

17C.111.205/17C.111.420 RMF & RHD TEXT AMENDMENTS

The proposed Spokane Municipal Code Text Amendments related to building height are citywide and not limited to the South Logan Project Area. The citywide changes implement recommendations from the [South Logan TOD Plan](#), with citywide implementation ensuring consistency of height and multifamily open space requirements throughout Spokane. The proposal includes increased default maximum heights to the RMF (Residential Multifamily) and RHD (Residential High Density) zones as well as adjustments to open space requirements to increase feasibility of higher intensity infill development. Proposed open space requirements include allowing proximity to a public park to count towards open space requirements, which is proposed to apply to all residential zones, including R1 and R2, and having different minimum open space requirements depending on unit size and infill site status in RMF and RHD.

Text with (~~strikethrough~~) is proposed to be repealed/modified with underlined text representing proposed text. Text without a strikethrough or underline is existing and not proposed to be modified.

Section 1. That SMC Section 17C.111.205 be amended to read as follows:

Section 17C.111.205 Development Standards Tables

Development standards that apply within the residential zones are provided in Tables 17C.111.205-1 through 17C.111.205-3.

TABLE 17C.111.205-1					
LOT DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS [1]					
	RA	R1	R2	RMF	RHD
DENSITY STANDARDS					
Maximum density on sites 2 acres or less [2][3]	No maximum	No maximum	No maximum	No maximum	No maximum
Maximum density on sites larger than 2 acres [2]	10 units/acre	10 units/acre	20 units/acre	No maximum	No maximum
Minimum density [2]	4 units/acre	4 units/acre	10 units/acre	15 units/acre	15 units/acre
LOT DIMENSIONS FOR SUBDIVISIONS AND SHORT SUBDIVISIONS					
Minimum lot area	7,200 sq. ft.	1,200 sq. ft.	1,200 sq. ft.	1,200 sq. ft.	1,200 sq. ft.
Minimum lot width with no driveway approach [4]	40 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.
Minimum lot width with driveway approach [4]	40 ft.	36 ft.	36 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.

Minimum lot width within Airfield Overlay Zone	40 ft.	40 ft.	36 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.
Minimum lot depth	80 ft.	80 ft.	40 ft.	N/A	N/A
Minimum lot frontage	40 ft.	Same as minimum lot width	Same as minimum lot width	Same as minimum lot width	Same as minimum lot width
MINIMUM LOT DIMENSIONS FOR UNIT LOT SUBDIVISIONS					
Minimum parent lot area	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum
Maximum parent lot area	2 acres	2 acres	2 acres	2 acres	2 acres
Minimum child lot area	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum
Minimum child lot depth	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum	No minimum
LOT COVERAGE					
Maximum total building coverage [5][6][7]	50%	65%	80%	100%	100%
Maximum lot impervious coverage without engineer's stormwater drainage plan - not in ADC [5][8]	50%	60%	60%	N/A	N/A
Maximum lot impervious coverage without engineer's stormwater drainage plan - inside ADC [5][8]	40%	40%	40%	N/A	N/A
Notes:					
[1] Plan district, overlay zone, or other development standards contained in Title 17C SMC may supersede these standards.					
[2] See SMC 17C.111.210 for applicability of minimum and maximum density standards in the residential zones.					
[3] Development within Airfield Overlay Zones is further regulated as described in SMC 17C.180.090, Limited Use Standards.					
[4] Lots with vehicle access only from an alley are not considered to have a "driveway approach" for the purposes of this standard.					
[5] Lot and building coverage calculation includes all primary and accessory structures.					
[6] Building coverage for attached housing is calculated based on the overall development site, rather than individual lots.					

[7] Developments meeting certain criteria relating to transit, Centers & Corridors, or housing affordability are given a bonus for building coverage. See SMC 17C.111.225 for detailed eligibility criteria.

[8] Projects may exceed impervious coverage requirements by including an engineer's drainage plan in submittals, subject to review by the City Engineer as described in SMC 17D.060.135. "ADC" means Area of Drainage Concern.

