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Introduction

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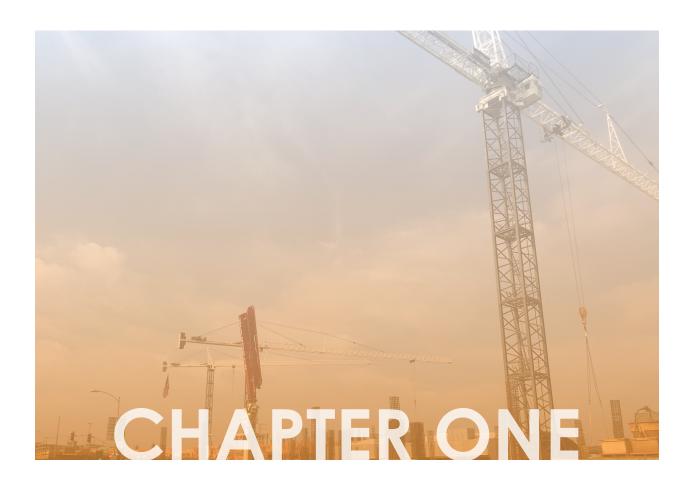
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1. Introduction





1. Introduction

What is TOC?



The TOC Program

The Transit Oriented Communities Density Bonus program was part of Measure JJJ which was passed by voters in November of 2016. While TOC was created by the passage of JJJ, they really act independent of each other, as TOC does not require the labor provisions of Measure JJJ.

At its' heart, **TOC** is a super density bonus incentive program tied to providing affordable housing.

Provides Affordable Housing

TOC developments require a certain percentage of residential units be deed-restricted as affordable housing. In exchange, developers can increase density by as much as 80%, receive parking breaks and receive other incentives. A win-win for everyone.



1. Introduction

What is TOC?



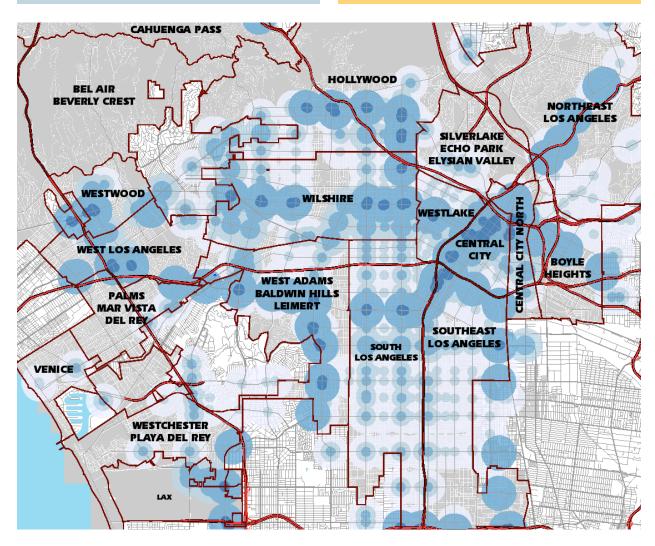
Locations

Only certain parcels within the city of Los Angeles are eligible for the TOC bonus. TOC eligibility is based on proximity to certain types of transit and is broken into Tiers 1 through 4, with four having the highest incentives.

This guide provides detailed information on TOC tiers, requirements and incentives.

Get something back

The TOC incentives have only been around since September 2017 (it took about a year after the 2016 election to formulate, and adopt the plan), but in that time, many developers have seen the benefits of the program's very fair approach to requiring affordable units in exchange for worth while incentives. TOC has been a quick success story for increasing the housing stock in Los Angeles.



2. How TOC Works





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A simple diagram to help understand the TOC program

The "Base" TOC Program

1. Verify TOC Eligibility

Determine if property is in a TOC Tier. File application with City of LA to verify the Tier.



2. Meet Base Requirements

Based on your Tier, set aside a certain percentage of units as affordable.



3. Utilize Base Incentives

Based on your Tier, you will automatically receive the following incentives:

- 1. Increase in density
- 2. Increase in Floor Area ratio (FAR)
- 3. Reduction in required parking



4. "Base" Approval Process

Projects requesting only Base Incentives are essentially by-right and are only reviewed ministerially by the Los Angeles Department of Building & Safety (LADBS)

TOC Program Additional Incentives (not required)

1. Meet the Base TOC Requirements

Base TOC requirements must be met (column to the left).



2. Set aside additional affordable units

Above and beyond the base requirements for your Tier, set aside an additional percentage of units as affordable.



