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Standard Specification for Demonstrating That a Building is in Walkable Proximity to Neighborhood Assets¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This specification provides requirements for demonstrating that a building's location is in sufficient proximity to a range of establishments, services, and other amenities (referred to as "neighborhood assets" in this specification) such that the likelihood is increased that the building's occupants will walk to their destinations when conducting errands or other typical activities.

1.2 This specification addresses a single indicator regarding the environmental performance related to a building's location. It provides one option for evaluating whether a building is located in such a way as to minimize the impacts associated with occupants' travel.

NOTE 1—The indicator in and of itself is insufficient to imply any level of "sustainability" for the building or the neighborhood. Similarly, a building's failure to meet this specification does not necessarily signify a lack of sustainability. Other indicators may be more appropriate for that building or region; those indicators are outside the scope of this specification.

1.3 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as standard. The values given in parentheses are mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.4 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

[E631 Terminology of Building Constructions](#)

[E2114 Terminology for Sustainability Relative to the Performance of Buildings](#)

2.2 *Federal Standard:*³

[NAICS North American Industry Classification System](#)

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 For terms related to building, refer to Terminology [E631](#).

3.1.2 For terms related to sustainability relative to the performance of buildings, refer to Terminology [E2114](#).

3.2 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.2.1 *neighborhood asset, n*—service or physical amenity available in a specified area.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 This specification provides requirements for demonstrating that a building's location provides a minimal level of access to a variety of establishments such that occupants have an opportunity to use walking as a means of transportation to conduct errands and typical activities.

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](#), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](#). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

³ Available from U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233, [http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics](#).

4.2 Shorter travel distances to neighborhood assets provide building occupants with increased opportunity to walk to common destinations, and the corollary opportunity to reduce vehicle miles traveled and the associated pollution, traffic congestion, and household transportation costs.

4.3 The users of this specification include developers, planners, building owners, engineers, architects, landscape architects and other design professionals, contractors, realtors, governmental agencies, developers of building codes and rating systems, and other building industry professionals.

5. Requirements

5.1 Classification and Categorization of Neighborhood Assets:

5.1.1 Neighborhood assets are classified by their 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code, except for public parks, which are not included in NAICS.

5.1.2 Neighborhood asset codes are grouped into four categories: civic and community facilities, community-serving retail, food retail, and services. **Table 1** shows the category for each NAICS code. (See **Table 2** for grouping by category.)

5.2 Eligibility of Neighborhood Assets—For the purposes of this specification, a neighborhood asset shall:

5.2.1 Have a NAICS code listed in **Table 1** or be a public park, and

5.2.2 Be in business or otherwise open to the public at the time of the site plan review.

TABLE 1 Eligible Neighborhood Assets Codes and Categories (Organized Numerically by NAICS Code)

NAICS Code (2012)	Title (All are NAICS titles with the exception of public parks)	Category
444110	Home Centers	Community-serving retail
444130	Hardware Stores	Community-serving retail
445110	Grocery Stores—Supermarket and Other Grocery except Convenience	Food retail
445120	Convenience Stores	Community-serving retail
44523	Specialty Food Stores—Fruit and Vegetable Markets	Food retail
4453	Beer, Wine, and Liquor Stores	Community-serving retail
4461	Health and Personal Care Stores—Pharmacies	Community-serving retail
447110	Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores	Community-serving retail
4512	Book, Periodical, and Music Stores	Community-serving retail
4529	Other General Merchandise Stores	Community-serving retail
4531	Florists	Community-serving retail
4532	Office Supplies, Stationery, and Gift Stores	Community-serving retail
4533	Used Merchandise Stores	Community-serving retail
4539	Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers	Community-serving retail
4543	Direct Selling Establishments	Community-serving retail
4911	Postal Service	Civic and community facilities
512131	Motion Picture Theaters (except Drive-Ins)	Services
51912	Other Information Services—Libraries	Civic and community facilities
5221	Finance and Insurance—Banks/Savings Institutions/Credit Unions	Services
523930	Investment Advice	Services
5412	Accounting, Tax Preparation, Bookkeeping, and Payroll Services	Services
541940	Veterinary Services	Services
561431	Private Mail Centers	Services
6111	Elementary and Secondary Schools	Civic and community facilities
6211	Offices of Physicians	Civic and community facilities
6212	Offices of Dentists	Civic and community facilities
6213	Offices of Other Health Practitioners	Civic and community facilities
6214	Outpatient Care Centers	Civic and community facilities
6219	Other Ambulatory Health Care Services	Civic and community facilities
6231	Nursing Care Facilities	Civic and community facilities
6233	Community Care Facilities for the Elderly	Civic and community facilities
6241	Individual and Family Services	Civic and community facilities
6244	Child Day Care Services	Civic and community facilities
7111	Performing Arts Companies	Services
71394	Recreation—Fitness and Recreation Sports Centers	Services
712130	Zoos and Botanical Gardens	Services
7224	Drinking Places (Alcoholic Beverages)	Services
7225	Restaurants and Other Eating Places	Services
811490	Other Personal and Household Goods Repair and Maintenance	Services
8121	Personal Care Services	Services
8123	Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services	Services
812910	Pet Care (except Veterinary) Services	Services
8131	Religious Organizations	Civic and community facilities
8133	Social Advocacy Organizations	Civic and community facilities
8134	Civic and Social Organizations	Civic and community facilities
92212	Justice, Public Order, and Safety Activities—Police Protection	Civic and community facilities
92216	Justice, Public Order, and Safety Activities—Fire Protection	Civic and community facilities
n/a	Public Park	Civic and community facilities