

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance relating to dimensional standards for attached housing and multifamily development in residential zones, amending Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) sections 17C.110.200, 17C.110.215, 17C.110.310, and 17C.110.360.

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That SMC section 17C.110.200 is amended to read as follows:

17C.110.200 Lot Size

A. Purpose.

The standards of this section allow for development on lots, but do not legitimize lots that were divided in violation of [chapter 17G.080 SMC](#), Subdivisions. The required minimum lot size, lot depth, lot width and frontage requirements for new lots ensure that development will, in most cases, be able to comply with all site development standards. The standards also prevent the creation of very small lots that are difficult to develop at their full density potential. Finally, the standards also allow development on lots that were reduced by condemnation or required dedications for right-of-way.

B. Existing Lot Size.

1. Development is prohibited on lots that are not of sufficient area, dimension and frontage to meet minimum zoning requirements in the base zone. Except:
 - a. one single-family residence may be developed on a lot that was legally created under the provisions of chapter 58.17 RCW, Plats – Subdivisions – Dedications, or applicable platting statutes;
 - b. a PUD lot may be less than the minimum size of the base zone, if such lot is delineated on a PUD plan, which has been approved by the hearing examiner. All use and development standards of the zone wherein such lot is located, shall be complied with, unless modified through the PUD process by the hearing examiner. A PUD shall comply with the requirements of subsection (C) of this section.
2. No lot in any zone may be reduced so that the dimension, minimum lot area, frontage or area per dwelling unit is less than that required by this chapter, except as modified through the PUD process by the hearing examiner.
3. Lots Reduced by Condemnation or Required Dedication for Right-of-way. Development that meets the standards of this chapter is permitted on lots, or combinations of lots, that were legally created and met the minimum size requirements at the time of subdivision, but were reduced below one or

more of those requirements solely because of condemnation or required dedication by a public agency for right-of-way.

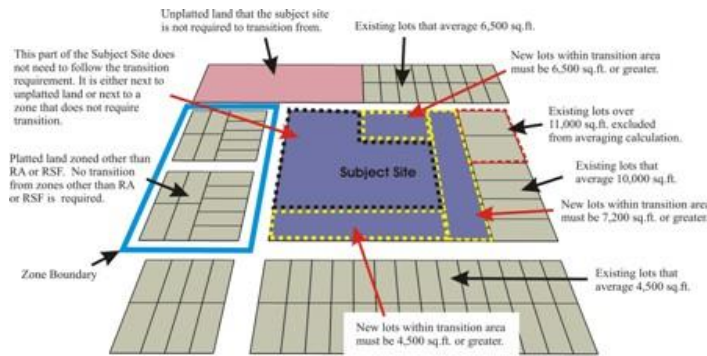
C. Land Division.

All new lots created through subdivision must comply with the standards for the base zone listed in Table 17C.110-3.

1. Transition Requirement.

For sites two acres or greater, transition lot sizes are required to be included as a buffer between existing platted land and new subdivision subject to the requirements of this section. The purpose of this section is to transition lot sizes between the proposed and existing residential developments in order to facilitate compatible development and a consistent development pattern. In the RA and RSF zones, the minimum lot size is subject to transitioning of lots sizes. Lots proposed within the initial eighty feet of the subject property are required to transition lot sizes based on averaging under the following formulas:

- a. Transitioning is only required of properties adjacent to or across the right-of-way from existing residential development. "Existing residential development" in this section shall mean existing lots created through subdivision or short plat.
- b. Lot size in the transition area is based on the average of the existing lot size in subdivisions adjacent to, or across the street from, the subject property. Lots greater than eleven thousand square feet are not counted in the averaging.
- c. If the existing average lot size is greater than seven thousand two hundred square feet, then the lot size in the transition area can be no less than seven thousand two hundred square feet.
- d. If the existing average lot size is less than seven thousand two hundred square feet, then the lot size in the transition area can be equal to or greater than the average.
- e. If the subject site shares boundaries with more than one subdivision, the minimum lot size in the transition area shall be based on the average lot sizes along each boundary. When two boundaries meet, the lot size shall be based on the larger of the two boundaries. See example below; and



- f. If the subject site shares a boundary with property zoned other than RA or RSF, then there are no transition requirements along that boundary.
 - g. After the first set of lots in the transition area, lot sizes may be developed to the minimum lot size of the base zone, i.e., four thousand three hundred fifty square feet in the RSF zone.
2. Planned unit developments, combined with a subdivision, may reduce the minimum lot size, lot width, lot depth and frontage requirements in the RA and RSF zones pursuant to [SMC 17G.070.030\(C\)\(1\)](#), except in the transition area required by subsection (C)(1) of this section.
- D. **Ownership of Multiple Lots.**
Where more than one adjoining lot is in the same ownership, the ownership may be separated as follows:
1. If all requirements of this chapter will be met after the separation, including lot size, density and parking, the ownership may be separated through either a boundary line adjustment (BLA) or plat, as specified under [chapter 17G.080 SMC](#), Subdivisions.
 2. If one or more of the lots does not meet the lot size standards in this section, the ownership may be separated along the original plat lot lines through a boundary line adjustment (BLA).
- E. **New Development on Standard Lots.** New development on lots that comply with the lot size standards in this section are allowed subject to the development standards and density requirements of the base zone as required under Table 17C.110-3.
- F. **Lot Frontage.** All residential lots shall front onto a public street and meet the minimum lot frontage requirements of Table 17C.110-3. Except, that frontage on a public street is not required for lots created through alternative residential subdivision under [SMC 17G.080.065](#), and lots approved in a planned unit

development or a manufactured home park may have lots or spaces fronting onto private streets, subject to the decision criteria of [SMC 17H.010.090](#).

TABLE 17C.110-3 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS [1]					
DENSITY STANDARDS					
	RA	RSF & RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD
Density - Maximum	4,350 (10 units/acre)	4,350 (10 units/acre)	2,100 (20 units/acre)	1,450 (30 units/acre)	--
Density - Minimum	11,000 (4 units/acre)	11,000 (4 units/acre)	4,350 (10 units/acre)	2,900 (15 units/acre)	2,900 (15 units/acre)
MINIMUM LOT DIMENSIONS LOTS TO BE DEVELOPED WITH:					
Multi-Dwelling Structures or Development					
	RA	RSF & RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD
Minimum Lot Area				2,900 sq. ft.	2,900 sq. ft.
Minimum Lot Width				25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Lot Depth				70 ft.	70 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line				25 ft.	25 ft.
Compact Lot Standards [2]					
Minimum Lot Area [3]		3,000 sq. ft.			
Minimum Lot Width		36 ft.			
Minimum Lot Depth		80 ft.			
Minimum Front Lot Line		30 ft.			
Attached Houses					
Minimum Lot Area [3]	7,200 sq. ft.	4,350 sq. ft.	1,600 sq. ft.	((1,600 sq. ft.)) <u>None</u>	None

ATTACHED HOUSES OPTION 1
No change to min. lot area in
RMF zone – instead, change text
of 17G.080.065

OPTION 2 (shown here) –
change 1,600 sq. ft. to none with
other code language to be
developed.

