



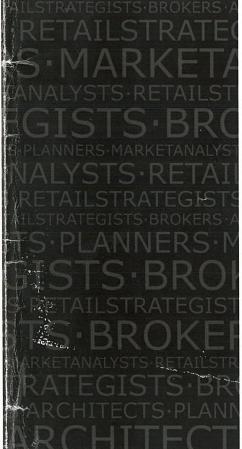






Development Thresholds by Construction Type

















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Development by Construction Type

Development decisions are made from the complicated collision of market demands & construction practicalities.

Codes, Costs & Infrastructure requirements are often confusing indicators of what could or should be built.

We hope that this brief summary of the most basic building types and their pros and cons will help to add a little bit of science back to the very artful process of development threshold decision making. Understanding what can be built and how is just the beginning of our passion to make great mixed-use communities. Please feel free to call us if we can help your decision making process in any way.

2 Notes:

Design Decisions are not as simple as this brochure.

Zoning, Urban Planning, Public/Common Amenities, Neighborhood Overlays, Neighbors, Political Will/Resistance, Proffers, Tenant Demands, Multi-Tenant Planning, NFPA, State Codes, ADA, Fair Housing Act, County/City Building Codes, Multiple Interpretations of Codes, Air/Water Quality, Energy/ Water Conservation, Construction Impact/Phasing/Staging, Easements, Environmental Survey, Flood Plains, Wetlands, Forest Conservation, Aforestation, Reforestation, Storm Water Management, Health Codes, Utility Authorities, Utility Capacity, Traffic, Transit, Transportation Planning, Schools, Public Safety, Soils, Loading, Trash, Egress, Construction Costs, Upfront costs vs Long Term Savings, Property Management, Durability, Available Trades, Site Constraints, Air Rights, Market Analysis, Mass/Aesthetic Context, Parking, Parking and more Parking.

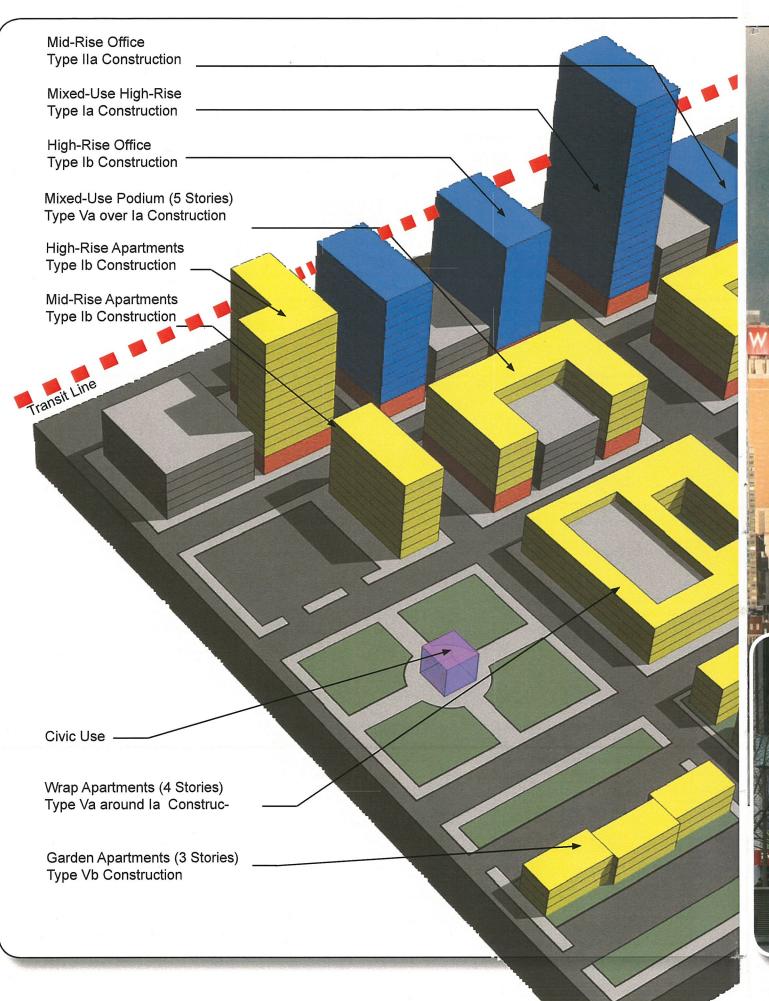
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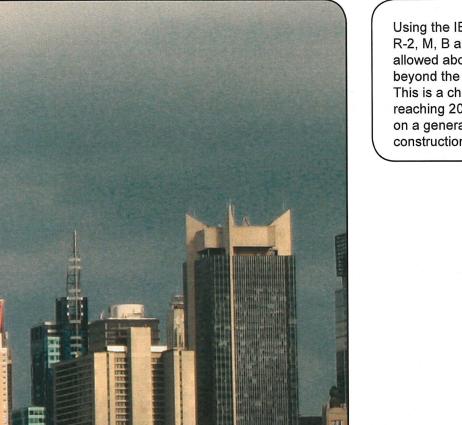
Building Codes are updated every 4-6 years, Zoning Codes are updated continuously and Masterplans every 10 years, Construction Costs, Energy Costs, Built/Approved Competition, Economic Indicators, Public Priorities, Elected Officials, Staff Members and, of course, Lending Markets.

