



## Zoning Resolution

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# **23-461 - Side yards for single- or two-family residences**

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

(a) Detached and zero lot line buildings

In all districts, as indicated, for zoning lots containing only single-family detached residences or, where permitted, for two-family detached residences or single- or two-family residences in zero lot line buildings, or any combination thereof, side yards shall be provided as set forth in the table in this paragraph, except that on corner lots in R1, R2, R3, R4 and R5 Districts, one side yard shall be at least 20 feet in width:

MINIMUM REQUIRED SIDE YARDS

Number Required	Required Total Width (in feet)	Required Minimum Width of any Side Yard (in feet)	District
2	35	15	R1-1
2	20	8	R1-2
2	13	5	R2 R2A R3-1 R3-2 R4-R10
2	10*	2*	R2X R3X R4A R5A
1	8*	0*	R3A R4-1 R4B R5B R5D

\* Additional regulations apply pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section

R3-1 R3-2 R4 R4-1 R4B R5

(b) Semi-detached buildings

In the districts indicated, for zoning lots containing only single- or two-family semi-detached residences, a side yard shall be provided as set forth in the table in this paragraph, except that on corner lots, one side yard shall be at least 20 feet in width:

MINIMUM REQUIRED SIDE YARD

Feet	District
8	R3-1 R3-2 R4 R5
4*	R4-1 R4B R5B R5D

\* Additional regulations apply pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section

(c) Additional regulations

(1) Eight-foot open area required between #buildings# containing #residences#

An open area with a minimum total width of eight feet is required between #buildings# containing #residences# on adjacent #zoning lots#. Such open area must be parallel to the #side lot line# and may be located on either one or both sides of such common #side lot line#. (See Figure A)

