



Zoning Resolution

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23-46 - Minimum Required Side Yards

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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)

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

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(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*

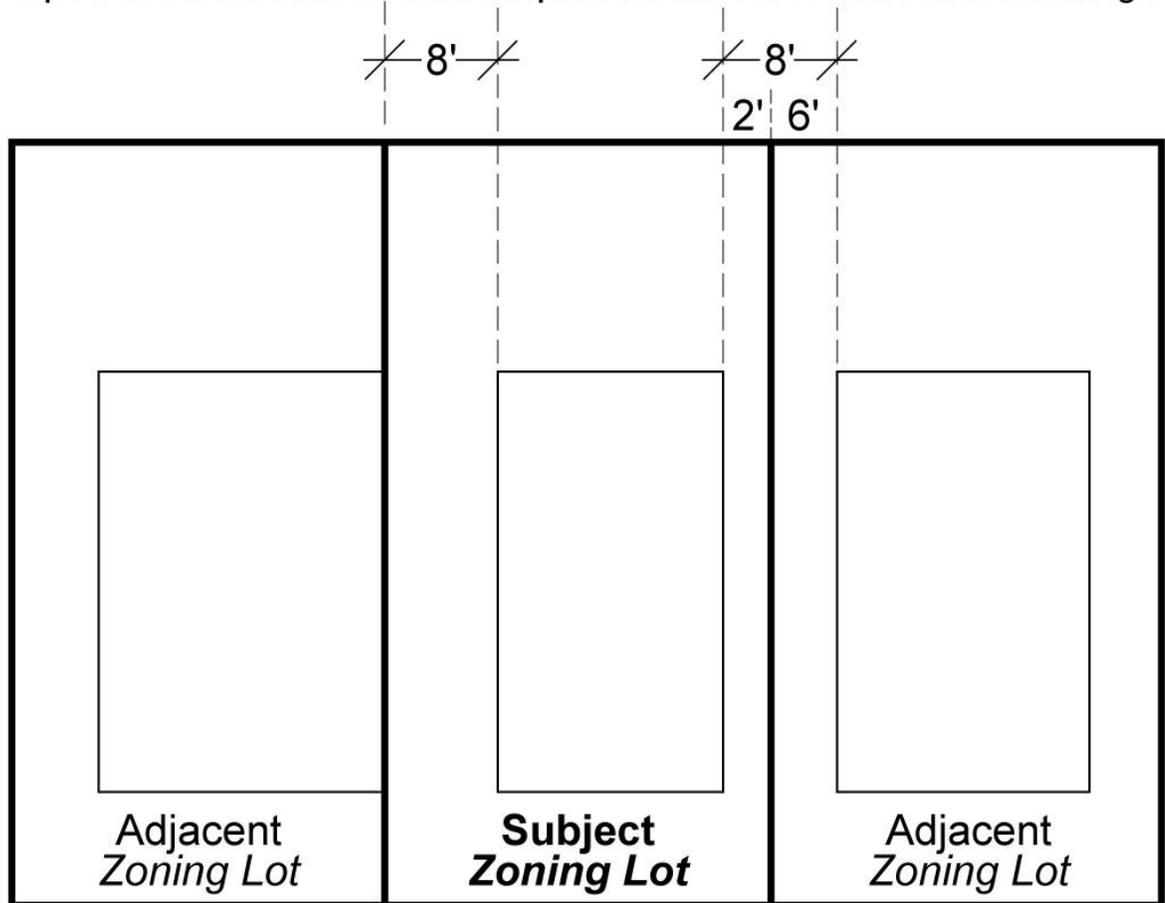


Figure A

(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'.