1 Solution: Hire a Good Design Team.

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Using the IBC construction High-Rise Type Ia (1a) R-2, M, B and/or S-2 garage will raise the height allowed above 14 stories with no maximum limit beyond the practical aspects of tower construction. This is a challenging large city building type, when reaching 20, 30 and 40 stories, with high demand on a general contractor's ability to organize the construction site.



Bldg Description:

Mixed-Use High-Rise 14+ stories Residential/Retail/Office urban / transit urban market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult / management

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

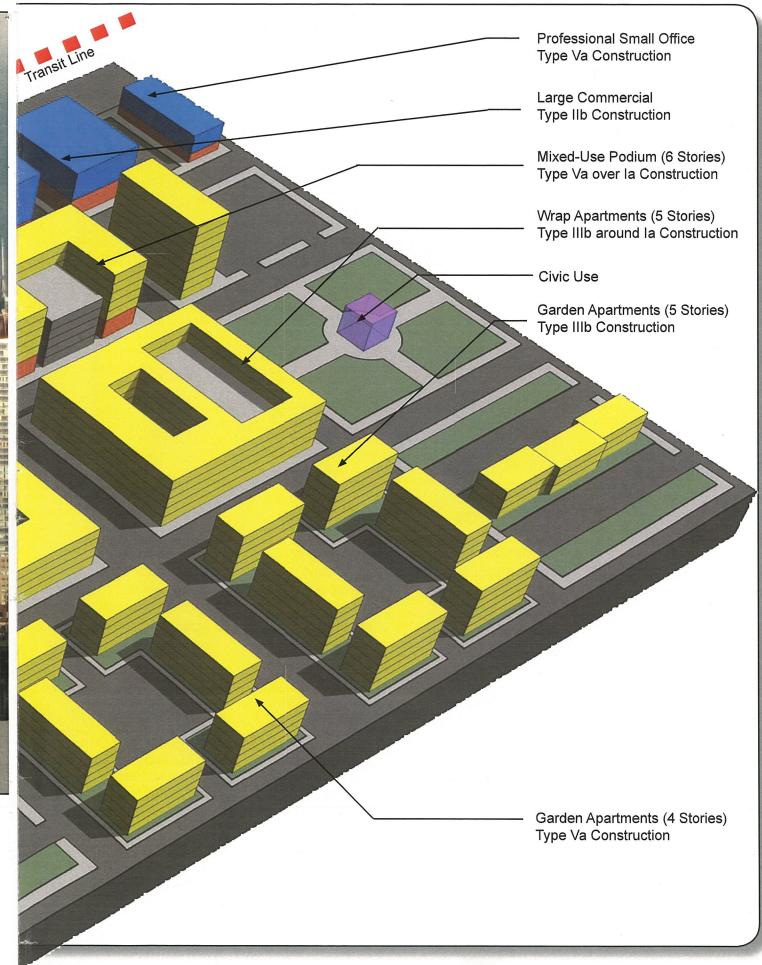
IBC Chart 503 **Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights**

6.0+ FAR (250+u/a) Parking Supported: Structured / Underground \$180-250 Type la concrete or steel non-com / highrise

> highly difficult fire ratings unlimited unlimited unlimited

> > unlimited





"What to Build" Summary

Development Models Building Codes



This chart assumes IBC 2006 Group R2 multi-family residential use



Bldg Description:

Garden Apartments 3 stories exurban traditional market quick approvals no elevators open egress

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: Parking Supported: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type: Description** Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception Typical Fir Heights**



Residential only easy

0.35 FAR (10-20u/a) Surface

\$75-90 Type Vb all wood combustible limited fire ratings 2-40' 3-60' n/a

12' x 3 stories



Garden Apartments 4 stories Residential only suburban traditional market quick approvals no elevators open egress

0.5 FAR (20-30u/a) Surface \$85-100 Type Va all wood

combustible substantial fire ratings 3-50' 4-70' n/a

12' x 4 stories



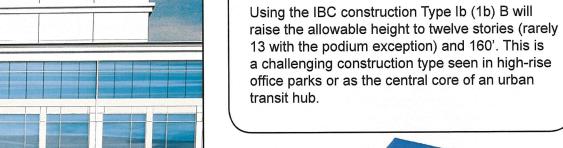
Garden Apartments

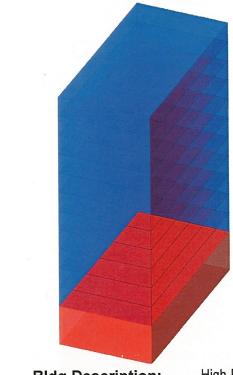
5 stories Residential only suburban transit new market new codes & approvals need elevators protected egress easy