3. Utilize Additional Incentives

Based on percentage and type of affordable units you provide, you can receive up to three of the following additional incentives::

- 1. Yard/Setback Reductions
- 2. Open Space Reductions
- 3. Lot Coverage Increase
- 4. Required Lot Width Reduction
- 5. Height & Story Limit Increase
- 6. Various other incentives

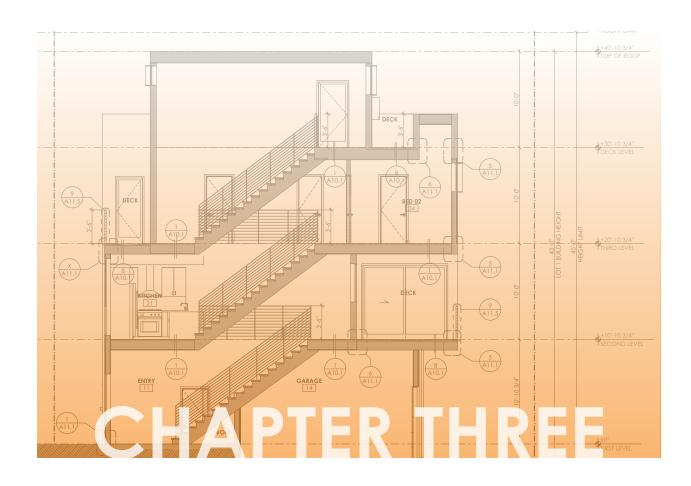


4. "Additional" Approval Process

Projects requesting Additional Incentives have to be reviewed by the Los Angeles Department of City Planning.

3. TOC Tiers + Eligibility





3. TOC Tiers

How are TOC Tiers established?



| | | Distance t | o Following Tra | nsit Stops: | |
|--------|--------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| | Intersection of 2 regular bus lines* | Intersection of regular bus line + rapid bus line | Intersection of 2 rapid bus lines | Metrolink Rail Stations | Metro Rail Stations |
| Tier 1 | 750-2,640 feet | 1,500 - 2640 feet | - | 1,500 - 2640 feet | - |
| Tier 2 | < 750 feet | 750-1,500 feet | 1,500 - 2640 feet | 750-1,500 feet | - |
| Tier 3 | - | < 750 feet | < 1,500 feet | < 750 feet | ≤ 2640 feet |
| Tier 4 | - | - | - | - | < 750 feet from intersection w/ another rail line or Rapid Bus |

^{*} Each w/ at least 15 min. avg. peak headways

3. TOC Tiers + Eligibility



5 Steps for determining if a property is TOC eligible:

1. Go to zimas.com

ZIMAS is an online resource for zoning information on properties within City of Los Angeles

2. Enter the property address

A map will appear on the right, and property info in the left column

3. Find the TOC Tier under the "Planning and Zoning tab

| ▼ Planning and Zoning | |
|---|------------|
| Special Notes | None |
| Zoning | C2-2D-CPIO |
| SN: Sign District | No |
| Streetscape | No |
| Adaptive Reuse Incentive Area | None |
| Affordable Housing Linkage Fee | |
| Residential Market Area | Medium |
| Non-Residential Market Area | Medium |
| Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) | Tier 3 |
| CRA - Community Redevelopment Agency | None |
| Central City Parking | No |

4. If a Tier designation appears, click the link, and circles will appear on the map showing the radius distances from eligible transit stops



5. Tier information must be confirmed with the Department of City Planning through a formal TOC verification.

Modative can assist with this process.



4. TOC Base Requirements + Incentives





4. TOC Base Requirements

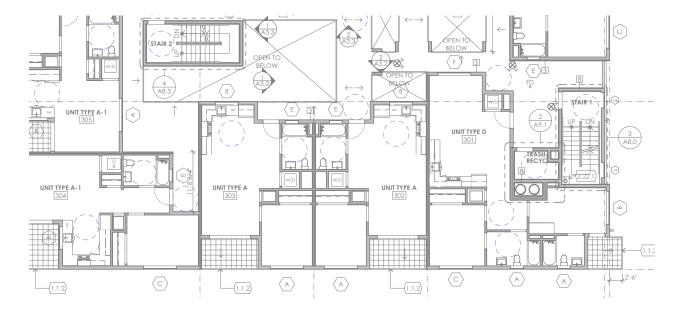


How many affordable units are required?

