

ORDINANCE NO. 698

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY AMENDING TITLE 17, "ZONING" OF THE FOSTER CITY MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 17.15 "SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY OBJECTIVE DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS" AND FINDING THE AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) PREPARED FOR THE FOSTER CITY HOUSING AND SAFETY ELEMENT UPDATE (SCH NUMBER 2022010509) – RZ2024-0005

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, the Housing Element is an integral part of the Foster City General Plan that identifies the community's housing needs, states the community's goals and objectives regarding housing production, rehabilitation, preservation, and conservation to meet those needs, and defines the policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Housing Goals, Policies, and Programs of the Housing Element, forms the housing policy roadmap for the city and describes the implementation measures that the City needs to undertake in the planning period 2023-31; and

WHEREAS, these goals, policies, and programs aim to provide additional housing in a way that is balanced with the community's desires to retain the aspects of Foster City that make it a great place to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element Programs include the City's commitment to timeframes for implementation and the Annual Progress Report (APR) to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), due by April 1 of each year, reports on progress in implementation of these Programs; and

WHEREAS, amendments to Title 17, Zoning, of the Foster City Municipal Code to establish single- and two-family objective design standards and provide a streamlined review process for affordable housing projects are required by Housing Element Implementation Programs, including, H-B-4-a Update Architectural and Solar Guidelines for Single Family Homes and H-D-6-a Minimize Governmental Constraints; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to implement programs contained in the RHNA 6 Housing Element for the 2023-2031 Planning Period are within the scope of the environmental impact report prepared for the Foster City Housing Element and Safety Element Update (SCH# 2022010509); and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2024, a Land Use Subcommittee meeting and on September 19, 2024, a Planning Commission study session were held to discuss the implementation of the Housing Element programs; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed existing policies, guidelines and other Chapters of the Municipal Code pertaining to the review of single-family and two-family homes; and

WHEREAS, staff drafted a new Chapter 17.15 Single-Family and Two-Family Objective Design and Development Standards and amendments to various Chapters of Title 17, Zoning, including, 17.04 "Definitions"; 17.12 "R-1 Single-Family Residence District"; 17.14 "R-2 Two-Family Residence District"; 17.58 "Architectural Control and Supervision"; and 17.96 "Multifamily and Residential Mixed-Use Objective Design and Development Standards, in order to implement the Housing Element programs H-B-4-a and H-D-6-a; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed amendments to Title 17, Zoning, at Study Sessions on July 18, 2024, April 17, 2025, June 5, 2025, September 18, 2025, and November 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted a duly and properly noticed public hearing to take public testimony and consider proposed amendments to Title 17, Zoning, of the Foster City Municipal Code, adding a new Chapter 17.15, Single-Family and Two-Family Objective Design And Development Standards, and finding that the amendments are within the scope of the Environmental Impact Report prepared under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Housing Element and Safety Element Update (SCH#2022010509); and

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2025, Planning Commission voted 5-0-0-0 approving Resolution P-14-25 recommending that the City Council amend Title 17, Zoning of the Foster City Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 17.15 Single-Family and Two-Family Objective Design and Development Standards and finding the amendments within the scope of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Foster City Housing And Safety Element Update (SCH NUMBER 2022010509); and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, a Notice of Public Hearing was duly posted for consideration of the proposed amendments to Title 17, Zoning, of the Foster City Municipal Code, adding a new Chapter 17.15, Single-Family and Two-Family Objective Design and Development Standards, and the related CEQA finding, for the City Council public hearing on December 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2025, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing where it carefully reviewed and considered the staff report and all attachments thereto presented as part of the agenda for the public hearing regarding the proposed amendments to Title 17, Zoning, of the Foster City Municipal Code, adding a new Chapter 17.15, Single-Family and Two-Family Objective Design And Development Standards, as referenced above, as well as the proposed CEQA finding, including any and all timely submitted correspondence, all information submitted at or prior to the public hearing, and all public comment and testimony presented at the public hearing (collectively, the "Record").

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: Section 1. The City Council does hereby find and determine based upon the aforementioned Record as follows:

1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by reference into this action.
2. The proposed amendments are internally consistent with all other provisions of the General Plan and do not conflict with any of the previously adopted goals, policies, or programs of the General Plan.
3. The proposed amendments will not be detrimental to the public interest, convenience, and general welfare of the City.
4. The proposed amendments to implement programs contained in the RHNA 6 Housing Element for the 2023-2031 Planning Period are within the scope of the environmental impact report prepared for the Foster City Housing Element and Safety Element Update (SCH# 2022010509), and no further environmental review is necessary.

Section 2. The City Council does hereby amend Title 17, "Zoning" of the Foster City Municipal Code by adding a new Chapter 17.15, "Single-Family And Two-Family Objective Design And Development Standards" as set forth in the attached Exhibit A and attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council does hereby declare that it should have adopted the Ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Taking Effect. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its adoption.

Section 4. Posting. Within fifteen (15) days after the adoption of this Ordinance, the City Clerk shall have it posted in three (3) public places designated by the City Council.

City Ordinance No. 698

This Ordinance was introduced and read on the 15th day of December 2025, and passed and adopted on the 20th day of January 2026, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Jimenez, Niederhofer, Sullivan, Venkat, and Mayor Kiesel

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Signed by:

ART KIESEL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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PRISCILLA SCHAUS, CITY CLERK

Exhibit A

Chapter 17.15 Single-Family and Two-Family Objective Design and Development Standards

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17.15.010 Intent and purpose

- A. It is the intent of the city council in enacting this chapter to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the city by maintaining the high standards of architectural design that have distinguished Foster City as a thriving master planned City in California.
- B. This chapter establishes design and development standards to meet the following objectives:
 - 1. Maintain the integrity and high-quality living environment of the City's residential neighborhoods.
 - 2. Achieve a high-quality baseline for the design of applicable single-family and two-family residential projects (“dwelling units”) that are integrated with the existing surroundings and neighborhoods and provide attractive and desirable living environments.
 - 3. Establish clear expectations for community members, decision-makers, and applicants prior to the submittal and approval of applicable new and modified single-family and two-family dwelling units.
- C. This chapter is intended to supplement, not replace, regulations in other titles and chapters of the Foster City Municipal Code and any other relevant state or federal regulations applicable to single-family and two-family dwelling units, including but not limited to the California Building Code. Where there are any conflicts, the most restrictive regulations shall govern.

17.15.020 Applicability

- A. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to applications for planning approval of residential projects such as new, replaced, or modifications to buildings and/or structures and other property improvements in the R-1 Single-Family Residence

District, R-1/PD Single-Family Residence District/ Planned Development, R-2 Two-Family Residence District and R-2/PD Two-Family Residence District/Planned Development.

