

# Group Living Code Amendment

## Community Corrections Problem Statement

### Overview

This document outlines problems identified with the Denver Zoning Code (DZC)'s regulations on Community Corrections Facilities. They include problems identified by a committee of service providers, clients and neighborhood representatives, and by city staff based on their experiences in the field.

### "Ideal Future" Goals

A subcommittee of the Group Living Advisory Committee collaboratively developed and agreed upon an aspirational set of "Ideal Future" goals. These goals served as a lens through which to identify shortcomings in the Denver Zoning Code:

1. Zoning supports a flexible and safe range of approaches to meet client and community needs.
2. [Zoning facilitates] supportive services that assist clients to reintegrate into the community and reduce recidivism.
3. [Zoning facilitates] healthy community relations in neighborhoods not concentrated in one or a few places.
4. The public is educated about the work being done in Community Corrections facilities.

### Draft problems identified in the Denver Zoning Code

Potential issues with the Code identified by the Group Living Advisory Committee are listed below. They are further detailed in the full Problem Statement document, available at [www.denvergov.org/groupliving](http://www.denvergov.org/groupliving).

1. Demand exceeds current capacity
2. Limited space in applicable districts for new facilities
3. Many existing facilities are compliant or nonconforming uses, which have limited allowances for expansion.
4. Vehicle parking requirements exceed demand and take up space
5. Population Density requirements need revision.

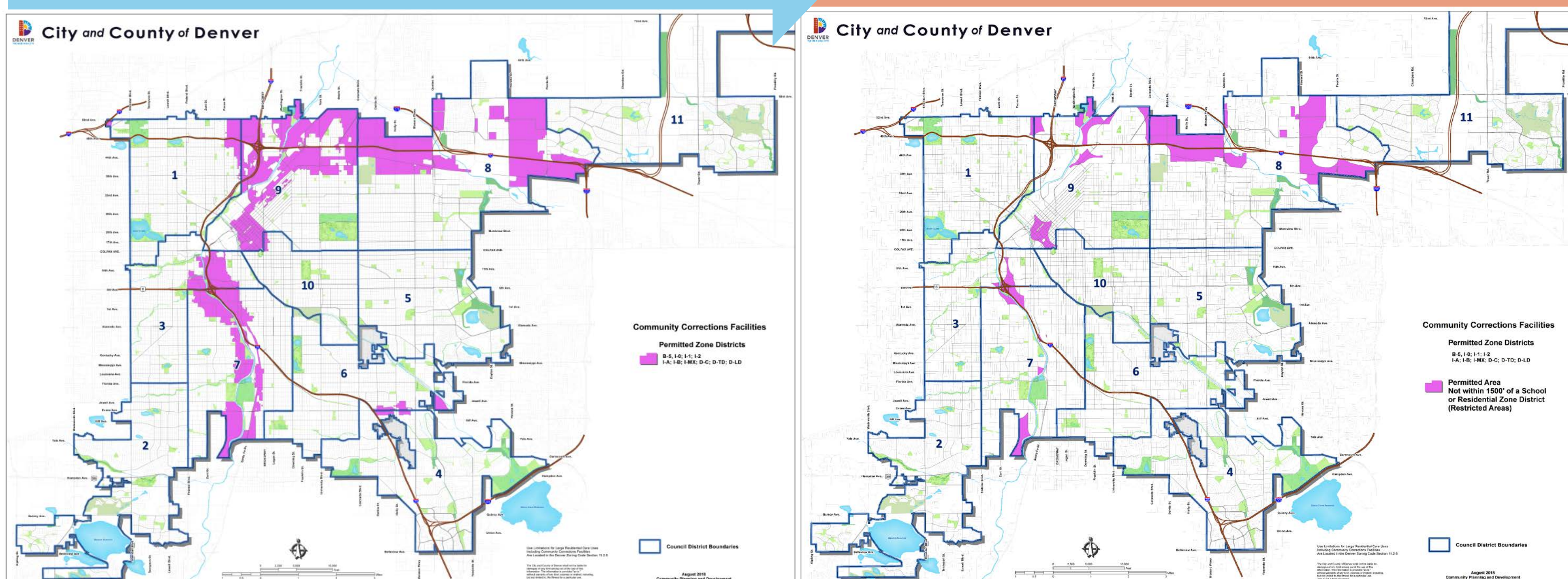
Example: Limited allowance for expansion or establishment of new facilities

Example: Limited Space for new facilities

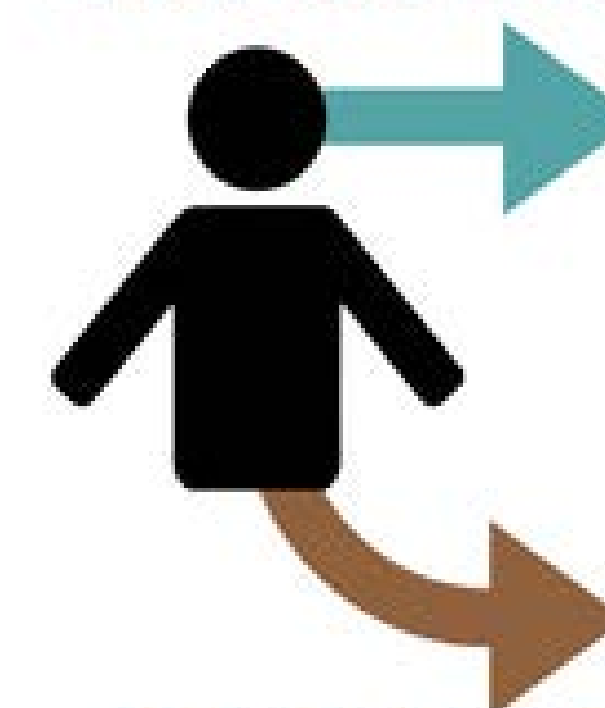
Permitted Zone Districts  
I-B, I-A, I-MX, D-C, D-TD, D-LD

- Restricted Areas:
- 1,500 feet from schools and residential zones
- Spacing Requirements:
- 2,000 feet between facilities
  - No more than 2 in 4,000 foot radius

Example Outcome:  
Demand Exceeds Supply



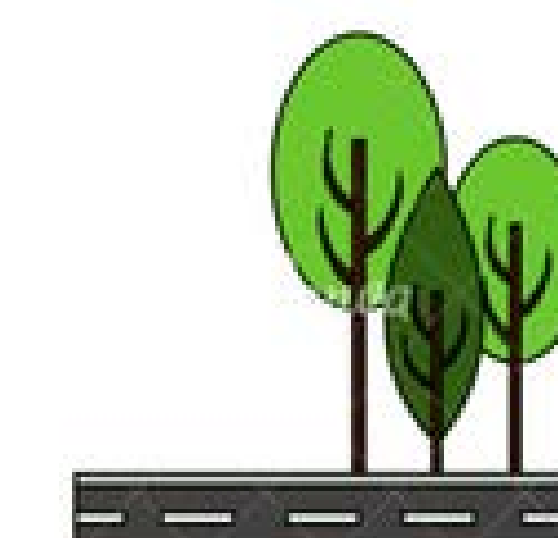
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CORRECTIONS



OR DIRECT  
RELEASE



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SUPPORTED:  
TREATMENT  
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JOB HELP



UNSUPPORTED:  
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