How to Get Base Incentives

Base incentives are achieved by meeting the minimum percentage of affordable units for your Tier as outlined in the chart below.

| Minimum Affordable Units Required by Type and Percentage | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--|--|--|
| Extremely Low Very Low Income Low I | | | | | | |
| Tier 1 | 8% | 11% | 20% | | | |
| Tier 2 | 9% | 12% | 21% | | | |
| Tier 3 | 10% | 14% | 23% | | | |
| Tier 4 | 11% | 15% | 25% | | | |



4. TOC Base Incentives



Incentives given by meeting the minimum affordable housing requirements

| | | TOC Base Ir | ncentives | |
|--------|---------------------------------|---|--|------------------------|
| | Increase in # of Dwelling Units | Increase in # of Dwelling Units in RD Zones | Floor Area Ratio (FAR) Increase | Car Parking |
| Tier 1 | 50% | 35% | 40% increase or FAR increase to at least 2.75:1 in commercial zones* | .5 spaces/ bedroom |
| Tier 2 | 60% | 35% | 45% increase or FAR increase to at least 3.25:1 in commercial zones* | 1 space/unit |
| Tier 3 | 70% | 40% | 50% increase or FAR increase to at least 3.75:1 in commercial zones* | .5 spaces/unit |
| Tier 4 | 80% | 45% | 55% increase or FAR increase to at least 4.25:1 in commercial zones* | no parking required |

5. TOC Additional Requirements+ Incentives





5. TOC Additional Requirements



Earn valuable incentives by increasing the number of affordable units

How to Get Additional Incentives

Although not required, you can elect to receive up to three Additional Incentives by setting aside additional affordable units in your project. This does not mean that you get additional density, but rather you have to allocate more of the residential units in your project as affordable.

The following chart lays out these requirements.

Percentage of Base Units Required to be Affordable (by Type) for Additional Incentives

| | Extremely Low Income | Very Low Income | Low Income | Moderate Income |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|
| One Additional Incentive | 4% | 5% | 10% | 10% |
| Two Additional Incentives | 7% | 10% | 20% | 20% |
| Three Additional Incentives | 11% | 15% | 30% | 30% |

5. TOC Additional Incentives



Incentives given by meeting the additional affordable housing requirements

| TOC Menu of Additional Incentives | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | Yard/Setback Reduction | | Open Space Decrease | Lot Coverage Increase | |
| | Front Yards | Side Yards | | inicicuse | |
| Tier 1 | See notes for Commercial zones. Limited to no more than avg. of yards of adjoining | 25% decrease in one yard/ setback | 20% | 25% | |
| Tier 2 | buildings on same street frontage. If corner lot or adjacent to vacant lot, setback may align with facade | 30% decrease in one yard/ setback | 20% | 25% | |
| Tier 3 | of adjoining building building along same front line. If no adjoining building, no reduction | 35% decrease in two yards/ setbacks | 25% | 35% | |
| Tier 4 | permitted. • In Tiers 3 & 4, the front yard reduction may be paired with one other side yard reduction. | 40% decrease in two yards/ setbacks | 25% | 35% | |

5. TOC Additional Incentives



Incentives given by meeting the additional affordable housing requirements

| | TOC Menu of Additional Incentives | | | | | |
|--------|--|---|-----|--|--|--|
| | Height Total Height Transitional Height | | | | | |
| Tier 1 | One additional story up to 11 feet in height | 45° angle step-back measured from horizontal plane 15' above grade at property line of adjoining lot in the RW1 Zone or more restrictive | | | | |
| Tier 2 | One additional story up to 11 feet in height | residential zone or Specific Plan subarea | | | | |
| Tier 3 | Two additional stories up to 22 feet in height | 45° angle step-back measured from horizontal plane 25' above grade at property line of adjoining lot in the RW1 Zone or more restrictive residential zone or Specific Plan subarea | 25% | | | |
| Tier 4 | Three additional stories up to 33 feet in height | Within first 25' of property line abutting or across the street or alley from the RW1 or more restrictive zone, building height limit shall be stepped-back at 45° angle measured from a horizontal plane originating 25' above grade at property line of the adjoining lot in the more restrictive zone or Specific Plan subarea | | | | |

5. TOC Additional Incentives



Incentives given by meeting the additional affordable housing requirements

| TOC Menu of Additional Incentives | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
| | Averaging of FAR, Density, Parking or Open Space, and permitting Vehicular Access | Density Calculation | | | | | |
| Tier 1 | A Project located on two or more contiguous parcels may | The area of any land required to be dedicated for street or alley purposes may be included as lot area for | | | | | |
| Tier 2 | average the floor area, density, open space and parking over the project site, and permit vehicular access | | | | | | |
| Tier 3 | from less restrictive zone to a more restrictive zone, provided that certain requirements are met - *see | purposes of calculating the maximum density permitted by the underlying zone in which the project is located. | | | | | |
| Tier 4 | notes. | | | | | | |

6. TOC + Zoning





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Knowing the appropriate zones for the TOC Density Bonus

R1, R2 Zones:

All R1 and similar "One-Family Residential" zones are out of the equation since these only permit one dwelling unit per lot. R2 zones are also pretty much impossible since they have such low density that any additional units gained would have to be affordable, offsetting the benefit.

