

# HOUSING NEW YORK: Zoning for Quality and Affordability

COMMUNITY DISTRICT PROFILE

**Brooklyn CD 6**

**Purpose:** To promote affordable housing and foster diverse, livable neighborhoods

## **Applicability in Brooklyn CD 6**

### **• Basic Residential Height Changes**

- Contextual
- Non-Contextual

### **• Senior Housing FAR and Height Changes**

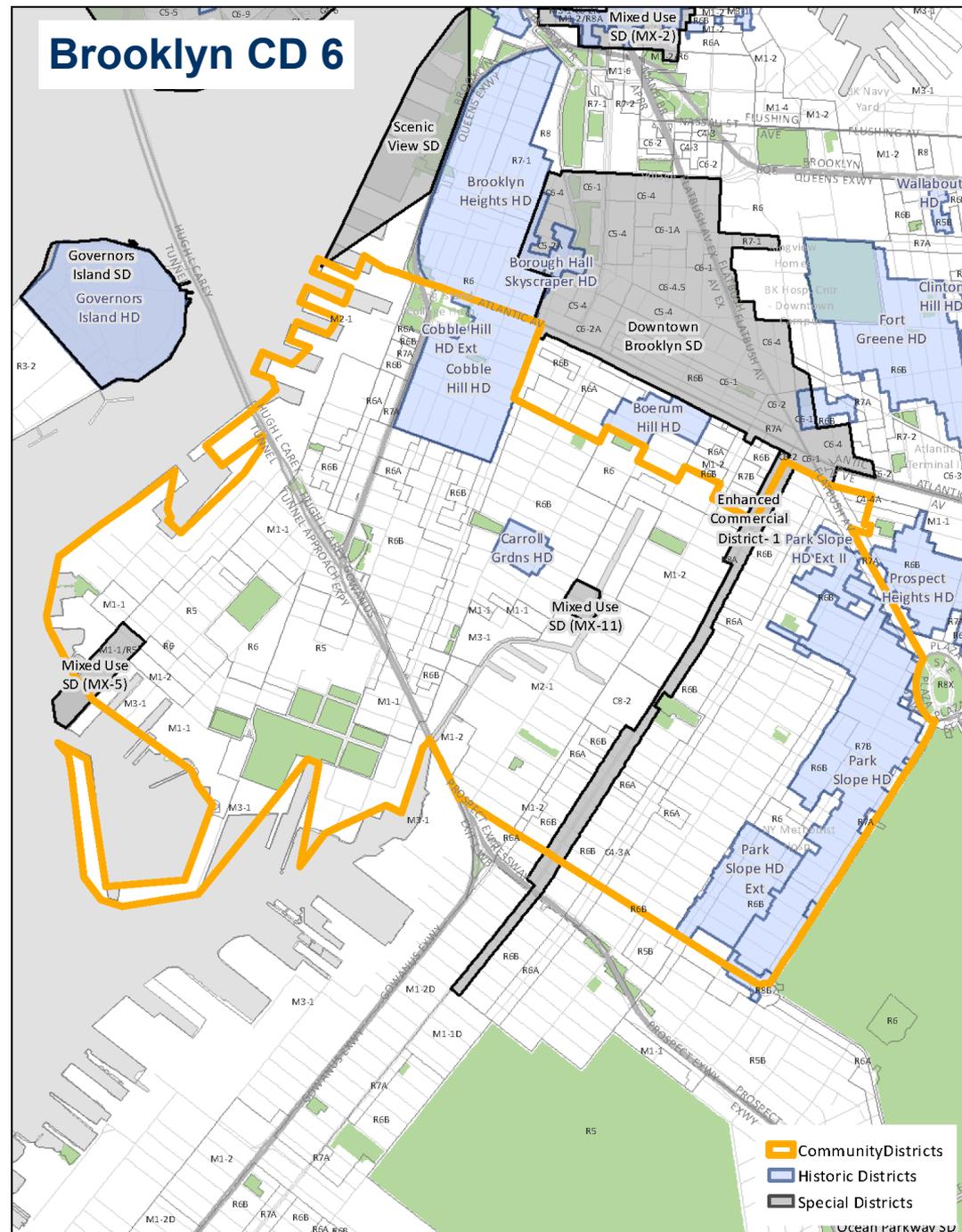
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### **• Parking Changes**

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# Basic Residential height changes