0.65 FAR (30-40u/a) Surface Park w/Transit \$95-110 Type IIIb

wood interior; steel ext noncombustible skin limited fire ratings 4-55' 5-75'

> n/a 12' x 5 stories





Bldg Description:

High-Rise Office 7-12 stories Office & Retail multi-use/lg office park urban/suburban market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: **Parking Supported:** Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception Typical Fir Heights**

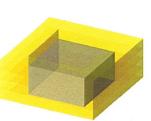
3.0-5.0 FAR Structured/Transit \$140-170

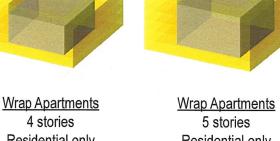
Type Ib concrete or steel non-com / highrise difficult fire ratings 11-160'

12-180' n/a 13'6"' x 12stories







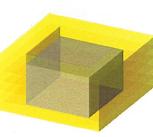


Residential only multi-use / infill /transit semi traditional market modest approvals probably elevators protected egress modest

1.0 FAR (40-50u/a) Structured \$110-120 Type Va wrapping la all wood combustible substantial fire ratings 3-50' 4-70'

n/a

12' x 4 stories



Residential only multi-use / infill / transit semi traditional market new codes & approvals more elevators protected egress modest

1.25 FAR (50-60u/a) Structured \$120-130 Type IIIb wrapping la wood interior; steel ext noncombustible skin limited fire ratings 4-55' 5-75'

n/a 12' x 5 stories



Mixed-Use Podium 5 stories (4+1) Residential over Retail urban / transit current market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

1.5-2 FAR (50-85u/a) Structured \$130-140 Type Va over la wood above/PIP below mixed but separate specific fire ratings 3-50' 4-70'

4+1-70'

20'base+12.5' x 4 stories



Mixed-Use Podium 6 stories (5+1) Residential over Retail urban / transit current market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

1.75-2.5 FAR (60-90u/a) Structured / Underground \$140-150 Type Va over la wood+ above/PIP below mixed but separate specific fire ratings 4-55' 5-75' 5+1-75'

20'base+11' x 5 stories

"What to Build" Summary

Development Models Building Codes



This chart assumes IBC 2006 Group R2 multi-family residential use





High-Rise Apartments

8-13 stories

Residential over Retail

urban / transit

urban market

hard codes & approvals

separated verticals

complicated egress

difficult / management



Bldg Description:

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Parking Supported:

Construction Type:

Typical Flr Heights

Density:

Cost \$/sf:

Description

Fire Rating

Mid-Rise Apartments 6-8 stories Residential only multi-use / infill /transit traditional market modest approvals high level elevators protected egress modest

2.0-3.0 FAR (80-120u/a) Surface/Structured

\$150-160 Type Ib concrete / maybe steel noncombustible limited fire ratings 11-160'

10'6"' x 8stories=<75'stair

IBC Chart 503 12-180' Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception** n/a

3.0-5.0 FAR (150-240u/a) Structured / Underground \$170-190

Type Ib concrete or steel non-com / highrise difficult fire ratings 11-160' 12-180'

12+1-180' 20'base+13'4"x12stories Professional Small Office

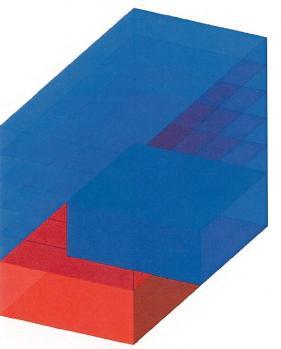
1-4 stories Very Small Tenants only exurban/newurban/town uncommon market modest approvals possibly elevators open egress modest

> 0.25 FAR Surface \$70-90 Type Va all wood combustible difficult fire ratings 3-50' 4-70

> > n/a

12'6" x 4 stories

Using the IBC construction Type IIa (2a) B will raise the allowable height to six stories and 75'. This is a flexible construction type seen in many different mid-rise commercial environments, most commonly in suburban office parks or as transition corner office buildings in urban developments.





