Zoning Resolution

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24-30 - YARD REGULATIONS

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12/15/1961

General Provisions

24-31 - Applicability of Yard Regulations

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12/5/2024

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, #yards# shall be provided as set forth in Sections 24-30 (YARD REGULATIONS) and 24-40 (SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR ZONING LOTS DIVIDED BY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), inclusive.

For #zoning lots# with #residential# and #community facility# #uses#, #front yards# shall be provided pursuant to Article II, Chapter 3, where applicable, and #side yards# and #rear yards# shall be provided in accordance with this Chapter. The #building# articulation provisions of paragraph (b) of Section 23-426 (Additional height and setback provisions) shall apply to #zoning lots# with #residential# and #community facility# #uses#.

For the #residential# portion of a #building# with both #residential# and #community facility# #uses#, the required #residential rear yard# shall be provided at the floor level of the lowest #story# used for #dwelling units#, where any window of such #dwelling units# faces onto such #rear yard#.

24-32 - Level of Yards and Measurement of Yard Width or Depth

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2/2/2011

In all #Residence Districts#, the level of a #yard# or of a #rear yard equivalent# shall not be higher than #curb level#, except that natural grade level need not be disturbed in order to comply with this requirement. No #building or other structure# shall be erected above ground level in any required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#, except as otherwise provided in Section 24-33 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

In all #Residence Districts#, the width or depth of a #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be measured perpendicular to #lot lines#.

24-33 - Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents

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In all #Residence Districts#, the obstructions set forth in Sections 23-311 (Permitted obstructions in all yards, courts and open areas) and 23-341 (Permitted obstructions in required rear yards or rear yard equivalents), as well as the following obstructions shall be permitted when located within a required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(a) In any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(1) Fences;

(2) Parking spaces for automobiles or bicycles, off-street, open, #accessory#;

(3) #Energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment, subject to the requirements set forth in Section 23-312 (Additional permitted obstructions generally permitted in all yards);

(4) Steps;

(5) Walls, not exceeding eight feet in height and not roofed or part of a #building#.

(b) In any #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(1) Balconies, unenclosed, subject to the provisions of Section 24-164;

(2) Any #building# or portion of a #building# used for #community facility# #uses#, including #accessory# parking spaces for bicycles within such #building#, provided that the height of such #building# shall not exceed one #story#, nor in any event 23 feet above #curb level#, and further provided that the area within such #building# dedicated to #accessory# parking spaces for bicycles shall not exceed the area permitted to be excluded from #floor area#, pursuant to Section 25-85 (Floor Area Exemption). In addition, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs and weirs, pursuant to Section 24-51 (Permitted Obstructions), shall be permitted above such an #accessory building#, or portion thereof. However, the following shall not be permitted obstructions:

(i) in all #Residence Districts#, any portion of a #building# containing rooms used for living or sleeping purposes, other than a room in a hospital used for the care or treatment of patients;

(ii) in R1, R2, R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1 R4A or R4B Districts, any portion of a #building# used for any #community facility# #use#;

(iii) in all #Residence Districts# not listed in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this Section, beyond 100 feet of a #wide street#, any portion of a #building# used for a #community facility# #use# other than a #school#, house of worship, college or university, or hospital and related facilities;

(3) Parking spaces, off-street, #accessory# to a #community facility# #use#, provided that the height of an #accessory building#, or portion of a #building# used for such purposes, shall not exceed 15 feet above #curb level#. However, such #accessory building# or portion of a #building# shall not be a permitted obstruction in R1, R2, R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A or R4B Districts.

However, no portion of a #rear yard equivalent# which is also a required #front yard# or required #side yard# may contain any obstructions not permitted in such #front yard# or #side yard#.

24-34 - Minimum Required Front Yards

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12/5/2024

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, #front yards# shall be provided as set forth in the following table, except that for a #corner lot# in an R1-2 District, one #front yard# may have a depth of 15 feet.

District	#Front Yard# (in feet)
R1	20
R2 R3 R4	15
R5	10
R5D	5*

* In R5D Districts, the provisions set forth in Section 23-321 (Basic front yard requirements) shall apply.

24-35 - Minimum Required Side Yards

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

(a) In the districts indicated, if a #building# containing a #community facility# #use# has an #aggregate width of street walls# equal to 80 feet or less or, for #abutting# #buildings#, if the combined #aggregate width of street walls# of all such #abutting# #buildings# on a #zoning lot# is equal to 80 feet or less, then two #side yards# shall be provided, each with a minimum required width of eight feet. If such #building# or #buildings# have an #aggregate width of street walls# equal to more than 80 feet, two #side yards# shall be provided, each equal to not

less than 10 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls#. The provisions of this paragraph (a) shall not apply in R5D Districts. In lieu thereof, the #side yard# regulations set forth in Section 23-332 (Basic side yard requirements in R1 through R5 Districts), as applicable, shall apply.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

(b) In the districts indicated, no #side yards# are required. However, if any open area extending along a #side lot line# is provided at any level, it shall be at least eight feet wide. The allowances for permitted obstructions in any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section 24-33 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents) shall be permitted in such open areas.

