



## 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

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(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*

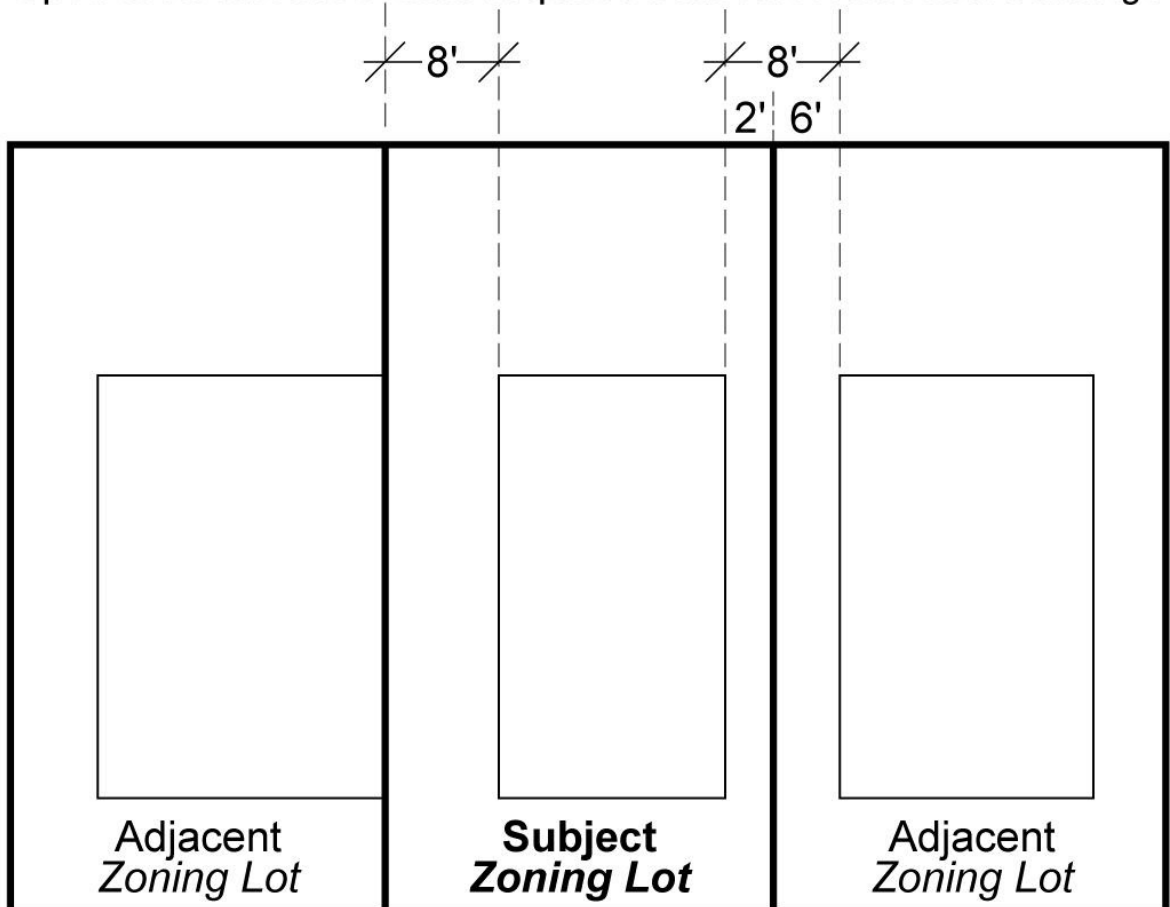


Figure A

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- (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'.

