Council for review and requalification.

F. **Qualifying Criteria**

1. The City Council may consider the following criteria in evaluating Bonus FAR applications, including but not limited to:
  - How the proposal meets the Precise Plan's vision and guiding principles;
  - The number of vehicle trips associated with development and proposed improvements to implement the CIP Action Plan, and the effect on trip cap and roadway performance;
  - Size/scope of habitat enhancements;
  - Small business preservation and enhancements;
  - Non-auto transportation improvements and performance;
  - Enhanced community benefits;
  - District-wide improvements, which could include transportation, habitat, or utility projects in collaboration with different companies;
  - Phasing of proposed improvements and development;
  - Impacts to staff resources; and
  - The quality and thoroughness of submitted application materials.

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