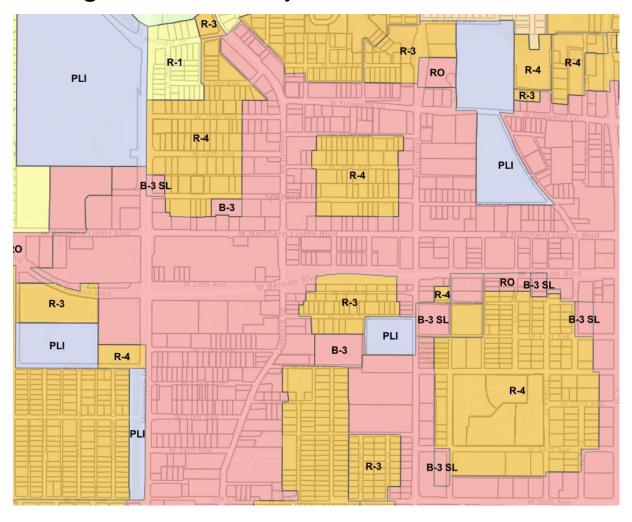


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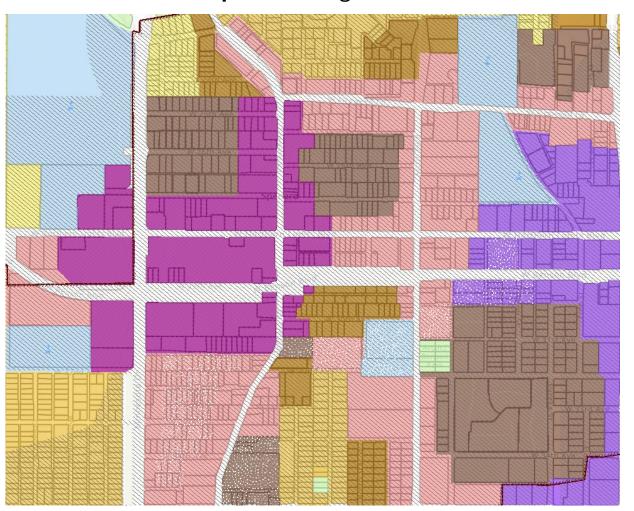
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# **Zoning:** What's allowed by land use code



# Future Land Use Map: How things should look in the future



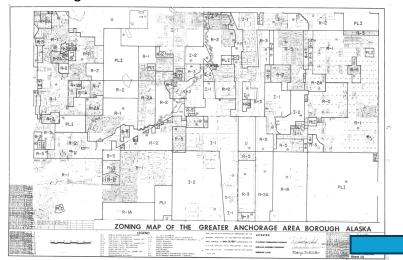
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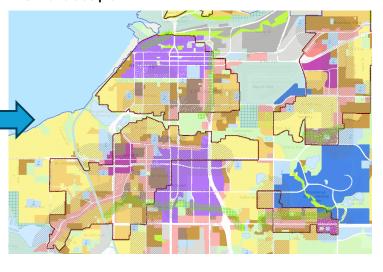
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# **Zoning System Implementation (Ideal Practice)**

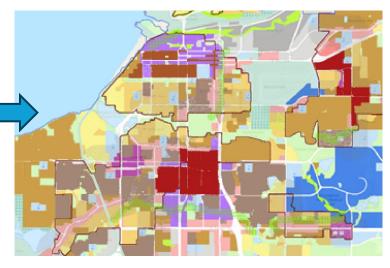
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#### New land use plan