TABLE 17C.111.205-2					
BUILDING AND SITING STANDARDS [1]					
	RA	R1	R2	RMF	RHD
PRIMARY BUILDINGS					
Floor area ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum building footprint per primary building - lot area 7,000 sq. ft. or less	N/A	2,450 sq. ft.	2,450 sq. ft.	N/A	N/A
Maximum building footprint per primary building - lot area more than 7,000 sq. ft.	N/A	35%	35%	N/A	N/A
Maximum building height [2]	35 ft.	40 ft.	40 ft.	((40)) <u>55</u> ft.	((40)) <u>75</u> ft.
Minimum Setbacks					
Front	15 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
Interior side lot line - lot width 40 ft or less [3]	3 ft.	3 ft.	3 ft.	3 ft.	3 ft.
Interior side lot line - lot width more than 40 ft [4] [5]	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.
Street side lot line – all lot widths	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.
Attached garage or carport entrance from street	20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.
Rear	25 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS					
Maximum building footprint for accessory dwelling unit - lot area 5,500 sq. ft. or less	1,100 sq. ft.	1,100 sq. ft.	1,100 sq. ft.	1,100 sq. ft.	1,100 sq. ft.
Maximum building footprint for accessory dwelling unit - lots larger than 5,500 sq. ft.	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%
Maximum building height	25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.

Minimum side lot line setbacks [5] [6]	Same as Primary Structure				
Minimum rear setback with alley [4] [5] [6]	0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.
Minimum rear setback no alley	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.
OTHER ACCESSORY STRUCTURES					
Maximum lot coverage for accessory structures – lots 5,500 sq. ft. or less	20%	20%	20%	See Primary Structure	See Primary Structure
Maximum lot coverage for accessory structures – lots larger than 5,500 sq. ft.	20%	15%	15%	See Primary Structure	See Primary Structure
Maximum building height	30 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.
Minimum side lot line setbacks [4] [5] [6]	Same as Primary Structure				
Minimum rear setback with alley	0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.
Minimum rear setback no alley	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.
OPEN SPACE [7]					
Minimum (outdoor area) <u>open space</u> per unit ([7]) [8]	250 sq. ft.	250 sq. ft.	250 sq. ft.	((200 sq. ft.)) <u>Studio: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>1- bedroom: 75 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>2+ bedrooms: 150 sq. ft. per unit</u>	<u>Studio: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>1-bedroom: 75 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>2+ bedrooms: 100 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>Sites 20,000 sq. ft. or less: 36 sq. ft. per unit</u>

Minimum common ((outdoor area)) <u>open space</u> per unit as a substitute for private area - first six units	200 sq. ft.	200 sq. ft.	200 sq. ft.	((150-sq. ft.)) <u>Studio: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>1- bedroom: 75 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>2+ bedrooms: 150 sq. ft. per unit</u>	<u>Studio: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>1-bedroom: 75 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>2+ bedrooms: 100 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>Sites 20,000 sq. ft. or less: 36 sq. ft. per unit</u>
Minimum common ((outdoor area)) <u>open space</u> per unit as a substitute for private area - all units after six	150 sq. ft.	150 sq. ft.	150 sq. ft.	((100-sq. ft.)) <u>Studio: 36 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>1- bedroom: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>2+ bedrooms: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u>	<u>Studio: ((48)) 36 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>1-bedroom: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>2+ bedrooms: 48 sq. ft. per unit</u> <u>Sites 20,000 sq. ft. or less: 25 sq. ft. per unit</u>

Notes:

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

[2] Base zone height may be modified according to SMC 17C.111.230, Height.

[3] Certain elements such as covered porches may extend into the front setback. See SMC 17C.111.235, Setbacks.

[4] There is an additional angled setback from the interior side lot line. Refer to SMC 17C.111.230(C) and 17C.111.235(E) for more detail.

[5] Setbacks 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 as specified in SMC 17C.111.240(C).

[6] Accessory structures may be subject to an additional side setback adjacent to streets as specified in 17C.111.240(C)(5).

