

Policy 1-1.1.9: - Allowed Uses in Historic Neighborhood Commercial.

Areas zoned Historic Neighborhood Commercial within the Historic Commercial Future Land Use District are intended to accommodate both residential and neighborhood commercial uses typically located along major thoroughfares which lead into or are adjacent to the central core commercial area of the City of Key West. Residential activities within this designated area include single family and duplex structures and multiple-family structures. Commercial uses generally permitted in the area include:

1. Professional offices;
2. Restaurants;
3. Banking and financial institutions;
4. Personal service shops;
5. Specialty shops;
6. Retail sales and services, excluding automotive sales and services as well as drive-in or drive-through restaurants, theaters or other drive-in facilities which potentially generate similar traffic flow problems;
7. Transient living accommodations and guest cottages; and
8. Other similar uses which shall be identified in the Land Development Regulations.

The HNC zoned areas may also accommodate community facilities.

These predominantly neighborhood-scale commercial uses are generally concentrated along portions of the following five corridors:

1. Simonton Street: from Caroline Street south to United Street.
2. Truman Avenue: from Simonton Street northeast to White Street.
3. White Street: from Truman Avenue south to United Street, and from Eaton to Southard Street.
4. The Petronia Street Corridor from near Duval Street to Emma Street.
5. Fort Street: from near Olivia Street to Angela Street.

In order to manage the impacts of future development on transportation and public facilities, the City shall limit the intensity of development within areas zoned "Historic Neighborhood Commercial" (HNC) by establishing the following thresholds within the HNC-1, HNC-2, HNC-3, and HNC-4 sub-districts, respectively:

1. Within areas zoned HNC-1, a FAR of 1.0.
2. Within areas zoned HNC-2, a FAR of 0.9.
3. Within areas zoned HNC-3, a FAR of 0.8.
4. Within areas zoned HNC-4, a FAR of 1.0.

Within HNC areas redevelopment or conversion of permanent housing structures to transient residential (excepting HNC-2 and HNC-4 areas which do not allow transient uses), office, or other allowable commercial uses shall be permitted only if no on-site reduction in housing units for permanent residents occurs. The allowable maximum residential density shall be 16 units per acre (excepting HNC-4 areas which allow for up to 40 units per acre). The maximum intensity for nonresidential activities shall not exceed a floor area ratio of 1.0 as stratified above (.8, .9, or 1.0) considering floor area allocated to all such uses. Performance standards shall be included in the Land Development Regulations which restrict the allowable neighborhood commercial uses to very limited square footage in order to maintain land use compatibility with residential uses in the vicinity. In addition, the performance standards shall incorporate other qualitative and quantitative standards which protect residential properties.

(Ord. No. 21-05, § 2, 2-18-2021)