RD Zones

RD zones can be a great option for a TOC bonus, especially RD1.5 and RD2 zoned properties. These zones have often been overlooked for stacked apartments and condos prior to TOC, since they made more sense for Small Lot Subdivision and other medium density townhouse style products. Additionally, expensive underground parking can now often be avoided on TOC projects because reduced parking requirements often makes on-grade only parking viable.

One thing to note with RD zoned properties is that they have lower TOC density bonus percentages (15-35%) than higher density R zones.

R3, R4, and R5 Zones

The most popular zones for the TOC program are naturally R3, R4, and R5. These high density zones get quite a boost from the TOC density bonus, while also benefiting from the base incentive parking reductions

Allowable Base Density in Multi-Family and Commercial Zones

| Zone | Min. Area Per Dwelling Unit | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| RD1.5 | 1,500 sq. ft. | |
| RD2 | 2,000 sq. ft. | |
| R3 | 800 sq. ft. | |
| R4 | 400 sq. ft. | |
| R5 | 200 sq. ft. | |
| C1 & CM | 800 sq. ft. | |
| CR, C1.5, C2, C3, C4 & C5 | 400 sq. ft. | |

and FAR increases. It is also in these zones that it may make sense to utilize the additional menu of incentives such as increases in height limit, and reductions in yards/setbacks, lot coverage and open space requirements.

C Zones

In the City of LA, commercially zoned properties can also be developed into mixeduse or fully residential projects. Therefore, the TOC program also applies to C zones as they have the same density limits as R3 and R4 zones. However, the higher price of commercially zoned properties often reduces the viability of developing multi-family residential projects unless the project becomes large enough to support the added cost of commercial land.





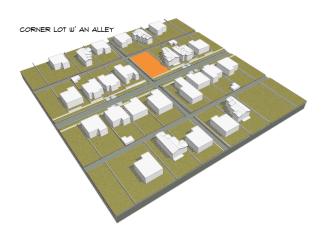


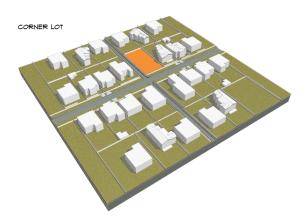
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Lot Configuration

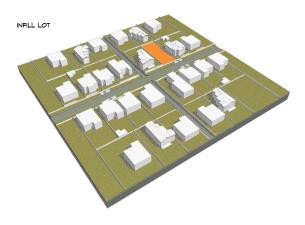
Whether you already own a lot or are shopping around for one, keep in mind that lot configuration also plays a very important role in the layout of a TOC apartment or condo project. Certain configurations have more potential than others for good vehicular and pedestrian access. While all of the following lot configuration diagrams have the potential to creatively provide a viable solution, there are certain advantages and disadvantages for each type.

Although there are many types of lot configurations, we will explore the four most common.









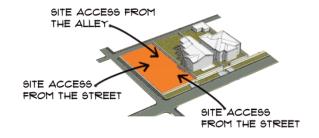


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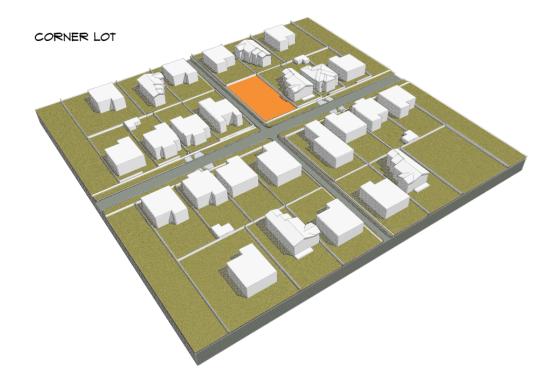
Corner Lot with Rear Alley

- Probably the best lot configuration for a TOC apartment or condo as allows for potential vehicular access from three sides of the lot.
- With only one abutting neighbor, the unit layouts have great potential for air and light access.
- Since the lot has multiple street frontages, in some cases, it is possible to design "walk-up" units, providing entrances that allow pedestrian access from the street.
- Alley provides reduced rear yard setback (setback measured to center of alley) and parking layouts are improved as cars can back out directly into the alley, saving valuable on-site parking aisle space.
- Side street access helps with fire life safety egress and pedestrian access to ground floor functions.