[7] Residential units with a continuous pedestrian route as defined in SMC Section 17C.111.420(B) from the property boundary to a public park within 800 feet shall have a minimum of not more than 36 square feet of open space per unit.

~~[[7]]~~ [8] Common ~~((outdoor area))~~ open space may be substituted for private ~~((outdoor area))~~ open space according to SMC 17C.111.310.

TABLE 17C.111.205-3 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR PROPERTIES QUALIFYING FOR DEVELOPMENT BONUS [1] [2]					
	RA	R1	R2	RMF	RHD
LOT COVERAGE					
Maximum total building coverage	N/A	80%	90%	100%	100%
PRIMARY BUILDINGS					
Floor area ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Maximum building footprint per primary building - lot area 7,000 sq. ft. or less	N/A	2,450 sq. ft.	2,450 sq. ft.	N/A	N/A
Maximum building footprint per primary building - lot area more than 7,000 sq. ft.	N/A	35%	35%	N/A	N/A
Notes:					
[1] Standards not addressed in this table are consistent with the general standards in Tables 17C.111.205-1 and 17C.111.205-2.					
[2] Criteria to qualify for Development Bonuses is outlined in SMC 17C.111.225.					

Section 2. That SMC Section 17C.111.420 be amended to read as follows:

Section 17C.111.420 ((Outdoor)) Open Spaces

A. Purpose.

To create pedestrian friendly, usable areas through the use of plazas, courtyards, rooftop decks, and other ((outdoors)) open spaces for the enjoyment and health of the residents.

B. ((Outdoor)) Open Spaces Implementation.

1. Minimum Required Space.

((4))a. Each multifamily development shall ((set)) provide ((a minimum of forty-eight square feet of)) the minimum ((outdoor)) open space area for each living unit in the complex, including those units occupied by the owner or building management personnel, as identified in Table 17C.111.205-2. Open spaces may be provided individually, such as by balconies, or combined into a larger common open space. ((Private outdoor spaces can count towards this outdoor common space provision.)) Developments in RMF and RHD may provide both private and common open space to meet the minimum requirement; however, each unit must provide either the full private or common open space to count towards the minimum required space. (R)

b. Residential units with a continuous pedestrian route from the building entrance to a public park within 800 ft are not required to provide more than 36 square feet of open space per unit. For purposes of this requirement, an unsignalized crossing of a minor arterial road or greater shall not be considered a continuous pedestrian route.



Trellis and special landscape defines private courtyard area

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2. ~~((Ground Level Units))~~ Private Open Space.

~~((The outdoor area for ground level units is a type of private outdoor space and must be directly accessible from the unit. The area must be surfaced with lawn, pavers, decking or sport court paving which allows the area to be used for recreational purposes. User amenities, such as tables, benches, trees, planter boxes, garden plots, drinking fountains, spas or pools, may be placed in the outdoor area. It may be covered, such as a covered patio, but it may not be fully enclosed. (R)))~~

Private open space area is typically developed for passive recreational use. Examples include balconies, patios, and private rooftop decks.



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- a. Private open space must be directly accessible from the unit. (R)
- b. Private open space must be surfaced with landscaping, pavers, decking, or sport court paving which allows the area to be used for recreational purposes. (R)
- c. Private open space may be covered, such as a covered balcony, but may not be fully enclosed. (R)
- d. Berms, low walls, fences, hedges and/or landscaping shall be used to define private open spaces such as yards, decks, terraces, and patios from each other and from the street right-of-way. The material or plantings between private open spaces shall be a maximum of four feet in height and visually permeable, such as open rails, ironwork, or trellis treatment to encourage interaction between neighbors. Material or plantings between units and right-of-way shall meet applicable fencing restrictions. (P)

3. ~~((Upper Level Units))~~ Common Open Space.

~~((Upper level units are a type of private outdoor space. For upper level units, the required outdoor area may be provided individually, such as by~~

~~balconies, or combined into a larger area. If combined into a larger area, it must comply with the following requirements. (R))~~

Common open space area may be developed for active or passive recreational use. Examples include play areas, plazas, rooftop patios, picnic areas, fitness centers, pools, tennis courts, and open recreational facilities.