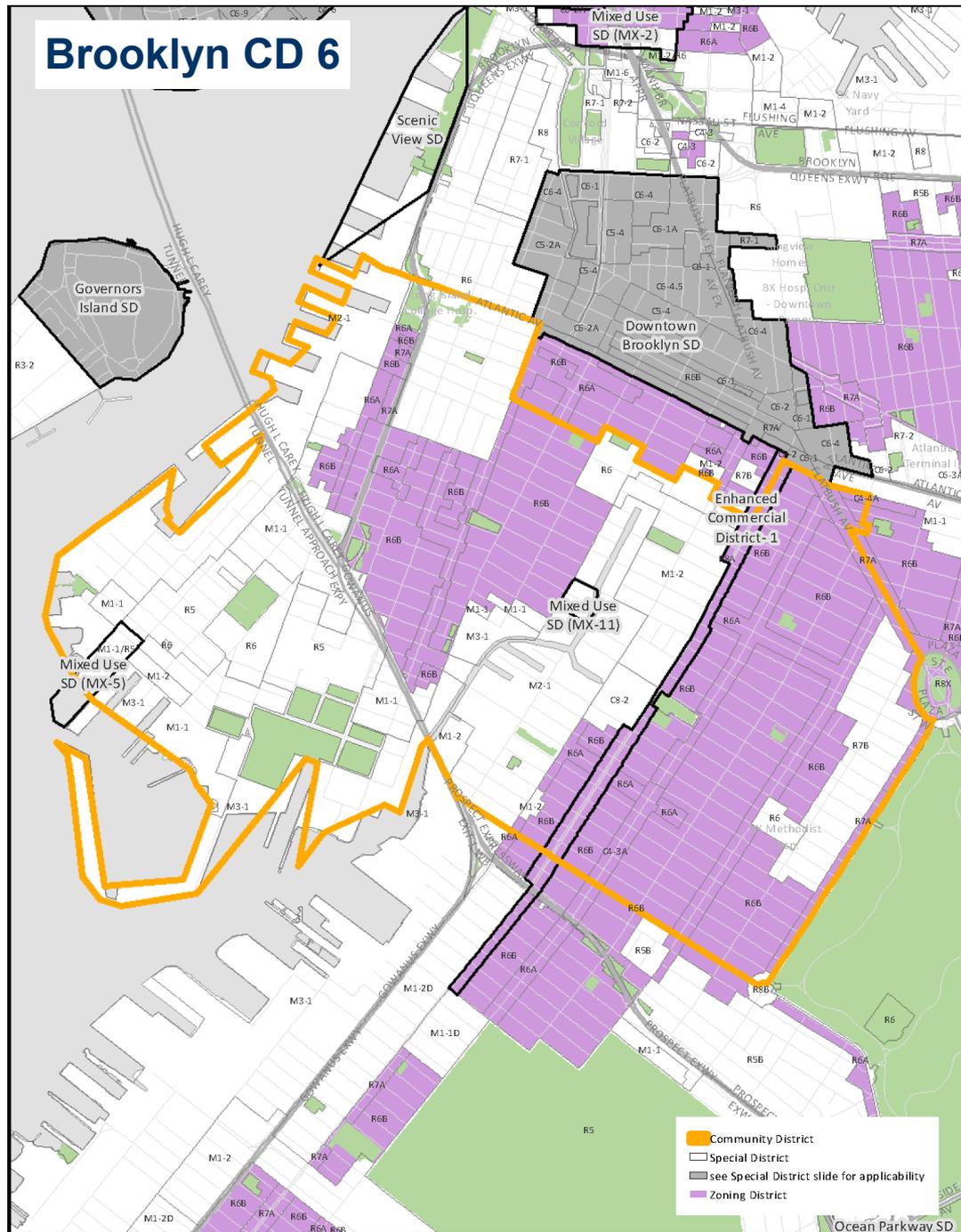
**PURPOSE:** In many instances, changing regulations and building practices have made it difficult to fit floor area already permitted today within existing building envelopes. Current regulations limit design flexibility and can result in buildings that lack the variation and texture of older apartment buildings. The proposal also provides minor increases in height to encourage housing production and increase design flexibility.

**APPLICABILITY:** Residential development in moderate and high density zoning districts and their commercial district equivalents.

# Contextual Districts: Basic Residential changes

- In order to fit all permitted floor area and allow better design, maximum heights would be updated in the contextual districts shaded on the map.

Res. Equiv.	Zoning District	Existing Max Height	Basic Modifications	
			Basic Proposed (Stories)	Basic Height Difference
R6A	C4-3A	70'	75' (7)	5'
	R6A	70'	75' (7)	5'
R6B	R6B	50'	55' (5)	5'
R7A	C4-4A	80'	85' (8)	5'
	R7A	80'	85' (8)	5'
R8A	R8A	120'	125' (12)	5'
R8X	R8X	150'	155' (15)	5'



