



## Zoning Resolution

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# **23-40 - YARD REGULATIONS**

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## 23-40 - YARD REGULATIONS

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12/15/1961

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### 23-41 - Definitions

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LAST AMENDED  
11/19/1987

Words in italics are defined in Section [12-10](#) (DEFINITIONS) or, if applicable exclusively to this Section, in this Section.

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### 23-42 - Level of Yards

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12/15/1961

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 [23-44](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

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### 23-43 - Measurement of Yard Width or Depth

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12/15/1961

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

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### 23-44 - Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents

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In all #Residence Districts#, the obstructions set forth in this Section, inclusive, shall be permitted within a required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#.

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#### 23-441 - General permitted obstruction allowances

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In all #Residence Districts#, the following obstructions shall be permitted within any required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#. These allowances are generally common to #Residence#, #Commercial# and #Manufacturing Districts#.

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

- (1) #Accessory# mechanical equipment, limited in depth to 18 inches from an exterior wall;
- (2) Arbors or trellises;
- (3) Awnings and other sun control devices, provided that when located at a level higher than the first #story#, excluding a #basement#, all such awnings and other sun control devices:
  - (i) shall be limited to a maximum projection from a #building# wall of 2 feet, 6 inches; and
  - (ii) shall have solid surfaces that, in aggregate, cover an area no more than 30 percent of the area of the #building# wall (as viewed in elevation) from which they project;
- (4) Bicycles or micromobility parking, including necessary ancillary structures;
- (5) Canopies;
- (6) Chimneys, projecting not more than three feet into, and not exceeding two percent of the area of, the required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#;
- (7) Eaves, gutters, downspouts, or other similar projections, extending into such #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# not more than 16 inches or 20 percent of the width of such #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#, whichever is the lesser distance;
- (8) Electric vehicle charging equipment;
- (9) Flagpoles;
- (10) #Qualifying exterior wall thickness#;
- (11) Ramps or lifts for people with physical disabilities;
- (12) Solar energy systems, #accessory# or as part of an #energy infrastructure equipment#:
  - (i) on walls existing on April 30, 2012, projecting no more than 10 inches and occupying no more than 20 percent of the surface area of the #building# wall (as viewed in elevation) from which it projects; or
  - (ii) above other permitted obstructions, as applicable, provided that the additional height shall be limited to 18 inches;
- (13) Terraces or porches, open;
- (14) Window sills, or similar projections extending into such #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# not more than four inches;

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

- (1) Breezeways;

- (2) Fire escapes;
- (3) Greenhouses, non-commercial, #accessory#, limited to one #story# or 15 feet in height above adjoining grade, whichever is less, and limited to an area not exceeding 25 percent of a required #rear yard#;
- (4) Recreational or drying yard equipment;
- (5) Sheds, tool rooms or other similar #accessory# #buildings or other structures# for domestic or agricultural storage, with a height not exceeding 10 feet above the level of the #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#;
- (6) Solar energy systems, #accessory# or as part of an #energy infrastructure equipment#:
  - (i) on the roof of a #building# permitted as an obstruction to such #yard#, up to four feet in height as measured perpendicular to the roof surface; however, limited to 18 inches in height as measured perpendicular to the roof surface when located above a detached #accessory# #building or other structure#, or on any roof with a slope greater than 20 degrees; or
  - (ii) affixed to solar canopies and located over any #accessory# off-street parking space, provided that the height shall not exceed 15 feet above the level of the adjoining grade;
- (7) Water-conserving devices required in connection with air conditioning or refrigeration systems in #buildings# existing prior to May 20, 1966, if located not less than eight feet from any #lot line#.

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#.