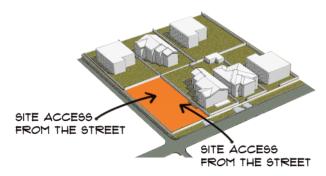


The Importance of Lot Configuration



Corner Lot

- Allows for potential vehicular access from two sides of the lot.
- With only two abutting neighbors, one of which is a deep rear yard setback, the unit layouts have great potential for air and light access.
- Since the lot has multiple street frontages, in some cases, it is possible to design "walk-up" units, providing entrances that allow pedestrian access from the street.
- Side street access helps with fire life safety egress and pedestrian access to ground floor functions.



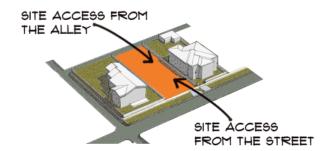


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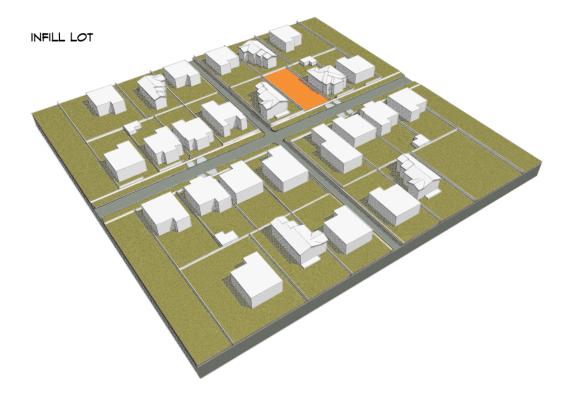
Infill Lot with Rear Alley

- Allows for potential vehicular access from two sides of the lot.
- With only two abutting neighbors, the unit layouts have great potential for air and light access.
- Alley provides reduced rear yard setback (setback measured to center of alley) and parking layouts are improved as cars can back out directly into the alley, saving valuable on-site parking aisle space.





The Importance of Lot Configuration



Infill Lot

- The most common lot configuration for a TOC apartment or condo
- Only has vehicular access from one sides of the lot. A TOC project is still very possible in an infill lot as long as the property meets a minimum width to allow for adequate parking and vehicular access.
- Properly designed, an infill lot can still have good air and light access for all units.



7. TOC + Lot Size & Shape

Other Important Property Factors



Lot Size and Shape

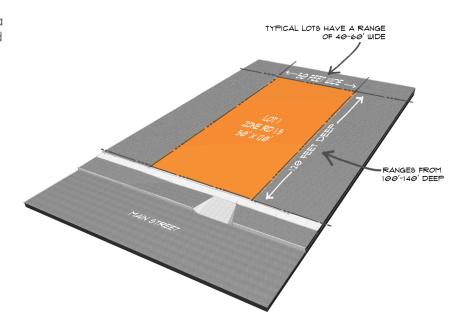
The size and shape of your lot can be the most important factor of meeting the criteria of a successful TOC project. While the proper zone and lot configuration is critical, your property still needs to be wide enough and long enough to provide efficient parking. Oh, and let's not forget that after the parking problem is solved, you still must have enough usable land leftover for the residential units and support spaces. While designers love to preach about how creative and great the design of their buildings are going to be, without a successful and creative parking solution, there is no building... at least not in the City of Los Angeles.

There are some very creative solutions possible to fit a TOC apartment or condo on just about any lot size and shape. In fact, we have even utilized car lifts to minimize the amount of ground space required to meet parking regulations and desired unit count. If you have an odd-sized or shaped lot and want to see if a TOC apartment or condo layout is possible, we would be happy to provide a solution. However, the reality is that the vast majority of available lots with the best potential to utilize the TOC program in Los Angeles are rectilinear lots with limited slope.

Typical Los Angeles Lot Size

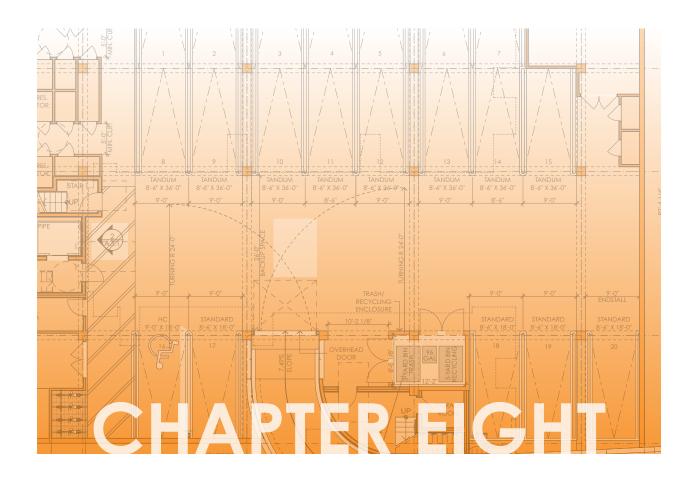
Lots come in all shapes and sizes, but most individual lot sizes in Los Angeles vary from 40'-60' wide and 100'-140' deep. Within this range, a 50' lot width is most common.

