

# PROPOSED PARKING REFORM

## Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Rules

### The City of Salem is proposing to eliminate minimum off-street parking requirements for all uses citywide.

The proposals responds to new State rules adopted by the Oregon Land Conservation and Development Commission in July of 2022. The new administrative rules were developed through a rulemaking project called Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC).



The CFEC rules require the City to change how it regulates and manages parking. The City must implement one of several parking reform options by June 30, 2023, unless an extension is approved by the State. Eliminating minimum off-street parking requirements is one of the parking reform options.

### Reason: Why is the City proposing this reform?

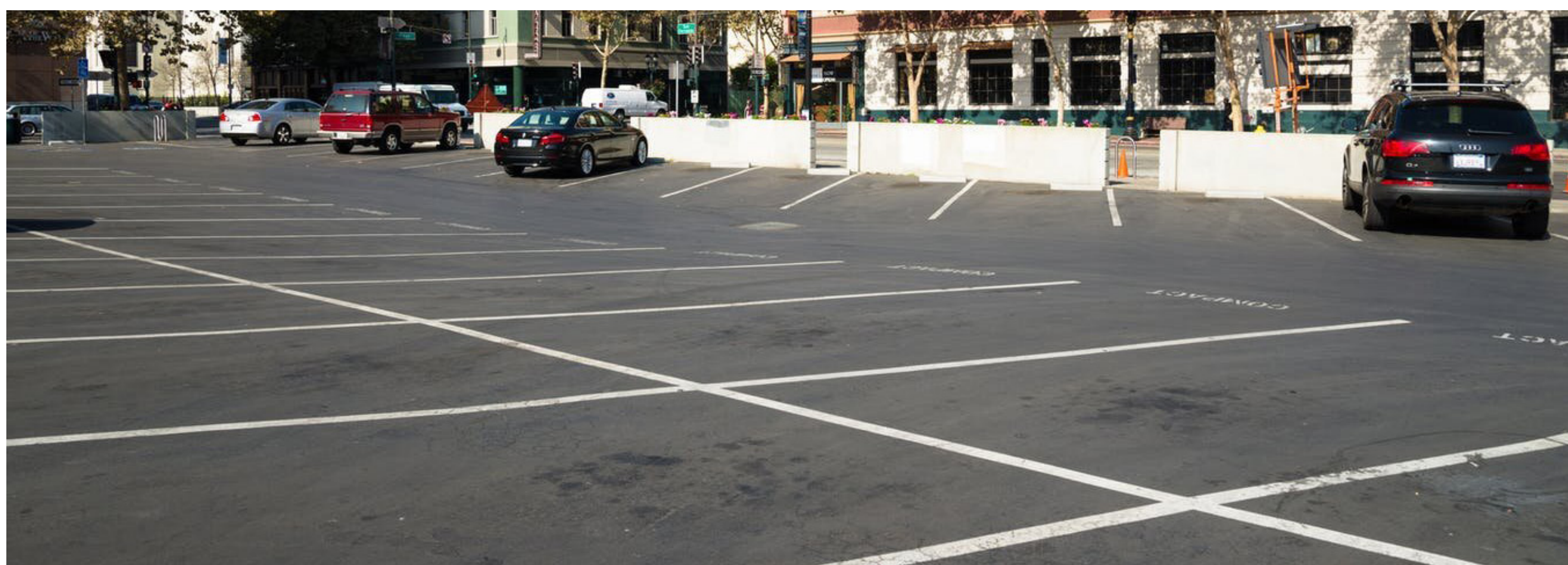
This proposal was recommended by the Climate Action Plan Committee on November 7, 2022. It:

- Aligns with **Climate Action Plan Strategy** TL40: *Amend City code to eliminate parking minimums throughout Salem, with priority focus along Cherrriots' Core Network*
- Allows the **market** to determine parking amounts (parking maximums still apply)
- Can be **implemented** relatively quickly through a code amendment without additional staff or resources
- Allows the City to **voluntarily** explore and implement other parking reforms in the rules

### Background: What are Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities Rules?

The CFEC rules aim to reduce greenhouse gas pollution from transportation while increasing housing choices and creating more equitable outcomes for Oregonians. These rules responded to Governor Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-04, which directed State agencies to reduce climate pollution.