Mid-Rise Office 5-6 stories Office over Retail office park/urban/transit urban market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: Parking Supported: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

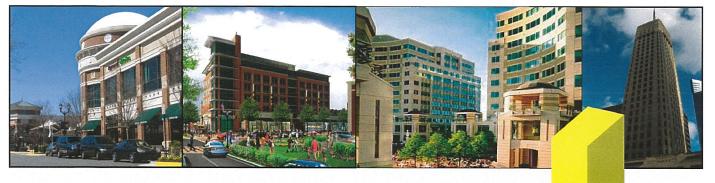
IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights**

1.0-2.5 FAR Structured/Transit \$130-150

Type IIa concrete or steel non-combustible substantial fire ratings 5-65'

6-85' n/a 13'4"' x 6stories



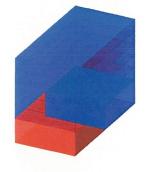




Large Commercial 1-4 stories Office or Retail suburban/newurban traditional market easy approvals modest elevators protected egress modest-difficult

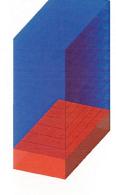
0.5 FAR
Surface/maybe Structure
\$120-130
Type IIb
steel / maybe concrete
noncombustible
modest fire ratings
4-55'
5-75'
n/a

13'4"' x 5 stories



Mid-Rise Office 5-6 stories Office over Retail office park/urban/transit urban market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

1.0-2.5 FAR
Structured/Transit
\$130-150
Type Ila
concrete or steel
non-combustible
substantial fire ratings
5-65'
6-85'
n/a
13'4"' x 6stories

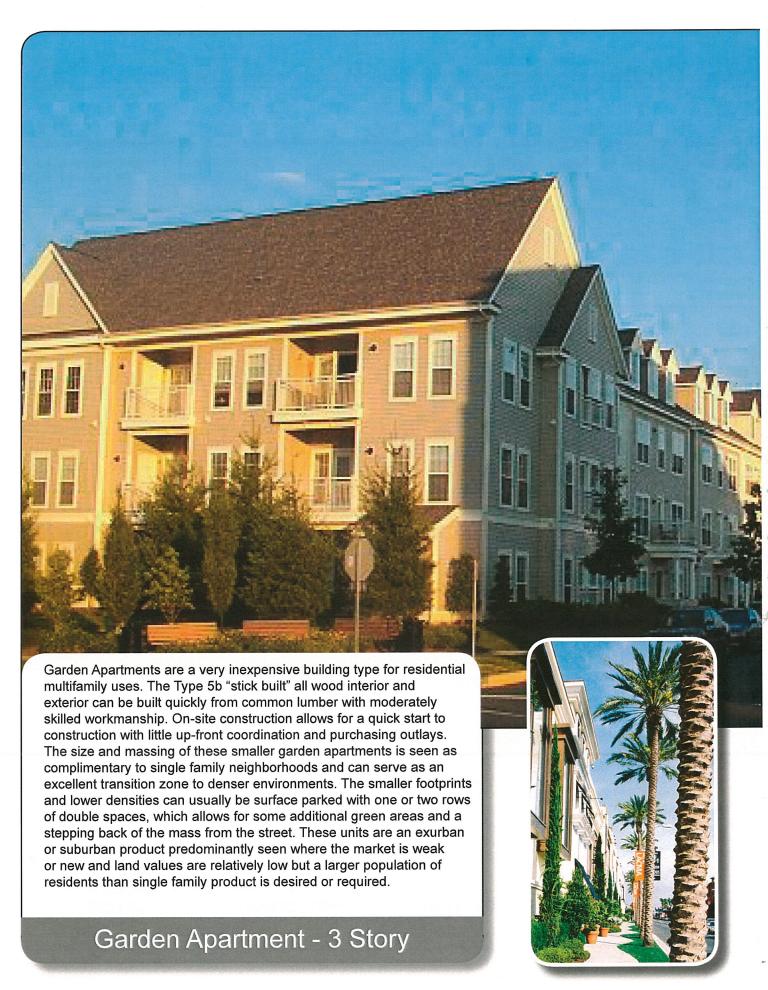


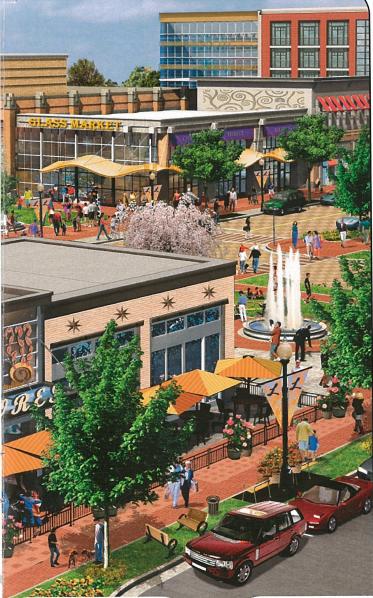
High-Rise Office 7-12 stories Office & Retail multi-use/lg office park urban/suburban market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

3.0-5.0 FAR
Structured/Transit
\$140-170
Type Ib
concrete or steel
non-com / highrise
difficult fire ratings
11-160'
12-180'
n/a
13'6"' x 12stories

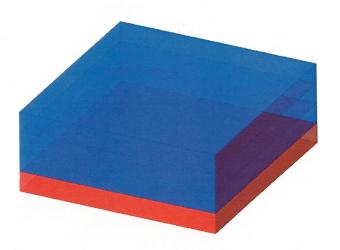


6.0+ FAR (250+u/a)
Structured / Underground
\$180-250
Type la
concrete or steel
non-com / highrise
highly difficult fire ratings
unlimited
unlimited
unlimited
unlimited





Using the IBC construction Type IIb (2b) B will raise the allowable height to five stories. This is a flexible construction type seen in many different low-rise commercial environments, predominantly suburban office parks and strip shopping centers.



