



Zoning Resolution

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143-23 - Special Yard Regulations

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The applicable #rear yard# and #rear yard equivalent# regulations shall be modified as follows:

(a) Permitted obstructions

In any #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#, any #building# or portion of a #building# used for #commercial#, #manufacturing#, or #residential uses#, other than dwelling units, shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that the height of such #building# shall not exceed one #story#, excluding #basement#, nor in any event 23 feet above #curb level#.

In addition, in M1-5 Districts paired with an R9X District north of Howard Street, in any #rear yard#, any #building# or portion of a #building# used for any permitted non-#residential use#, shall be a permitted obstruction, provided that the height of such #building#, or portion thereof, shall not exceed two #stories#, excluding #basements#, nor in any event 30 feet above #curb level#.

Any allowance for other permitted obstructions above a #building# in a #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section [43-23](#), shall be permitted above such modified height limitations.

(b) Required #rear yards#

For all #uses#, a #rear yard# with a depth of not less than 20 feet shall be provided at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot#, except as follows:

- (1) 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;
- (2) 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#; and
- (3) for #interior lots# where the depth of such #zoning lot#, or a portion thereof, is less than 90 feet, and such shallow depth was in existence on December 15, 1961 and on the date of application for a #building# permit, the required #rear yard# for such #interior lot#, or portion thereof, 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) Required #rear yard equivalents#

For #buildings#, or portions thereof, containing non-#residential uses#, no #rear yard equivalent# shall be required on any #through lot# or #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot#.

For #buildings#, or portions thereof, containing #residential uses#, 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 40 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# where the depth of such #zoning lot#, or a portion thereof, is less than 180 feet, and such shallow depth was in existence on December 15, 1961 and on the date of application for a building permit, the required #rear yard equivalent# for such #through lot#, or portion thereof, 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 yard#, or portion thereof, be reduced to less than 20 feet.

(d) Along district boundaries

The provisions of [43-30](#) (Special Provisions Applying Along District Boundaries), shall not apply along the district boundaries of two M1 Districts paired with #Residence Districts#.