We know that reading through zoning code can be challenging - the content is technical and includes a lot of legal terms. This short guide includes tips on finding the information most important to you and your neighborhood.

Reach out to planning staff with questions - ZoningCodeRewrite@cityofboise.org
**HELPFUL TIPS**

1. Keep the Table of Contents handy – it guides you to the content of each section.
2. Read section-by-section – starting with the one that interests you the most. This is an easier approach than trying to read it from beginning to end because of its length and technical nature.
3. Within the section – find the table or subsection that establishes the basic rules associated with the topic first.
4. If you are interested in a particular zoning district – like the one where you live or work – focus on the subsections (if any) addressing that zoning district.
5. If something seems strange – review the footnotes to see if it is new content or old content that has been reworded or reorganized.
6. If you have looked and cannot find what section of Module 2 addresses a topic important to you – contact staff and they will help you locate it.

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**ZONING CODE OVERVIEW**

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**COMMON QUESTIONS**

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   • Mixed-Use and Special Purpose Districts

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   • Applicable to specific uses

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ABOUT HOW BIG IS THAT?
Useful benchmarks to help with your reading of the dimensional table:

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1 FOOTBALL FIELD = 1.32 ACRES

LOT SIZE 9,000 SQ FT

LOT SIZE 4,000 SQ FT

LOT SIZE 2,000 SQ FT

4 Lots Per Acre

10 Lots Per Acre

21 Lots Per Acre