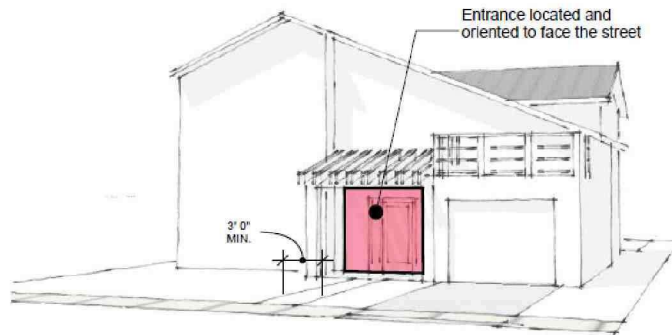
- B. Effective Date. This chapter shall apply to applications for planning approval of residential projects identified in subsection A, submitted on or after the date this chapter becomes effective.

17.15.030 Process

- A. The standards contained in this chapter shall be applied as part of the review of any required application(s) for planning approval for all residential projects in zoning districts identified in 17.15.020(A).
- B. As an alternative to a variance as provided in Section [17.06.080](#), a project applicant may request Planning Commission approval of an exception or exceptions to the design standards, as part of the required review process, use permit, or architectural review, as follows:
1. The request shall be in writing, in conjunction with a planning application.
 2. The request shall include: (a) the standard that is requested to be waived, (b) how the unique circumstances of the project and/or physical constraints of the project site make application of the standard infeasible, and (c) how the requested exception meets the intent of the standard.
 3. The planning commission shall approve an exception if all of the following findings are made:
 - a. Approving the exception will not create a safety hazard; and
 - b. The proposed project meets the intent of the standard under consideration to the extent feasible.

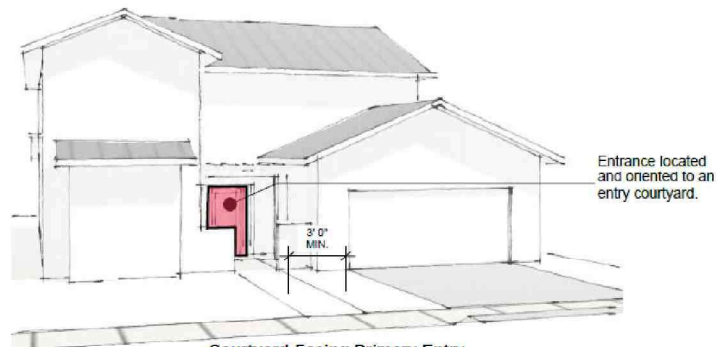
17.15.040 Design Standards

- A. Site Design.
1. Entry location and street orientation. These standards shall apply to new dwelling unit(s).
 - a. The primary entry for a proposed new dwelling unit shall comply with one (1) of the following:
 - i. Be located and oriented to face the public or private street.



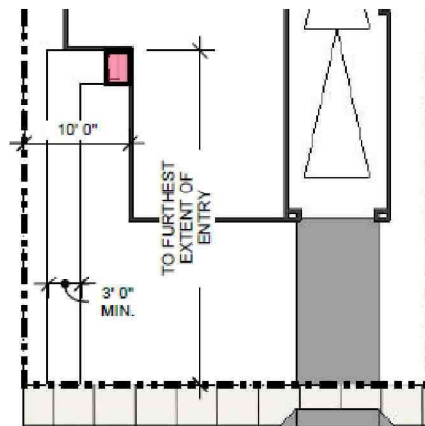
Street-Facing Primary Entry

- ii. Be located inside an entry courtyard.



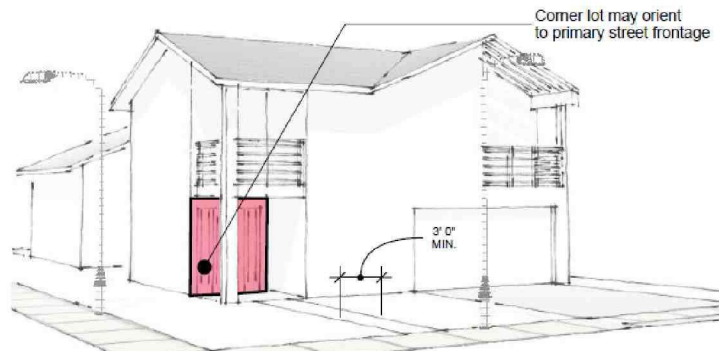
Courtyard-Facing Primary Entry

- iii. Be located on the side of the dwelling unit, with a side setback of no less than 10 feet from the side property line in the area between the front property line and furthest extent of the primary entry.

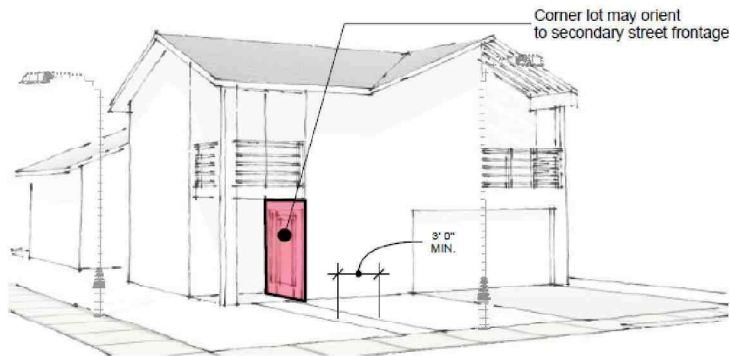


Side-Facing Primary Entry

- b. For corner lots, the primary entry may be oriented toward either street.