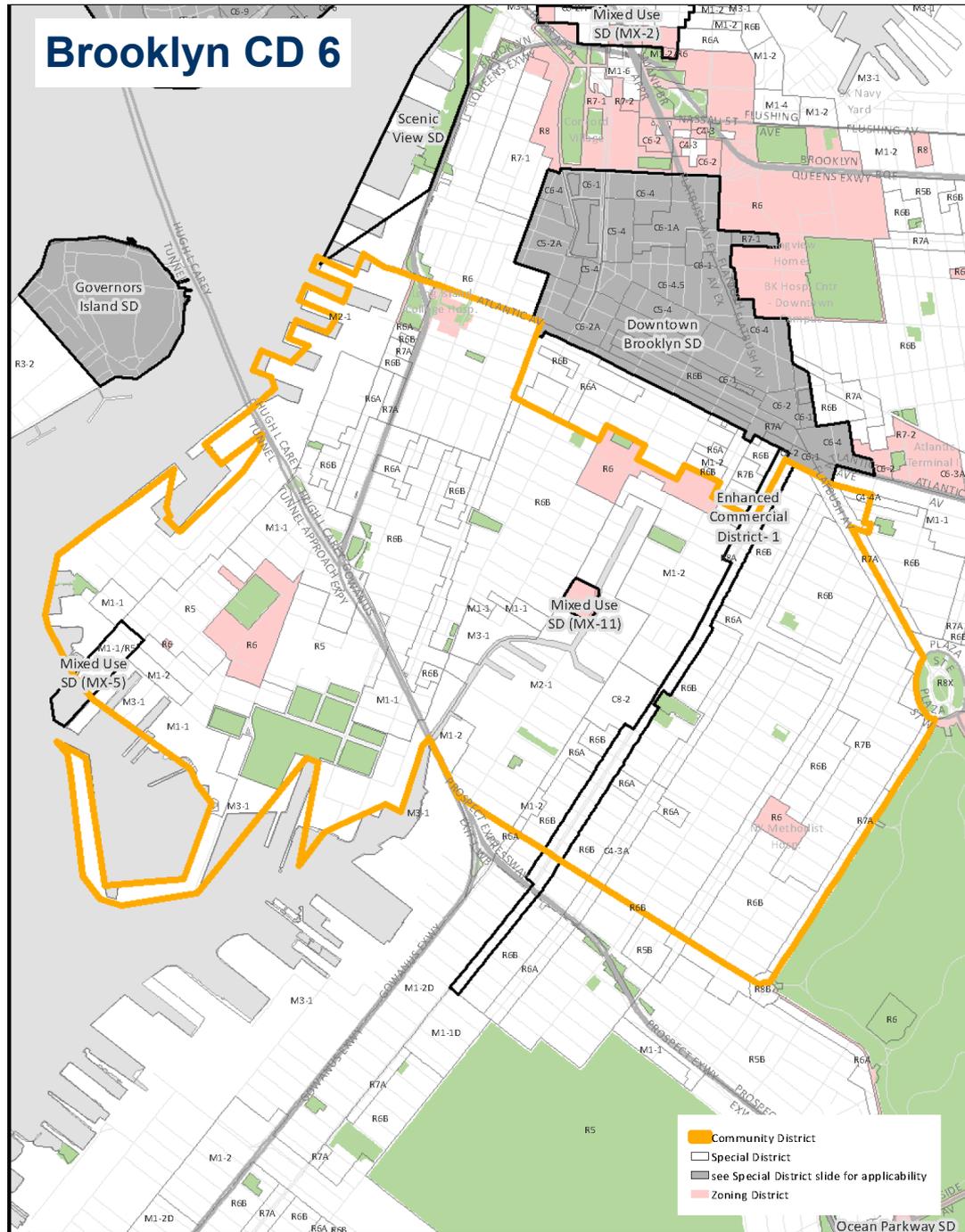
# Non-Contextual Districts: Basic Residential changes

- In Non-Contextual Districts, buildings have a “Quality Housing option” similar to the Contextual envelope.
- In order to match the Contextual envelope, the Quality Housing option will be updated in the shaded districts.

**Basic Residential Modifications**

Res. Equiv.	Zoning District	Existing Max Height	Basic Proposed (Stories)	Basic Height Difference
<b>R6 (narrow)</b>	R6	55'	55' (5)	0'
<b>R6 (wide)</b>	R6	70'	75' (7)	5'
<b>R7-2 (narrow)</b>	M1-4/R7-2	75'	75' (7)	0'
<b>R7-2 (wide)</b>	M1-4/R7-2	80'	85' (8)	5'

\* In addition, developments in R6 through R10 districts could use the applicable Quality Housing option envelope.