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## 23-442 - Additional permitted obstructions

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In all #Residence Districts#, the obstructions set forth in Section [23-441](#) (General permitted obstruction allowances), as well as the following obstructions, shall be permitted within a required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

- (a) In any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:
  - (1) Balconies, unenclosed, of a #building# containing #residences# subject to the applicable provisions of Section [23-13](#). Such balconies are not permitted in required #side yards#;
  - (2) Fences, not exceeding four feet in height above adjoining grade in any #front yard#, except that for #corner lots# a fence may be up to six feet in height within that portion of one #front yard# that is between a #side lot line# and the prolongation of the side wall of the #residence# facing such #side lot line#;
  - (3) Fire escapes, projecting into a #front yard#, only in such cases where the fire escape is required for the #conversion# of a #building# in existence before December 15, 1961;
  - (4) Overhanging portions of a #building# in R4 and R5 Districts, except R4-1, R4A, R4B, R5A, R5B or R5D Districts, which are above the first #story# including the #basement# and which project not more than three feet

into the required 18-foot #front yard#. In no case shall the lowest level of the projected portion be less than seven feet above the level of the #front yard# at the face of the #building#. Supports for the projected portion of any #building# are permitted obstructions within the required #front yard#, provided that the total area occupied by such supports does not exceed 15 percent of the area underneath the projected portion. No support may extend beyond the three-foot projection

- (5) Parking spaces for automobiles, off-street, open, #accessory#, within a #side# or #rear yard#;
- (6) Parking spaces, off-street, open, within a #front yard#, that are #accessory# to a #building# containing #residences#, provided that:
  - (i) in R1, R2, R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A and R5A Districts, except in #lower density growth management areas#, such spaces meet all the requirements of paragraph (a) of Section [25-621](#) (Location of parking spaces in certain districts);
  - (ii) in R3-2 Districts, R4 Districts other than R4-1, R4A and R4B Districts, and R5 Districts other than R5A, R5B and R5D Districts, such spaces meet all the requirements of paragraph (b) of Section [25-621](#);
  - (iii) in #lower density growth management areas#, such spaces are non-required and are located in a driveway that accesses parking spaces that are located behind the #street wall# of the #building# or prolongation thereof;

However, no parking spaces of any kind shall be permitted in any #front yard# in an R4B, R5B or R5D District. Furthermore, no parking spaces of any kind shall be permitted in any #front yard# on a #zoning lot# containing an #attached# or #semi-detached# #building# in an R1, R2, R3A, R3X, R4A or R5A District, or in any #front yard# on a #zoning lot# containing an #attached# #building# in an R3-1 or R4-1 District;

- (7) #Energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment, provided that:
  - (i) all equipment shall be subject to the applicable provisions of Section [26-60](#) (SPECIAL SCREENING AND ENCLOSURE PROVISIONS);
  - (ii) the size of all equipment, including any screening or portions of any #building or other structure# enclosing such equipment, shall not exceed:
    - (a) an area equivalent to 25 percent of a required #yard#, or #rear yard equivalent#, and in addition, in #front yards#, is limited to an area not exceeding 25 square feet. However, for #corner lots#, one #front yard# may be treated as a #side yard# for the purpose of applying such size restrictions;
    - (b) in R1 through R5 Districts, a height of 10 feet above the adjoining grade in #rear yards#, #rear yard equivalents# and #side yards#, or a height of five feet above the adjoining grade in #front yards#; and
    - (c) in R6 through R10 Districts, a height of 15 feet above the adjoining grade;
- (8) Steps, provided that such steps access only the lowest #story# or #cellar# of a #building# fronting on a #street#, which may include a #story# located directly above a #basement#;
- (9) Swimming pools, #accessory#, above-grade structures limited to a height not exceeding eight feet above the level of the #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#. #Accessory# swimming pools are not permitted obstructions in any #front yard#;