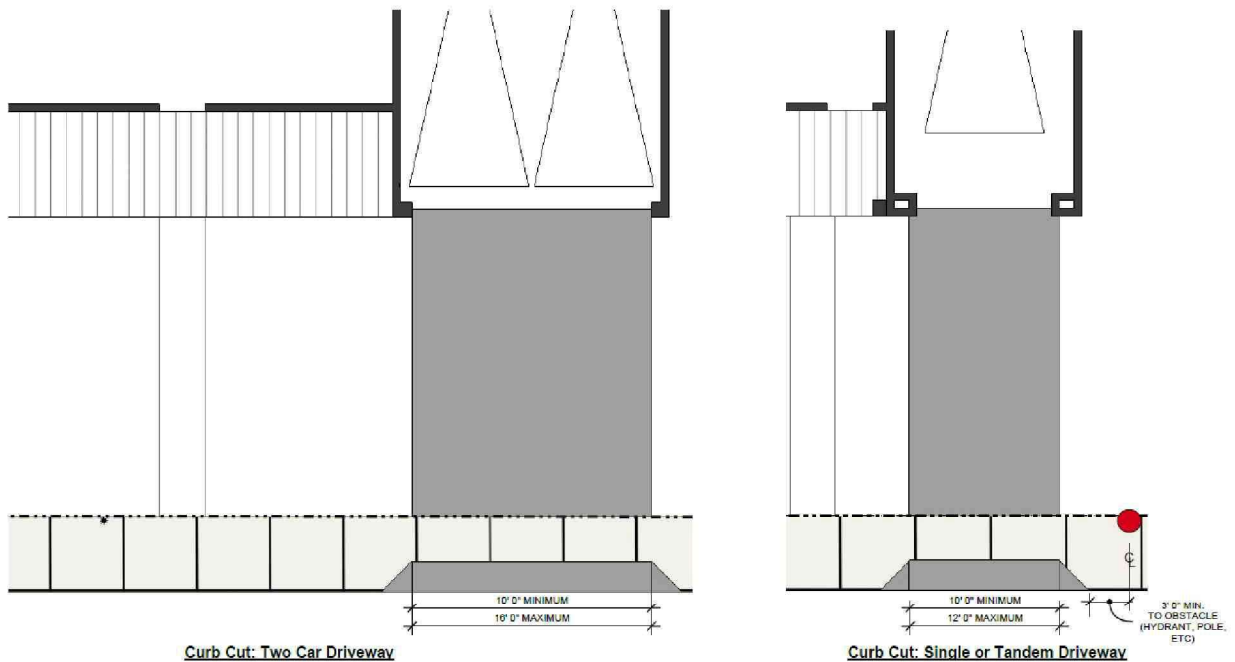
Corner Lot Primary Entry: Option 1



Corner Lot Primary Entry: Option 2

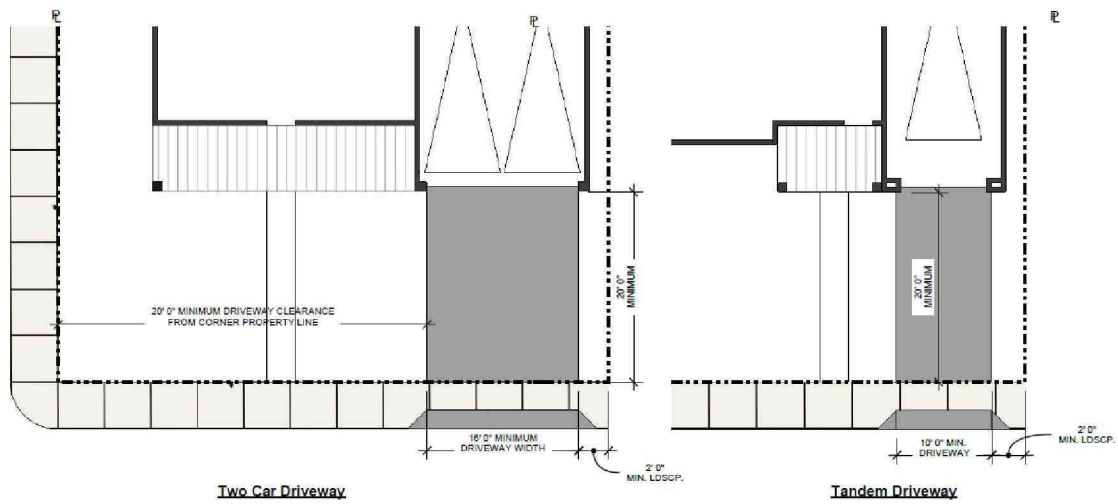
- c. A walkway measuring a minimum of thirty-six (36) inches in width shall be provided from the driveway or sidewalk to the primary entry.
- d. The design of the primary entry shall be in conformance with Section 17.15.040(B)(5).
2. Curb Cuts and Driveways. These standards shall apply to new or modifications to existing curb cuts or driveways.
 - a. Curb cut standards.
 - i. Curb cuts shall be permitted only to provide access to garages, carports, and parking spaces approved pursuant to a building permit or Chapter 17.64.
 - ii. Curb cut widths.
 - (a) Single or tandem parking. The width of a curb cut serving one (1) parking space or two (2) parking spaces in a tandem configuration shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet and a maximum of twelve (12) feet, excluding aprons.

- (b) Side-by-side or two-car parking. The width of a curb cut serving two (2) or more parking spaces in a side-by-side configuration shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet and a maximum of twenty (20) feet, excluding aprons.
- iii. The nearest edge of a driveway curb cut shall be at least three (3) feet from the centerline of a fire hydrant, light standard, traffic signal, utility pole, water meter, crosswalk, curb inlet, or other similar facility.
- iv. Curb cuts shall conform to the latest City Standard Detail.



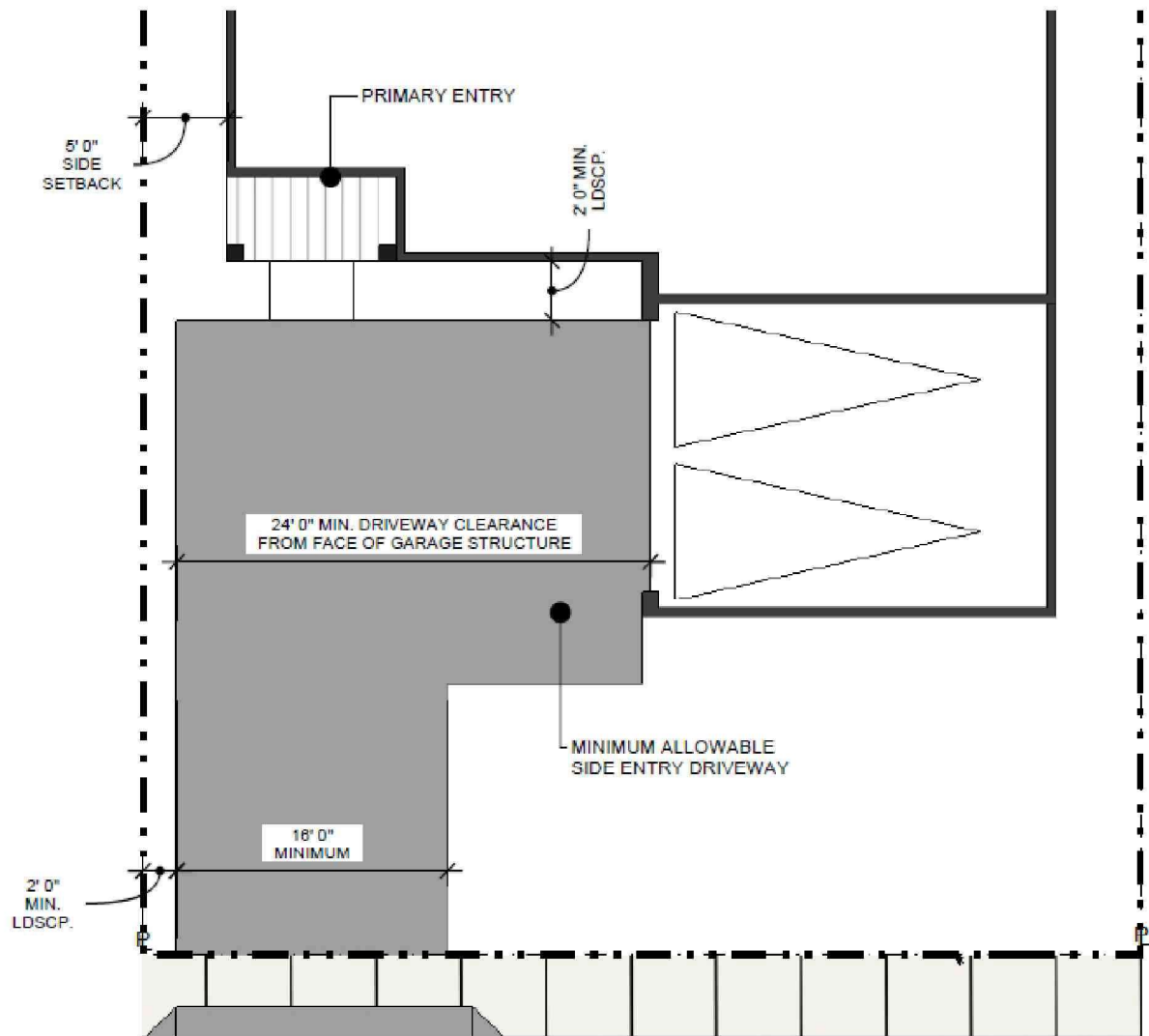
b. Street-Facing Garage/Carport Driveway.

