



Zoning Resolution

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23-50 - Additional Yard Regulations

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LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

23-51 - Special Provisions for Yards Adjacent to R1 Through R5 Districts

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2/2/2011

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, the provisions of this Section shall apply to #zoning lots# located, wholly or partially, within an R6, R7, R8, R9 or R10 District that are adjacent to a #zoning lot# located wholly or partially within an R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District.

A #side yard# at least eight feet wide shall be provided along the entire length of the common #side lot line#. Such #side yard# may be used for #accessory# parking.

Rear Yards

23-52 - Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots

LAST AMENDED
3/22/2016

R3 R4 R5

(a) In the districts indicated, if an #interior lot# :

- (1) 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
- (2) 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.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

(b) In the districts indicated, if an #interior lot# :

- (1) 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
- (2) is less than 90 feet deep at any point;

the depth of a required #rear yard#, or portion thereof, for such #interior lot#, may be reduced by six inches for each foot by which the depth of a #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, is less than 90 feet. However, in no event shall the minimum depth of a #required yard#, or portion thereof, be reduced to less than 10 feet.

(c) Special provisions for #zoning lots# created after December 15, 1961

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (b) of this Section, in R6 through R10 Districts, the special #rear yard# provisions of this Section may be applied to a #zoning lot# created after December 15, 1961, or portion thereof, provided that the shallow lot condition was in existence on December 15, 1961, and, subsequently, such shallow lot condition on the #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, has neither increased nor decreased in depth.

23-53 - Special Provisions for Through Lots

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the regulations of this Section shall apply to all #through lots#, except as provided in Section 23-471 (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line). In the case of a #zoning lot# occupying an entire #block#, no #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be required.

23-531 - Excepted through lots

LAST AMENDED
2/2/2011

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (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#.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

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

23-532 - Required rear yard equivalents

LAST AMENDED
3/22/2016

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, except for #Quality Housing buildings# in R6 through R10 Districts, the provisions for which are set forth in Section 23-533 (Required rear yard equivalents for Quality Housing buildings), on any #through lot# that is 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 yards# or 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 #lower density growth management areas# and in R5D Districts, on any #through lot# at least 180 feet in maximum 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 23-44 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

23-533 - Required rear yard equivalents for Quality Housing buildings

LAST AMENDED
3/22/2016

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

For #Quality Housing buildings# in R6 through R10 Districts, on any #through lot# that is 110 feet or more in maximum depth

from #street# to #street#, a #rear yard equivalent# consisting of an open area with a minimum depth of 60 feet midway, or within 10 feet of being midway, between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts, shall be provided.

However, for #through lots# with a depth of 180 feet or less, an open area with a minimum depth equivalent to the depth required pursuant to Section 23-534 (Special provisions for shallow through lots), may be provided, and additionally, one of the following #rear yard equivalents# may be provided as an alternative:

- (a) 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 a corresponding increase in the depth of the open area along the other #street line# is made; or
- (b) 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#, except that the width of such required open area along one #side lot line# may be decreased, provided that a corresponding increase in the depth of the open area along the other #street line# is made. If an open area along a #side lot line# is provided, it shall be at least eight feet.

Any such #rear yard equivalent# shall be unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky, except as provided in Section 23-44 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

23-534 - Special provisions for shallow through lots

LAST AMENDED
3/22/2016

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (a) In the districts indicated, if a #through lot# :
 - (1) is less than 180 feet deep at any point; and
 - (2) was less than 180 feet deep, both on December 15, 1961, and on the date of application for a building permit;

the depth of a required #rear yard equivalent#, or portion thereof, for such #through lot#, may be reduced by one foot for each foot by which the depth of a #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, is less than 180 feet. However, in no event shall the minimum depth of a required #rear yard equivalent#, or portion thereof, provided between two or more #buildings# on a single #zoning lot# be reduced to less than 40 feet, and in no event shall the minimum depth of such required #rear yard equivalent#, or portion thereof, be reduced to less than 20 feet.

- (b) Special provisions for #zoning lots# created after December 15, 1961

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, in R6 through R10 Districts, the special #rear yard equivalent# provisions of this Section may be applied to a #zoning lot# created after December 15, 1961, or portion thereof, provided that the shallow lot condition was in existence on December 15, 1961, and, subsequently, such shallow lot condition on the #zoning lot#, or portion thereof, has neither increased nor decreased in depth.

23-54 - Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the #rear yard# requirements set forth in Section 23-47 (Minimum Required Rear Yards) shall be modified as set forth in this Section.

23-541 - Within one hundred feet of corners

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

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.

23-542 - Along short dimension of block

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, whenever a #front lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with all or part of a #street line# measuring less than 230 feet in length between two intersecting #streets#, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of such #front lot line#.

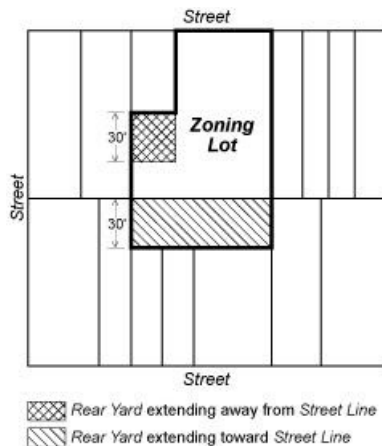
23-543 - For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines

LAST AMENDED
3/22/2016

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

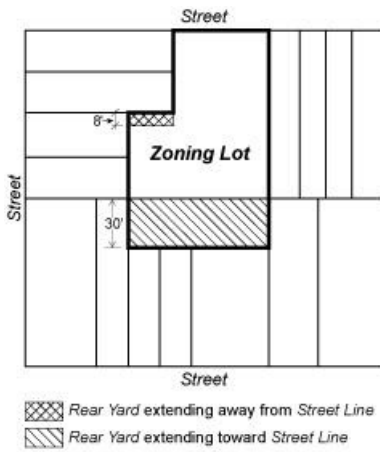
In all districts, as indicated, for #zoning lots# with multiple #rear lot lines#, if a #rear yard# extends from a #rear lot line# away from the #street line# which is used to determine such #rear lot line#, the following rules shall apply along such #rear lot line# :

- (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#, except as modified in Section 23-52 (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots).



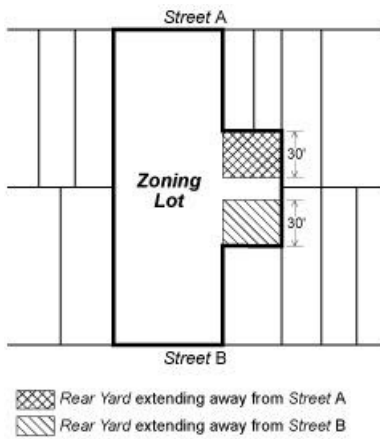
(23-543a)

- (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#.



(23-543b)

- (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#.
- (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.



(23-543d)

23-544 - In certain districts

LAST AMENDED
3/22/2016

R2X

In the district indicated, a #residential building# may extend 10 feet into a required #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# pursuant to the provisions of Section 23-631 (General provisions).

All Yards

23-55 - Special Provisions for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries

LAST AMENDED
8/14/1987

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, whenever a #zoning lot# is divided by a boundary between districts or is subject to other regulations resulting in different #yard# regulations on portions of the #zoning lot#, the provisions set forth in Article VII, Chapter 7, shall apply.

23-56 - Modifications of Rear Yard Regulations

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the regulations set forth in Section 23-543 (For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines) may be modified in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-69 (Rear Yard Modifications).