# Affordable Senior Housing height and floor area changes

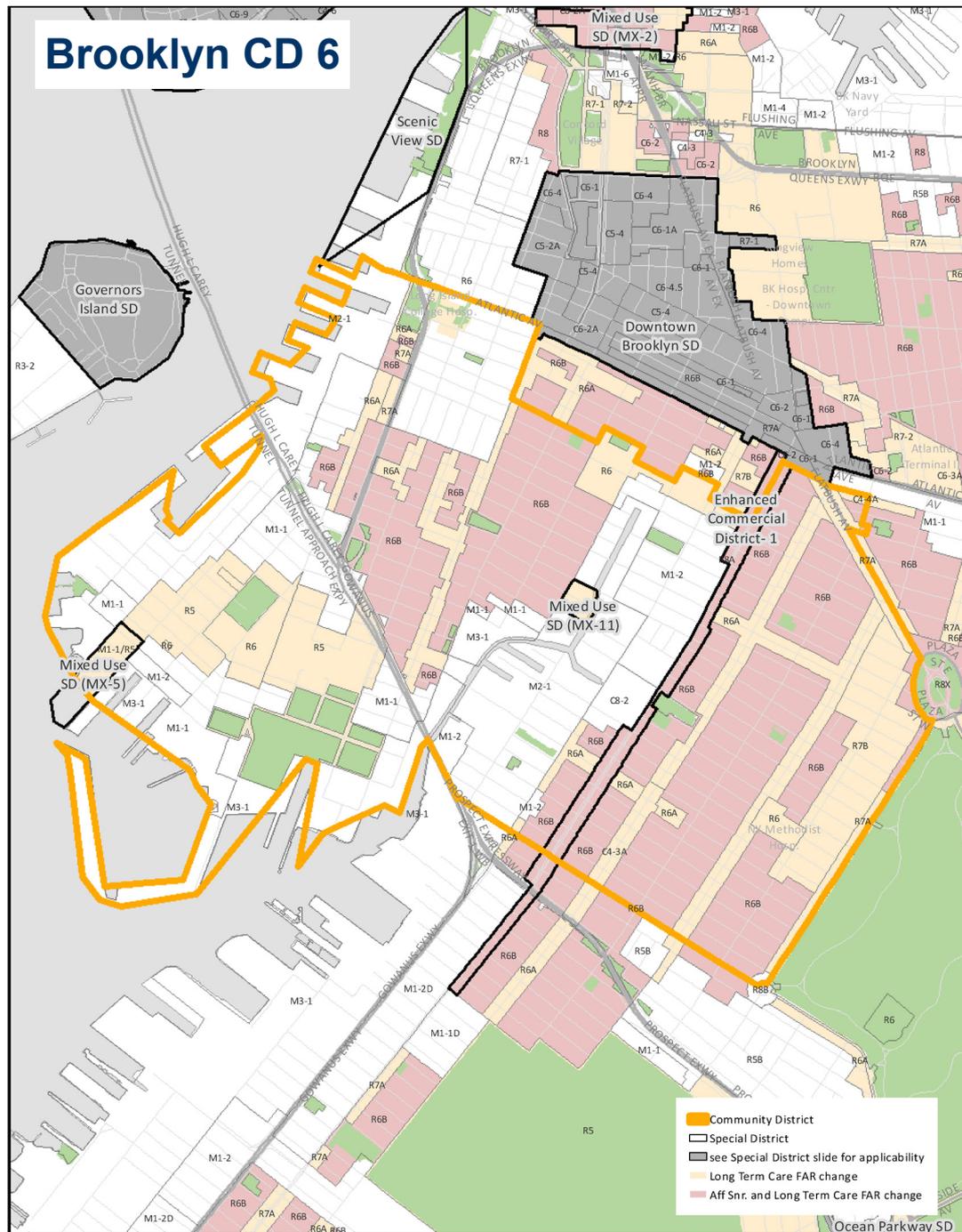
**PURPOSE:** Older New Yorkers are a diverse and rapidly growing segment of the city's population. There is an increasing need for a range of housing and long-term care options for our seniors. The proposal encourages greater housing production and a greater variety of residential options for older New Yorkers.

**APPLICABILITY:** Affordable Independent Residences for Seniors (AIRS) and Long Term Care Facilities (LTCF) in R3-R10 zoning districts and their commercial district equivalents.

# Affordable Senior Housing and Long Term Care Floor Area

- Floor area ratio maximums would be updated for certain types of affordable senior housing and long term care facilities in the districts shaded on the map.

