

REF: M-7-23  
DATE: March 14, 2024

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Subject

Request	-	Text amendment eliminating TMC§1108.0800, Marina District Overlay and TMC§1387.06 Signage for Marina District
Applicant	-	Toledo City Plan Commission One Government Center, Suite 1620 Toledo, OH 43604

## STAFF ANALYSIS

The Plan Commission is requesting a study of the Marina District Overlay and possible text amendment to eliminate this Overlay District and associated Signage for Marina District. The Marina District Overlay District was established to help achieve the goals of the Marina District Urban Renewal Plan and adopted by Ordinance 273-07 in 2007. The Marina District Overlay district is the area bounded by the centerline of Main Street to the South, the center line of First Street, the centerline of Oswald Street, the rear lot lines of Lots 19 through 24 of the New Plat of Yondota Division, the entire boundary of Optimist Park and the first alley to the east of Front Street to the East, the centerline of the Craig Street Bridge to the North, and the Maumee River edge to the West. The Ordinance also established the signage regulations for the Marina District under TMC§1387.06.

The Marina District Overlay District is intended to provide design and development standards promoting architectural quality, pedestrian activity and a mix of residential, commercial and community activities. The Marina District Urban Renewal Plan and the associated Master Plan intended the area to attract investment for the development of residential, commercial, mixed-use development and entertainment facilities over a period of ten (10) to twenty (20) years. However, the area is yet to see this type of development and has vastly remained an open space to this day. The majority of the district makes up the Glass City Metropark, with a few multifamily housing and commercial buildings.

In addition to that, with Metroparks covering a majority of the area, there is less land area for new development. The Marina District was created to promote medium and high-density housing opportunities that will create a waterfront neighborhood. The plan at the time showed mixed-use/commercial retail, rowhouses and multifamily in the area currently occupied by the Glass City Metropark. The area is fully developed and is unable to provide support for the original vision of the Marina District Urban Renewal Plan and Maumee Riverfront Overlay District. Additionally, a portion of the overlay will be added to Main Starr Urban Overlay District. Hence, the request to eliminate the Marina District Overlay District. Future developments or renovations shall be subject to the site plan review process under TMC§1111.0800. Consequently, the associated sign regulation under TMC§1387.06 should be eliminated along with the Marina District for uniformity. All future signs will require building permits and be reviewed per the zoning regulations of the subject property.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

The staff recommends that the Toledo City Plan Commission recommend approval of M-7-23, a text amendment Text amendment eliminating TMC§1108.0800, Marina District Overlay district and TMC§1387.06 Signage for Marina District for the following reason:

1. The proposed text amendment is in alignment with the stated purpose of the Zoning Code and ensures safety of Toledo residents.

ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT  
TOLEDO CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
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ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE OF  
CITY COUNCIL  
DATE: April 16, 2024  
TIME: 4:00 P.M.

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Two (2) Exhibits and two sketches follow

**Exhibit "A"**  
**Existing**

**1103.0800 - MD, Marina District Overlay District.**

**1103.0801 Purpose.**

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(Ord. 550-08. Passed 8-26-08.)

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(Ord. 568-13. Passed 12-10-13.)

**1103.0804 -MD Classification.**

Those areas classified in the -MD District shall be shown on the Official Zoning Map.

(Ord. 273-07. Passed 5-1-07.)

**1387.06. Signage for Marina District.**

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Further, this Comprehensive Sign Plan encourages creative and innovative approaches to quality signing; signs that are compatible, complimentary and/or appropriately contrasting with the architectural building style, characteristics and scale of the site and adjacent sites to which they are associated. The Comprehensive Sign Plan ensures that commercial signs are designed for the purpose of identifying a business, directing traffic, and informing patrons in an attractive and functional manner.

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(Ord. 273-07. Passed 5-1-07.)