Open area at least 8’ wide required between *residential buildings*

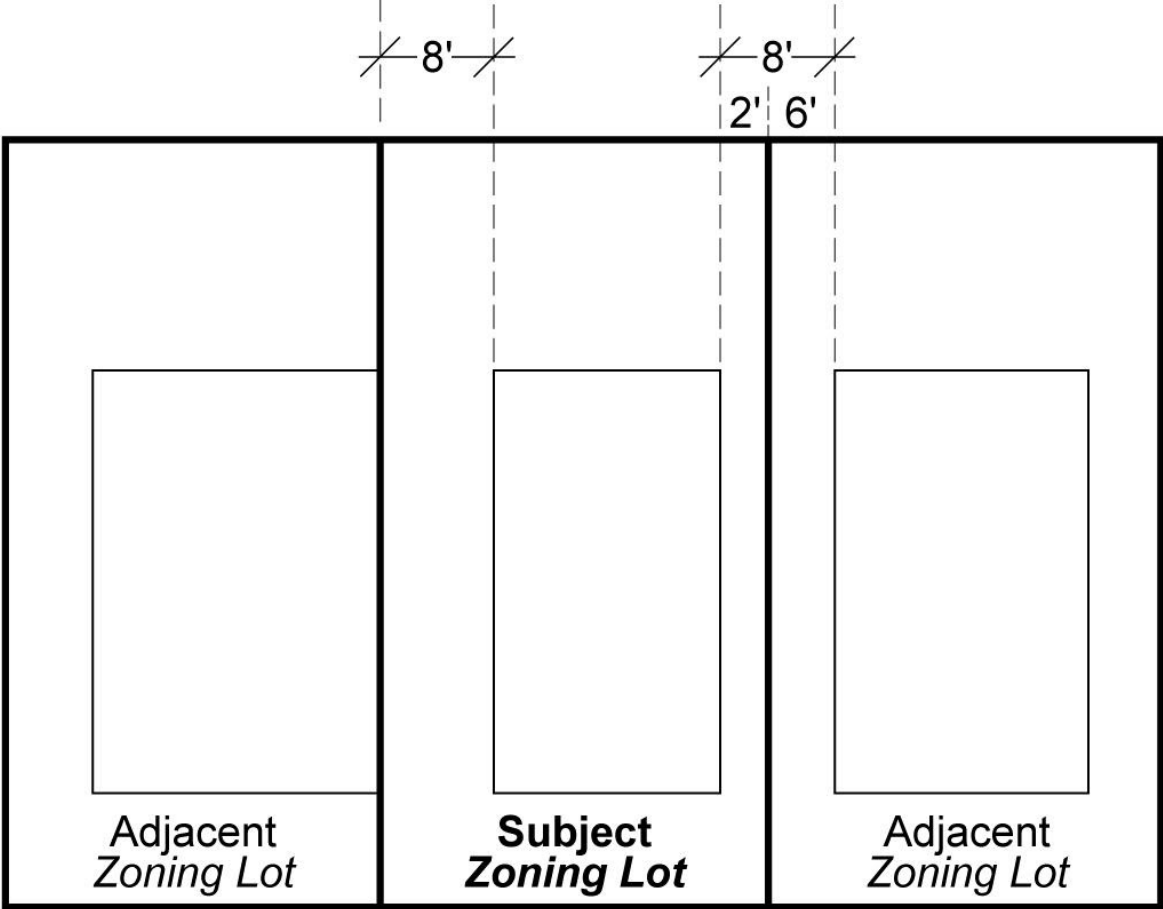


Figure A

(23-461c1)

- (2) When #side yards# total more than 13 feet

However, where such open area requirements result in #side yards# totaling more than 13 feet on the subject #zoning lot#, the width of such #side yards# may be reduced to not less than five feet, provided that the total width of both #side yards# on the subject #zoning lot# is at least 13 feet. (See Figure B)

Open area requirement results in *side yards* totaling 16'.  
Therefore, *side yards* may be reduced to not less than 5'  
provided both sides total at least 13'.

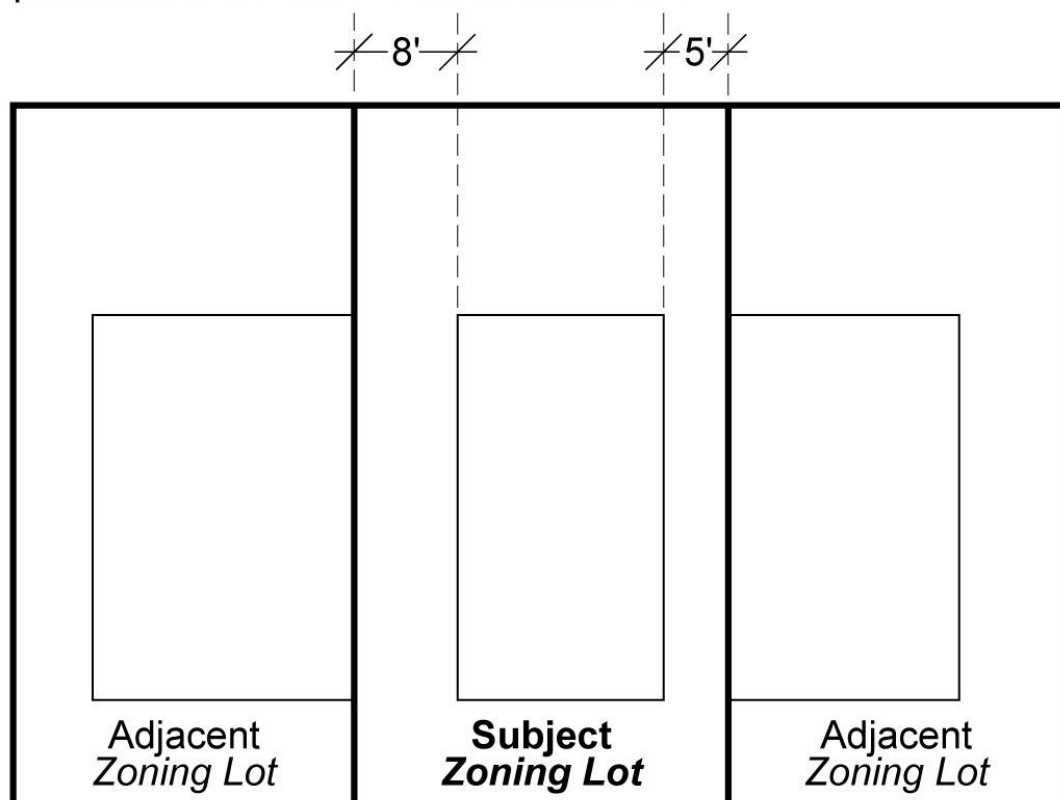


Figure B

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(3) Permitted obstructions in open areas between #buildings#

