

I. General Provisions

A. Title

This Code is known as the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District Form Based Code (Columbia Pike Form Based Code, or Code).

B. Applicability

1. Properties that are zoned S-3A, RA14-26, RA8-18, RA7-16, RA6-15, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-O, or CP-FBC districts and are located in the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District, as designated on the General Land Use Plan (GLUP), shall be eligible to develop in accordance with the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District Form Based Code requirements. After such development all uses permitted in Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance shall be permitted on the property, subject to all regulations in Appendix A.
2. Properties that are zoned R-6 and R-5 and located in the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District, as designated on the General Land Use Plan (GLUP), shall be eligible to develop in accordance with the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District Form Based Code requirements only after the County Board approves a rezoning to the CP-FBC district.
3. The Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District Form Based Code is an optional zoning tool and property owners retain the zoning rights under the existing zoning. Use of the Form Based Code is selected through the filing of an application for development under the Form Based Code. If this Code is used, development proposals shall comply with all provisions of this Code.

C. Purposes

This Columbia Pike Form Based Code is intended to implement the purpose and goals of the Columbia Pike Initiative Plan initially adopted by the County Board on March 12, 2002, the subsequent Columbia Pike Urban Design Charrette and citizen workshops held in September 2002, and other policies adopted by the County Board to:

1. Foster a vital main street for its adjacent neighborhoods through a lively mix of uses—with shop-fronts, sidewalk cafes, and other commercial uses at street level, overlooked by canopy shade trees, upper STORY residences and offices;
2. Create transit, pedestrian-, and bicycle-oriented development, which is dependent on three factors: density, diversity of uses, and design; and
3. Place greatest emphasis on design, or physical form, because of its importance in defining neighborhood character.

D. Other Applicable Regulations

Wherever there is a variation or conflict between the Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District Form Based Code, and other sections of the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance, the requirements set forth in this Code shall prevail. For development standards not covered by this Code, applicable sections of the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance shall be used as the requirement. Similarly, all development must comply with all Federal, State or local regulations and ordinances including, but not limited to, Chesapeake Bay Ordinance and other environmental regulations.

E. Minimum Requirements

The provisions of the Code are the minimum requirements for development under this Code.

F. Severability

Should any provision of this Code be decided by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Code other than the part decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

G. Components of the Code

The Code is comprised of the following sections:

1. **Administration:** Section II. Administration covers the application and review processes for development plan approval, permits, amendments, and administrative changes.
2. **Regulating Plans:** The REGULATING PLAN provides specific information on the development parameters for each parcel and shows how each LOT or DEVELOPMENT PROJECT relates to public spaces (STREETS, CIVIC GREENS, PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS, etc.) and the surrounding neighborhood. The REGULATING PLAN may identify additional regulations and/or special provisions for specific locations. The Columbia Pike Special Revitalization District is divided into four subareas, each of which is covered by an individual REGULATING PLAN. The REGULATING PLAN also includes general regulations pertaining to the arrangement of blocks and alleys, buildings, streetscape, parking, ground story uses, and historic preservation.
3. **Building Envelope Standards:** The BUILDING ENVELOPE STANDARDS (BES), establish basic parameters governing building form, including the envelope for building placement (in three dimensions) and certain permitted/required building elements as they frame the STREET or public realm. The BUILDING ENVELOPE STANDARDS establish both the boundaries within which things may be done and specific things that must be done to ensure that the buildings relate to each other and form a functioning and consistent block structure. The applicable standard(s) for a development project is determined by the BES frontage type designated on the REGULATING PLAN.
4. **Streetscape Standards:** The purpose of the Streetscape Standards is to ensure coherent STREETS and to assist developers and owners with understanding the relationship between the public realm and their own DEVELOPMENT PROJECT or building. These standards set the parameters for the placement of street trees, sidewalks, and other amenities or furnishings within the STREET as well as the basic configurations for other public spaces, including streets and sidewalks.
5. **Architectural Standards:** The Architectural Standards are used to achieve a coherent and high-quality building design that is complementary to the best local traditions. The Architectural Standards govern a building's exterior elements and set the parameters for allowable materials, configurations, and techniques.
6. **Definitions:** Certain terms in this Code are used in very specific ways, often excluding some of the meanings of common usage. Wherever a word is in ALL CAPITALS format, consult Section VII. Definitions for its specific and limited meaning within this Code. Words used in the Code, but not defined by the Code, but that are defined in the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance, shall have the meanings set forth therein