- (10) Walls, not exceeding eight feet in height above adjoining grade and not roofed or part of a #building#, and not exceeding four feet in height in any #front yard#, except that for #corner lots#, a wall may be up to six feet in height within that portion of one #front yard# that is between a #side lot line# and the prolongation of the side wall of the #residence# facing such #side lot line#;
- (b) In any #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:
- (1) Balconies, unenclosed, subject to the provisions of Section [23-13](#);
  - (2) Parking spaces, off-street, #accessory#, for automobiles or bicycles, provided that:
    - (i) if #accessory# to a #single-# or #two-family residence#, the height of a #building# containing such parking spaces shall not exceed 10 feet in height above the adjoining grade and such #building# shall be #detached# from such #residence#. Furthermore, if located in an R1 District, such #building# may not be nearer than five feet to a #rear lot line# or #side lot line#. In R2A Districts, detached garages shall be included in #lot coverage#;
    - (ii) if #accessory# to any other kind of #building# containing #residences#, the height of a #building#, or portion thereof, containing such parking spaces within the #rear yard#, shall not exceed 10 feet above adjoining grade, including the apex of a pitched roof in R3, R4 or R5 Districts, or 15 feet above #curb level# or #base plane#, as applicable, in R6, R7, R8, R9 or R10 Districts. In addition, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs, and weirs, as set forth in Section [23-62](#) (Permitted Obstructions), limited to 18 inches in height, as measured perpendicular to the roof surface, shall be permitted upon the roof of such #accessory# #building# within the #rear yard#;
    - (iii) enclosed #accessory# parking spaces for bicycles shall be #accessory# to a #residence# other than a #single-# or #two-family residence#, attached to a #building#, and the area dedicated to such spaces shall not exceed the area of bicycle parking spaces permitted to be excluded from #floor area# pursuant to Section [25-85](#) (Floor Area Exemption);
  - (3) any portion of a #building# used for #residential uses# other than #dwelling units# in #Quality Housing buildings# containing #affordable independent residences for seniors# on #zoning lots# meeting the criteria set forth in paragraph (a)(4) of Section [23-664](#) (Modified height and setback regulations for certain Inclusionary Housing buildings or affordable independent residences for seniors), provided that:
    - (i) such #zoning lot# is located in an R6 through R10 District other than an R6B, R7B or R8B District;
    - (ii) the height of such #building# portion does not exceed one #story#, or 15 feet above the adjoining grade, whichever is less;
    - (iii) such #building# portion is located within 100 feet of a #wide street#; and
    - (iv) such space shall be accessible to all residents of the #building#. In addition, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs and weirs, as set forth in Section [23-62](#) (Permitted Obstructions), limited to 18 inches in height, as measured perpendicular to the roof surface, shall be permitted upon the roof of such portion of a #building# within the #rear yard#.

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#.

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12/6/2023

In all #Residence Districts#, on #corner lots#, enclosed #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be considered permitted obstructions in any portion of a #side yard# which is within 30 feet of both #side lot lines#, provided that, in an R1 or R2A District, on a #corner lot# whose mean width is 45 feet or more, no structure used for such purposes shall be less than five feet from any #side lot line#. In R2A Districts, detached garages shall be included in #lot coverage#.

### 23-444 - Location of garages in side yards of other zoning lots

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12/6/2023

In all #Residence Districts#, on #zoning lots# other than #corner lots#, where no #rear yard# is required under the provisions of Sections [23-541](#) (Within one hundred feet of corners) or [23-542](#) (Along short dimension of block), enclosed #accessory# off-street parking spaces shall be considered permitted obstructions in any portion of a #side yard# that is within 30 feet of the #rear lot line#.

### 23-45 - Minimum Required Front Yards

LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

- (a) 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 and, for a #corner lot# in an R3 District, one #front yard# may have a depth of 10 feet.

| Front Yard | District         |
|------------|------------------|
| 20 feet    | R1               |
| 20 feet*   | R1-2A            |
| 15 feet    | R2 R2X R3-1 R3-2 |
| 15 feet*   | R2A              |

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|-----------|----------------------|
| 10 feet*  | R3A R3X R4-1 R4A R5A |
| 10 feet** | R4 R5                |
| 5 feet*   | R4B R5B R5D          |

\* Except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section

\*\* If the depth of a #front yard# exceeds 10 feet, the depth of the #front yard# shall be at least 18 feet. Furthermore, #developments# or #enlargements# pursuant to the optional regulations applicable in a #predominantly built-up area# shall provide a #front yard# with a depth of at least 18 feet. However, on a #corner lot#, if one #front yard# has a depth of at least 18 feet, the other #front yard# shall have a depth of at least 10 feet

Furthermore, if an opening to an #accessory# off-street parking space is located within the #street wall# of a #building# containing #residences#, there shall be an open area between the opening and the #street line# which is at least 8 feet, six inches in width by 18 feet in depth, except this provision shall not apply in R5D Districts.

R1-2A R2A R3A R3X R4-1 R4A R4B R5A R5B R5D

(b) For the purpose of paragraphs (b) and (c) the area between the #street line# and the front #building# wall of adjacent #buildings# on the same or adjoining #zoning lots# shall be considered adjacent #front yards#.

Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section, in the districts indicated, if adjacent #buildings# containing #residences# on the same or on adjoining #zoning lots# fronting on the same #street# have #front yards# greater than the minimum set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section, then a #front yard# shall be provided which:

- (1) in R1-2A, R2A, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A or R5A Districts is at least as deep as an adjacent #front yard#; and
- (2) in R4B, R5B or R5D Districts is no deeper than the deepest adjacent #front yard# and no shallower than the shallowest adjacent #front yard#.

However, a #front yard# need not exceed 20 feet in depth, except that in R1-2A Districts, a #front yard# need not exceed 25 feet in depth.

In determining the depth of the adjacent #front yards#, balconies and projections from the front #building# wall that do not exceed 33 percent of the width of the #building# shall be disregarded.

For #developments# or #enlargements#, projections into the required #front yard# are permitted provided that the width of all projections at the level of any #story# does not exceed 33 percent of the width of the #building#. The depth of such projections shall not exceed three feet into the #front yard#. However, balconies shall be subject to the provisions of Sections [23-13](#) (Balconies) and [23-44](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

(c) The provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section determining the depth of a #front yard# by the location of a #front yard# on an adjacent #zoning lot#, are modified as follows:



- (1) on #corner lots#, these provisions shall apply on only one #street# frontage; and
- (2) these provisions shall not apply to:
  - (i) any #street# frontage of a #zoning lot# where such frontage has a length of at least 150 feet along such #street#;
  - (ii) any #zoning lot# located in historic districts designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission; or
  - (iii) a frontage of any #zoning lot# where the depths of 50 percent of the #front yards# within 150 feet of the #side lot lines# of such #zoning lot# are shallower by more than two feet than the shallowest of the adjacent #front yards#.

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

- (d) For any #zoning lot# located in a Historic District designated by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section are modified as follows:

The depth of the #front# yard may vary between the requirements of paragraph (a) of this Section, or as modified in any applicable Special District, and the depth of the #front yard# of any adjacent #zoning lot#.

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## **23-451 - Planting requirement**

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4/14/2010

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, a minimum percentage of the area of the #front yard# shall be planted, which shall vary by #street# frontage of the #zoning lot# as set forth in the following table. For the purposes of this Section, the #front yard# shall include the entire area between all #street walls# of the #building# and their prolongations and the #street line#. Planted areas shall be comprised of any combination of grass, groundcover, shrubs, trees or other living plant material, and shall have a minimum dimension of one foot, exclusive of any bounding walls. Any planted area within a driveway or parking space shall not qualify towards meeting the minimum planting requirements of this Section. For #through lots# or #corner lots#, the planting requirement of this Section shall be applied separately to each #street# frontage. For #corner lots#, planted areas of overlapping portions of #front yards# shall only be counted towards the planting requirement of one #front yard#. For #zoning lots# with multiple #building segments#, the planting requirement of this Section shall be applied separately to the entire area between the #street wall# of each #building segment# and the #street line#.

Where multiple #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# front upon the same #street#, the planting requirements of this Section shall be determined by the #street# frontage allocated to the area occupied by each such #building# and applied separately to the entire area between the #street line# and the #street wall# of each #building# and its prolongation. The allocation of planting requirements to open areas between #buildings# shall be determined by dividing such open area evenly, with an equal portion attributed to each #building# on both sides of such open area.

Any #zoning lot# occupied by a #building# constructed after April 30, 2008, shall provide planted areas in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Any #zoning lot# occupied by a #building# constructed prior to such date shall not be altered in any way that will either create new #non-compliance# or increase the degree of #non-compliance# with the provisions of this Section.