Assembling lots is always a good idea as parking and unit layout efficiencies improve dramatically as lot width increases. The most common lot assembly is two side by side 50' wide lots (100' total), which provides for very efficient parking configurations versus one 50' wide property.



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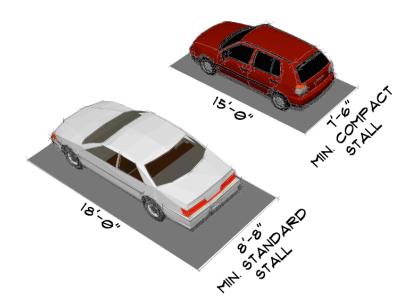
Parking

Aside from being able to fit the required number of parking spots required for the TOC Tier, it is equally important to provide adequate vehicular circulation onto the property and into each parking spot. Not only is it important to provide the required parking stall sizes for a compact and standard parking stall, but it is also necessary to provide the required backup aisle width to allow access in and out of each spot.

While there are many ways to design an adequate parking layout for almost any lot, there are certain factors regarding a lots' width and depth that affect the number of possibilities available to provide the required number of parking spots to meet the desired or allowable unit count.

Minimum Parking Stall Sizes (Los Angeles)

| Compa | ct Stalls | Standard Stalls | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Stall Width Stall Depth | | Stall Width | Stall Depth | |
| 7'-6" min. | 15'-0" min. | 8'-8" min. | 18'-0" min. | |



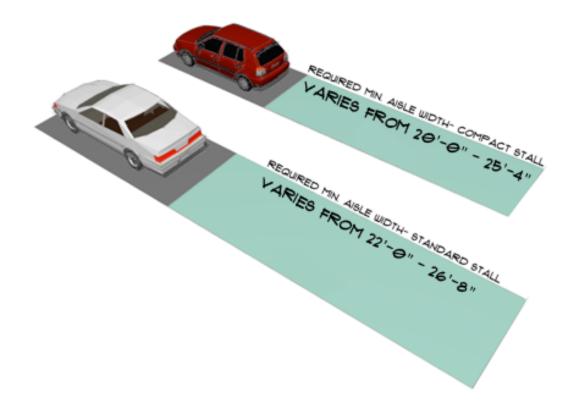
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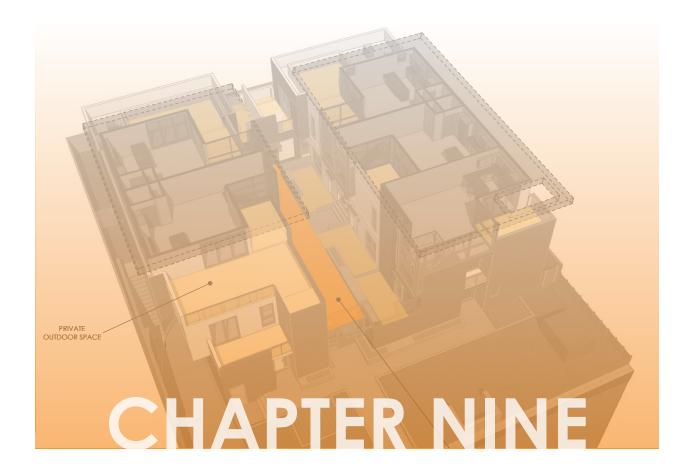
Parking Backup Aisle Width Requirements

| Compa | ct Stalls | Standard Stalls | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Stall Width | Stall Width Aisle Width | | Aisle Width | |
| 7'-6" min. | 7'-6" min. 25'-4" | | 26'-8" | |
| 7'-10" | 24'-0" | 9'-0'' | 25'-4" | |
| 8'-2" | 22'-8" | 9'-4'' | 24'-0" | |
| 8'-4'' | 22'-0" | 9'-6" | 23'-4" | |
| 8'-6'' | 21'-4" | 9'-8'' | 22'-8" | |
| 8'-8" 20'-8" | | 9'-10" | 22'-0'' | |
| 8'-10" | 20'-0'' | | | |



9. TOC Case Studies





9. TOC Case Study #1



A Typical R3 Zoned Property in Los Angeles

6,500 sq. ft. Lot, Zoned R3-1 in TOC Tier 2:

