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501-181. EXHIBITS. Section 501-181.1, as amended and attached to this Ordinance, is incorporated herein and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes.

501-182. PERMITTED USES. Uses on any portion of the property described in Section 501-181.1 shall be as regulated within the Zoning Code of Sacramento County as follows:

(a) Area A:

(1) Single-family dwellings, duplexes, or halfplexes

(b) Area B:

(1) All uses listed in Table I of the Sacramento County Zoning Code as permitted in the RD-5 zoning district and as regulated by Section 201-04 of the Zoning Code.
(2) Business and professional uses
(3) Medical offices
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(5) Library
(6) Municipal court
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   Automobile service stations and convenience markets subject to Conditional Use Permit approval by the Board of Supervisors after a recommendation from the Project Planning Commission.

(c) Area C:

(1) Multiple family residential with a maximum of 20 dwelling units per acre.
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501-183. DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW. No development shall take place on any property to which this Ordinance applies, as shown in Section 501-181.1, until final development plans have been approved by the Project Planning Commission as provided herein. The Planning Commission shall approve the development plan if the location and design of the proposed use mitigates potential adverse effects, consistent with development standards established in Section 501-184 below. The Planning Commission shall not approve development plans under provisions of this section, unless it first finds that the proposed development will not create conditions that are adverse to the health or safety of the residential use on the property described above.

501-184. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS.

(a) The location and configuration of buildings and other improvements shall comply with the development standards set forth in Title III of the Sacramento County Zoning Code, provided, however, that deviations from such standards may be permitted by the Project Planning Commission in approving development plans whenever necessary to preserve native trees or reduce interior noise levels within the dwelling units.

(b) Grading. The design, layout, and configuration of the improvement shall minimize the extent and amount of grading. The following techniques shall be considered and utilized where feasible to accomplish the reduction in the extent and amount of grading:

(1) The use of split level building design and foundation systems to accomplish elevation transitions as close to existing grade as possible.

(2) Grading for streets shall be reduced as much as possible, consistent with the minimum requirements for utility service, drainage requirement, and street design and improvement requirements.

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(4) No grading shall be permitted within the floodway of Laguna Creek.

The Department of Public Works shall not approve any grading plans or issue grading permit, unless said plans are consistent with the site plans approved by the Project Planning Commission and with the policies as set forth in this section.

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