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| #Street# frontage of #zoning lot#, #street wall# width of #building segment#, or #street# frontage allocated to each of multiple #buildings# on a single #zoning lot#, as applicable | Percentage of #front yard# to be planted (minimum) |
| Less than 20 feet  | 20   |
| 20 to 34 feet  | 25   |
| 35 to 59 feet  | 30   |
| 60 feet or greater   | 50   |

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## 23-46 - Minimum Required Side Yards

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2/2/2011

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, #side yards# shall be provided on any #zoning lot# as specified in this Section, except as otherwise provided in the following Sections:

Section [23-48](#) (Special Provisions for Existing Narrow Zoning Lots)

Section [23-49](#) (Special Provisions for Side Lot Line Walls)

Section [23-51](#) (Special Provisions for Yards Adjacent to R1 Through R5 Districts)

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

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12/6/2023

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*

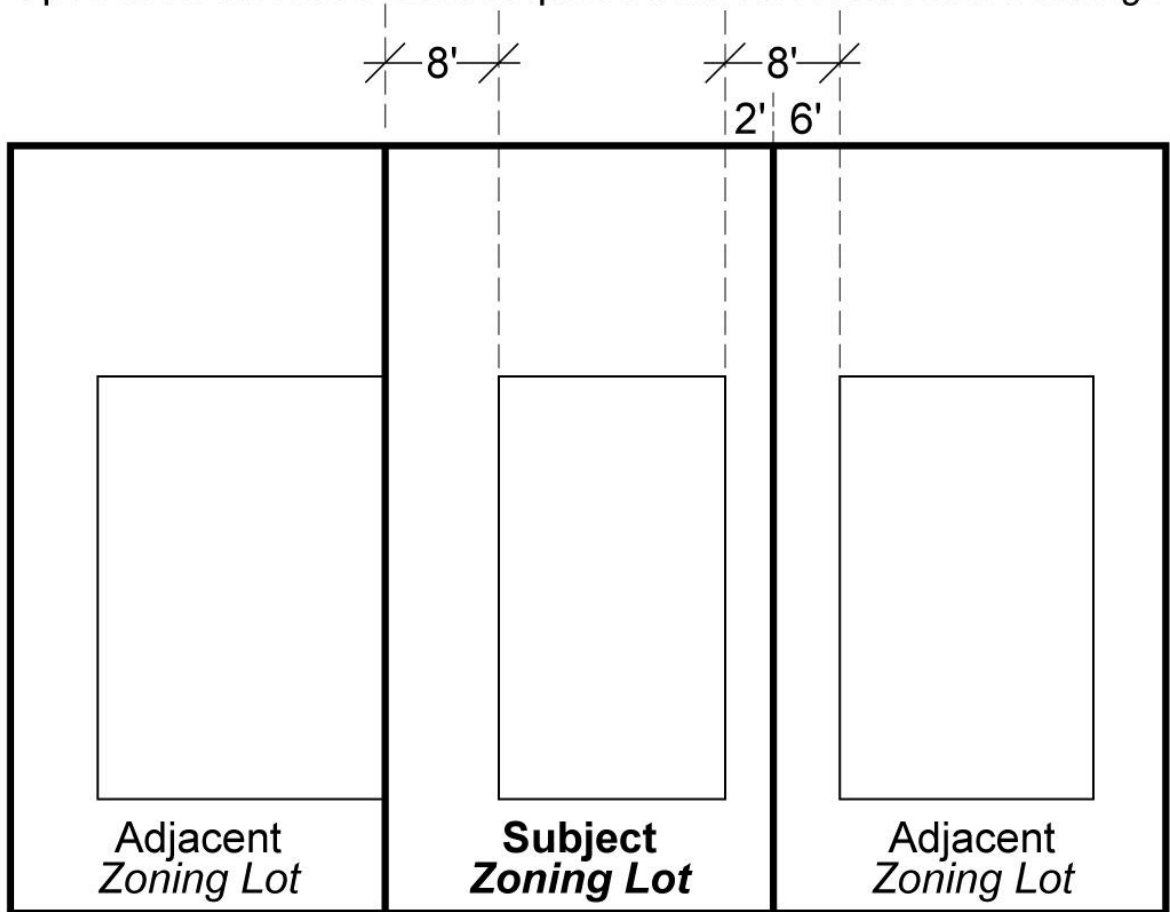


Figure A

(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'.