Los Angeles is full of 50 foot wide properties that had limited multi-family development potential until now. For this example, let's take this very

common 50' X 130' lot. Without the TOC Tier 2 bonus, this property would only net eight market rate residential units. However, with TOC, the property can yield 15 total units. Most developers in this case would opt for the "Very Low Income" category which requires only two affordable units.



| Base Density | Percentage Affordable - Tier 2 | TOC Density Bonus | Additional Units | Total Units | Total Affordable |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Lot Area (SF) | Extremely Low Income | | Rounds up | | Rounds up |
| 6,500 sq. ft. | 9% | 60% | 6 | 15 | 2 |
| Lot Area/Unit | Very Low Income | | Rounds up | | Rounds up |
| 800 sq. ft. | 12% | 60% | 6 | 15 | 2 |
| Allowable Units | Lower Income | | Rounds up | | Rounds up |
| 9 units | 21% | 60% | 6 | 15 | 4 |
| Calculated Density | | | | | |
| 8.13 units | | Note: All nu | mbers round up |) | |
| Base FAR | TOC FAR Increase | TOC FAR | TOC Parking Calculation | | Parking rements |
| 3:1 FAR | 45% | 4.35:1 FAR | 1 space / unit | Rounds up | |
| 19,500 sq. ft. | 8,775 sq. ft. | 28,275 sq. ft. | 15 spaces | 15 spaces | |

9. TOC Case Study #2

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A Typical RD1.5 Zoned Property in Los Angeles

6,500 sq. ft. Lot, Zoned RD1.5 in TOC Tier 2:

Take that same 50' X 130' sized lot in an RD1.5 zone. Without the TOC Tier 2 bonus, you would only net four market rate residential units. With

TOC eligibility, this property yields 7 total units with only one "Very Low Income" affordable unit.

The TOC parking incentive is a game changer here, as seven parking spaces can be provided on-grade, with no underground required. Even a four home small lot subdivision on the same lot would require eight parking spaces and a non-TOC 7-unit apartment could require up to 14 spaces.



| Base Density | Percentage Affordable - Tier 2 | TOC Density Bonus | Additional Units | Total Units | Total Affordable |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Lot Area (SF) | Extremely Low Income | | Rounds up | | Rounds up |
| 6,500 sq. ft. | 9% | 35% | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| Lot Area/Unit | Very Low Income | | Rounds up | | Rounds up |
| 1,500 sq. ft. | 12% | 35% | 2 | 7 | 1 |
| Allowable Units | Lower Income | | Rounds up | | Rounds up |
| 5 units | 21% | 35% | 2 | 7 | 2 |
| Calculated Density | | | | | |
| 4.33 units | Note: All numbers round up | | | | |
| Base FAR | TOC FAR Increase | TOC FAR | TOC Parking Calculation | TOC Parking Requirements | |
| 3:1 FAR | 45% | 4.35:1 FAR | 1 space / unit | Rounds up | |
| 19,500 sq. ft. | 8,775 sq. ft. | 28,275 sq. ft. | 7 spaces | 7 spaces | |

10. Modative + TOC





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An experienced Los Angeles Design/Build Team

About Modative

Modative was founded by Christian Návar and Derek Leavitt as an architecture firm in 2006. After over 13 years in practice in Los Angeles, we saw the opportunity to bring clarity to the TOC Affordable Housing Incentive Program the same way we started publishing extensive information on the Small lot Subdivision Ordinance back in 2008.



Through our specialization in Small lot Subdivision Homes, we have learned the in's and out's of designing, permitting and building residential units in the City of Los Angeles. We are now looking to bring that expertise and one-stop-shop approach to TOC Apartments and Condominium projects.

Modative and Modative Build are fully licensed architecture and construction operations with extensive experience designing and building efficient residential projects on infill sites in Los Angeles.





Contact Modative about a TOC project

11. Developing a TOC Project





Developing a TOC Project



See how Modative can help you through the TOC project process

Developing a TOC Project

1. Find a TOC Eligible Property

Use ZIMAS to determine if property is in a TOC Tier.



2. Run a TOC Density Bonus Calculation

Contact Modative and we will run a free TOC calculation for you.



3. Feasibility Study

For a small fee, Modative can provide Site Evaluation and Planning Services (SEPS) for your project. This will help determine the number and type of units the property can yield. This study includes a parking plan and preliminary unit blocking plan by floor.



4. Run the Numbers

User the data from the SEPS study to run a project proforma.

5. Design/Permit

If the project makes financial sense, Modative can provide architecture and entitlement/permitting services for your project. We can also include the following services under our scope:

- 1. Structural Engineering
- 2. (MEP) Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Engineering
- 3. Title 24 Energy Consulting
- 4. Landscape Architecture
- 5. Arborist (Tree Report)



6. Build

If you are not your own builder, you can hire Modative Build to construct your project. Our design/build approach is vital to keeping your project on schedule and on budget.