Bldg Description:

Large Commercial 1-4 stories Office or Retail easy approvals modest elevators protected egress

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: Parking Supported: Surface/maybe Structure Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 **Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights** suburban/newurban traditional market modest-difficult

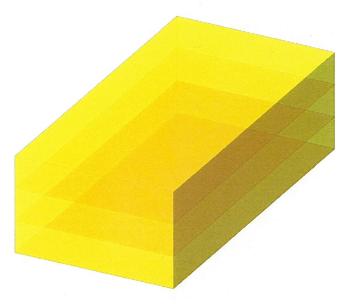
0.5 FAR \$110-130 Type IIb steel / maybe concrete non-combustible modest fire ratings

4-55' 5-75 n/a 13'4"' x 5 stories





Using the IBC construction Type Vb (5b) R-2 will restrict the height to three stories and a relatively small area without a fire wall but has few difficult fire proofing requirements and fewer run-ins with approvals.



Bldg Description: Garden Apartments

3 stories Residential only exurban traditional market quick approvals no elevators open egress easy

Utilities/Trash/SWM

0.35 FAR (10-20u/a)

Density: **Parking Supported:** Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception**

Surface \$75-90 Type Vb all wood combustible limited fire ratings 2-40'

3-60' n/a 12' x 3stories **Typical FIr Heights**

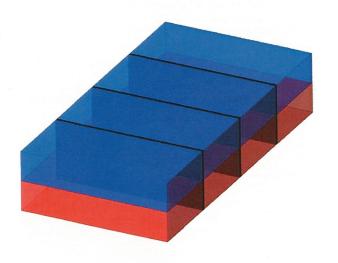


Garden Apartments are an inexpensive building type for residential multifamily uses. The Type Va "stick built" all wood interior and exterior can be built quickly from common lumber with moderately skilled workmanship. On-site construction allows for a quick start to construction and little up-front coordination and purchasing outlays. The addition of elevator cores and enclosed egress corridors raise the difficulty, cost and density of this product. The size and massing of these garden apartments is still seen as complimentary to single family neighborhoods and can serve as a transition zone to denser environments. The smaller footprints and lower densities can usually be surface parked with one or two rows of double spaces, which allows for some additional green areas and a stepping back of the mass from the street. These units are a suburban product predominantly seen where the market is still developing and land values are relatively low but a larger population of residents than single family product is desired or required.

Garden Apartment - 4 Story



Using the IBC construction Type Va (5a) B business will raise the height to four stories (rarely seen above two) and allow enough area for a one or two office company without a fire wall.



Bldg Description:

Professional Small Office
1-4 stories
Very Small Tenants only
exurban/newurban/town
uncommon low market
modest approvals
possibly elevators
open egress
modest

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density:
Parking Supported:
Cost \$/sf:
Construction Type:
Description
Fire Rating

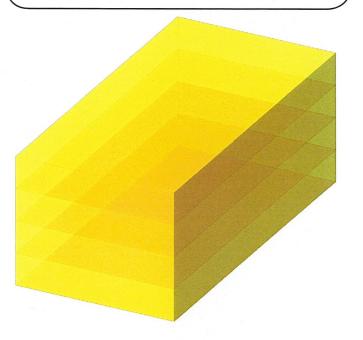
IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights 0.25-1.0 FAR
Surface or Urban
\$70-90
Type Va
all wood
combustible
difficult fire ratings

3-50' **4-70'** n/a 12'6" x 4 stories





Using the IBC construction Type Va (5a) R-2 will raise the height to four stories, slightly increase allowable area without a fire wall and add some increasingly difficult fire proofing requirements with more risk on approvals.



Bldg Description:

Garden Apartments
4 stories
Residential only
suburban
traditional market
quick approvals
no elevators
open egress
easy

Utilities/Trash/SWM

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights 0.5 FAR (20-30u/a)

Surface \$85-100 Type Va

all wood combustible

substantial fire ratings

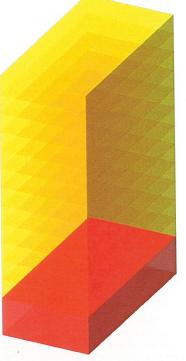
3-50' **4-70'** n/a

12' x 4 stories





Using the IBC construction High-Rise podium Type Ib (1b) R-2 over Type Ia M retail space or S-2 garage will raise the height to 13 (12+1) stories and a maximum of 180'. This is a fairly common building type with time tested construction methods and found at targeted zoning environments, transit oriented developments and city centers.



