

112 INTERPRETATION OF THE DISTRICT ELEMENTS

112.1 The primary dynamic of the District elements of the Plan is the overlapping of its elements' goals. This overlapping is intentional.

- (a) District elements of the Plan should be studied and executed in concert with each other and should be interpreted broadly.
- (b) The interpretation and implementation of any element should necessarily rely upon, and be respectful of, the objectives and policies of other elements.
- (c) An element may be tempered or defined by one (1) or more of the other elements. This may occur both within one (1) element and between elements. Since the Land Use element integrates the policies and objectives of all other District elements, it should be given greater weight than the other elements.

112.2 The interpretation of the District elements of the Plan should also be guided by the major themes set forth in §101.1, which establish the overall priorities of the District elements of the Plan.

112.3 Except as specifically required by other law, the District elements of the Comprehensive Plan, or the Home Rule Charter provision that zoning shall not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan in An Act Providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and of the uses of land in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 792; D.C. Code 5-414), the District elements of the Plan are a guide intended to establish broad policies and goals while affording flexibility for future implementation and are not binding policy directives.

112.4 The District elements of the Plan should not be construed as a delegation of authority to establish new programs.

112.5 In addition to the requirement set forth in the Charter and in this act that zoning shall not be inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, the governmental issuance of public space permits shall also not be inconsistent with the Plan. The consistency of each building and construction permit shall be reviewed pursuant to §1138.1(k) of the Comprehensive Plan.

112.6 The zoning impact of the District elements of the Plan is not limited to areas where amendments to the Zoning Regulations are required to eliminate inconsistencies between the Plan and zoning:

- (a) The Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, and other District agencies shall also look to the District elements for general policy guidance;