**Exhibit "B"**  
**Modifications**  
(Deletions in bold strikethrough.)

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## GENERAL LOCATION

# MARINA DISTRICT OVERLAY DISTRICT

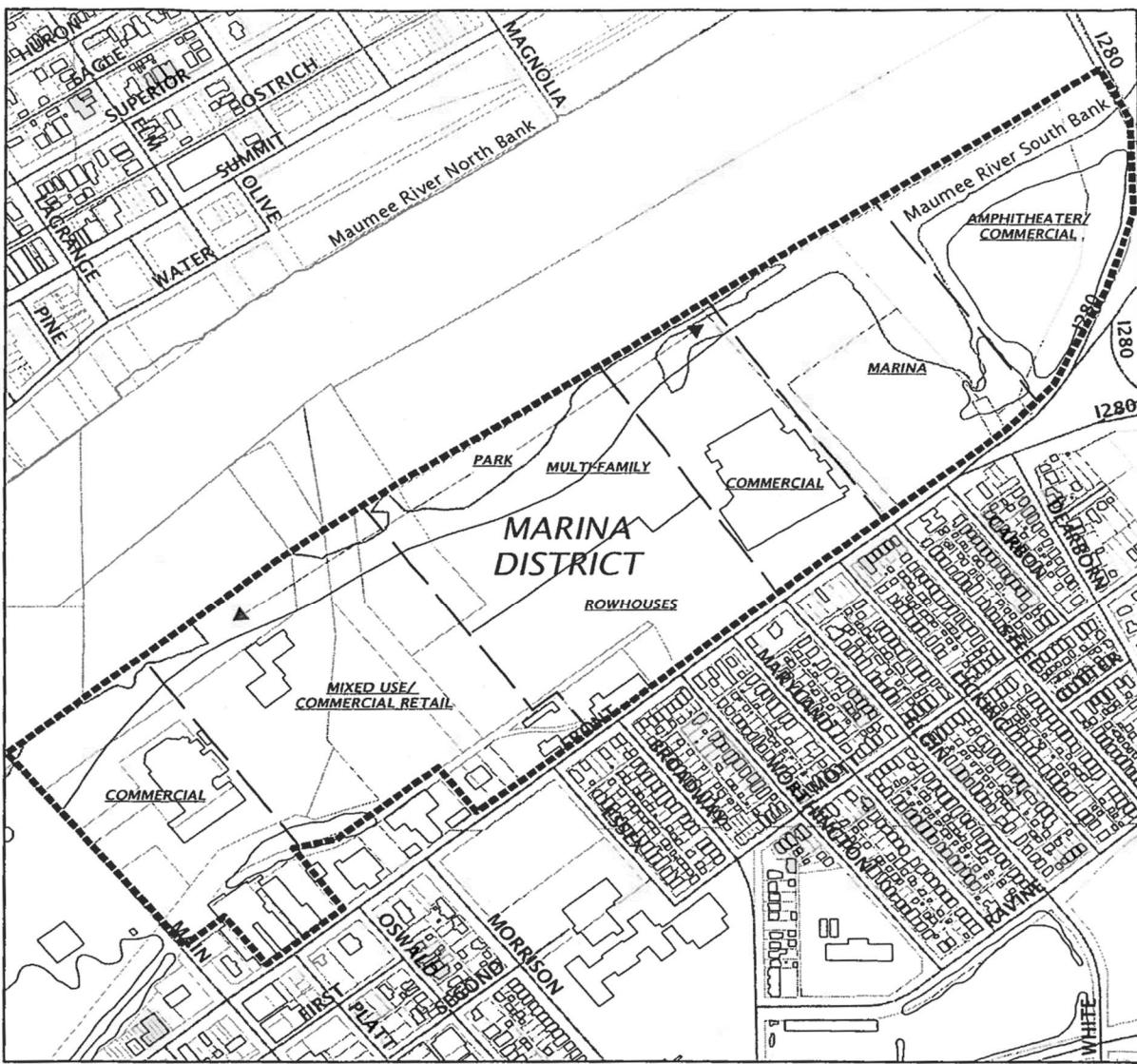
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## GENERAL LOCATION

# **MARINA DISTRICT PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN**

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# **MARINA DISTRICT URBAN RENEWAL PLAN**

## **Proposed Land Use Plan**