

ITEM 17.6

TITLE 20 AMENDMENT
ADDING DEFINITION AND USE
CLASSIFICATION FOR:

MEDICAL WASTE FACILITY

October 1, 2019 City Council directed city manager to create a use classification and definition for “Medical Waste Processing Facility”

- Currently there is no definition for a “Medical Waste Processing Facility” in our code.
- Issue came to light as a result of a facility attempting to locate close to neighborhoods and churches.
- Intent is to find appropriate locations for these types of facilities while protecting schools, neighborhoods, churches, etc...



OTHER CITIES

San Antonio

Sec. 35-A101 DEFINITIONS AND RULES OF INTERPRETATION

SOLID WASTE FACILITY. All continuous land and structures, other appurtenances, and improvements on the land, used for processing, storing, or disposing of solid waste or used for the purpose of processing, extracting, converting, or recovering energy or materials from solid waste. A facility may be publicly or privately owned and consist of several processing, storage, or disposal operational units; e.g., one (1) or more landfills; surface impoundments, or combinations of them. *Sec. 35-A101 San Antonio Unified Development Code*

-I-2 Heavy Industrial

-Supplemental Regulations include buffer requirements from property line and submittal of a land use plan indicating proximity to residences and other uses within one (1) mile of the proposed facility. *Sec. 35-A101 San Antonio Unified Development Code*

Austin

Sec. 25-2-5 INDUSTRIAL USES DESCRIBED

(1)BASIC INDUSTRY use is the use of a site for:

- (a)the basic processing and manufacturing of materials or products predominately from extracted or raw materials;
- (b)storage or manufacturing processes that involve flammable or explosive materials; or
- (c)storage or manufacturing processes that involve hazardous or commonly recognized offensive conditions, including poultry processing. *Sec. 25.2.5 Austin Land Development Code*

-MI Major Industry

-LI Limited Industry

-Supplemental Regulations include buffer requirements from property line. *Sec. 25-2-603 Austin Land Development Code*

Existing definitions in El Paso Title 20 zoning code for similar uses:

Processing facility, light

"Light processing facility" means a facility with less than forty-five thousand square feet of gross collection, processing and storage area. Light processing facilities are limited to baling, briquetting, crushing, compacting, grinding, shredding and sorting of source-separate recyclable material and repairing of reusable material. A light processing facility shall not shred, compact or bale ferrous metals other than food and beverage containers.

Processing facility, heavy

"Heavy processing facility" means any processing facility other than a light processing facility.

Proposed definition:

Processing facility, waste

“Waste Processing Facility” means a facility where solid waste or waste water is processed for eventual disposal or reclamation. Waste types can include recyclable materials, **putrescible materials**, **regulated medical waste**, and **wastewater or septage**. Waste processing facilities owned by, or operated for, federal, state, or local government entities are excluded from this definition of Waste Processing Facility.

-Encompasses private solid waste and waste water facilities (i.e. portable john businesses, composting sites, incinerators)

-Excludes public waste and wastewater utility facilities

Processing facility, heavy

"Heavy processing facility" means any processing facility other than a light **or waste** processing facility.

Proposed Supplemental Regulations:

1. Facility does not abut a bridge or overpass;
2. No Waste Processing Facility may be located within **five hundred feet**, measured from property line of the Waste Processing Facility to property line of the following:
 - a. A church
 - b. A public or private elementary or secondary school
 - c. A nursery school, kindergarten, child care center, day nursery or day care center
 - d. A university, college, vocational or business school
 - e. A boundary of any R, A, PR, SRR, RMU, PMD, or NOS zoning district
 - f. A park
 - g. The property line of a lot devoted to any residential use;
3. Facility shall be entirely operating in an enclosed building or:
 - a. Within an area enclosed by a screening fence having a minimum height of six feet; and
 - b. Landscaped on all street frontages; and
 - c. At least **one thousand feet** from the property line of the Waste Processing Facility to the property line of an existing residential use or existing R, A, PR, SRR, RMU, PMD, or NOS zoning district;
4. Any exterior storage of material shall be in sturdy containers or enclosures which are covered, secured and maintained in good condition;
5. Site shall be maintained free of litter and any other undesirable materials, and will be cleaned of loose debris on a daily basis;
6. Noise levels shall be in compliance with Chapter 9.40 of this Code.