- a. ~~The total amount of required ((outdoor area for upper level units)) common open space is the cumulative amount of the required area per dwelling unit for ((individual)) common areas, minus any ((upper level)) units that provide individual ((outdoor areas)) open space (if provided). However, a combined required ((outdoor area)) open space must comply with the minimum area ((and dimension requirements for combined outdoor areas)) and meet ADA Standards for Accessible Design.~~
- b. ~~((The combined outdoor area may be developed for active or passive recreational use. Examples include play areas, plazas, rooftop patios, picnic areas, fitness centers, pools, tennis courts, and open recreational facilities. The area)) Common open space must be surfaced with ((lawn)) landscaping, pavers, decking, or sport court paving, which allows the area to be used for recreational purposes. ((User amenities, such as tables, benches, trees, planter boxes, garden plots, drinking fountains, spas or pools may be placed in the outdoor area. It may be covered, such as a covered patio, but it may not be fully enclosed.)) (R).~~
- c. Common open space may be covered, such as a covered patio, but may not be fully enclosed unless the open space is an equipped interior fitness area or furnished meeting space not reservable by individual residents. (R)
- d. Common open spaces with active uses used to meet these guidelines shall not be located within required buffer areas, if prohibited by critical area or shoreline regulations. (R)
- e. Common open spaces shall provide at least three of the following amenities to accommodate a variety of ages and activities. Amenities include: (P)
 - i. Site furnishings (benches, tables, bike racks)
 - ii. Picnic or outdoor grilling areas
 - iii. Patios, plazas, or courtyards
 - iv. Tot lots or other children's play areas
 - v. Enclosed pet areas that make up no more than fifty percent of the required common open space

vi. Community gardens accessible for use by residents

vii. Open lawn

viii. Play fields

ix. Sports courts, such as tennis or basketball courts, and pools that make up no more than fifty percent of the required common open space

x. Interior equipped fitness areas that make up no more than fifty percent of the required common open space

f. If common open spaces are located adjacent to a street right-of-way, landscaping should be used to provide a buffer between outdoor spaces and the street right-of-way. (P)

~~((4. Common outdoor spaces shall provide at least three of the following amenities to accommodate a variety of ages and activities. Amenities include: (P)~~

~~a. Site furnishings (benches, tables, bike racks).~~

~~b. Picnic areas.~~

~~c. Patios, plazas or courtyards.~~

~~d. Tot lots.~~

~~e. Gardens.~~

~~f. Open lawn.~~

~~g. Play fields.~~

~~h. Sports courts, such as tennis or basketball courts (no more than fifty percent of required outdoor common space), equipped interior fitness areas, or pools.))~~



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Basketball court provided in common outdoor area

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- ~~((5. Common outdoor spaces shall be easily visible and accessible to multifamily residents. (P))~~
- ~~6. Berms, low walls, fences, hedges and/or landscaping shall be used to define private ((outdoor)) open spaces such as yards, decks, terraces, and patios from each other and from the street right-of-way. (P)~~
- ~~7. Walls, hedges, and fences shall be used to define and ensure a sense of privacy in outdoor private spaces. The material or plantings should be a maximum of four feet (high and visually permeable, such as open rails, ironwork, or trellis treatment to encourage interaction between neighbors.) (P))~~
- ~~((8))4. Lighting shall be provided within ((outdoor)) open spaces to provide visual interest, as well as an additional security function. Lighting should not cause off-site glare. (R)~~
- ~~((9. If outdoor spaces are located adjacent to a street right-of-way, landscaping should be used to provide a buffer between outdoor spaces and the street right-of-way. (C))~~



Screening by wall and planting

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~~((10.—Common outdoor spaces with active uses used to meet these guidelines shall not be located within required buffer areas, if prohibited by critical area or shoreline regulations. (R))~~

~~((14))~~5. ~~((Outdoor))~~ Open spaces should not be located adjacent to dumpster enclosures, loading/service areas or other ~~((incompatible uses))~~ facility and/or utility enclosures. (C)

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