- i. A driveway serving two (2) or more parking spaces in a side-by-side configuration shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in depth and a minimum of sixteen (16) feet in width.
- ii. A driveway serving one (1) parking space or two (2) parking spaces in a tandem configuration shall be a minimum of twenty (20) feet in depth and a minimum of ten (10) feet in width.
- iii. Driveways on corner lots shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from the property lines at the intersection of the corner or pedestrian crosswalk.
- iv. Driveways abutting a side property line shall include a landscape buffer that is a minimum two (2) feet in width between the property line and the driveway.



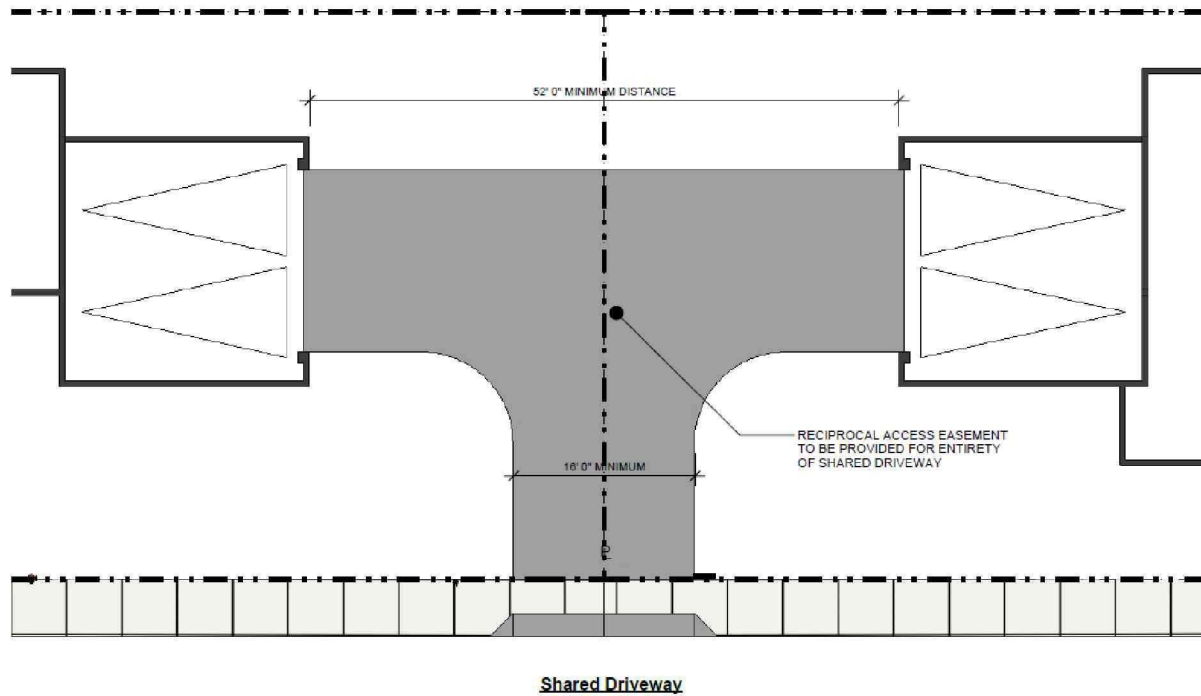
c. Side-Entry Garage/Carport Driveway.

- i. A landscape buffer that is minimum of two (2) feet in depth shall be provided between the driveway and the primary building.
- ii. A minimum distance of at least twenty-four (24) feet shall be required between the garage face and the opposite edge of the driveway for any garage/carport that does not directly face the street.