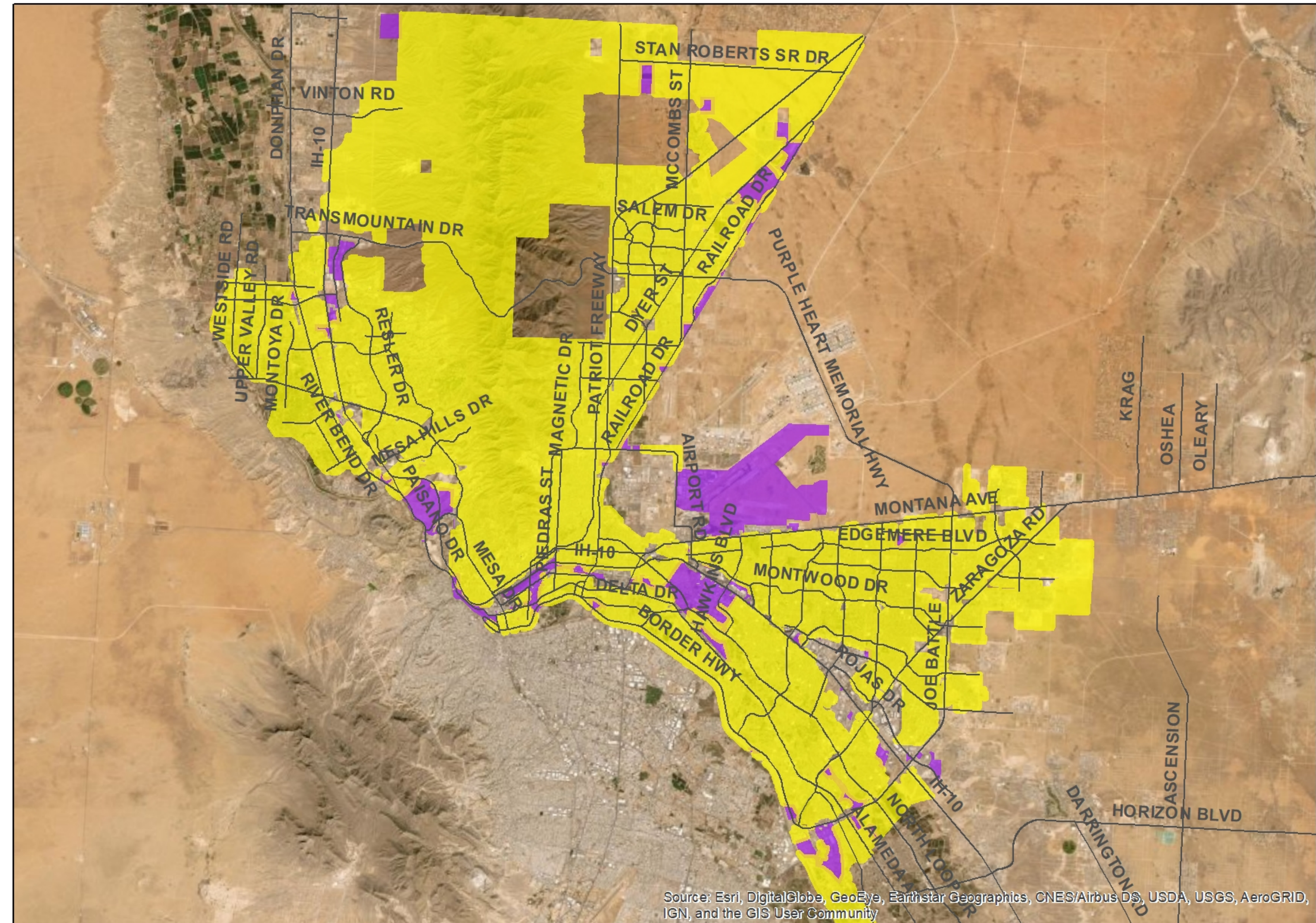
PROPOSED PERMISSIBILITY

Adding to Appendix A “Table of Permissible Uses”

- By Special Permit in M1
- By right in M2 & M3
- Prohibited in all other districts

Adding to Appendix C “Table of Parking Requirements and Standards”

- Minimum: 1/1440 sf GFA,
Maximum: 1/1000 GFA
- Heavy Truck Trailer: 1/50,000
sf GFA



This map is designed for illustrative purposes only. The features depicted here are approximate and more site-specific studies may be required to draw accurate conclusions. Enlargements of this map to scales greater than its original can induce errors and may lead to misinterpretations of the data. The Planning & Inspections Department Planning Division makes no claim to its accuracy or completeness.



500ft buffer around R zones
Available M zone land

0 1.5 3 6 9 12 Miles



THANK YOU