Minimum Lot Width	40 ft.	40 ft.	((36)) 25 ft. or 16 ft. with alley parking and no street curb cut	((Same)) 36 ft. with garage facing front lot line, or 25 ft. with Curb Cut Limitation [15], or 16 ft. with alley parking and no street curb cut	((Same)) 36 ft. with garage facing front lot line, or 25 ft. with Curb Cut Limitation [15], or 16 ft. with alley parking and no street curb cut
Minimum Lot Depth	80 ft.	80 ft.	50 ft.	((25-ft.)) None	((25-ft.)) None
Minimum Front Lot Line	40 ft.	40 ft.	Same as lot width	Same as lot width	Same as lot Width

**ATTACHED HOUSES
OPTION 1** – Do not add text related to maximum building coverage or min. lot area to this table (Table 17C.110-3), but change the text of 17G.080.065 as shown in separate companion ordinance

ATTACHED HOUSES OPTION 2 – Add the following statement about maximum building coverage in the next line in Table 17C.110-3, which is existing text adapted from 17G.080.065(D)(5). This option would bypass the process of 17G.080.065 and the provision to place plat notes on the subdivision map about limitation on building additions and repair.

<u>Maximum Building Coverage</u>	<u>All buildings located within the development shall not exceed the maximum building coverage stated below for primary structures. Lots within the development may be as small as the footprint of an individual attached home</u>
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Detached Houses					
Minimum Lot Area [3]	7,200 sq. ft.	4,350 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	1,800 sq. ft.	None
Minimum Lot Width	40 ft.	40 ft.	((36)) 25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Lot Depth	80 ft.	80 ft.	40 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line	40 ft.	40 ft.	((30)) 25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Duplexes					

Minimum Lot Area			4,200 sq. ft.	2,900 sq. ft.	None
Minimum Lot Width			25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Lot Depth			40 ft.	40 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line			25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
PRIMARY STRUCTURE					
Maximum Building Coverage (except see above for attached houses) <i>[Option 2 text]</i>					
	RA	RSF & RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD
Lots 5,000 sq. ft. or larger	40%	2,250 sq. ft. +35% for portion of lot over 5,000 sq. ft.	2,250 sq. ft. +35% for portion of lot over 5,000 sq. ft.	50%	60%
Lots 3,000 - 4,999 sq. ft.	1,500 sq. ft. + 37.5% for portion of lot over 3,000 sq. ft.				
Lots less than 3,000 sq. ft.	50%				
Building Height					
Maximum Roof Height (([5]))	35 ft. [5]	35 ft. [5]	35 ft. [5]	35 ft. [6]	35 ft. [6]
Maximum Wall Height	25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.	((30 ft. [6])) =	--
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)					
FAR	0.5	0.5 [4]	0.5 [4]	--	--
Setbacks					
Front Setback [7, 8]	15 ft.				
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width more than 40 ft.	5 ft.				
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width 40 ft. or less	3 ft.				
Street Side Lot Line Setback [7]	5 ft.				

Rear Setback [9, 10]	25 ft.	25 ft. [11]	15 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
Required Outdoor Area					
Required Outdoor Area for attached and detached houses. Minimum dimension (See SMC 17C.110.223)	250 sq. ft. 12 ft. x 12 ft.	250 sq. ft. 12 ft. x 12 ft.	250 sq. ft. 12 ft. x 12 ft.	200 sq. ft. 10 ft. x 10 ft.	48 sq. ft. 7 ft. x 7 ft.
ACCESSORY STRUCTURES					
	RA	RSF & RSF-C	RTF	RMF	RHD
Maximum Roof Height	30 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.
Maximum Wall Height	30 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.
Maximum Coverage [12]	20%	15%	15%	See Primary Structure	See Primary Structure
Front Setback	20 ft.				
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width 40 ft. or wider [13]	5 ft.				
Side Lot Line Setback – Lot width less than 40 ft. [13]	3 ft.				
Street Side Lot Line [14]	20 ft.				
Rear [13]	5 ft.				
Rear with Alley	0 ft.				

Notes:

-- No requirement

[1] Plan district, overlay zone, or development standards contained in SMC 17C.110.310 through 360 may supersede these standards.

[2] See SMC 17C.110.209, Compact Lot Standards.

[3] For developments two acres or greater, lots created through subdivision in the RA, RSF and the RSF-C zones are subject to the lot size transition requirements of SMC 17C.110.200(C)(1).

[4] In the RSF-C and RTF zones, and sites in the RSF zone qualifying for compact lot development standards, described in SMC 17C.110.209, FAR may be increased to 0.65 for attached housing development only.

[5] No structure located in the rear yard may exceed twenty feet in height.

[6] Base zone height may be modified according to SMC 17C.110.215, Height.

[7] Attached garage or carport entrance on a street is required to be setback twenty feet from the property line.

[8] See SMC 17C.110.220(D)(1), setbacks regarding the use of front yard averaging.

[9] See SMC 17C.110.220(D)(2), setbacks regarding reduction in the rear yard setback.

[10] Attached garages may be built to five feet from the rear property line except, as specified in SMC 17C.110.225(C)(6)(b), but cannot contain any living space.

[11] In the RSF-C zone and sites in the RSF zone qualifying for compact lot development standards, described in SMC 17C.110.209, the rear setback is 15 feet.

[12] Maximum site coverage for accessory structures is counted as part of the maximum site coverage of the base zone.

[13] Setback for a detached accessory structure and a covered accessory structure may be reduced to zero feet with a signed waiver from the neighboring property owner, except, as specified in SMC 17C.110.225(C)(5)(b).

[14] The setback for a covered accessory structure may be reduced to five feet from the property line.

[15] *[Note: New note needed to refer to appropriate section for Curb Cut Limitations.]*

Section 3. That SMC section 17C.110.310 is amended to read as follows:

17C.110.215 Height

A. Purpose.

The height standards promote a reasonable building scale and relationship of one residence to another and they promote privacy for neighboring properties. The standards contained in this section reflect the general building scale and placement of houses in the City's neighborhoods.

B. Height Standards.

The maximum height standards for all structures are stated in [Table 17C.110-3](#). The building height shall be measured using the following method:

1. The height shall be measured at the exterior walls of the structure. Measurement shall be taken at each exterior wall from the existing grade or finished grade, whichever is lower, up to a plan essentially parallel to the existing or finished grade. For determining structure height, the exterior wall

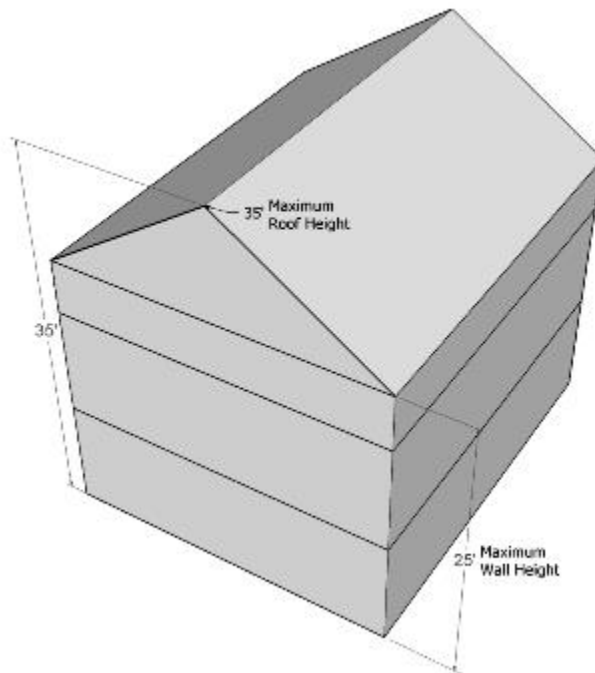
shall include a plane between the supporting members and between the roof and the ground. The vertical distance between the existing grade, or finished grade, if lower, and the parallel plane above it shall not exceed the maximum height of the zone.