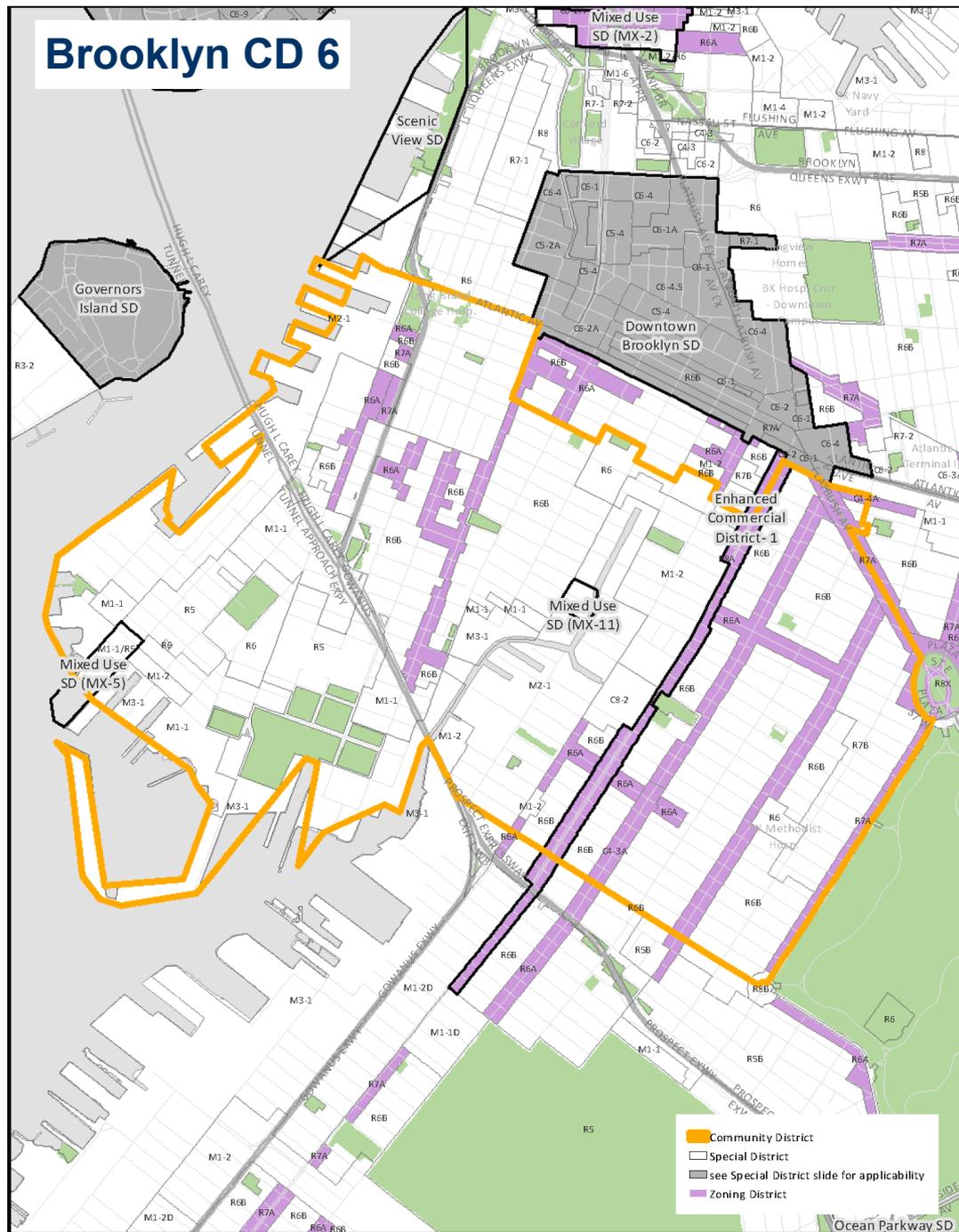
PROPOSED				
Res. Equiv.	Zoning District	Existing non-profit residences for the elderly (FAR)	Existing Nursing Home and Health Related Facilities (FAR)	Aff. Ind. Residences for Seniors and Long Term Care (FAR)
R5	M1-1/R5	1.95	1.27	1.95
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R6	R6	3.9	2.43	3.9
R6A	C4-3A	3.9	3	3.9
	R6A	3.9	3	3.9
R6B	R6B	2	2	2.2
R7	C6-1	5.01	3.44	5.01
	M1-4/R7-2	5.01	3.44	5.01
R7A	C4-4A	5.01	4	5.01
	R7A	5.01	4	5.01
R7B	R7B	3.9	3	3.9
R8A	R8A	6.02	6.02	7.2
R8X	R8X	6.02	6.02	7.2



# Affordable Senior Housing and Long Term Care: Contextual districts

- To fit permitted floor area, maximum heights would be updated in the contextual districts shaded on the map.

Res. Equiv.	Zoning District	Existing Height (stories)	Senior Modifications	
			AIRS and LTCF Proposed (Stories)	AIRS and LTCF Height Difference
R6A	C4-3A	75' (7)	85' (8)	10' (1)
	R6A	75' (7)	85' (8)	10' (1)
R7A	C4-4A	85' (8)	105' (10)	20' (2)
	R7A	85' (8)	105' (10)	20' (2)
R8A	R8A	125' (12)	145' (14)	20' (2)
R8X	R8X	155' (15)	175' (17)	20' (2)





# Transit Zone parking changes

**PURPOSE:** The cost of providing off-street parking can hamper the production of affordable housing. In transit-accessible neighborhoods, low-income households own many fewer cars, and often don't use the parking that has been provided. The proposal eliminates or reduces parking requirements for a range of affordable and senior housing units.

**APPLICABILITY:** Affordable and affordable senior housing in moderate and high density zoning districts where car-ownership is low.



# Zoning Special Districts and Areas

**PURPOSE:** Where appropriate, the proposal will modify regulations in special zoning areas to promote the overall goals of the Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendment. The proposal will not modify regulations that are essential to the character and purpose of the special areas.