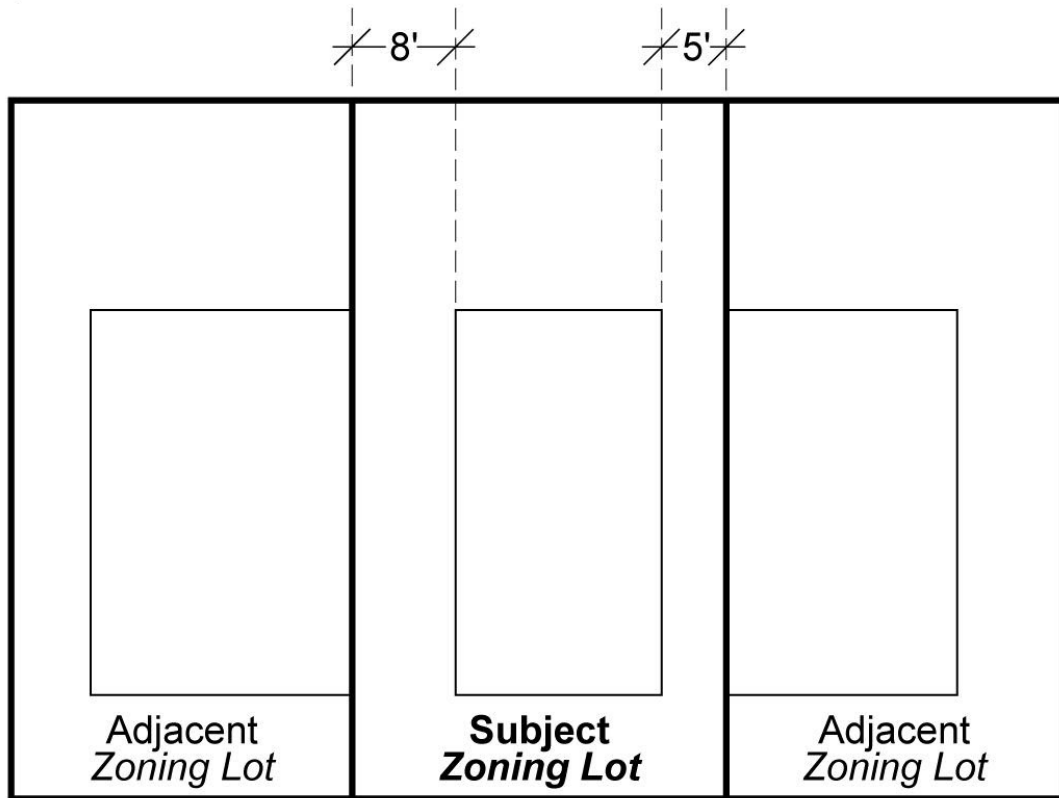


Figure B

(23-461c2)

(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)