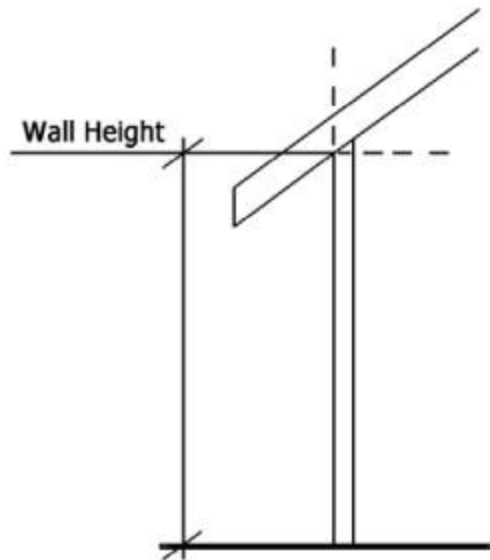
2. When finished grade is lower than existing grade, in order for an upper portion of an exterior wall to avoid being considered on the same vertical ~~((plan))~~ plane as a lower portion, it must be set back from the lower portion a distance equal to two times the difference between the existing and finished grade on the lower portion of the wall.
3. Depressions such as window wells, stairwells for exits required by other codes, “barrier free” ramps on grade, and vehicle access driveways into garages shall be disregarded in determining structure height when in combination they comprise less than fifty percent of the facade on which they are located. In such cases, the grade for height measurement purposes shall be a line between the grades on either side of the depression.
4. No part of the structure, other than those specifically exempted or excepted under the provisions of the zone, shall extend beyond the plan of the maximum height limit.
5. Underground portions of the structure are not included in height calculations. The height of the structure shall be calculated from the point at which the sides meet the surface of the ground.
6. For purposes of ~~((measure))~~ measuring building height in residential zones, the following terms shall be interpreted as follows:
 - a. “Grade” means the ground surface contour (see also “existing grade” and “finished grade”).
 - b. “Fill” means material deposited, placed, pushed, pulled or transported to a place other than the place from which it originated.
 - c. “Finished grade” means the grade upon completion of the fill or excavation.
 - d. “Excavation” means the mechanical removal of earth material.
 - e. “Existing grade” means the natural surface contour of a site, including minor adjustments to the surface of the site in preparation for construction.

<p style="text-align: center;">TABLE 17C.110.215-1 MAXIMUM HEIGHT</p>

Maximum Wall Height [1]	25 ft.
Maximum Roof Height [2]	35 ft.
<p>[1] The height of the lowest point of the roof structure intersects with the outside plane of the wall.</p> <p>[2] The height of the ridge of the roof.</p> <p>See “Example A” below.</p>	

((C-)) **Example A**





C. Exceptions to the maximum height standard are stated below:

1. Exceptions to the maximum structure height in the RMF and RHD zones are designated on the official zoning map by a dash and a height listed after the zone map symbol (i.e., ((CB)) RHD-150). Changes to the height limits in the RMF and RHD zones require a rezone. Height limits are (~~(thirty feet,)~~) thirty-five feet, forty feet, fifty-five feet, seventy feet, or one hundred fifty feet depending on location.

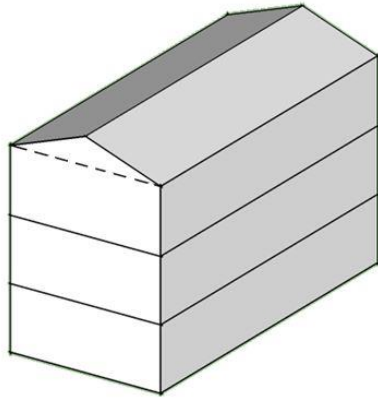
2. In RMF and RHD zones where the maximum structure height is thirty-five feet, pitched roof structures are allowed an additional fifteen feet above the maximum height standard stated in Table 17C.110-3, provided that the roof:

- a. incorporates pitched roof forms having slopes between 4:12 and 12:12; and

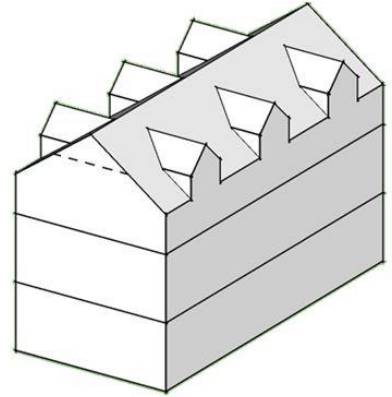
- b. is a gabled or hipped roof, which may include dormers (see Figure 17C.110-A).

**HEIGHT EXCEPTION
OPTION 1** - as
proposed by Plan
Commission, allows
15 additional feet to
base height of 35 ft.
(up to 50 ft.) with a
pitched roof.

Figure 17C.110-A: Roof Types Eligible for Height
Exception.

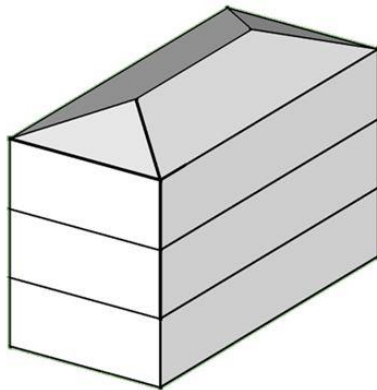


Gabled roof

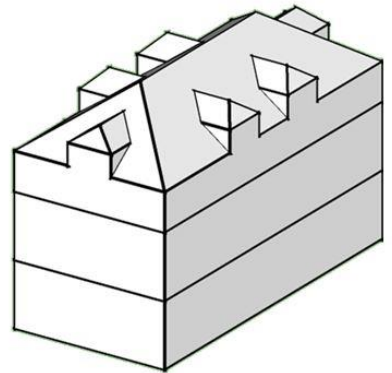


Gabled roof & dormers

HEIGHT
EXCEPTION
OPTION 1
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Hipped roof



Hipped roof & dormers

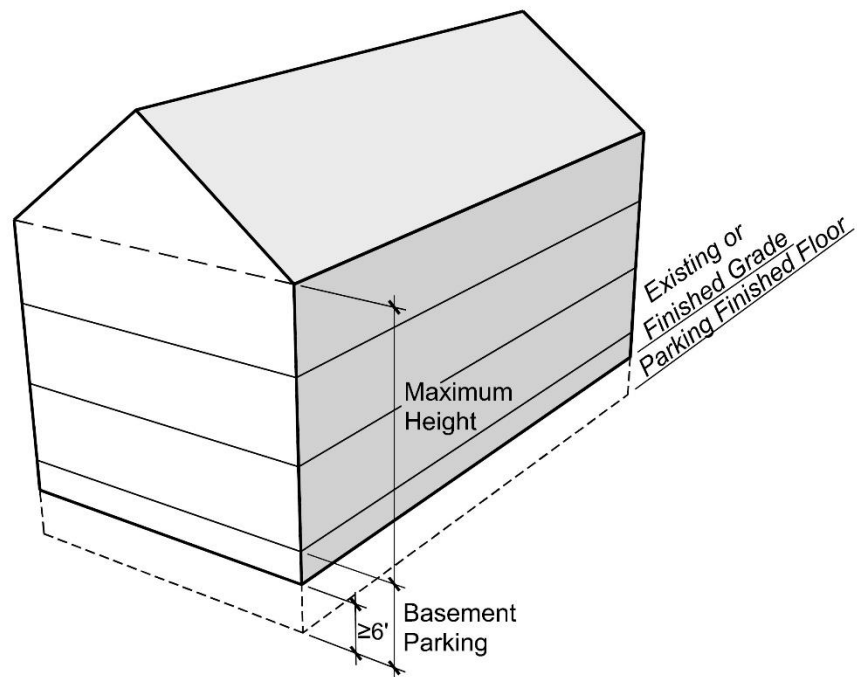
[Note: Add the graphic above.]