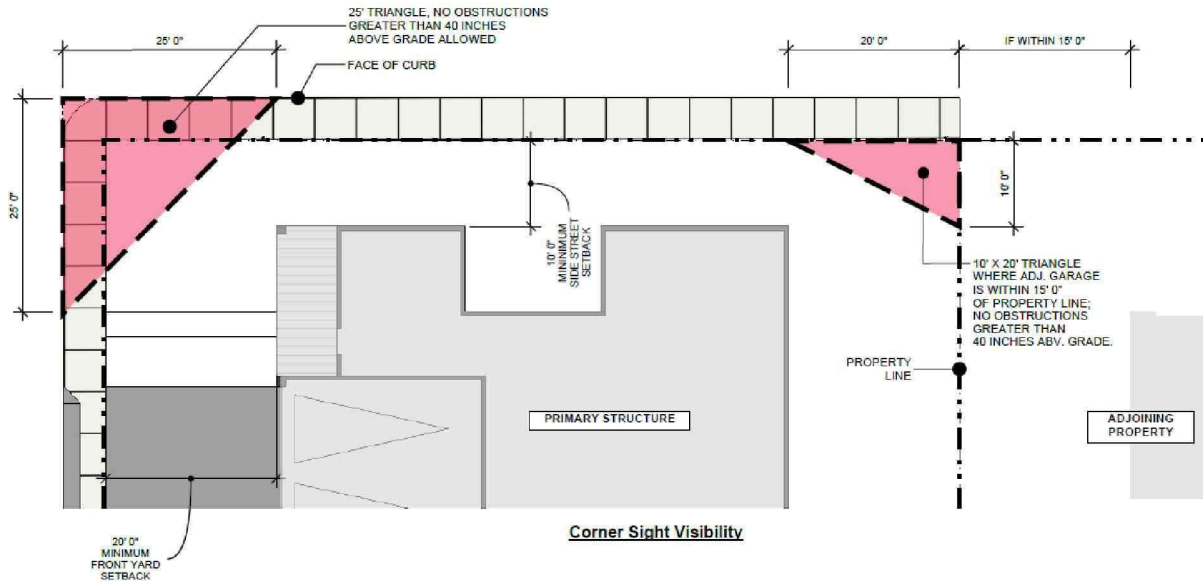


Side Entry Driveway

- d. Shared driveways.
 - i. Shared driveways between two (2) separately owned properties shall provide a minimum distance of fifty-two (52) feet between the faces of garage doors that face each other across a shared driveway. A recorded reciprocal easement shall be provided to ensure shared access.



- ii. If there is a shared driveway between two (2) properties, and one (1) of the property owners wishes to separate the driveway, that property owner shall ensure that both driveways, upon separation, meet the requirements of this Chapter.
- e. Street Corner and Driveway Visibility Requirements.
 - i. No accessory structure, or other obstruction, more than 40 inches in height, shall be located within visibility triangles required by Section 17.52.030.

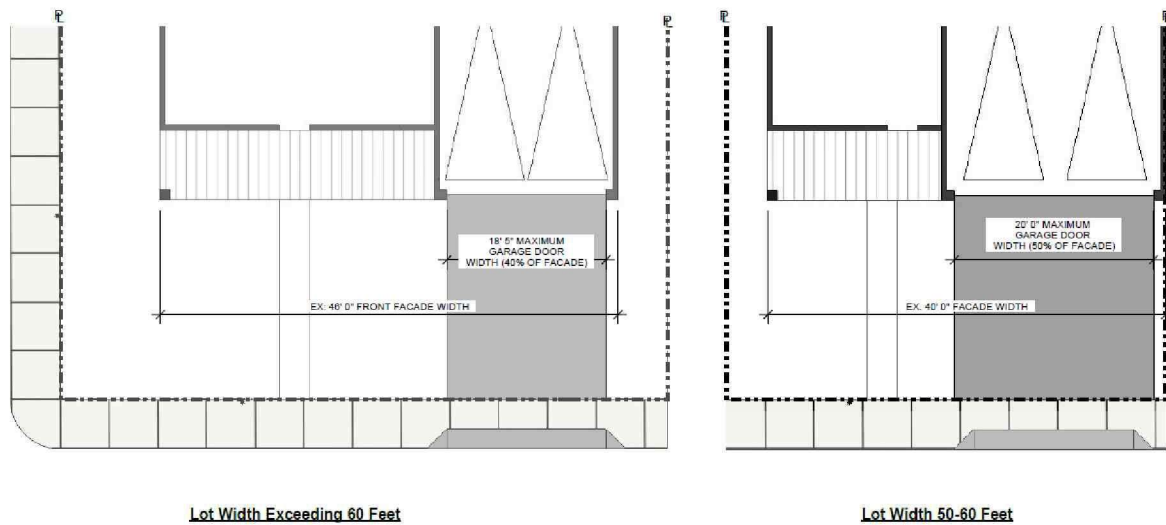


3. Landscaping and Lighting. These standards shall apply to new or modifications to dwelling unit(s).
 - a. Front Yard Landscaping. All portions of the front yard, except walkways, driveways, and approved parking areas, shall be landscaped according to the following standards:
 - i. The ground area shall be covered with plantings, mulch, or inorganic ground cover.
 - b. Front Yard Paving.
 - i. Where the garage or carport entry faces the street, paving in the front yard, including the driveways, shall not exceed sixty-five percent (65%) of the front yard.
 - ii. For side entry garages or carports, the paved area (if any) between the side of the garage or carport facing the street and the front property line parallel to the street shall not exceed fifty percent (50%).
 - iii. Front yard paving shall maintain a minimum setback of two (2) feet from any side property line.
 - c. Lighting. Exterior lighting shall be subject to the following restrictions:
 - i. Wall fixtures shall be mounted below the roof eave.
 - ii. All light fixtures mounted more than four (4) feet from grade shall be directed downward and shielded.
 - iii. A motion-activated light shall be directed downwards to prevent the light from reaching adjacent properties.
 - iv. No permanently installed outdoor lights that blink, revolve, flash, or change intensity shall be permitted.