Bldg Description:

High-Rise Apartments 8-13 stories Residential over Retail urban / transit urban market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult / management

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: Parking Supported: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 **Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical Fir Heights** 20'base+13'4"x12stories

3.0-5.0 FAR (150-240u/a) Structured / Underground

\$170-190 Type Ib

concrete or steel non-com / highrise difficult fire ratings 11-160'

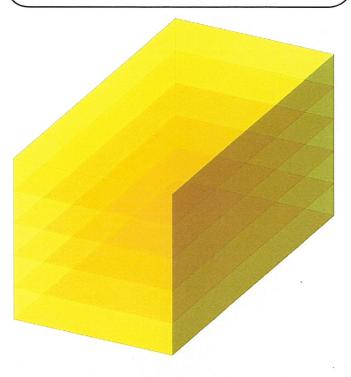
12-180'

12+1-180'





Using the IBC construction Type IIIb (3b) R-2 will raise the height to five stories and 75', increase allowable area without a fire wall but is a difficult uncommon construction type that may require additional effort with the approval authority.



Bldg Description:

Garden Apartments 5 stories Residential only suburban transit new market new codes & approvals need elevators protected egress easy

Density: Parking Supported: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

0.65 FAR (30-40u/a) Surface Park w/Transit

\$95-110 Type IIIb

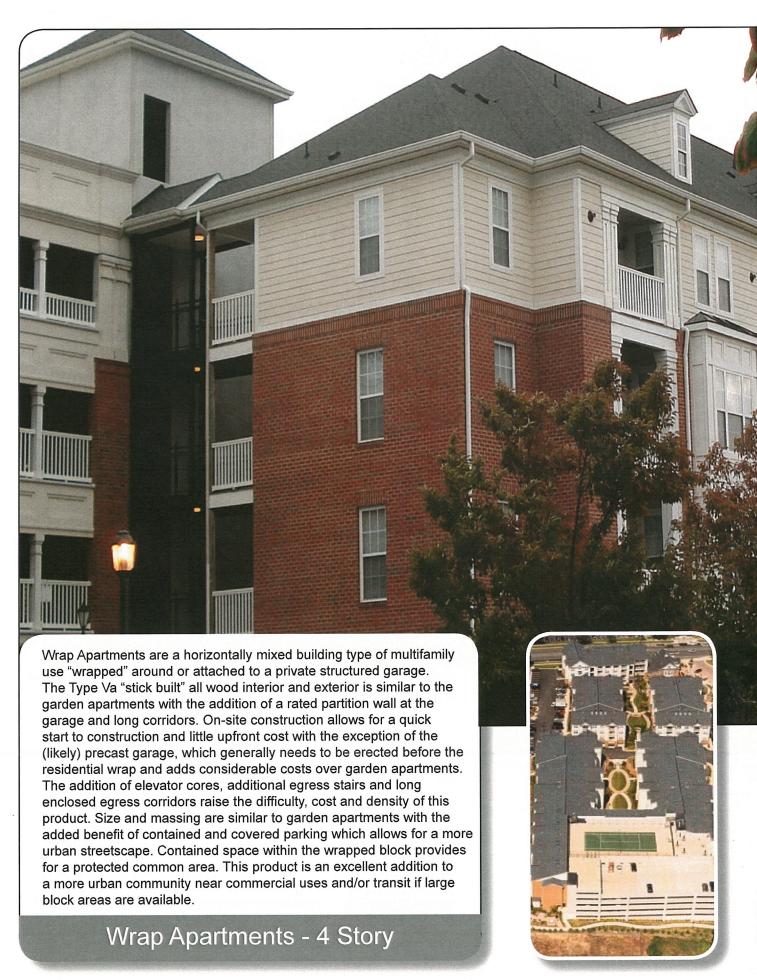
wood interior; steel ext non-combustable skin limited fire ratings

4-55

5-75' n/a 12' x 5 stories

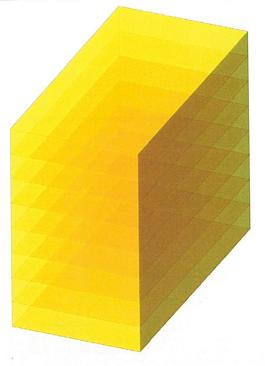
Utilities/Trash/SWM

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception Typical Flr Heights**





Using the IBC construction Type Ib (1b) R-2 will raise the height to eight stories and a maximum of 75' to the top landing to avoid high-rise fire safety conditions. This is however a common single use building type with time tested construction methods and traditional Euclidian zoning.



