

OVERLAY DISTRICTS

What is an overlay district?

Overlay zoning is a regulatory tool that creates a special zoning district for a specified area which is placed over an existing base zoning district. Overlay zoning districts are often used for natural resource protection or for development guidance in order to encourage or discourage specific types of development. The City of Minneapolis zoning code currently contains 16 overlay districts. The PO Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District is shown in the map below.

What is the purpose of the PO Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District?

- To preserve and encourage the pedestrian character of commercial areas.
- To promote street life and activity by regulating building orientation and design and accessory parking facilities, and by prohibiting certain high impact and automobile-oriented uses.