24-351 - Special provisions applying along district boundaries

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R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In the districts indicated, if the boundary of an adjoining R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District coincides with a #side lot line# of a #zoning lot#, a #side yard# at least eight feet wide shall be provided along such boundary within the districts indicated.

24-36 - Minimum Required Rear Yards

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, a #rear yard# with a depth of not less than 30 feet shall be provided at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot# except as otherwise provided in Sections 24-37 (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots), 24-38 (Special Provisions for Through Lots) or 24-39 (Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards). #Rear yards# shall also be provided along portions of #side lot lines# as set forth in Section 24-361 (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line).

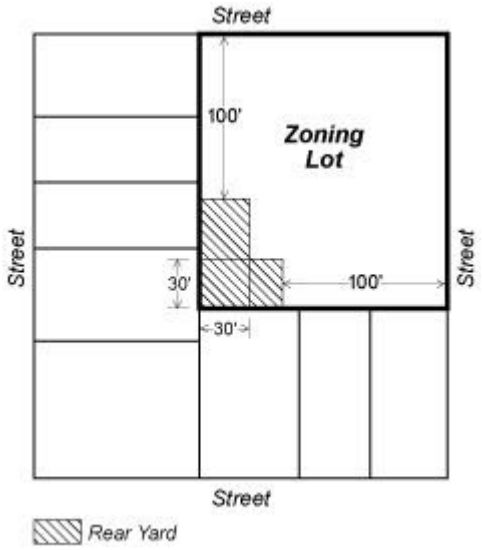
24-361 - Beyond one hundred feet of a street line

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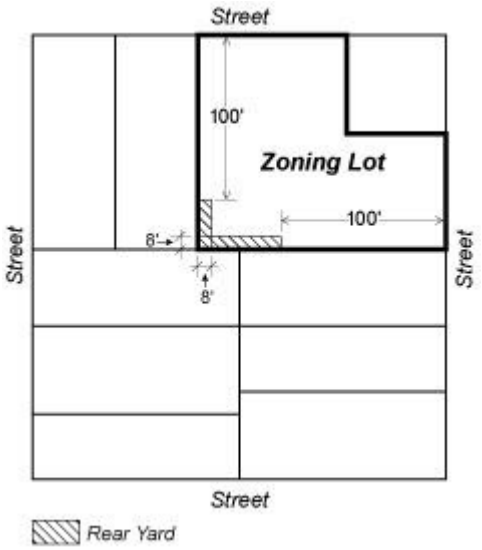
In all districts, as indicated, for #corner lots#, and for #zoning lots# that are bounded by two or more #streets# that are neither #corner lots# nor #through lots#, the portion of a #side lot line# beyond 100 feet of the #street line# that it intersects shall be considered a #rear lot line# and the following rules shall apply along such #rear lot line#:

(a) In all districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 30 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



CORNER LOT

(b) In R1 through R5 Districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of eight feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



ZONING LOT BOUNDED BY TWO OR MORE STREETS (NEITHER A CORNER LOT NOR A THROUGH LOT)

(c) In R6 through R12 Districts, no #rear yard# shall be required where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

24-37 - Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In the districts indicated, if an #interior lot# consists entirely of a tract of land:

(a) which was owned separately and individually from all other adjoining tracts of land, both on December 15, 1961 and on the date of application for a building permit; and

(b) which is less than 70 feet deep at any point;

the depth of a required #rear yard# for such #interior lot# may be reduced by one foot for each foot by which the maximum depth of such #zoning lot# is less than 70 feet. On any #interior lot# with a maximum depth of 50 feet or less, the minimum depth of a required #rear yard# shall be 10 feet.

24-38 - Special Provisions for Through Lots

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, the regulations of this Section shall apply to all #through lots#. In the case of a #zoning lot# occupying an entire #block#, no #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be required.

24-381 - Excepted through lots

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

(a) In all districts, as indicated, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply to any #through lots# that extend less than 110 feet in maximum depth from #street# to #street#.

(b) In the districts indicated, for all #buildings#, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply to any #zoning lot# that includes a #through lot# portion which is contiguous on one side to two #corner lot# portions, and such #zoning lot# occupies the entire #block# frontage of a #street#.

24-382 - Required rear yard equivalents

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, on any #through lot# 110 feet or more in maximum depth from #street# to #street#, one of the following #rear yard equivalents# shall be provided:

(a) an open area with a minimum depth of 60 feet midway (or within five feet of being midway) between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts;

(b) two open areas, each adjoining and extending along the full length of a #street line#, and each with a minimum depth of 30 feet measured from such #street line#, except the depth of such required open area along one #street line# may be decreased, provided that:

(1) a corresponding increase in the depth of the open area along the other #street line# is made; and

(2) any required front setback areas are maintained; or

(c) an open area adjoining and extending along the full length of each #side lot line#, with a minimum width of 30 feet measured from each such #side lot line#.