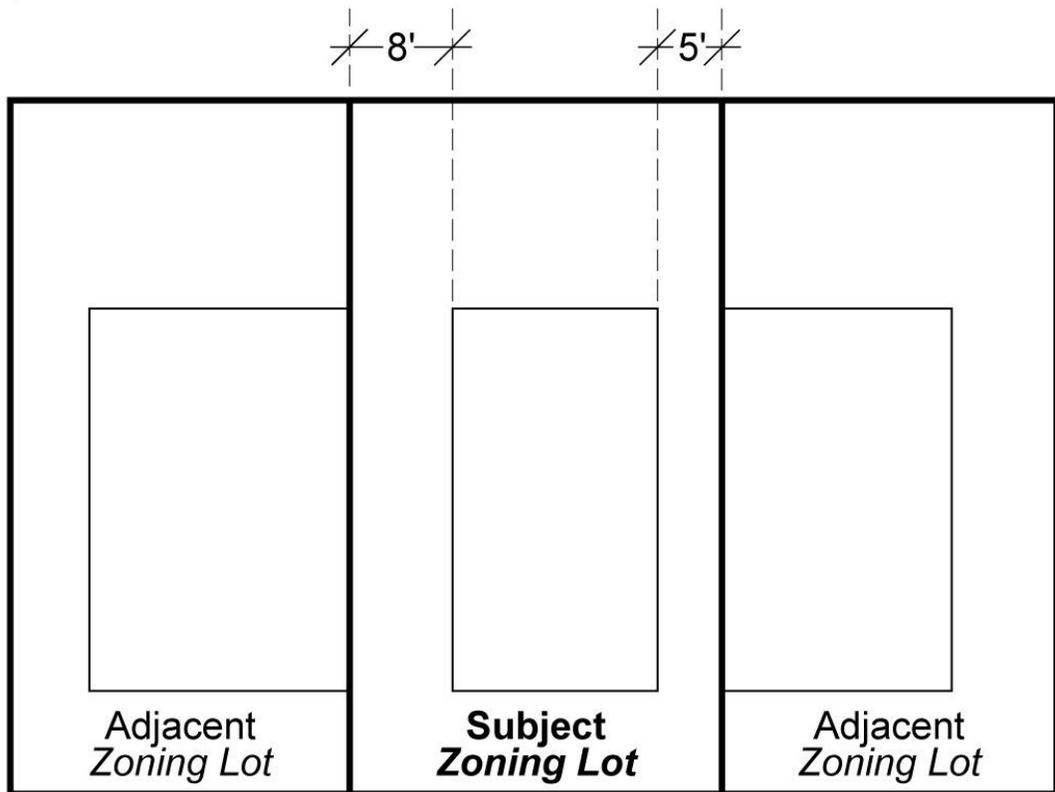


Figure B

(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)

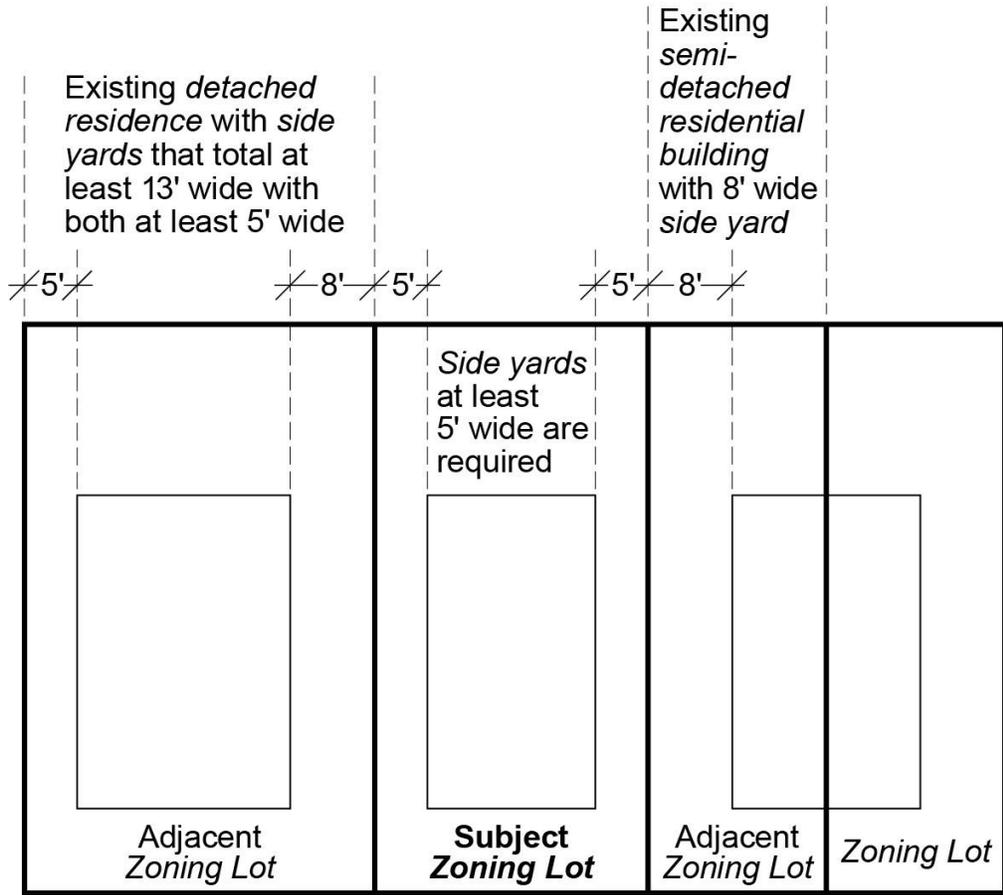


Figure C

(23-461c4)

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

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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.

23-463 - Maximum aggregate width of street walls

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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.

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

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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.