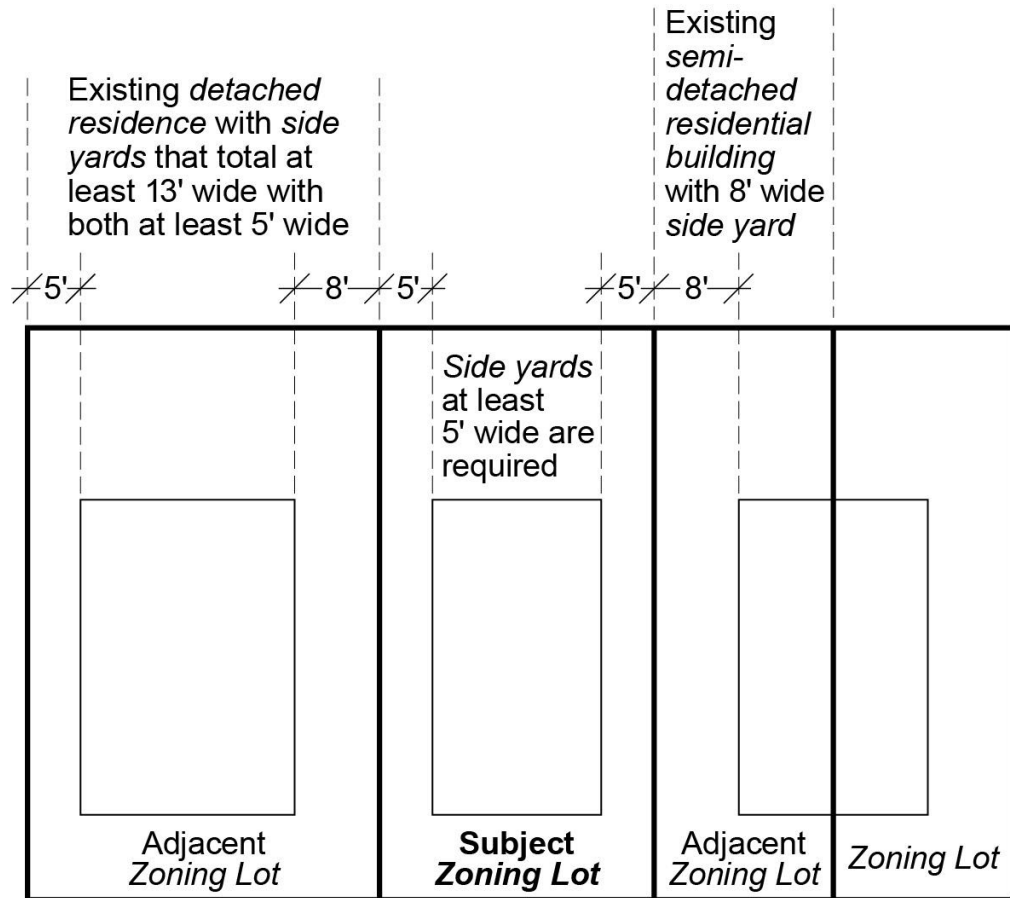


Figure C

(23-461c4)

## 23-462 - Side yards for all other buildings containing residences

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R3-2 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, except as set forth in Section [23-461](#) (Side yards for single- or two-family residences) or Section [23-49](#) (Special Provisions for Side Lot Line Walls), #side yards# shall be provided for all #zoning lots# with #buildings# containing

#residences# as provided in this Section:

R3-2 R4 R5

- (a) In the districts indicated, except R4B, R5B or R5D Districts, two #side yards#, each with a minimum required width of eight feet, shall be provided. However, if the #aggregate width of street walls# of a #residential# #building# is more than 80 feet or, for #abutting# #buildings# if the combined #aggregate width of street walls# of all such #abutting# #buildings# on a #zoning lot# is more than 80 feet, then two #side yards# shall be provided, each equal to not less than 10 percent of such #aggregate width of street walls#. For #zoning lots# where no such #buildings# exceed a height of two #stories# and a #basement#, #side yards# need not exceed 15 feet in width.

However, on all #corner lots# in #lower density growth management areas#, one #side yard# shall be at least 20 feet in width.

R4B R5B R5D

- (b) In the districts indicated, no #side yards# are required; however, where a #building# containing #residences# on an adjacent #zoning lot# has a #side yard#, an open area with a minimum width of eight feet and parallel to the #side lot line# is required along the common #side lot line# between such #buildings#. Obstructions permitted pursuant to paragraph (c)(3) of Section [23-461](#) shall be permitted in such open areas.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (c) 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 have a minimum width of eight feet, measured perpendicular to the #side lot line#, and extend along the entire #side lot line#, except where a #court# is provided in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section [23-60](#) (HEIGHT AND SETBACK REGULATIONS). The allowances for permitted obstructions in any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section [23-44](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents) shall be permitted in such open areas.

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## 23-463 - Maximum aggregate width of street walls

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2/2/2011

R3-2 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, except R4B, R5B or R5D Districts, the #aggregate width of street walls# of a #building# containing #residences# or, for #abutting buildings# the combined #aggregate width of street walls# of all such #abutting buildings# on a #zoning lot#, shall not exceed the width set forth in the following table:

MAXIMUM AGGREGATE WIDTH OF STREET WALLS

| District | Feet |
|----------|------|
| R3-2     | 125  |
| R4 R5    | 185  |

However, the City Planning Commission may authorize, in R4 and R5 Districts, #aggregate width of street walls# in excess of 185 feet, provided the Commission finds that:

- (1) the #street wall# is adequately articulated by such design features as variable setbacks, stoops, bay windows or changes in the heights of the #buildings#; and
- (2) the #development# or #enlargement# will not be incompatible with #buildings# on the surrounding #blocks#.

The Commission may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding area.