**APPLICABILITY:** Special Districts, Waterfront Areas

# Zoning Special Districts

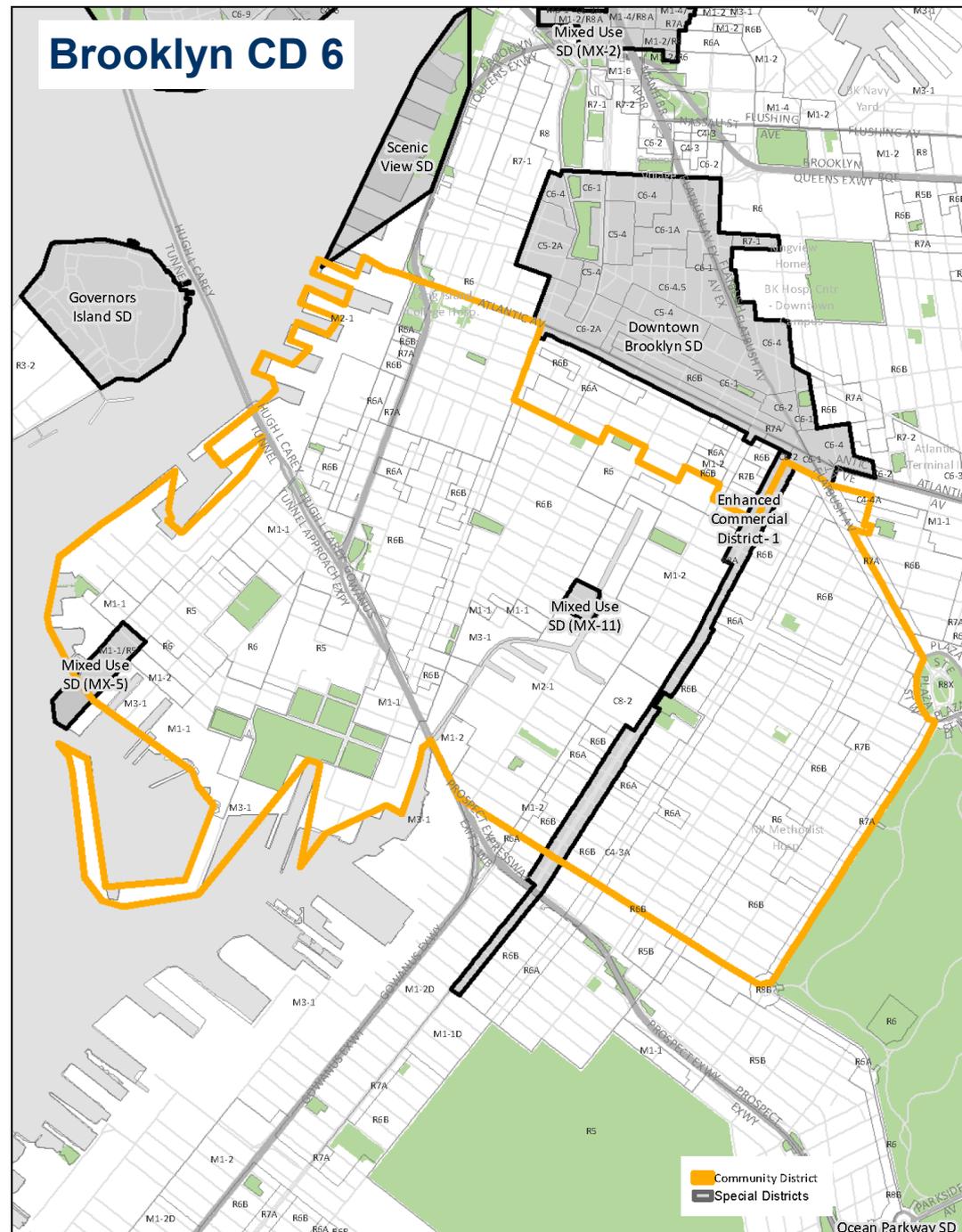
- **Enhanced Commercial District** The special district is intended to promote and maintain a lively and engaging pedestrian experience along commercial avenues throughout the City.

The district includes special regulations for use and urban design. ZQA proposes the following changes:

- ZR 132-22, -32 – updates to the ground floor transparency and use requirements to bring in line with rules Citywide.

All other regulations in the special district would be unchanged.

However, ZQA's proposed changes to the underlying regulations would apply.