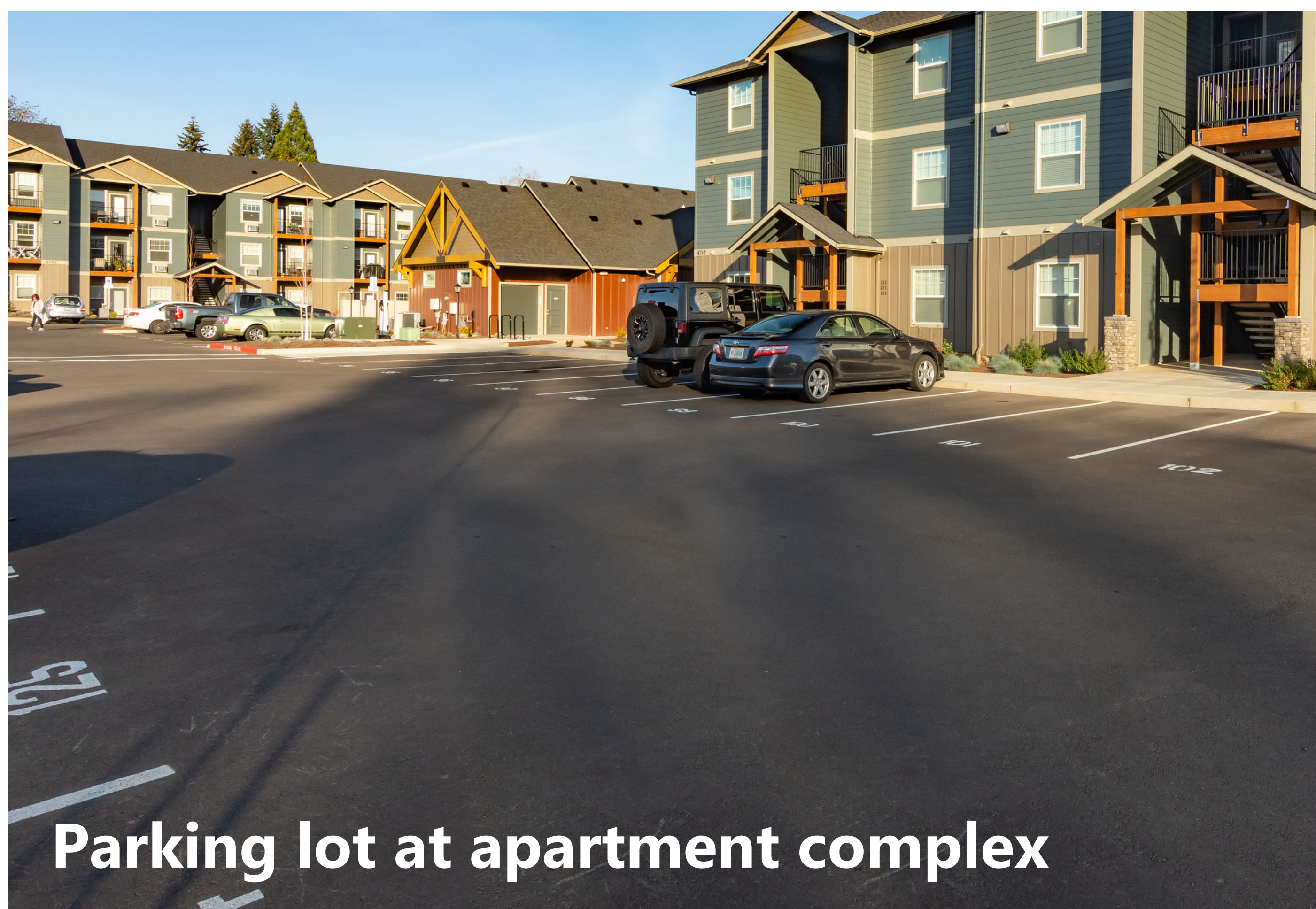
There are several components to the new State rules that require updates to Salem's land use and transportation plans and regulations. Many of the rules align with the work already accomplished through the Our Salem project as well as the ongoing work to implement the Climate Action Plan.



### Stay informed: How can I stay informed?

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Parking lot at apartment complex



Parking lot at a shopping plaza

The City of Salem generally requires a minimum number of off-street parking spaces for each type of use such as a single-family home, office, or restaurant.

This is how many communities have traditionally regulated parking.