3. In the RMF and RHD zones, height does not include above-grade portions of a story of basement parking where the elevation of the floor is six feet or more below the lowest elevation of the existing grade or finished grade, whichever is lower. See Figure 17C.110-D.

HEIGHT EXCEPTION
OPTION 2 - includes
Option 1 above and
adds about 5 ft. to
encourage and
accommodate
basement parking.

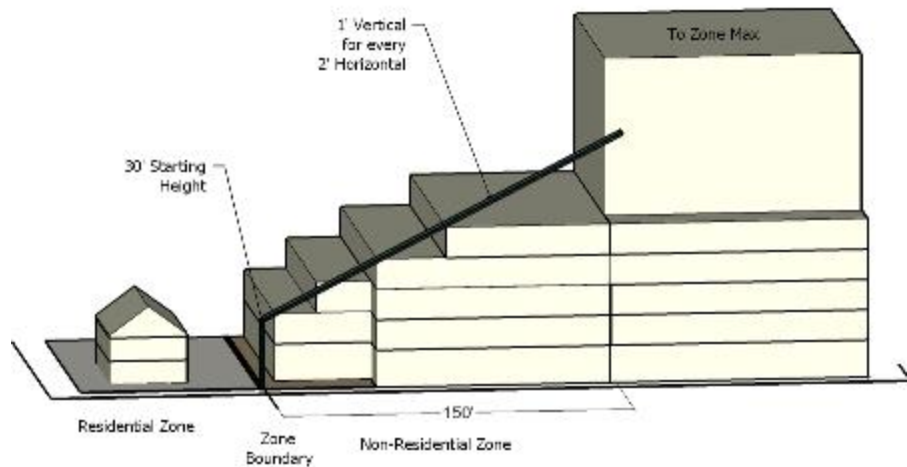
Figure 17C.110-D: Basement Parking Excluded from Height.

HEIGHT
EXCEPTION
OPTION 2
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[Note: Add the graphic above.]

- ((2)) 4. Buildings and structures over fifty feet in height must follow the design, setback and dimensional standards found in chapter 17C.250 SMC, Tall Building Standards.
- ((3)) 5. Adjacent to Single-family and Two-family Residential Zones. To provide a gradual transition and enhance the compatibility between the more intensive commercial zones and adjacent single-family and two-family residential zones:
- a. for all development within one hundred fifty feet of any single-family or two-family residential zone the maximum building height is as follows:
 - i. Starting at a height of thirty feet ((;)) at the residential zone boundary additional building height may be added at a ratio of one to two (one foot of additional building height for every two feet of additional horizontal distance from the closest single-family or two-family residential zone). The building height transition requirement ends one hundred fifty feet from the single-family or two-family residential zone and then full building height allowed in the zone applies.



((4)) 6. Projections Allowed.

Chimneys, flagpoles, satellite receiving dishes and other similar items with a width, depth or diameter of three feet or less may extend above the height limit, as long as they do not exceed three feet above the top of the highest point of the roof. If they are greater than three feet in width, depth or diameter, they are subject to the height limit.

((5)) 7. Farm Buildings.

Farm buildings such as silos, elevators and barns are exempt from the height limit as long as they are set back from all lot lines at least one foot for every foot in height.

((6)) 8. Utility power poles and public safety facilities are exempt from the height limit.

((7)) 9. Radio and television antennas are subject to the height limit of the applicable zoning category.

((8)) 10. Wireless communication support towers are subject to the height requirements of chapter 17C.355A SMC, Wireless Communication Facilities.

((9)) 11. Uses approved as a conditional use may have building features such as a steeple or tower which extends above the height limit of the underlying zone. Such building features must be set back from the side property line adjoining a lot in a residential zone a distance equal to the height of the building feature or one hundred fifty percent of the height limit of the underlying zone, whichever is lower.

D. Special Height Districts.

Special height districts are established to control structure heights under particular circumstances such as preservation of public view or airport approaches. See [chapter 17C.170 SMC](#), Special Height Overlay Districts.

E. Accessory Structures.

The height of any accessory structure located in the rear yard, including those attached to the primary residence, is limited to twenty feet in height, except a detached ADU above a detached accessory structure may be built to twenty-three feet in height.

Section 3. That SMC section 17C.110.310 is amended to read as follows:

17C.110.310 Attached Housing, Detached Houses on Lots Less than Forty Feet Wide, and Duplexes

A. Purpose.

Attached housing, detached houses on narrow lots and duplexes allow for energy-conserving housing and a more efficient use of land. See definition of attached housing under chapter 17A.020 SMC.



B. Qualifying Situations.

Sites located in the ~~((RSF))~~ RA through the RHD zones. All lots must be under the same ownership or a signed and recorded agreement to participate in an attached housing development must be submitted to the City by all property owners at the time of building permit application.

C. Lot Development Standards.

Each house must be on a lot that complies with the lot development standards in the base zone as provided in Table 17C.110-3.

D. Building Setbacks for Attached Housing.

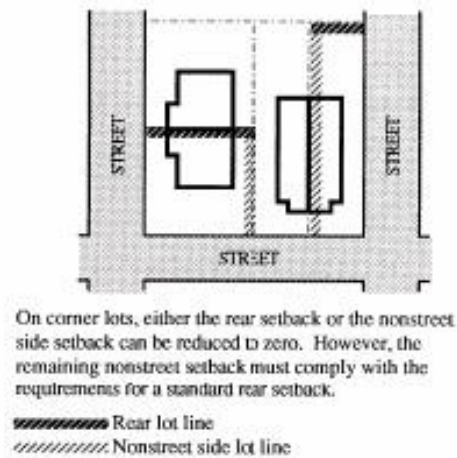
1. Interior Lots.

On interior lots, the side building setback on the side containing the common wall is reduced to zero. ~~((The side building setbacks on the side opposite~~

~~the common wall must be double the side setback standard of the base zone.))~~

2. Corner Lots.

On corner lots, either the rear setback or non-street side setback may be reduced to zero. However, the remaining street side lot line setback must comply with the requirements for a standard side or rear setback.



E. Design Standards.

This section is subject to the provisions of SMC 17C.110.015, Design Standards Administration.