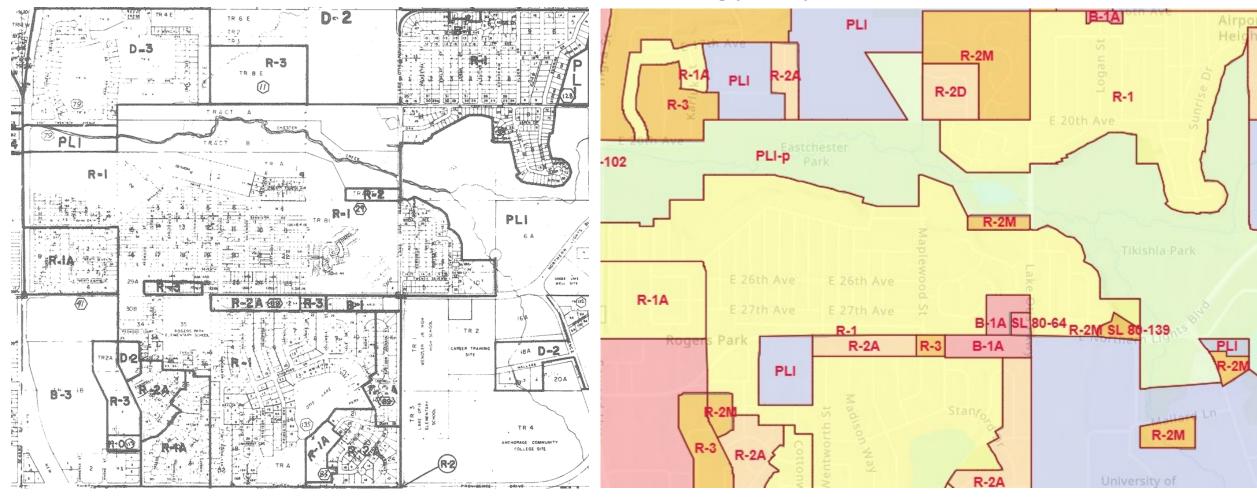


### Change in zoning over time that reflects the new land use plan



# **Anchorage Borough Zoning (1970s)**

## MOA Zoning (2020s)



# **Existing Rezoning Procedure**

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## **Comprehensive Plan Guidance**

**2040 Action 4-2:** "Facilitate a Targeted Area Rezoning in the vicinity of Central Spenard Reinvestment Focus Area, with coordinated targeted area re-platting assistance or small-area plans on some portions, and expansion of the Midtown Deteriorated Properties Tax Abatement designated area as shown on the Actions Map to specifically incentivize housing."

**2040 Strategy 7: New Zoning Districts/Overlay Zones:** "Other adopted Comprehensive Plan elements recommend making Title 21 more versatile and responsive to contemporary land use trends. They recommended innovative zoning districts designed to grow the city through compact development in the city's centers, compatible development in existing neighborhoods, and growing key economic sectors"

**2040 Strategy 6:** "Targeted area rezonings: "where existing zoning does not align with the Land Use Plan Map designation, the Municipality can initiate targeted rezonings for specific areas. It can also reduce barriers to individual rezonings that property owners may bring forward as they determine they are ready to develop, and as the need arises. The Municipality can expedite implementation of the Plan in priority areas by initiating "targeted area" rezonings with the support of the property owners."

**2040 Policy LUP 1.4.** "Use the 2040 LUP and area-specific plans in conjunction with other elements of the Comprehensive Plan to determine appropriate zoning in the Bowl, and evaluate proposed changes to land use regulations. (Supersedes Anchorage 2020: Policy 4)"

2040 Action 8-4: "Conduct housekeeping rezone of dedicated parks to PR district, and some T-zoned lands to PLI."

**2040 Action 9-6:** "Facilitate one or a series of Targeted Area Rezonings of commercial and industrial areas that implement the 2040 LUP to provide more consolidated, stable, and appropriately located land supply of commercial and industrial uses."

### **New Rezone Tools**



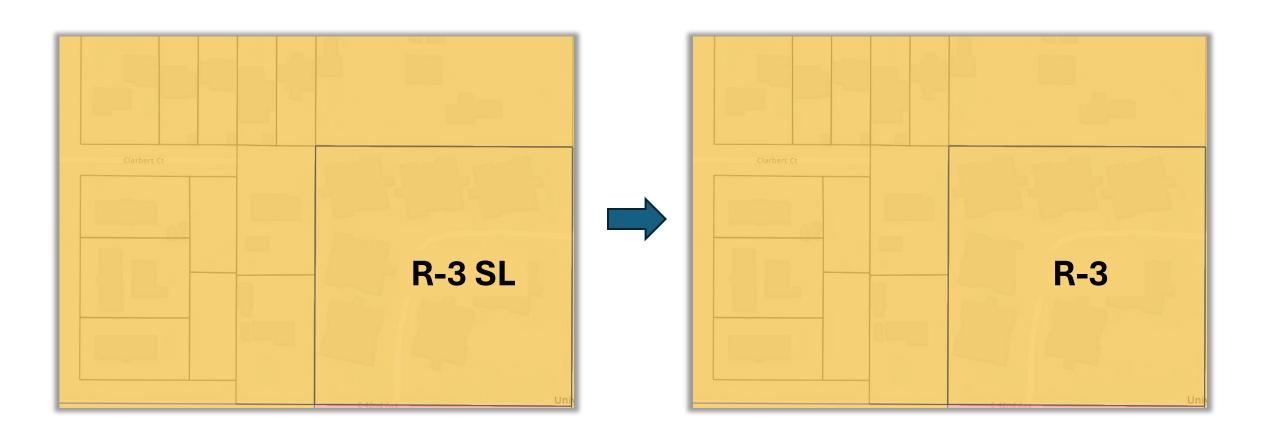
# 21.03.160 Rezonings that don't require a change to the comprehensive plan, or rezonings that remove an SL