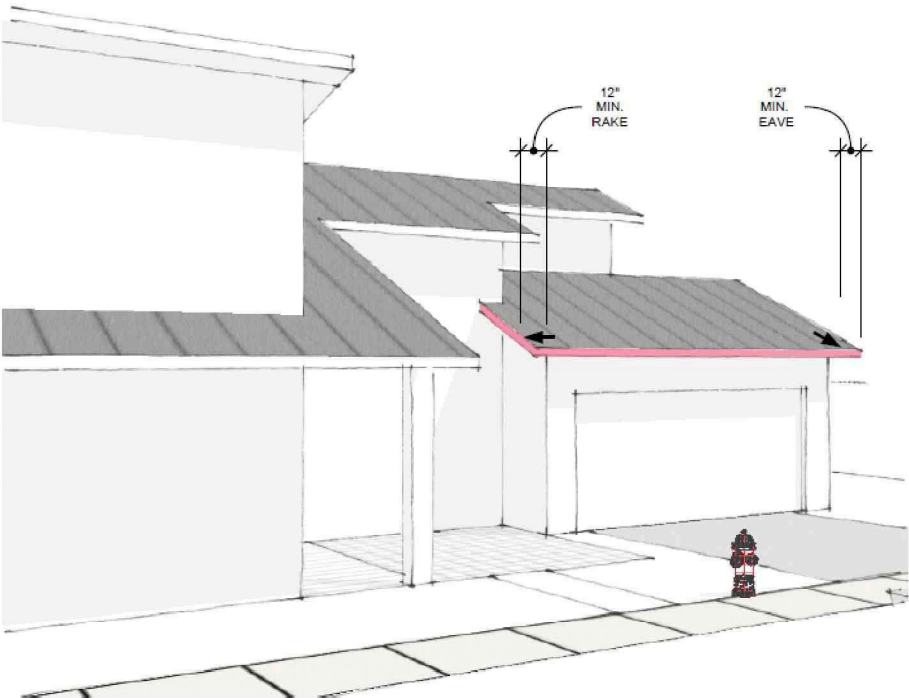
- v. Uplighting of architectural and landscape features is permitted if the fixture is fully shielded and aimed upwards to illuminate only the intended surface.
 - vi. Uplighting of glass, reflective, or polished surfaces is prohibited.
- 4. Mechanical Equipment/Utilities.
 - a. Conduits or ducts for mechanical equipment/utilities shall be painted to match the surrounding surface color.
 - b. Mechanical equipment/utilities in front yards. Mechanical equipment shall not be located in front yards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, one (1) electric vehicle (EV) charger up to two (2) square feet in size, shall be exempt from this requirement.
 - c. Mechanical equipment/utilities in the side and rear yards. Mechanical equipment may be located in the side or rear yards when all the requirements below are met:
 - i. The equipment is located behind and lower than a fence or wall; and
 - ii. The equipment shall maintain a setback of at least three (3) feet from the side property line; and
 - iii. The noise levels produced by the Mechanical equipment/utilities do not exceed those levels identified in subsection B, Noise Limits (Table 1) of Section 17.68.030, Noise, of Chapter 17.68, General Performance Standards.
 - d. Mechanical equipment/utilities on the roof
 - i. All roof-mounted mechanical equipment/utilities, except solar panels, shall be screened or incorporated into the design of the building(s) so as not to be visible from private street or public right-of-way.
 - ii. All vents/flues/termination/exhausts shall not extend above the roof except as required by the California Building Code and shall be painted to match the adjacent surface.
- B. Building Design.
 - 1. Building Massing. These standards shall apply to new two-story home(s) or second-story additions to existing dwelling unit(s):
 - a. If the addition will cause any loss of sunlight to any window of an adjacent house, the applicant shall provide a shading impact study with the permit application to demonstrate compliance with this section.
 - b. No new two-story home(s) or second-story addition shall:
 - i. Eliminate all direct sunlight to any living/family room, dining room, or kitchen in an adjacent house.
 - ii. Reduce more than 2 hours of direct sunlight to a living/family room or kitchen in an adjacent house, or more than 4 hours of direct sunlight to a bedroom in an adjacent house.

- iii. Reduce the amount of time that an adjacent house's window receives direct sunlight by more than 50% at any season where an impact occurs (requires a comparison of the hours that a window receives direct sunlight in an existing and proposed condition).
 - c. If a living/family room, dining room, or kitchen in the adjacent house has multiple windows, the solar impact will be based on the aggregate impact.
- 2. Building Articulation. These standards shall apply to new dwelling unit(s).
 - a. Front and Street Side Articulation. Any front or street-side elevation shall contain at least two (2) of the following treatments, compliant with associated standards or regulations:
 - i. A primary entry designed in conformance with Section 17.15.040(B)(5).
 - ii. Change in material, texture, or color in conformance with Section 17.15.040(B)(2)(c).
 - iii. Window(s) designed in conformance with Section 17.15.040(B)(7).
 - iv. A recess or projection on the lower or upper floor that is at least two (2) feet in depth and four (4) feet in width.
 - v. An attached trellis or pergola in conformance with Sections 17.15.050(A)(2) or 17.15.050(D)(2) as applicable.
 - b. Rear Elevation Articulation. Any rear elevation shall provide at least two (2) of the following treatments:
 - i. Change in material, texture, or color in conformance with Section 17.15.040(B)(2)(c).
 - ii. Window(s) designed in conformance with Section 17.15.040(B)(7).
 - iii. Entry door.
 - iv. A deck or balcony.
 - v. An attached trellis or pergola in conformance with Sections 17.15.050(A)(2) or 17.15.050(D)(2) as applicable.
 - vi. A recess or projection of at least two (2) feet in depth and four (4) feet in width.
 - c. Prohibited Building Materials and Colors.
 - i. The applicant shall refer to the list of prohibited building materials established by the Community Development Department for use on building exteriors and available on the Department's website. Any items on the Prohibited Building Materials list are prohibited on building exteriors. The list may be amended from time to time to accommodate new materials and colors.
 - ii. Color. See Section 17.58.020(C).
- 3. Building Roofs.
 - a. Articulation. These standards shall apply to roof(s) for new dwelling unit(s).

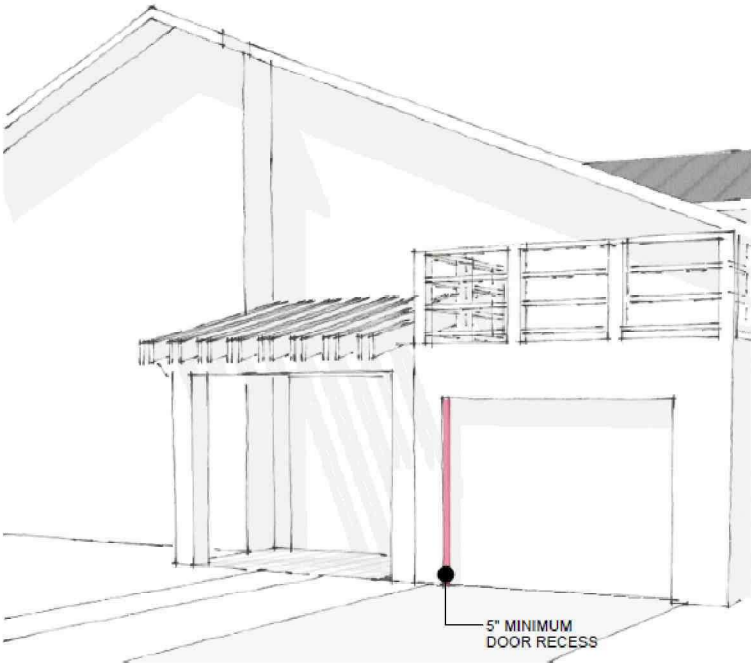
- i. Continuous rooflines that face a public or private street shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in length and shall be vertically articulated with at least one (1) of the following treatments, compliant with the associated standards or regulations:
 - (a) A change in height of at least four (4) feet.
 - (b) A roof dormer
 - (c) A change in roof orientation
 - (d) A change in roof form that projects at least two (2) feet above the main roofline.
 - (e) Openings in the roof, such as openings with exposed rafters.
 - b. Roof Pitch. These standards shall apply to roof(s) for new dwelling unit(s).
 - i. The roof pitch shall be consistent on all pitched roof sections.
 - c. Materials and colors. These standards shall apply to roof(s) for new dwelling unit(s) and modifications to existing dwelling unit(s).
 - i. The Community Development Department shall establish a list of approved roof materials and colors and make it available on the Department's website. The list may be amended from time to time to accommodate new materials and colors.
 - ii. The roof material on a single structure shall be the same material on all sides.
- 4. Garage. These standards shall apply to new or replaced garage(s) and not modifications or improvements to existing garages(s).
 - a. Garage Frontage.
 - i. Street-Facing Garages.
 - (a) For lots with a width between fifty (50) and sixty (60) feet, the garage frontage, including the door width and space between multiple doors, shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the front façade of the dwelling unit.
 - (b) For lots wider than sixty (60) feet, the garage frontage, the garage frontage, including the door width and space between multiple doors, shall not exceed forty percent (40%) of the front facade of the dwelling unit.