1. A multi-family residential building of three or more units ~~((is))~~ and attached housing in the RMF and RHD zones are subject to the design standards of SMC 17C.110.400 through 17C.110.465.
2. For detached houses on lots forty feet or less wide ~~((and attached housing))~~ and duplexes, where permitted, in the RSF, RSF-C, RTF, RMF and RHD zones, as well as attached housing in the RA, RSF, RSF-C, and RTF zones, the following design standards must be met:
 - a. All street-facing facades must have landscaping along the foundation. There must be at least one three-gallon shrub for every three lineal feet of foundation. (R)
 - b. Sixty percent of the area between the front lot line and the front building line must be landscaped. At a minimum, the required landscaped area must be planted with living ground cover. Up to one-third of the required landscaped area may be for recreational use, or for use by pedestrians. Examples include walkways, play areas, or patios. (R)

- c. ((Generous)) Use of planting materials and landscape structures such as trellises, raised beds and fencing to unify the overall site design is encouraged, with plantings consistent with L3 open area landscaping standard of SMC 17C.200.030. (P)
- d. Front facade.
Fire escapes, or exterior stairs that provide access to an upper level are not allowed on the front facade of the building. (R)
- e. Duplexes and attached houses on corner lots ((shall)) should be designed so each unit is oriented towards a different street. This gives the structure the overall appearance of a house when viewed from either street. (R)
- f. Detached houses on lots forty feet or less wide and both units of a duplex or attached houses must meet the following standards to ensure that the units have compatible elements. Adjustments to this paragraph are prohibited, but modifications may be requested through a design departure. The standards are:
 - i. Entrances. Each of the units must have its address and main entrance oriented toward a street frontage. Where an existing house is being converted to two units, one main entrance with internal access to both units is allowed. (R)
 - ii. Each unit must have a covered, main entry-related porch or stoop area of at least fifty square feet with no dimension less than five feet. (R)
 - iii. Buildings must be modulated along the public street at least every thirty feet. Building modulations must step the building wall back or forward at least four feet. (R)
 - iv. Reduce the potential impact of new duplex and attached housing development on established and historic neighborhoods by incorporating elements and forms from nearby buildings. This may include reference to architectural details, building massing, proportionality, and use of high-quality materials such as wood, brick, and stone. (P)
 - v. Create a human scale streetscape by including vertical and horizontal patterns as expressed by bays, belt lines, doors and windows. (P)
- g. Garages are subject to the garage limitation standards of SMC 17C.110.208(E). (R)

- h. Where off-street parking for two or more dwellings will be developed on abutting lots that are each less than forty feet in width, only one curb cut and sidewalk crossing for each two lots may be permitted, to promote pedestrian-oriented environments along streets, reduce impervious surfaces, and preserve on-street parking and street tree opportunities. (P)

F. Number of Units.

1. RA, RSF and RSF-C Zones.
A maximum of two houses may be with a common wall. Structures made up of three or more attached houses are prohibited unless approved as a planned unit development.
2. RTF Zone.
Up to eight attached houses may have a common wall. Structures made up of nine or more attached houses are prohibited unless approved as a planned unit development.
3. RMF and RHD zones.
There is no limit to the number of attached houses that may have common walls.

Section 4. That SMC section 17C.110.360 is amended to read as follows:

17C.110.360 Pocket Residential Development

A. Purpose.

The purpose of the pocket residential development is to:

1. Encourage greater efficiency of land use by allowing compact infill development on aggregate sites.
2. Stimulate new housing that is compatible in scale and character to established surrounding residential areas.
3. Produce a broader range of building forms for residential development.
4. Expand opportunities for affordable home ownership.
5. Promote high quality housing of a character compatible with existing neighborhoods.
6. Encourage adequate, usable open space.

B. Applicability.

Pocket residential development is permitted within the RSF, RSF-C, RTF, RMF, RHD, O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones.

C. Application Procedure.

Pocket residential development is allowed outright with a building permit. When pocket residential development involves subdivision of land, the application shall be processed in accordance with the procedures of chapter 17G.080 SMC, Subdivisions.

D. Basic Development Standards.

1. Maximum Building Height.
The maximum height of structures within a pocket residential development is as allowed in the underlying zone.
2. Maximum Building Coverage.
The maximum building coverage of the aggregate buildings located upon the parent site shall not exceed the maximum building coverage permitted by the underlying zone. Maximum building coverage is not limited in the O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones.
3. Setbacks.
Setbacks in a pocket residential development are measured from the exterior boundary of the parent site. The following setbacks are required except in commercial and center and corridor zones where the setbacks are as required in the underlying zoning district.
 - a. Front Setback.
The front yard requirement for the parent site shall be fifteen feet except as allowed under the front yard averaging provisions of SMC 17C.110.220(D)(1).
 - b. Side Setback, Abutting a Residential Zoning District.
If the side yard of the site is adjacent to other residentially zoned property the side yard shall be a minimum of five feet.
 - c. Side Setback, Interior to Parent Site.
If platted, the side yard, interior to the parent site, may be zero, provided, however, that any structure located upon a lot created under SMC 17G.080.065 shall comply with applicable building and fire code and the setbacks applicable to the underlying site development plan.
 - d. Side Setback, Street.
The street side yard requirement for the parent site shall be a minimum of five feet.
 - e. Rear Setback of the Parent Site.
Twenty-five feet or as required in the underlying zoning district.

4. Minimum and Maximum Parent Site Size:
 - a. The minimum parent site size for a pocket residential development is as follows:
 - i. RSF and RSF-C zone: Eight thousand seven hundred square feet.
 - ii. RTF zone: Four thousand two hundred square feet.
 - iii. RMF, RHD zones: Two thousand nine hundred square feet.
 - iv. O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones: No minimum parent site size.
 - b. The maximum parent site size for a pocket residential development is as follows:
 - i. RSF, RSF-C, and RTF zones: One and a half acres. Pocket residential developments in the RSF, RSF-C, and RTF zones over one and a half acres must be approved as a planned unit development.
 - ii. RMF, RHD, O, OR, CC, NR, CB, and GC zones: No maximum parent site size.
5. Density.

The maximum density allowed in a pocket residential development is limited to that allowed in the underlying zoning district in which the parent site is located, except as permitted by SMC 17C.110.330(C) for transitional sites.
6. Frontage and Access.

Frontage on a public street is not required for lots created in a pocket residential development. Private streets or private access may be used to provide lot frontage when a private street or private access is approved in accordance with chapter 17H.010 SMC. The parent site shall have frontage on a public street sufficient for adequate access and utilities.
7. Parking.

The minimum required off-street parking for a pocket residential development shall comply with the required parking standards of the underlying zone for residential uses in chapter 17C.230 SMC Parking and Loading.
8. Required Outdoor Area.

Pocket residential developments shall comply with the required outdoor area standards of the underlying zone in accordance with SMC 17C.110.223 and Table 17C.110-3 Development Standards. Common outdoor areas designated to meet this requirement will be permanently maintained by the owner or an appropriate property management entity, if under singular ownership. ~~((In the event that the development is subdivided or condominium platted, a homeowners' association is required to be created for the maintenance of the common open space within the development.))~~ This requirement shall be included in deed restrictions as required in SMC 17G.080.065(D).

9. Permitted Housing Types.

The housing types allowed in a pocket residential development are those allowed in the underlying zone in accordance with Table 17C.110-2.

10. Lot Size.

There is no minimum lot size for lots created within a pocket residential development.

E. Design Standards.

This section is subject to the provisions of SMC 17C.110.015, Design Standards Administration. A multi-family residential building of three or more units and attached housing in the RMF and RHD zones are subject to the design standards of SMC 17C.110.400 through 17C.110.470.