Only #accessory# mechanical equipment limited in depth to 18 inches from an exterior wall, chimneys, downspouts, eaves, gutters, open #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #qualifying exterior wall thickness#, ramps for access by people with disabilities, and steps as set forth in the applicable provisions of Section [23-44](#), inclusive, shall be permitted obstructions in open areas required pursuant to paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of this Section, provided that such obstructions, not including #accessory# off-street parking spaces, #qualifying exterior wall thickness# or #accessory# mechanical equipment, may not reduce the minimum width of the open area by more than three feet.

(4) Minimum #side yard# requirements for #zoning lots# adjacent to certain #side yards#

A #side yard# at least five feet wide shall be provided on any #zoning lot# along the common #side lot line# of any adjacent #zoning lot# with an existing #detached# #residence# whose #side yards# total at least 13 feet in width, with both #side yards# on such adjacent #zoning lot# at least five feet in width, or with an existing #semi-detached# #residence# with a #side yard# at least eight feet in width. (See Figure C)

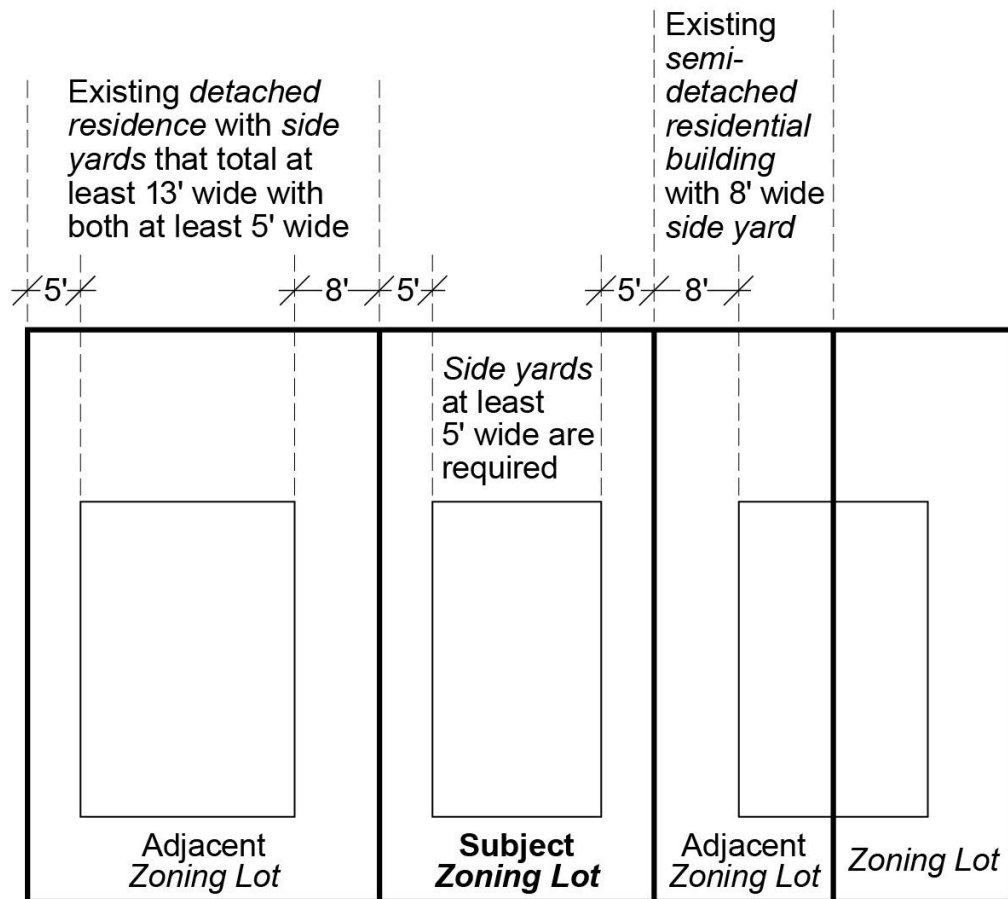


Figure C

