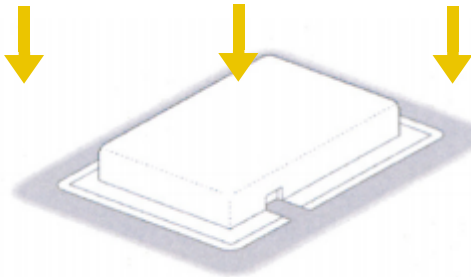# What is Form-Based Code?

A form-based code (FBC) is a zoning approach that focuses less on a building's use, and more on its form and appearance. Unlike traditional zoning, FBC addresses the relationship between buildings and the street, pedestrians and vehicles, the linkages between public and private space, the pattern of blocks and streets.
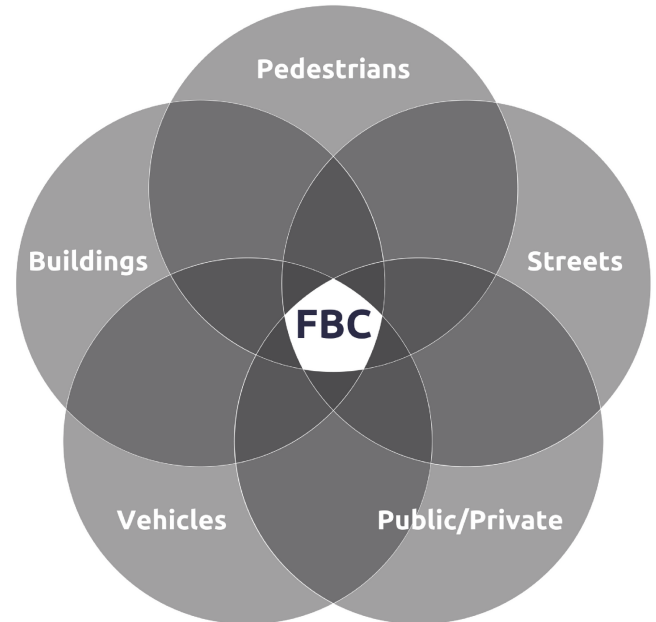
How Does It Work?

Traditional Zoning

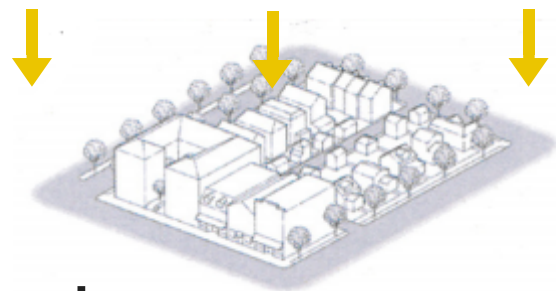|		
Residential	Industrial	Commercial
Semi-Industrial	Residential	Historic
Commercial	Agricultural	Residential

Traditional zoning assigns each area a designated purpose, which controls what building appear where.

Form-Based Code

Pedestrians

Buildings

Streets

FBC

Vehicles

Public/Private

FBC emphasizes relationships between different parts of the cityscape

Points To Remember

1) Formed-Based Code is a tool to implement the Design Lansing Master Plan.

2) Formed-Based Code accommodates mixed uses, such as having offices or residential space over commercial establishments on the main corridors.

3) Citizens benefit because zoning will be context-sensitive and new construction will blend with established architecture.

4) Form-Based Code will not impact Lansing's Medical Marijuana legislation.