1. Ground Level Access.

In order to create the appearance of individual homes, rather than apartments, each attached dwelling unit shall have its own individual access from grade. Stacked units are permitted to have one main entrance with an internal stair accessed from grade to internal individual unit entrances.

Individual Access from Grade



Example of Individual Access for Each Unit

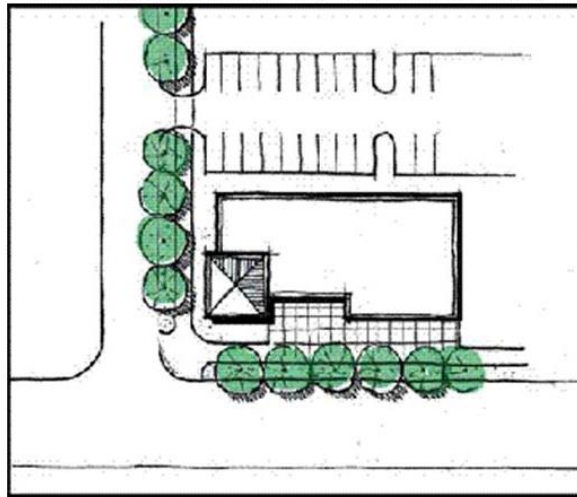


Example of Individual Access with Shared Open Space



2. **Parking Lots.**
To ensure that parking is as unobtrusive as possible the following standards must be met:
 - a. **Alley Access.**
If the development abuts an alley, parking must be accessed from the alley.

Example of Surface Parking Accessed from Alley



- b. Screening: Surface parking lots shall be screened both from the street and adjacent residential development by landscape type L2 see-through buffer in SMC 17C.200.030, Landscape Types. Decorative walls or fences no more than forty-two inches in height may be used in lieu of shrubs. Parking is not allowed in a required front yard setback area.

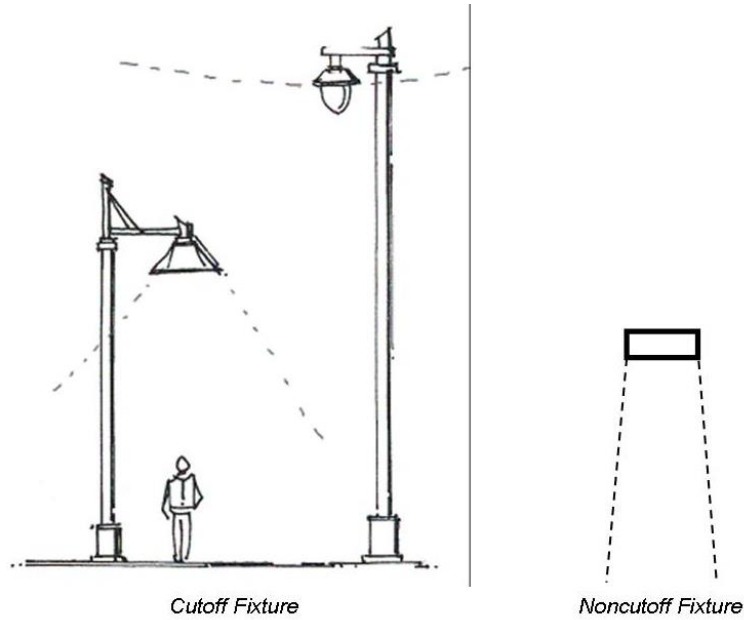
Planting Material Screen



Example of Surface Parking Screened from Street

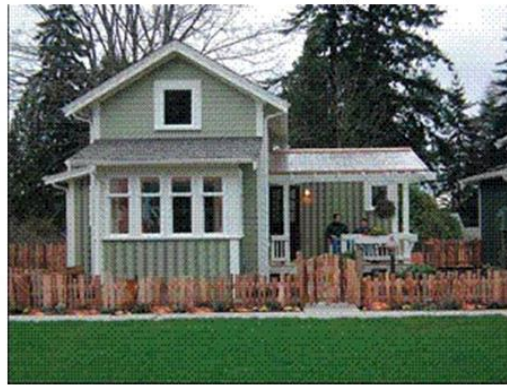


- c. Paving: All surface parking shall be improved in accordance with the standards of SMC 17C.230.140.
- 3. Lighting.
To diminish the amount of glare and spillover from lighting, the following standards shall apply:
 - a. Intensity: Exterior lighting fixtures shall not exceed one foot-candle in intensity.
 - b. Cutoffs Required: Lighting fixtures shall comply with the standards of SMC 17C.220.080



4. Fencing: To ensure a residential atmosphere, fencing higher than forty two inches shall not be permitted along any street frontage.

Residential Fencing



Residential Fence Along Street Frontage No Higher than 42 inches



5. Residential Building Design.

This section is subject to the provisions of SMC 17C.110.015, Design Standards Administration. For pocket residential development, the following design standards must be met:

- a. All street-facing facades must have landscaping along the foundation. There must be at least one three-gallon shrub for every three lineal feet of foundation. (R)
- b. Sixty percent of the area between the front lot line and the front building line must be landscaped. At a minimum, the required landscaped area must be planted with living ground cover. Up to one-third of the required landscaped area may be for recreational use, or for use by pedestrians. Examples include walkways, play areas, or patios. (R)
- c. Use of planting materials and landscape structures such as trellises, raised beds and fencing to unify the overall site design is encouraged, with plantings consistent with L3 open area landscaping standard of SMC 17C.200.030.(P)
- d. Front facade. Fire escapes, or exterior stairs that provide access to an upper level are not allowed on the front facade of the building. (R)
- e. Duplexes and attached houses on corner lots shall be designed so each unit is oriented towards a different street. This gives the structure the overall appearance of a house when viewed from either street. (R)
- f. All units must meet the following standards. Adjustments to this paragraph are prohibited, but modifications may be requested through a design departure. The standards are:
 - i. Entrances. Each of the units fronting on the street must have its address, windows, and main entrance oriented toward a street frontage. Units that are on the interior of a parent site may be oriented toward a private access or shared open space. Where an existing house is being converted to two units, one main entrance with internal access to both units is allowed. (R)
 - ii. Each unit must have a covered, main entry-related porch or stoop area of at least fifty square feet with no dimension less than five feet. (R)
 - iii. Attached units must be modulated along the public street at least every thirty feet. Building modulations must step the building wall back or forward at least four feet. (R)

- iv. Reduce the potential impact of new Pocket Residential Development on established and historic neighborhoods by incorporating elements and forms from nearby buildings. This may include reference to architectural details, building massing, proportionality, and use of high-quality materials such as wood, brick, and stone. (P)
- v. Create a human scale streetscape by including vertical and horizontal patterns as expressed by bays, belt lines, doors and windows. (P)

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance relating to alternative residential subdivisions, amending Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) sections 17G.080.065.

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section 1. That SMC section 17G.080.065 is amended to read as follows:

17G.080.065 Alternative Residential Subdivisions

- A. Purpose.
The purpose of these provisions is to allow for the creation of lots for alternative residential development as described in SMC 17C.110.300, including attached housing, cottage housing, and similar developments with multiple dwelling units on a parent site, while applying only those site development standards applicable to the parent site as a whole, rather than to individual lots resulting from the subdivision.
- B. Applicability.
The types of ~~((existing))~~ development that may use the alternative residential subdivision are:
1. Cottage housing projects approved under SMC 17C.110.350;
 2. Housing developed under SMC 17C.110.360 Pocket Residential Development; or
 3. A similar existing development that consists of multiple dwelling units on a single parcel or site, provided that such existing structures shall comply with applicable building and fire code.
- C. Application Procedure.
Alternative residential subdivisions of nine or fewer lots shall be processed as short plats and all others shall be processed as subdivisions according to the associated permit types in SMC chapter 17G.060.
- D. General Regulations.

