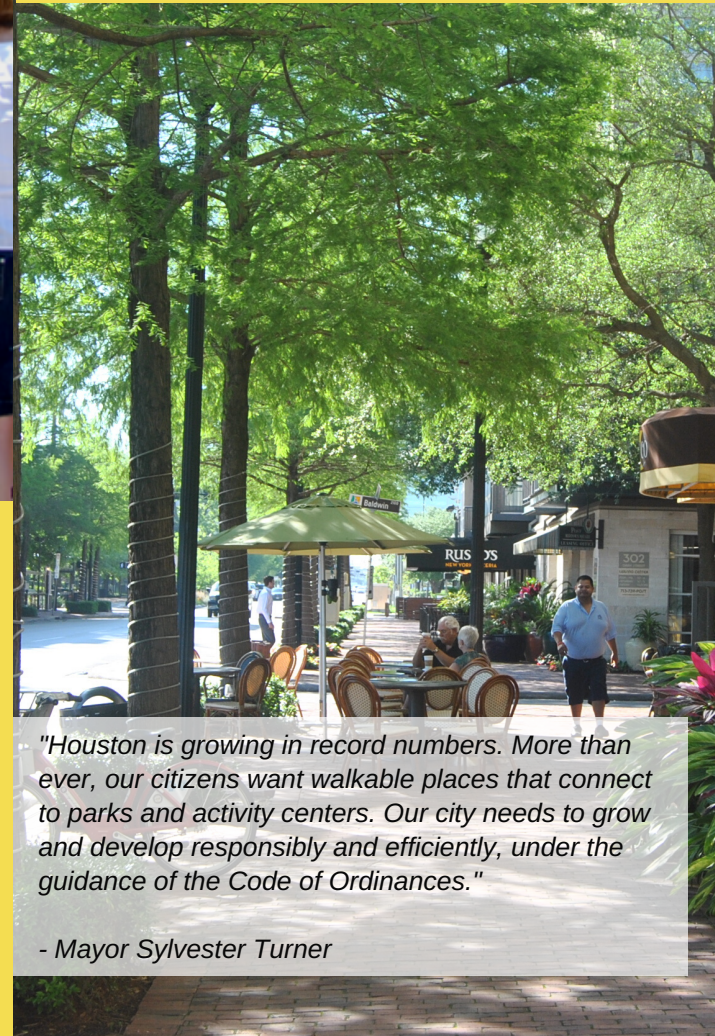




# Walkable Places Rules

Learn how you can create a Walkable Place



Moving towards a more walkable city with pedestrian friendly developments



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*"Houston is growing in record numbers. More than ever, our citizens want walkable places that connect to parks and activity centers. Our city needs to grow and develop responsibly and efficiently, under the guidance of the Code of Ordinances."*

- Mayor Sylvester Turner



## What is a Walkable Place?

A walkable place is a designated destination where development encourages pedestrian activities, multi-modal transportation, high density and a mix of businesses and housing products for all incomes.

## How to create a Walkable Place

Either City of Houston or property owners may propose to designate a Walkable Place by meeting the required procedure and criteria. For details about the procedure and submittal requirements, please visit: <https://www.houstontx.gov/planning>

## Who benefits from a designated Walkable Place?

Property owners and the community benefit from the designated walkable place. Local businesses get more exposure from increased foot-traffic. Homeowners and renters have a strengthened, well-being sense of community.



*Mixed uses, high density, multi-modal transportation*

# Proposed Walkable Place Rules

## Pedestrian Realm Criteria

Regulates standards for unobstructed sidewalks, safety buffer (the area between the street and the sidewalk) width, landscaping along the streets, etc.

## Building Design Criteria

Regulates the minimum requirements of windows, doors, canopies/awnings, and other decorative features to attract more pedestrians and create interesting walks.

## Parking Criteria

Regulates the number of off-street vehicle and bicycle parking requirements for the proposed new development and redevelopment. Unless special parking requirements are approved via a Special Parking Area application, properties within a Walkable Place are required to comply with City-wide parking requirements.

## Site Design Criteria

Regulates the location of the parking area and the location and dimension of new curb cuts. The parking area must be located on the back or side of a proposed



*Wider sidewalks and more windows*