- b. Garage Interior Size.
 - i. Garage interiors shall be the minimum size required by Section 17.62.050(B)(1).
 - (a) Exception. Certain mechanical systems and electrical storage batteries may extend up to three (3) feet into the required unobstructed area, provided that they are placed at a height of forty-two (42) inches above the floor.
- c. Garage Location.
 - i. A street-facing garage must be setback at least twenty (20) feet from the front property line unless otherwise permitted within a planned development (PD) district.
 - ii. Side-entry garage shall have driveway consistent with Section 17.15.040(A)(2).
- d. Garage Door Opening Size. The primary garage entry/doors shall be sized as follows:
 - i. Single car or tandem garage shall have a minimum opening width of eight (8) feet and a maximum opening width of nine (9) feet.
 - ii. Two-car (side-by-side) garage shall have a minimum opening width of sixteen (16) feet and a maximum opening width of eighteen (18) feet.
- e. Garage Articulation.
 - i. Front-facing garages shall incorporate either a recess of at least five (5) inches from the surrounding wall plane or an overhang at least twelve (12) inches in depth.

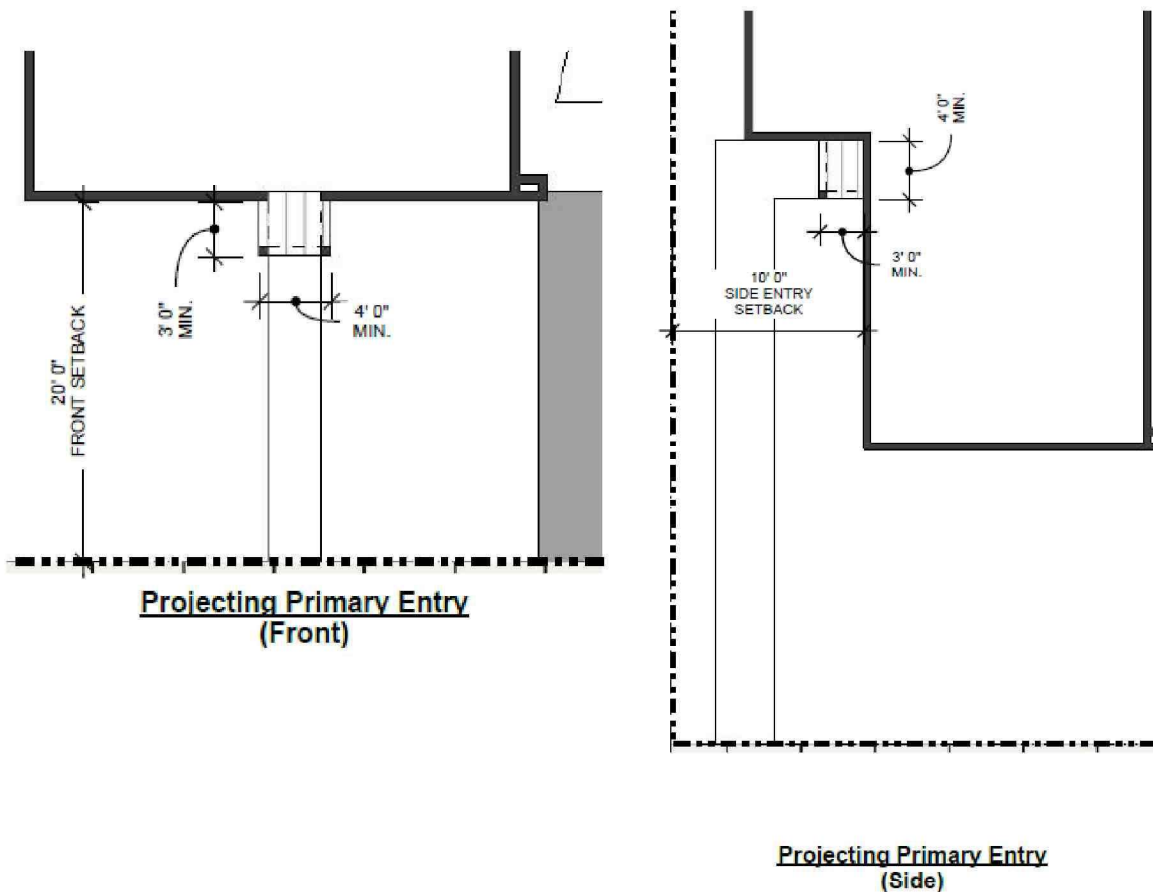


Garage Articulation by Roof Overhang

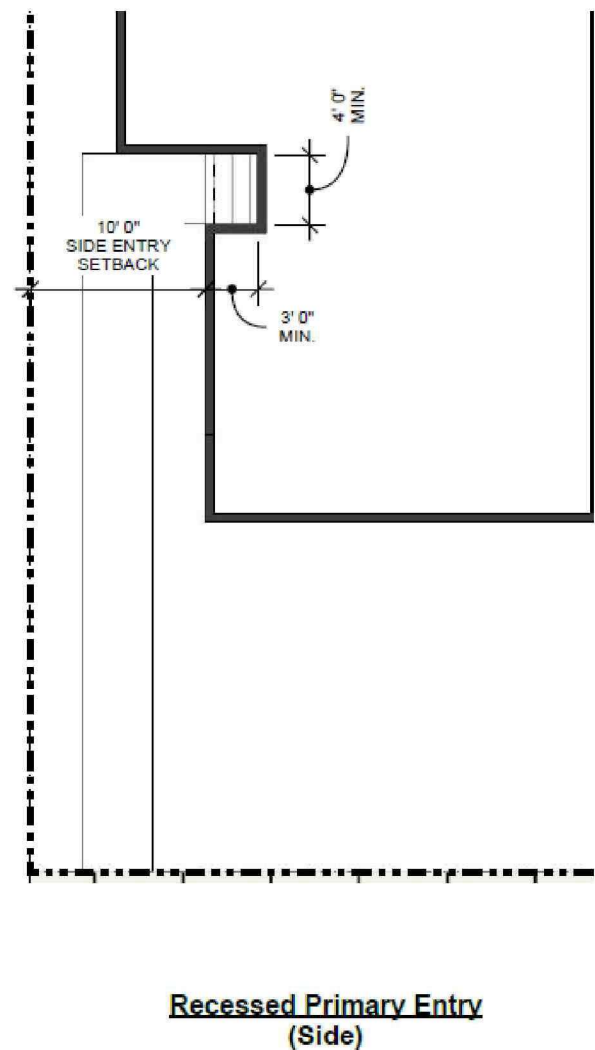
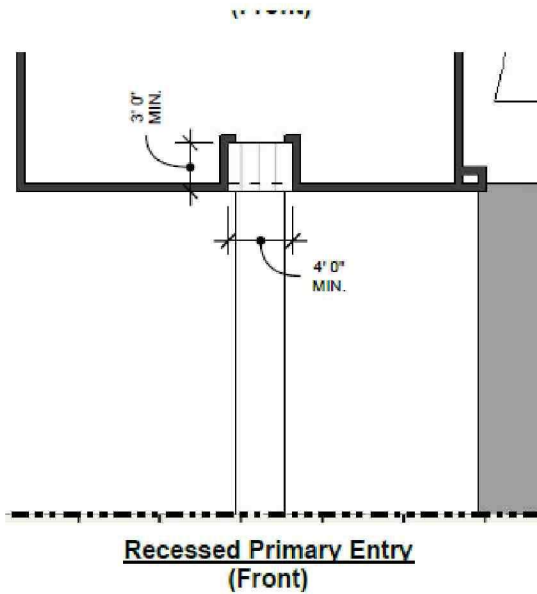


Garage Articulation by Recess

- ii. Side entry garages shall incorporate at least one (1) of the following along the street frontage facade:
 - (a) Window(s) designed in conformance with Section 17.15.040.B.7.
 - (b) Decorative trellis minimum eight (8) feet in width.
 - f. Style. All garages, either attached or detached, front or side entry, shall have the same architectural style as the primary residence, including but not limited to roof pitch, color, and materials.
5. Primary Entry. These standards shall apply only to new dwelling unit(s). A primary entry shall be defined by at least one (1) of the following elements:
- a. Articulated with a roof form that projects from the front elevation at least three (3) feet.



- b. A covered porch with a minimum of three (3) feet in depth and four (4) feet in width.
- c. Recessed entry of at least three (3) feet in depth and four (4) feet in width that creates a covered landing area.



- d. Any Architectural feature associated with a primary entry that projects into yards shall comply with the requirements of Section 17.15.050(E)(2).
6. Balconies. These standards shall apply to new dwelling unit(s) and modifications/improvements to existing dwelling unit(s) that are adding new balconies.
 - a. Balconies shall not be located on any elevation facing a side yard unless there is a separation from the edge of the balcony to the nearest wall plane of the adjacent dwelling unit of at least twenty five (25) feet.