But recently, the City has eliminated minimum parking requirements for some uses and some locations. Parking is currently NOT required for the following:

### These uses CITYWIDE:

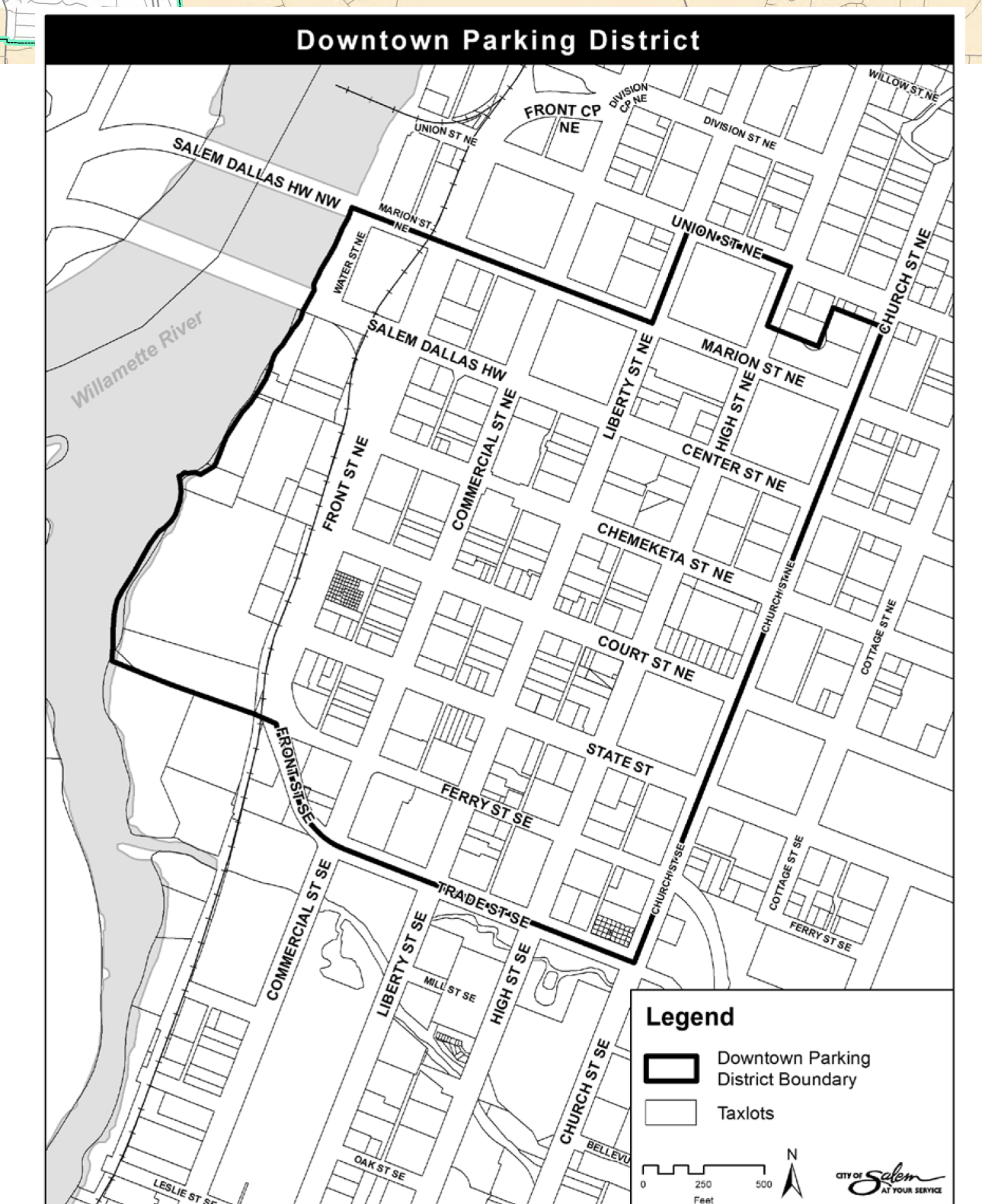
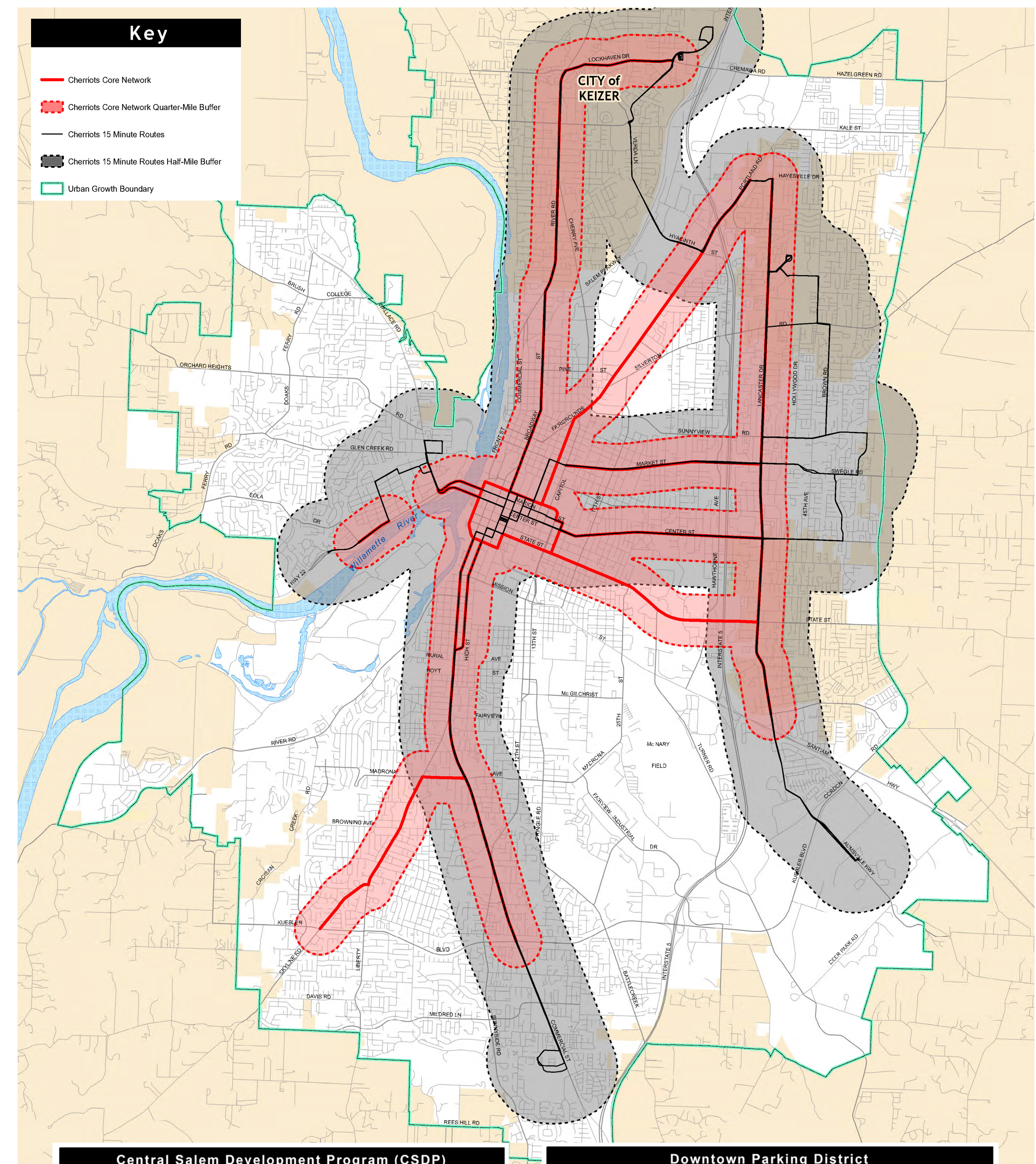
- Accessory dwelling units
- Middle housing
- Room and board facilities
- Shelters
- Facilities for people with disabilities
- Childcare facilities
- Housing units < 750 square feet
- Affordable housing (80% of area median income)
- Publicly supported multifamily housing (gov. assistance and affordability restriction)

### ALL USES in these locations:

- Downtown Parking District
- Within ½ mile of 15-minute bus routes

### And for these specific uses and locations:

- Multifamily housing in the Central Salem Development Program or within ¼ mile of Cherris Core Network
- Any use in a mixed-use zone if the property is within ¼ mile of the Core Network and is developed with multifamily



In total, parking is NOT required in roughly 40% of Salem (within City limits).