Bldg Description:

Mid-Rise Apartments
6-8 stories
Residential only
multi-use / infill /transit
traditional market
modest approvals
high level elevators
protected egress
modest

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density:
Parking Supported:
Cost \$/sf:
Construction Type:
Description
Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503
Sprinkler Increase
Podium Exception
Typical Fir Heights

2.0-3.0 FAR (80-120u/a) Surface/Structured

\$150-160 <u>Type Ib</u>

concrete / maybe steel non-combustible limited fire ratings

11-160'

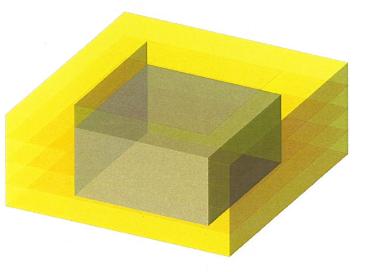
12-180'

Podium Exception n/a
Typical FIr Heights 10'6" x 8stories=<75'stair





Using the IBC construction Type Va (5a) R-2 wrapped around a Type I S-2 garage will restrict the height to four stories, will restrict allowable area without a fire wall and has some difficult fireproofing conditions but is a very common separated construction type that is easily understood by jurisdictions.



Bldg Description:

Wrap Apartments 4 stories Residential only multi-use / infill /transit semi traditional market modest approvals problably elevators protected egress modest

Utilities/Trash/SWM

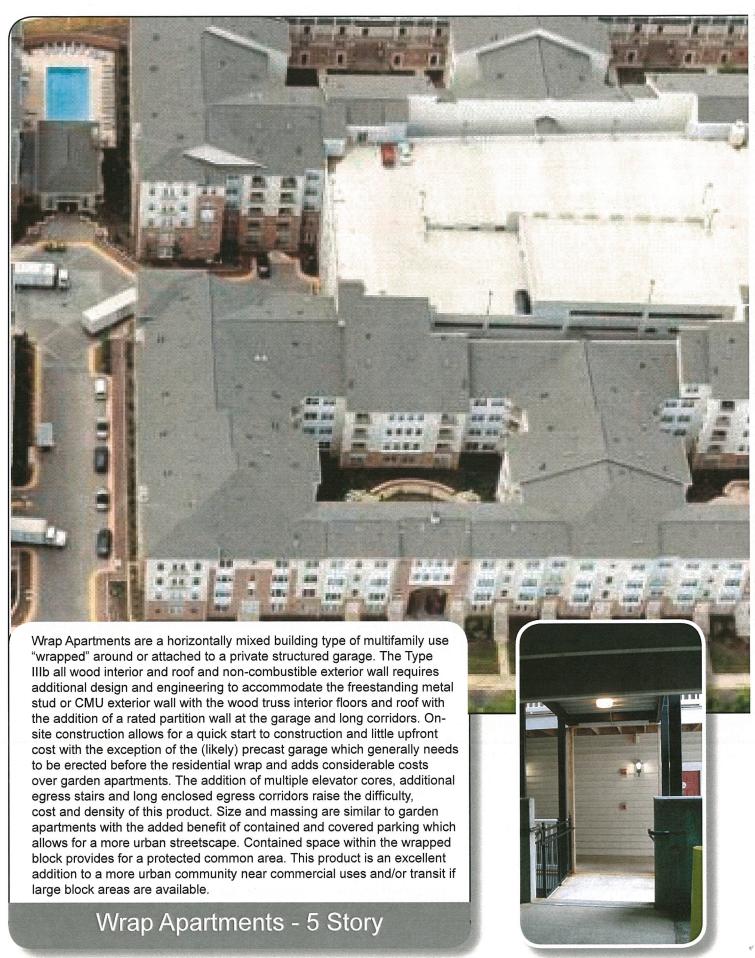
Density: Fire Rating

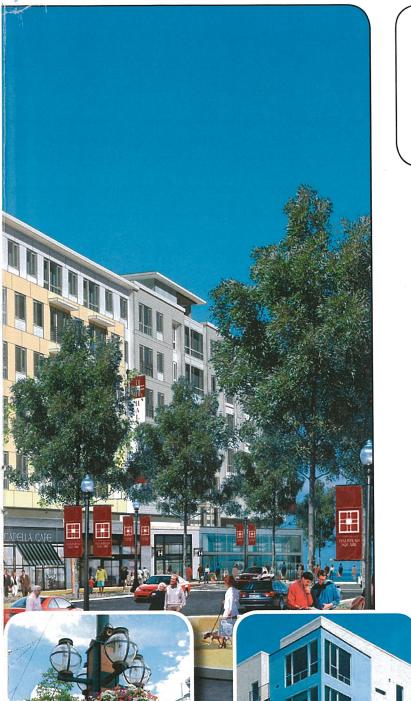
IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights** 1.0 FAR (40-50u/a) Structured \$110-120

Type Va wrapping la all wood combustible substantial fire ratings 3-50'

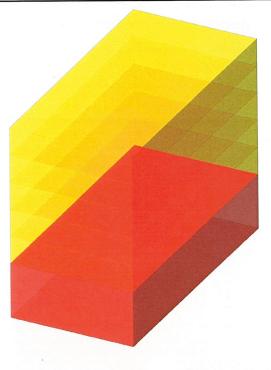
4-70' n/a 12' x 4 stories

Parking Supported: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description





Using the IBC construction Type Va (5a) R-2 wrapped around a Type I S-2 garage will restrict the height to four stories, will restrict allowable area without a fire wall and has some difficult fireproofing conditions but is a very common separated construction type that is easily understood by jurisdictions.



