

## City of Medford

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To: City Council President Zac Bears and Honorable Members of the City Council

From: Danielle Evans, Senior Planner, Office of Planning, Development, and Sustainability on

behalf of the City of Medford Community Development Board

Date: September 25, 2025

**RE:** Proposed Amendment to the Salem Street Neighborhood Corridor District

The City of Medford Community Development Board ("CDB") held a public meeting on September 17, 2025 to consider a request from Mayor Lungo-Koehn to initiate a zoning amendment to the Salem Street Neighborhood Corridor District in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c.40A, s. 5. The proposed amendment, as described in the attached memorandum from Mayor Lungo-Koehn to the CDB dated September 15, 2025, would amend the zoning map to change the designation from MX-2 to MX-1 for the parcels within the Salem Street and Park Street node as shown on the map entitled, "Salem Street Corridor Zoning" dated March 3, 2025.

Board members present at the meeting were Acting Chair Adam Behrens, Member John Anderson, Member Sean Beagan, Member Doug Carr, and Member Dina Colagerro. Chief of Staff, Nina Nazarian appeared before the Board and presented the request. After consideration of the request, the CDB voted unanimously 5-0 to submit the zoning amendment to City Council as presented.

cc: Breanna Lungo-Koehn, Mayor
Nina Nazarian, Chief of Staff
Alicia Hunt, Director of Planning, Development, and Sustainability
Andrew Dowd, Acting City Clerk
Richard Eliseo, Assistant City Clerk



## Salem St Corridor

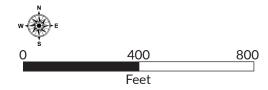
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Date: 03/03/2025

This map was produced in March 2025 by Innes Associates for the City of Medford using data from MassGIS: "Bureau of Geographic Information (MassGIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Technology and









September 15, 2025

#### **Via Electronic Delivery**

Community Development Board Medford City Hall, Room 308 Medford, MA 02155

**Re:** Salem Street Corridor Zoning Amendment

Dear CD Board Members:

As you know, on March 5, 2025, the Community Development (CD) Board voted to recommend the addition of the Salem Street Corridor District to the City's Zoning Ordinance, along with related amendments (e.g., amendments to the Table of Use Regulations, Dimensional Requirements, etc.) for the City Council's consideration.

One of the CD Board's recommendations was to designate the Salem Street/Park Street node as Mixed-Use 1 (MX-1). However, the City Council did not accept that recommendation and instead designated that node as Mixed-Use 2 (MX-2). Given the significant height differences between MX-1 and MX-2, and in light of concerns I have heard from the community, I continue to support the CD Board's original recommendation.

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 5, a Zoning Ordinance/Map Amendment may be initiated "...by a planning board...". Therefore, I respectfully request that the CD Board formally initiate the attached amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map and support a request for the City Council to reconsider the designation.

Respectfully yours,

Mayor

Enclosure

cc: Danielle Evans, Senior Planner

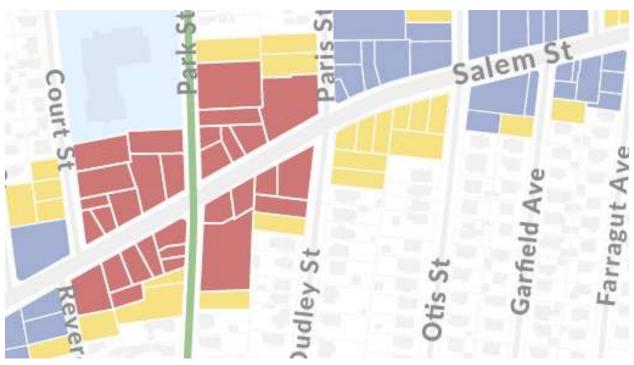
Alicia Hunt, Planning, Development and Sustainability Director

Scott Vandewalle, Building Commissioner



### **Proposed Zoning Ordinance and Map Amendment**

That the Medford City Council approve an amendment to the City of Medford Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map to rezone the land shown on the map below from the Mixed Use-2 Zoning District to the Mixed-Use 1 Zoning District.



# Salem Street Corridor Zoning Legnd

