

## ABSTRACT

**THESIS:** Form-Based Codes and Historic Preservation: Three Nashville Case Studies

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Form-based codes are “A method of regulating development to achieve a specific urban form. Form-Based Codes create a predictable public realm primarily by controlling physical form, with a lesser focus on land use, through city or county regulations.”<sup>1</sup>

Based on their ability to regulate the form and design of the built environment while looking to historic patterns of development and existing architecture, it seems that form-based codes should go hand-in-hand with historic preservation. This thesis explores that possibility by analyzing three case studies in Nashville, Tennessee, and concludes that form-based codes do indeed have the potential for success in preserving the character of historic areas.

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<sup>1</sup> Daniel G. Parolek, Karen Parolek, and Paul C. Crawford, *Form-Based Codes: A Guide for Planners, Urban Designers, Municipalities, and Developers* (Hoboken, N.J.: J. Wiley & Sons, 2008), 4.