7. Sell or Lease Units

Put your newly completed Condo or Apartment Units on the Market!

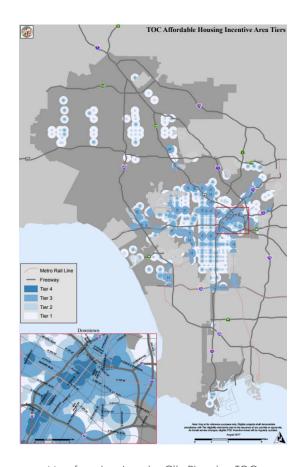


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A few notes about TOC locations:

- 1. For a bus stop to be eligible as a TOC transit stop, it must be the intersection of two lines. An intersection of two bus lines is defined as the midpoint of the street intersection where two or more eligible bus routes meet or cross, and passengers have the direct ability to transfer on foot. This does not include bus routes that travel along the same street.
- 2. For Tier 4, an intersection between a rail station and an eligible Rapid Bus line is defined as either the rail station entrance(s) or the Rapid Bus stop when the bus stop is within 660 feet of a rail station entrance and can be accessed by foot.
- **3.** Distance is measured from the closest point on any lot to the entrance(s) of a rail transit station (including elevators and stairways), or the middle of the street intersection of two or more bus routes with a service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods. Please see Appendix A for additional information on how to calculate the 15 minute service interval. In the case of a Tier 4 Major Transit Stop, the distance will be measured from the closest point on any lot to the closer of either the entrance of the rail transit station or the bus stop. If no entrance information is known for a station that is under construction, then the distance will be measured from the center of the platform of the station.
- **4.** Distance is measured from the closest point on any lot to the entrance(s) of a rail transit station (including elevators and stairways), or the middle of the street intersection of two or more bus routes with a service interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods. Please see Appendix A for additional information on how to calculate the 15 minute service interval. In the case of a Tier 4 Major Transit Stop, the distance will be measured from the closest point on any lot to the closer of either the entrance of the rail transit station or the bus stop. If no entrance information is known for a station that is under construction, then the distance will be measured from the center of the platform of the station.



Map from Los Angeles City Planning TOC Guidelines



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Affordable Housing Covenant:

Before obtaining a building permit, TOC projects are required to record a covenant with the Department of Housing and Community Investment (HCIDLA), guaranteeing that the affordability criteria will be observed for at least 55 years from the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy or a longer period of time if required by the construction or mortgage financing assistance program, government requirement, mortgage assistance program, or rental subsidy program.

TOC Fees:

A TOC project requesting Additional Incentives is subject to the same Department of City Planning fees as an Application for a Density Bonus including a request for one or more Incentives included in the Menu of Incentives pursuant to LAMC 19.01 O. See Section 19.01 V. for multiple applications.

Replacement Housing Units:

Replacement affordable housing units may also count towards other On-Site Restricted Affordable Units requirements.

No Doubling Up:

Projects that take advantage of the TOC program can not also obtain a Density Bonus through another program such as the State Density Bonus law or any other local program.

Request for Lower Tier:

Projects may choose to provide the percentage of affordable units in a lower Tier and receive the incentives for that Tier.

Additional Public Facilities (PF) Zones Incentive:

In lieu of the requirement in LAMC 12.24 U.21, a joint public and private development that qualifies as an Eligible Housing Development may include the uses and area standards permitted in the least restrictive adjoining zone. The phrase "adjoining zone" refers to the zones of properties abutting, across the street or alley from, or having a common corner with, the subject property.

Mixed Use Projects:

A mixed-use project may reduce the nonresidential automobile parking requirement for any ground-floor nonresidential per the table below.

Mixed Use Projects: Base Parking

| Tier | % Reduction in the Nonresidential Parking Requirement | | |
|--------|---|--|--|
| Tier 1 | 10% | | |
| Tier 2 | 20% | | |
| Tier 3 | 30% | | |
| Tier 4 | 40% | | |

Credits

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Credits:

a. Much of the content for this Guide comes from the Transit Oriented Communities Affordable Housing Incentive Program Guidelines (TOC Guidelines) published by the City of Los Angeles Planning Department. This guide is based on the latest release of those guidelines on 02.26.18. It is important to verify any of the requirements in this guide with the actual City Guidelines and Los Angeles Municipal Code.

b. Several maps in this Guide come from the TOC Guidelines and from LA City's online zoning portal, ZIMAS.

c. Icons are by the following authors on www.flaticon.com:

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