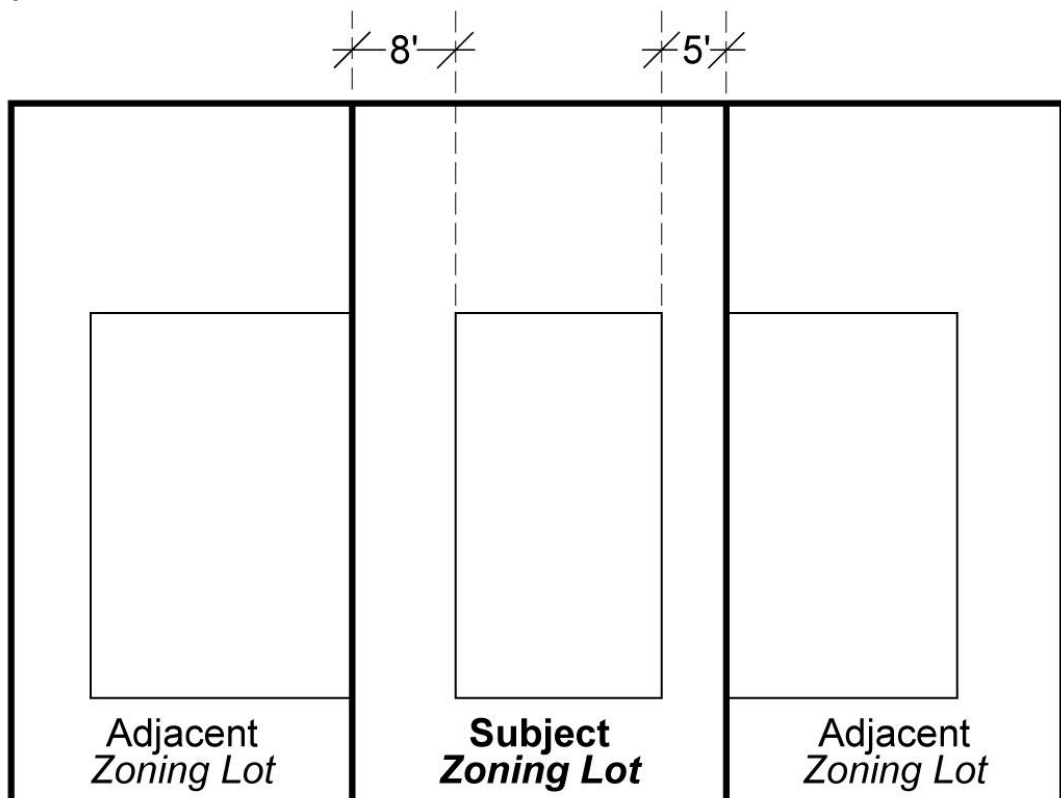


Figure B

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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)

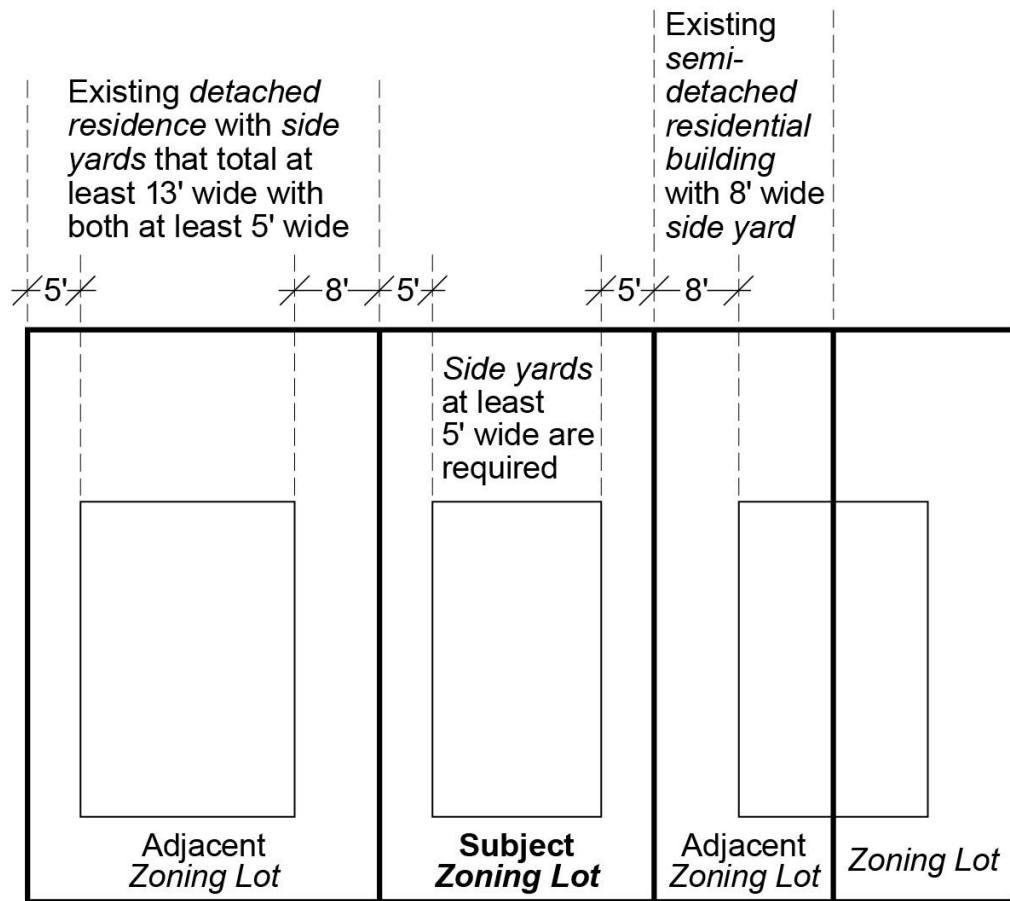


Figure C

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