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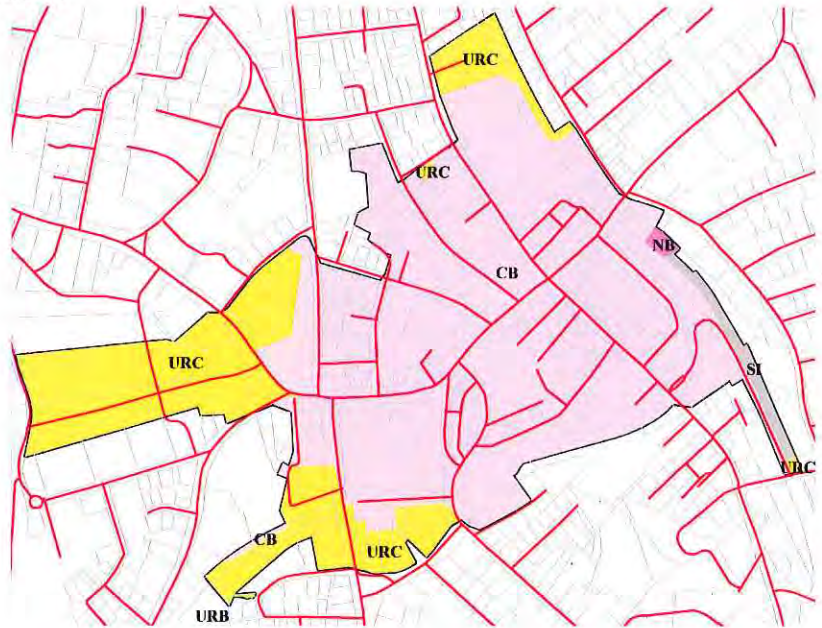
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TO: Wendy Mazza, City Clerk  
 FROM: Wayne Feiden, FACIP, Director of Planning and Development  
 RE: Business Improvement District  
 DATE: January 7, 2009

I am following up on your email to Attorney Failky, Ann Burke and Teri Anderson.

**I have determined that the proposed Business Improvement District (BID), filed with you (see map), clearly meets the definitions of a BID, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40O. 99.8% of the BID is zoned for or used for commercial, industrial, retail or mixed uses, far more than the required 75%.**



MGL c. 40O defines a BID as:

*“BID”, a business improvement district formed pursuant to this chapter, which is a contiguous geographic area with clearly defined boundaries in which at least three-fourths of the area is zoned or used for commercial, industrial, retail, or mixed uses.*

### Breakdown of BID

Zoning	Acreage*	% of BID*	Zoned for commercial, industrial, retail or mixed uses? **
CB	81.05	73.25	YES: Commercial, retail and mixed uses
NB	0.34	0.31%	YES: Commercial, retail and mixed uses
SI	1.53	1.38%	YES: Commercial and industrial
URC	27.69	25.03%	YES: Mixed uses
URB	0.03	0.02%	NO
TOTAL	110.64	100%	

\*Figures are from the Northampton GIS. They contain errors and omissions and are intended for assessing zoning purposes only. The numbers to the right of the decimal point are not significant figures and should be rounded.

\*\*Additional uses are allowed in all five zoning districts that do not fit in these categories.

An early GIS assessment is accurate as to acreage but should not be construed as providing any zoning or MGL c. 40O assessment, which are not the expertise of our GIS Coordinator.