

• **Sec. 117-164. - Generally.**

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General description. It is the intent of this division to encourage development with superior living environments brought about through unified development, and to provide for the application of design ingenuity in such developments, while protecting existing and future surrounding areas in achieving the goals of the comprehensive plan for development of the city. The PD provisions herein established, are intended to provide for greater flexibility in the design of buildings, yards, courts, circulation and open space than would otherwise be possible through the strict application of other district regulations and to produce:

- (1) A maximum choice in the type of environment and living units available to the public;
- (2) Open space and recreation areas, active and passive;
- (3) A pattern of development which preserves natural features, prevents soil erosion, and protects water quality;
- (4) A creative approach to the use of land and related physical development;
- (5) An efficient use of land resulting in smaller networks of utilities and streets, and thereby lowering costs; and

(6) An environment of stable character. The PD regulations are designed to provide for small- and large-scale developments incorporating a single type or a variety of residential, commercial, and related uses which are planned and developed as a unit. Such development may consist of individual lots or it may have common building sites. Private or public common land and open space should be an essential and major element of the plan which is related to and affects the long term value of the homes and other development. A planned unit shall be a separate entity with a distinct character.