

Historic Core Area Transition District

CHARACTER

The Historic Core Area Transition serves as a transition between the regular gridded development pattern that characterizes Downtown and the more rural patterns to the south and west, as well as newer development to the north. Significant features of this District include the intersection of Old Stagecoach Road and Center Street, the Gregg Clarke Park, Wallace Middle School, and the emerging commercial corridor along Rebel Road north from Center Street. This District is a “middle landscape” of historic residential forms that transition to more rural residential forms. The District should embody the historic character of existing uses while anticipating appropriate expansion of Old Town. Development in the Historic Core Area Transition District has historically been on a small, lot-by-lot basis, rather than on a larger, project-by-project basis. Because of this, the street serves as the organizing feature of the District. Therefore, as new development extends into the District from the Old Town District, care should be taken to ensure that the historic street pattern is preserved, as called for in ‘Kyle Connected’, the city’s Transportation Master Plan.

INTENT

The purpose of the Historic Core Area Transition District is to accommodate the growth of residential and neighborhood commercial uses around the Old Town District, while preserving the historic rural fabric. The core of Kyle should be allowed to expand into this area as population growth increases in order to strengthen the core of the City. Land use transitions are critical in this District, as are architectural style transitions from traditional Rural Town Center/Old Town Block to curvilinear, rural residential, ensuring the shift from township to rural landscape should be maintained. This can be accomplished by transition in the built form and function from commercial uses to residential uses and finally to rural agricultural residential uses and by establishing transitions in density, decreasing outwardly from the Old Town District. Public spaces in this District should be used to preserve the character of ranch heritage, where appropriate.

JURISDICTION

The Historic Core Area Transition District wraps around the Old Town District to the north, west, and south, and includes mostly residential uses. Figure 10 indicates the location of the Historic Core Area Transition District.