**ATTACHED HOUSES
OPTION 1 - Change
requirements for
attached houses to
follow multifamily
design standards
instead of pocket
residential.**

1. An alternative residential subdivision shall meet development standards applicable to the underlying site development plan approval, if any, the basic development standards and design standards of SMC 17C.110.350 Cottage Housing, ~~((or))~~ SMC 17C.110.360 Pocket Residential Development, or design standards of SMC 17C.110.400 through 17C.110.465 for attached housing in

RMF and RHD zones, and the provisions of this section. As a result of the alternative residential subdivision, development on individual lots may be nonconforming as to some or all of the development standards based on analysis of the individual lot. So long as the parent site meets the criteria of the underlying site development plan or the dwelling units are already in existence, each lot will be deemed to be in conformance. If existing dwelling units do not comply with development standards (i.e.: minimum building setbacks, maximum density, etc.), a lot may be created for each existing dwelling unit. Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent site;

2. Alternative residential subdivisions shall be subject to all applicable requirements of Title 17 SMC, except as otherwise modified by this section;
3. Each lot's area and width for purposes of subdivision may be as small as the footprint of the individual dwelling unit;

**ATTACHED HOUSES
OPTION 1 - Change
requirements for
subdivisions to
respond to situations
where smaller
developments will not
require homeowners'
associations.**

4. Portions of the parent site not subdivided for individual lots shall be owned in common by the owners of the individual lots, or by a homeowners association comprised of the owners of the individual lots located within the parent site. ~~((A homeowners' association is required to be created for the maintenance of any shared required outdoor area or other open space, shared parking areas, and other common use areas, buildings, and utilities within the development.))~~ This requirement shall be included in deed restrictions as required in paragraph 7;

5. Maximum building coverage of the aggregate buildings located upon the parent site shall not exceed the maximum building coverage permitted by the underlying zone;
6. Except for existing nonconforming development, building setbacks shall be as required for the zone as applied to the underlying parent site as a whole. There shall be no setback required from individual lot lines which are interior to the perimeter of the parent site; provided, however, that any structure located upon a lot created hereunder shall comply with the setbacks applicable to the underlying site development plan;
7. Access easements, joint use and maintenance agreements, and covenants, conditions and restrictions identifying the rights and responsibilities of

property owners and/or the homeowners association shall be executed for use and maintenance of common garage, parking and vehicle access areas; on-site recreation; landscaping; utilities; common open space; exterior building facades and roofs; and other similar features, and shall be recorded with the county auditor's office. Separation requirements for utilities must be met. Each alternative residential subdivision shall make adequate provisions for ingress, egress and utilities access to and from each lot created by reserving such common areas or other easements over and across the parent site as deemed necessary to comply with all other design and development standards generally applicable to the underlying site development plan ((:)) .

8. Notes shall be placed on the plat recorded with the county auditor's office to acknowledge the following:
 - a. Approval of the design and layout of the development was granted by the review of the development, as a whole, on the parent site by the site development plan approval (stating the subject project file number if applicable);
 - b. Subsequent platting actions, additions or modifications to the structure(s) may not create or increase any nonconformity of the parent site as a whole, and shall conform to the approved site development plan;
 - c. If a structure or portion of a structure has been damaged or destroyed, any repair, reconstruction or replacement of the structure(s) shall conform to the approved site development plan;
 - d. Additional development of the individual lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent site.

E. Conflicts.

Any conflicts between the provisions of this section and the text of other sections in the Unified Development Code shall be resolved in favor of the text of this section.

ORDINANCE NO. _____

The City of Spokane does ordain:

Section ____ That SMC section 17C.230.140 is amended to read as follows:

17C.230.140 Development Standards

- A. Purpose
The parking area layout standards are intended to promote safe circulation within the parking area and provide for convenient entry and exit of vehicles.
- B. Where These Standards Apply
The standards of this section apply to all vehicle areas whether required or excess parking.
- C. Improvements
1. Paving.
In order to control dust and mud, all vehicle areas must be surfaced with a minimum all-weather surface. Such surface shall be specified by the city engineer. Alternatives to the specified all-weather surface may be provided, subject to approval by the city engineer. The alternative must provide results equivalent to paving. All surfacing must provide for the following minimum standards of approval:
 - a. Dust is controlled.
 - b. Stormwater is treated to City standards; and
 - c. Rock and other debris is not tracked off-site.

The applicant shall be required to prove that the alternative surfacing provides results equivalent to paving. If, after construction, the City determines that the alternative is not providing the results equivalent to paving or is not complying with the standards of approval, paving shall be required.
 2. Striping.
All parking areas, except for stacked parking, must be striped in conformance with the parking dimension standards of subsection (E) of this section, except parking for single-family residences, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units.
 3. Protective Curbs Around Landscaping.
All perimeter and interior landscaped areas must have continuous, cast in place, or extruded protective curbs along the edges. Curbs separating landscaped areas from parking areas may allow stormwater runoff to pass

through them. Tire stops, bollards or other protective barriers may be used at the front ends of parking spaces. Curbs may be perforated or have gaps or breaks. Trees must have adequate protection from car doors as well as car bumpers. This provision does not apply to single-family residence, duplexes and accessory dwelling units.

D. Stormwater Management

Stormwater runoff from parking lots is regulated by the engineering services department.

E. Parking Area Layout

1. Access to Parking Spaces.

All parking areas, except stacked parking areas, must be designed so that a vehicle may enter or exit without having to move another vehicle.

2. Parking Space and Aisle Dimensions.

a. Parking spaces and aisles in RA, RSF, RSF-C, RTF, RMF, RHD, FBC CA4, O, OR, NR, NMU, CB, GC, and industrial zones must meet the minimum dimensions contained in Table 17C.230-3.

b. Parking spaces and aisles in Downtown CC, and FBC CA1, CA2, CA3 zones must meet the minimum dimensions contained in Table 17C.230-4.

c. In all zones, on dead end aisles, aisles shall extend five feet beyond the last stall to provide adequate turnaround.

3. Parking for Disabled Persons.

The city building services department regulates the following disabled person parking standards and access standards through the building code and the latest ANSI standards for accessible and usable buildings and facilities:

a. Dimensions of disabled person parking spaces and access aisles.

b. The minimum number of disabled person parking spaces required.

c. Location of disabled person parking spaces and circulation routes.

d. Curb cuts and ramps including slope, width and location; and

e. Signage and pavement markings.

4. A portion of a standard parking space may be landscaped instead of paved, as follows:

- a. The landscaped area may be up to two feet of the front of the space as measured from a line parallel to the direction of the bumper of a vehicle using the space, as shown in Figure 17C.230-3. Any vehicle overhang must be free from interference from sidewalks, landscaping, or other required elements.

