

New Town District

CHARACTER

Currently consisting primarily of residential uses, open fields, some commercial uses along I-35, and the City's new Performing Arts Center, the New Town District will likely experience significant development pressures in the near future. This District straddles both I-35 and FM 1626, and growth from Austin and Buda is spreading south along these roadways. These land uses and the forms that follow are wide-ranging and varying according to the existing development pattern in place today, and the availability for utility service to as-yet undeveloped lands. The New Town District includes undeveloped residential areas, the proposed site for an 'Uptown' shopping/activity center, proposed and existing commercial along higher classified roadways, and legacy residential that has existed for many years. This District should be livable, comfortable, and convenient for all residents of Kyle and the surrounding region. Elements of form and design are critical to ensuring transitions between neighboring uses.

INTENT

The New Town District is designed to contain a horizontal mix of land uses that should be integrated across the area to express a cohesive community form. Many differing uses are encouraged throughout the District, but are distributed in autonomous land parcels instead of vertically aggregated in fewer land parcels. Horizontal mixed- and multi-uses provide a transition to integrate the community form of New Town with surrounding communities, landscapes, and nodes. As parcels along major roadways and alongside high capacity wet utilities come available, the development density of those parcels should be established higher than other areas of the city, especially any properties in proximity to either I-35, FM 1626, or both. The purpose of the New Town District is to harness economic development potential and establish its position as the sustainable center of surrounding growth. The leading way to make this a reality is to build off the strength of the urban form supported in the Core Area Transition District, make use of the transportation network already in place that runs through and along this district, and enable more uses and architectural types that blend well into the urban design form. This District should provide economic support to Kyle based on locational advantages gained by access to growth advancing from south Austin and nodal developments on the northern side of Kyle. Mixed-use development should be encouraged, not only permitted, to maximize economic development. This can be achieved by aggregating appropriate densities in order to support a mixture of uses. Development patterns and employment opportunities should be created in the New Town District that do not conflict with the surrounding community fabric. Establishing mixed use zoning districts and employment districts will complement the existing retail and service uses present today, and should be supported by the adjacent residential and future integrated multi-family residential. ~~Public spaces in this District should be used to preserve the character of ranch heritage, where appropriate.~~

JURISDICTION

The New Town District is in the northern portion of Kyle, on both the east and west sides of I-35. The most prominent features of this District are I-35, FM 1626, and Kohler's Crossing. Figure 13 indicates the location of the New Town District.