However, in R5D, R6A, R6B, R6D, R7A, R7B, R7D, R7X, R8A, R8B, R8X, R9A, R9D, R9X, R10A, R10X and R11A Districts, on any #through lot# at least 180 feet in depth from #street# to #street#, a #rear yard equivalent# shall be provided only as set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section.

Any such #rear yard equivalent# shall be unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky, except as provided in Section 24-33 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

24-39 - Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards

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R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In all districts, as indicated, the #rear yard# requirements set forth in Section 24-36 (Minimum Required Rear Yards) shall be modified, as set forth in this Section, inclusive.

24-391 - Within one hundred feet of corners

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R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In the districts indicated, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of the point of intersection of two #street lines# intersecting at an angle of 135 degrees or less.

24-392 - Along short dimension of block

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R6 R7 R8 R9 R10 R11 R12

In the districts indicated, whenever a #front lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with the #street line# of the #short dimension of a block#, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of such #front lot line#.

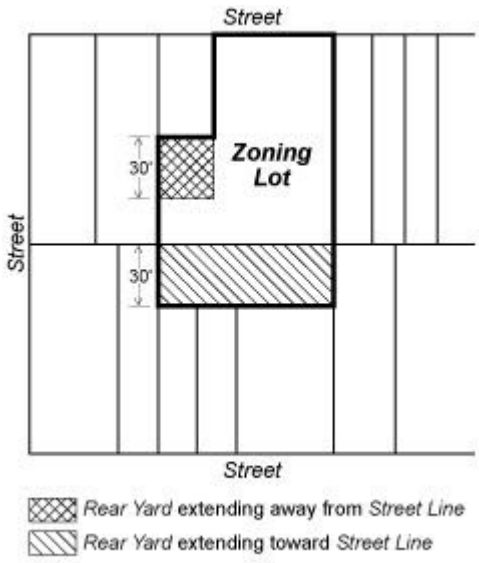
24-393 - For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines

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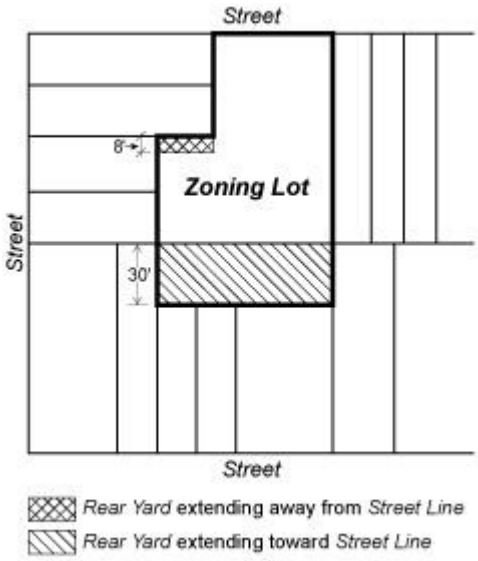
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In all districts, as indicated, for #zoning lots# with multiple #rear lot lines#, if a #rear yard# extends from a #rear lot line# away from the #street line# which is used to determine such #rear lot line#, the following rules shall apply along such #rear lot line#:

(a) In all districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 30 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

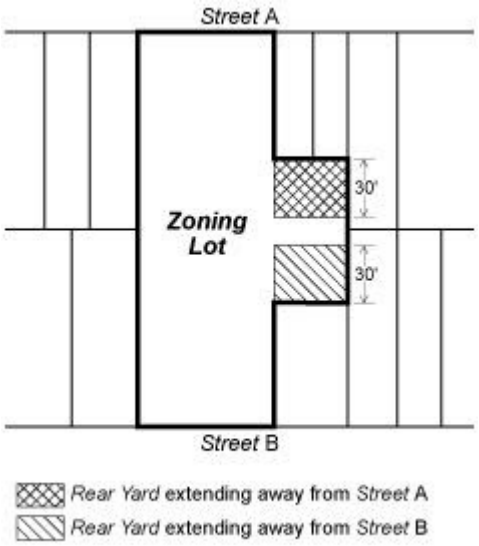


(b) In R1 through R5 Districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of eight feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



(c) In R6 through R12 Districts, no #rear yard# shall be required where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

(d) In all districts, for portions of #through lots# that have multiple #rear lot lines# and such portions are not subject to #interior lot# regulations, the #street line# bounding the #zoning lot# closest to such #rear lot line# shall be used to determine compliance with this Section.


Street A
Zoning Lot
30'
30'
Street B
Rear Yard extending away from Street A
Rear Yard extending away from Street B