- Simpler process that takes less time (relies on the process done through the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan)
- Lower cost
- Always reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan
- Always reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission
- Always reviewed by the Assembly
- Always requires Assembly approval

# **Examples**



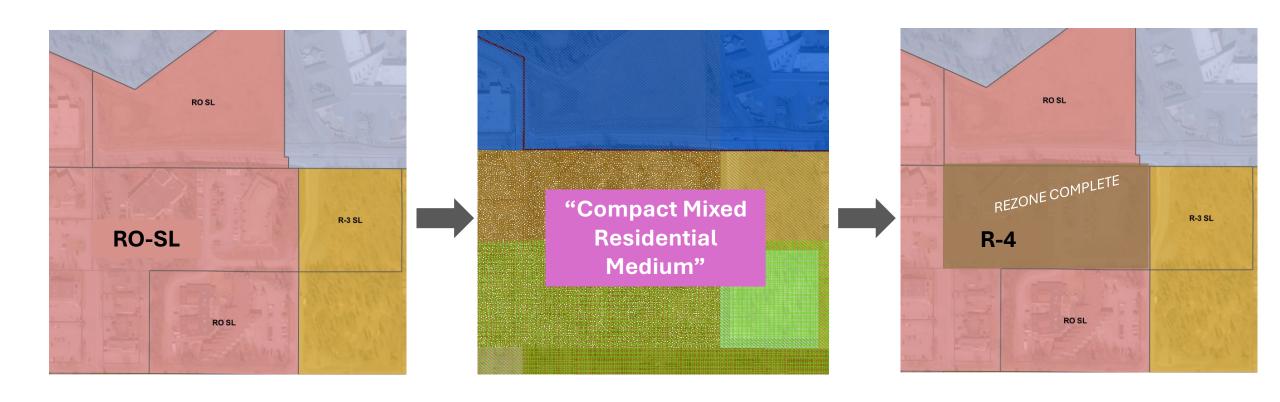
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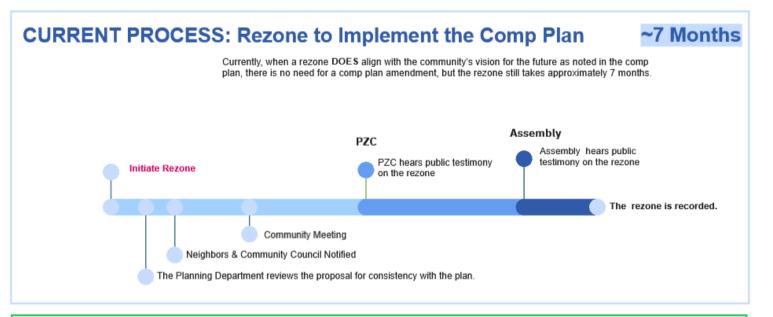


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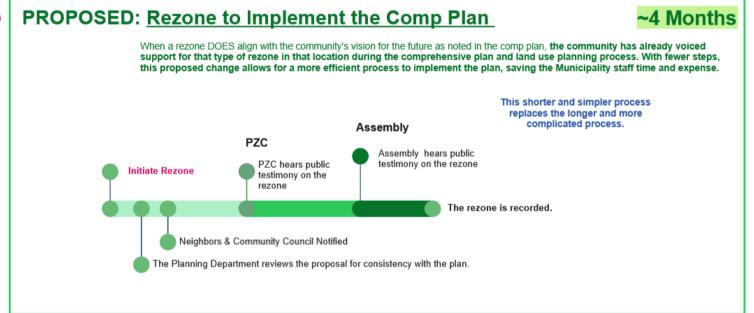