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Special Districts

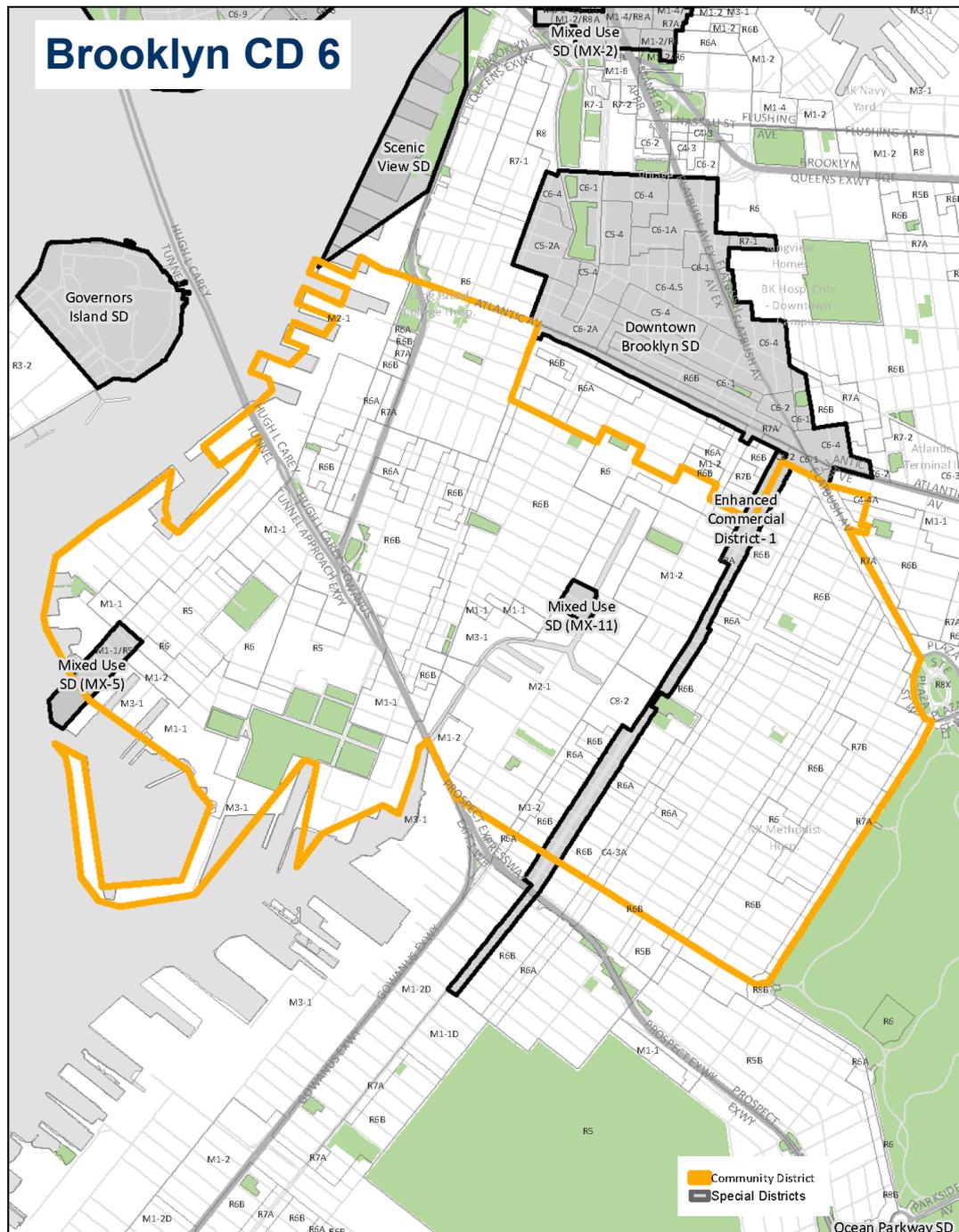
# Zoning Special Districts

The **Mixed Use Special District** is intended to enhance the vitality of existing neighborhoods with mixed residential and industrial uses in close proximity and create expanded opportunities in for new mixed-use communities. The district includes special regulations for use, bulk and urban design. ZQA proposes the following changes:

- 123-21 (and other sections) – updates definitions for non-profit residences for the elderly and nursing homes to bring in line with rules Citywide for affordable senior housing and long-term care facilities.
- ZR 123-31 – corrects use location provisions to bring in line with underlying regulations that allow residential and community facility uses on the same floor
- ZR 123-32 – updates the requirement for noise attenuation to establish a mechanism for property owners to modify the existing requirement similar to the process for (E) designations.
- ZR 123-63 – removes the special corner lot coverage rules for buildings to bring in line with rules Citywide.
- ZR 123-662 (b) – updates the base and maximum heights to reflect proposed changes to underlying contextual districts.