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## **23-464 - Side yards for buildings used for permitted non-residential uses**

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LAST AMENDED  
12/5/1990

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

- (a) In the districts indicated, if a #building# used for permitted non-#residential uses# has an #aggregate width of street walls# equal to 60 feet or less, two #side yards# shall be provided, each with a minimum required width of eight feet. If such #building# has an #aggregate width of street walls# equal to more than 60 feet, two #side yards# shall be provided, each equal to not less than 15 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls#.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (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.

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## **23-47 - Minimum Required Rear Yards**

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LAST AMENDED  
4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

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 [23-52](#) (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots), [23-53](#) (Special Provisions for Through Lots) or [23-54](#) (Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards). #Rear yards# shall also be provided along portions of #side lot lines# as set forth in Section [23-471](#) (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line).

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## **23-471 - Beyond one hundred feet of a street line**

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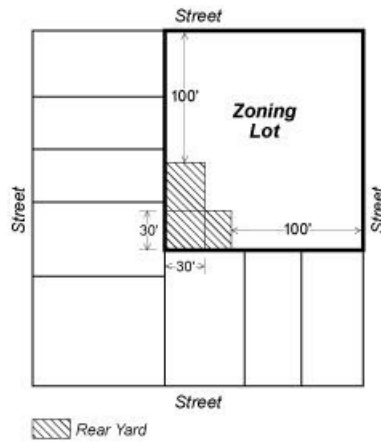
LAST AMENDED  
4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, for #interior# or #through lot# portions of #corner lots#, and for #zoning lots# 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# :



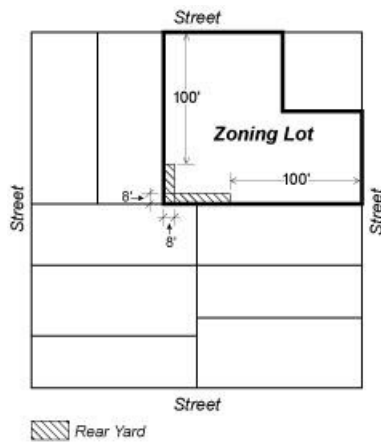
- (a) In all districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 30 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



CORNER LOT

(23-471a)

- (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)

(23-471b)

- (c) In R6 through R10 Districts, no #rear yard# shall be required where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

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## 23-48 - Special Provisions for Existing Narrow Zoning Lots

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LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, except R2X, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A, R4B, R5A, R5B or R5D Districts, the required total width of #side yards# for a #single-family# #detached# or #two-family# #detached# #residence# may be reduced by four inches for each foot by which the width of a #zoning lot# is less than that required under the provisions of Section [23-32](#) (Minimum Lot Area or Lot Width for Residences) if such #zoning lot# :

- (a) has less than the prescribed minimum #lot width#; and
- (b) 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.

However, in no event shall the required width of a #side yard# be less than five feet.

In R5D Districts, no #side yards# shall be required for any #zoning lot# having a width of less than 30 feet along a #street# and existing on the effective date of establishing such district on the #zoning map#.

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## 23-49 - Special Provisions for Side Lot Line Walls

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LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

R3-1 R3-2 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, except R4A and R5A Districts, a #building# containing #residences# may:

- (a) #abut# an existing #building# located along a #side lot line#, where such #building# was existing on December 15, 1961, or lawfully erected under the terms of this Resolution, provided that walls of the #building# containing #residences# and walls of the existing #building# shall #abut# for a length equal to or greater than one half of the distance between the #street wall line# and #rear wall line# of the existing #building#. For the purposes of this paragraph (a), an “existing #building#” shall not include an #accessory building# located on an #interior# or #through lot#;
- (b) #abut# other #buildings# containing #residences# being erected at the same time on an adjoining #zoning lot# or #zoning lots#.

For such #buildings# containing #residences#, the #side yard# requirements shall be waived along the #side lot line# of the #zoning lot# coincident with the #abutting# #buildings#, and one #side yard# shall be provided along any #side lot line# of the #zoning lot# without an #abutting# #building# with a width of at least eight feet in R3-1, R3-2, R4 or R5 Districts, and four feet in R4-1, R4B or R5B Districts.