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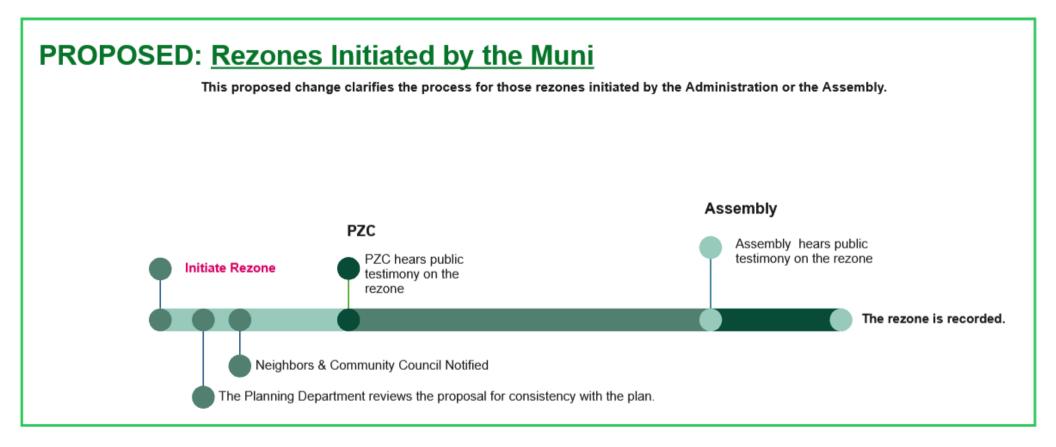
### **New Rezone Tools**



- 21.03.160L Rezonings initiated by the assembly, the administration, or the planning and zoning commission, such as area wide rezonings, targeted area rezonings, and overlays
  - Simpler notification procedures but will entail more Department outreach
  - Can't be used for a single small property
  - Fulfills guidance from the Comprehensive Plan
  - Always reviewed for consistency with the Comprehensive Plan
  - When initiated by the planning department, always reviewed by the Planning & Zoning Commission
  - Always reviewed by the Assembly
  - Always requires Assembly approval

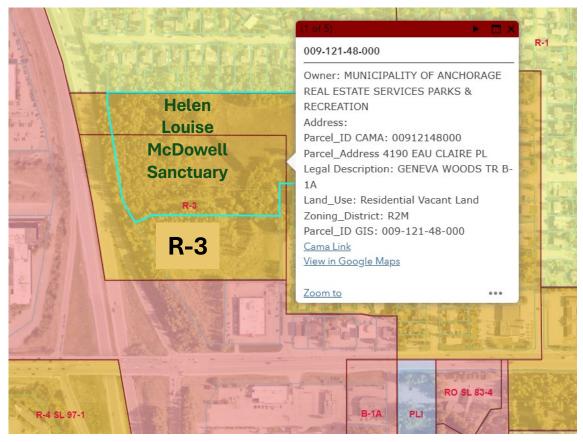
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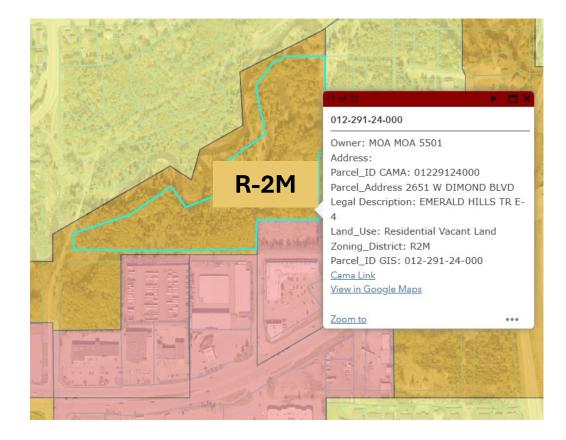




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# Questions?

# Thank you

## Changes to procedure

Type of Application or Procedure	Section	Written (Mailed)	Notice Required Published	Posted	Community Council
Rezonings when a comprehensive plan map amendment is required	21.03.160H	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Rezones that implement the comprehensive plan (or eliminate a special limitation)	21.03.160I.	<mark>√²</mark>	~	<b>✓</b>	~
Rezonings to create, alter, or eliminate overlay districts.	21.03.160J	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Rezonings to planned community development district (PCD)	21.03.160K	<b>✓</b>	~	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Written (mailed) notice for rezones that implement the comprehensive plan (or eliminate a special limitation) will only be to property owners within the affected area and those property owners immediately adjacent to the affected area.