All other regulations in the special district would be unchanged. ZQA's general changes to the underlying regulations are not modified by the Special District and would be applicable. These include:

- Provisions for design flexibility applicable in R6+ districts (such as court and density factor regulations)
- Provisions for constrained lots applicable in R6+ districts (such as shallow lot regulations)
- Parking requirements for affordable housing and affordable senior housing



# Special Areas

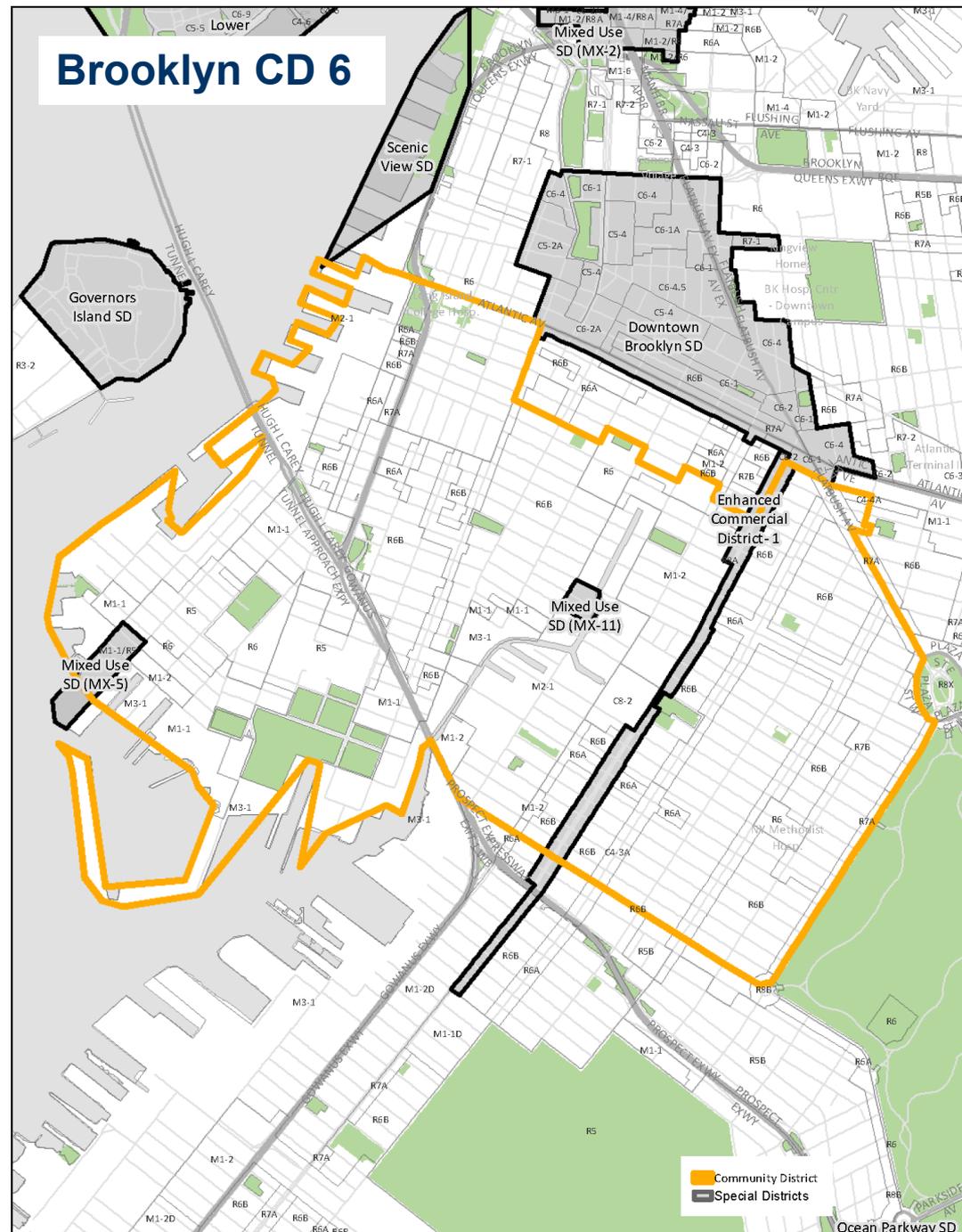
## Waterfront Area

Waterfront zoning is intended to maximize the public's access to the city's waterfront resources while enabling appropriate redevelopment along the shoreline. The district includes special regulations for use, bulk and urban design. ZQA proposes the following changes:

- ZR 62-323 – updates regulations for non-profit residences for the elderly to bring in line with rules Citywide for affordable senior housing and care facilities.
- ZR 62-341(d) – updates the base and maximum heights to reflect proposed changes to underlying contextual districts.
- ZR 62-354(f) – updates to the ground floor transparency and use requirements within Waterfront Access Plan to be consistent with rules Citywide.

ZQA's general changes to the underlying regulations which are not modified by Waterfront zoning would be applicable. These include:

- Provisions for design flexibility applicable in R6+ districts (such as court and density factor regulations)
- Provisions for constrained lots applicable in R6+ districts (such as shallow lot regulations)



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# Other Reference Maps

For informational purposes we are providing reference maps for other areas in this Community District.

# Special Areas

## Historic Districts

- The proposal will not alter Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) review of all modifications and new buildings in historic districts. No additional height would be permitted without public input and LPC approval.

## Limited Height Districts

- The proposal will not alter height limits in special limited height districts.