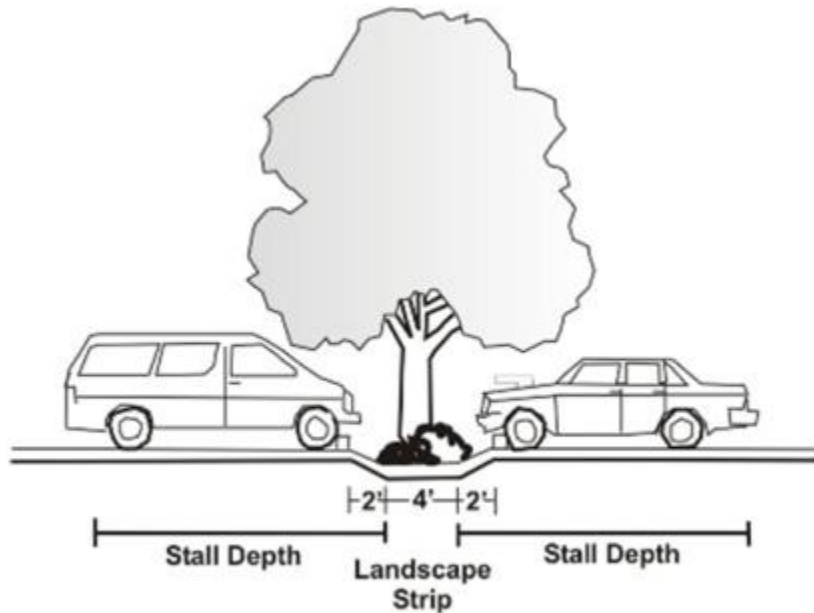


Figure 17C.230-3 Landscaped area at front of parking space

- b. Landscaping must be ground cover plants; and
 - c. The landscaped area counts toward parking lot interior landscaping requirements and toward any overall site landscaping requirements. However, the landscaped area does not count toward perimeter landscaping requirements.
5. Engineering Services Department Review
The engineering services department reviews the layout of parking areas for compliance with the curb cut and access restrictions of [chapter 17H.010 SMC](#).

Table 17C.230-3
RA, RSF, RSF-C, RTF, RMF, RHD, FBC CA4, O, OR, NMU, CB, GC and Industrial Zones
Minimum Parking Space and Aisle Dimensions [1, 2]

Angle (A)	Width (B)	Curb Length (C)	1-way Aisle Width (D)	2-way Aisle Width (D)	Stall Depth (E)
0° (Parallel)	8 ft.	20 ft.	12 ft.	22 ft.	8 ft.

30°	8 ft. 6 in.	17 ft.	12 ft.	22 ft.	15 ft.
45°	8 ft. 6 in.	12 ft.	12 ft.	22 ft.	17 ft.
60°	8 ft. 6 in.	9 ft. 9 in.	16 ft.	22 ft.	18 ft.
90°	8 ft. 6 in.	8 ft. 6 in.	22 ft.	22 ft.	18 ft.

Notes:

[1] See Figure 17C.230-4.

[2] Dimensions of parking spaces for the disabled are regulated by the building code. See [SMC 17C.230.140\(E\)\(3\)](#).

Table 17C.230-4
Downtown, CC, NR, FBC CA1, CA2, and CA3 Zones
Minimum Parking Space and Aisle Dimensions [1, 2]

Angle (A)	Width (B)	Curb Length (C)	1-way Aisle Width (D)	2-way Aisle Width (D)	Stall Depth (E)
0° (Parallel)	8 ft.	20 ft.	12 ft.	20 ft.	8 ft.
30°	8 ft. 6 in.	17 ft.	12 ft.	20 ft.	15 ft.
45°	8 ft. 6 in.	12 ft.	12 ft.	20 ft.	17 ft.
60°	8 ft. 6 in.	9 ft. 9 in.	16 ft.	20 ft.	17 ft. 6 in.
90°	8 ft. 6 in.	8 ft. 6 in.	20 ft.	20 ft.	16 ft.

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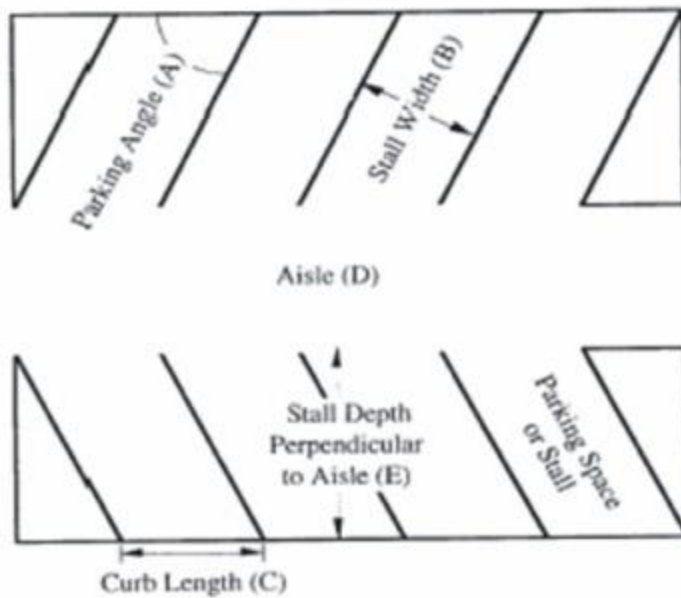
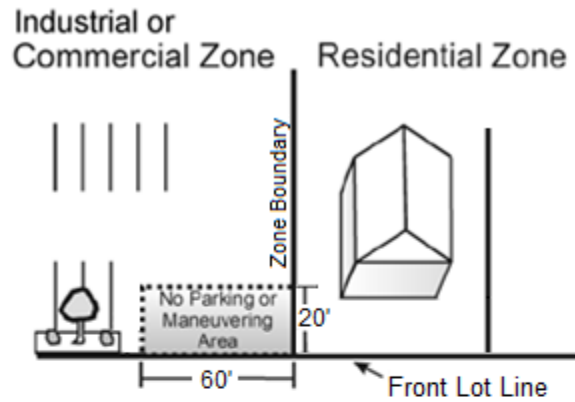


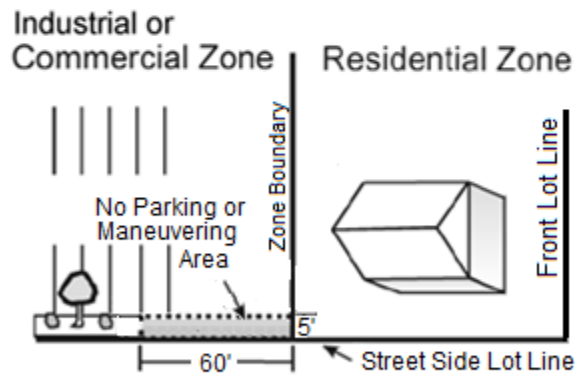
Figure 17C.230-4 Parking Dimension Factors

F. Parking Area Setbacks and Landscaping

1. For parking areas on sites abutting residential zoning districts, parking spaces or maneuvering areas for parking spaces, other than driveways that are perpendicular to the street, are ~~((not allowed within the first twenty feet from a street lot line for the first sixty feet from the boundary of))~~ required to be setback a distance equal to the setback specified in SMC 17C.230.145(C)(1) of the adjacent residential zoning district for the first sixty feet from the zoning district boundary (Figure 17C.230-5).



A. Setback adjacent to front lot line.



B. Setback adjacent to street side lot line.

Figure 17C.230-5 Parking Area Setback

[Note: Add the graphic above.]

2. All landscaping must comply with the standards of [chapter 17C.200 SMC](#), Landscaping and Screening.