Bldg Description:

Mixed-Use Podium
6 stories (5+1)
Residential over Retail
urban / transit
current market
hard codes & approvals
separated verticals
complicated egress
difficult

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density:
Parking Supported:
Cost \$/sf:
Construction Type:
Description
Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights

1.75-2.5 FAR (60-90u/a) Structured / Underground \$140-150

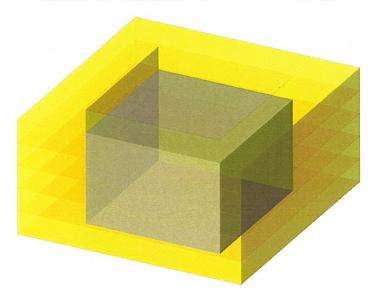
Type Va over la
wood+ above/PIP below
mixed but separate
specific fire ratings
4-55'

5-75' **5+1-75'**

20'base+11' x 5 stories



Using the IBC construction Type IIIb (3b) R-2 wrapped around a Type Ia (1a) S-2 garage will restrict the height to five stories, will restrict allowable area without a fire wall and has some difficult fireproofing conditions. The added difficulties and costs of the Type III construction are only offset if land costs demand increased density. The garage height will generally correspond to the extra floor and the separation of buildings is still a major advantage of this building type.



Bldg Description:

Wrap Apartments
5 stories
Residential only
multi-use / infill / transit
semi traditional market
new codes & approvals
more elevators
protected egress
modest

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density:
Parking Supported:
Cost \$/sf:
Construction Type:
Description
Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase Podium Exception Typical FIr Heights 1.25 FAR (50-60u/a) Structured \$120-130

Type IIIb wrapping la wood interior; steel ext non-combustable skin limited fire ratings

> 4-55' **5-75'** n/a 12' x 5 stories

Mixed Use Podium - 6 Story

Utility space becomes limited with potential for added costs of central cooling/

residential above. Garage and office uses may also be contained within the

product greatly intensifies pedestrian retail, civic and entertainment districts which increases value for all uses. This product works best with common/

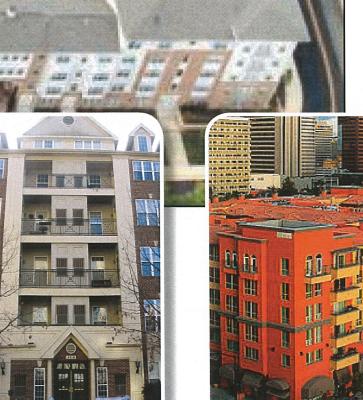
shared parking structures and highly detailed streetscapes. Loading, trash,

utilities and egress issues are intertwined between very different functional

uses creating an urban-like challenge for property management. Careful consideration should be given to separating as many functions as possible.

heating or specialized variable HVAC systems.

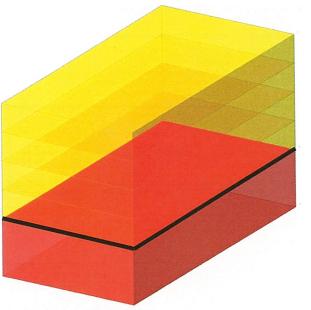
podium level and continued below ground if land values are high. The podium







Using the IBC construction Type Va (5a) R-2 over Type la (1a) M retail space or S-2 garage will restrict the height to five stories (4 over 1) and 70', allowing the two stacked buildings to be designed somewhat separately with unique fireproofing and waterproofing conditions. This construction type is fairly new to the east coast and mid-west so additional approval effort may be necessary. This building type is rarely found outside of urban or new-urban town center environments.



Bldg Description:

Mixed-Use Podium 5 stories (4+1) Residential over Retail urban / transit current market hard codes & approvals separated verticals complicated egress difficult

Utilities/Trash/SWM

Density: Parking Supported: Cost \$/sf: **Construction Type:** Description Fire Rating

IBC Chart 503 Sprinkler Increase **Podium Exception** Typical Fir Heights 20'base+12.5' x 4 stories

1.5-2 FAR (50-85u/a) Structured \$130-140

Type Va over la wood above/PIP below mixed but separate specific fire ratings 3-50'

4-70'

4+1-70'