



Downtown Oklahoma City/the Central Business District is to the west of I-235, shaded brown to signify the Downtown Business District (DBD), a design district established with regulations and guidelines to “[ensure development and redevelopment is consistent and compatible with the unique and diverse design elements of downtown Oklahoma City.](#)” Developments proposed for the DBD must go before the City’s Downtown Design Review Committee of seven members, appointed by the Mayor with recommendations from each member of City Council, required to consist of at minimum registered architects, landscape architects, urban planners, licensed civil engineers, and/or licensed real estate professionals. The Committee reviews proposed developments against specific requirements and regulations developed specifically for downtown.

Alternatively, the area east of I-235 has no such overlay. You can see the large-scale Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) on the east, largely representing major developments like the [Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics](#), [the Chaparral Townhouses](#), [the Oklahoma State University Hamm Institute for American Energy](#), and the Innovation District’s [Convergence](#) developments. Further to the east, more traditional zoning means there is no similar development review committee or entity.