 - i. Exceptions. Juliette balconies on a side elevation are allowed to extend six (6) inches into the side setback.
 - b. The outer edge of projecting balconies located on rear elevations shall not be closer than fifteen (15) feet to the property line which it faces.

7. Windows. These standards shall apply to new dwelling unit(s) and modifications/improvements to existing dwelling unit(s) that are adding, replacing, or modifying windows, as follows:
 - a. Frame color, window type, and style.
 - i. On the front elevation and street side elevation, all windows shall have the same frame color, frame width, trim width, window type, and style, except for side lite windows adjacent to the primary entry door(s).
 - (a) For the purposes of this section, window styles with the same exterior appearance, including casement, fixed, and awning window styles are considered the same style.
 - ii. On side (not street-facing) and rear elevations, the frames of all windows shall be the same color.
 - iii. Shutters. If shutters are provided, they shall be sized to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the window and match the exact window shape.
 - b. Window projections. Windows that project from the wall plane of any elevation are subject to the following standards:
 - i. Window projection(s) that extend to the ground shall count towards lot coverage and shall not extend into the required setback.
 - ii. Window projection(s) that do not extend to the ground shall be considered an architectural feature and may extend into the required setback in conformance with Section 17.15.040(E)(2).
 - c. Windows exempt from Architectural Review pursuant to Section 17.58.020(B)(11) shall provide the same frame color.

17.15.050 Supplemental Design and Development Standards

A. Accessory Structures.

This section shall apply to all new detached or attached accessory structures, including but not limited to carports, sheds, workshops, gazebos, trellises, and covered patios that are six (6) feet or taller in height.

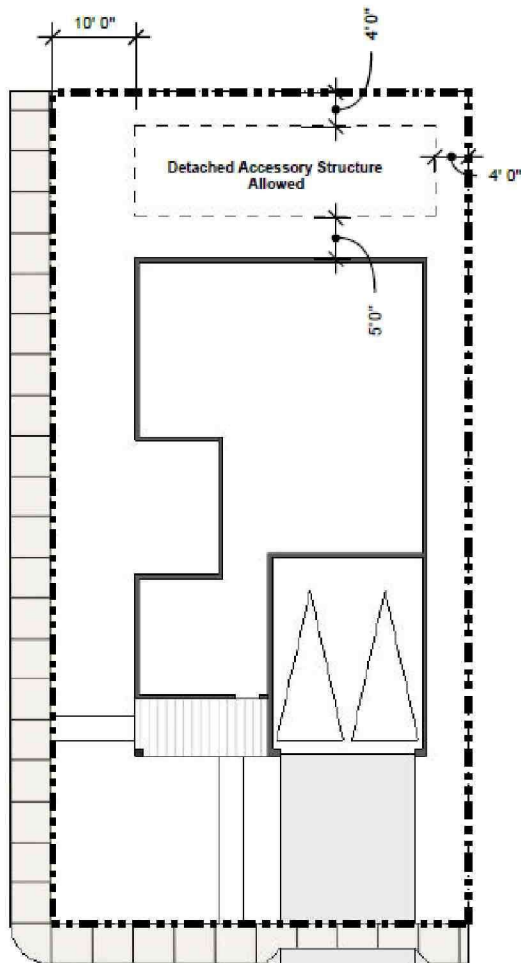
1. Detached Accessory Structures.

- a) Location. Detached accessory structures shall be located in the rear half of the lot. Trellises and pergolas can be located in the front yard as long as they are no larger than 50 square feet in size and open on all sides.
 - (i) For waterfront properties, the rear one-half of the lot shall be determined by: (a) measuring from the front property line to the water side of the bulkhead; or (b) in the case where there is no bulkhead, the rear one-half of a waterfront lot shall be determined by taking the total lot depth of the lot excluding any easement that the city has been granted to maintain the

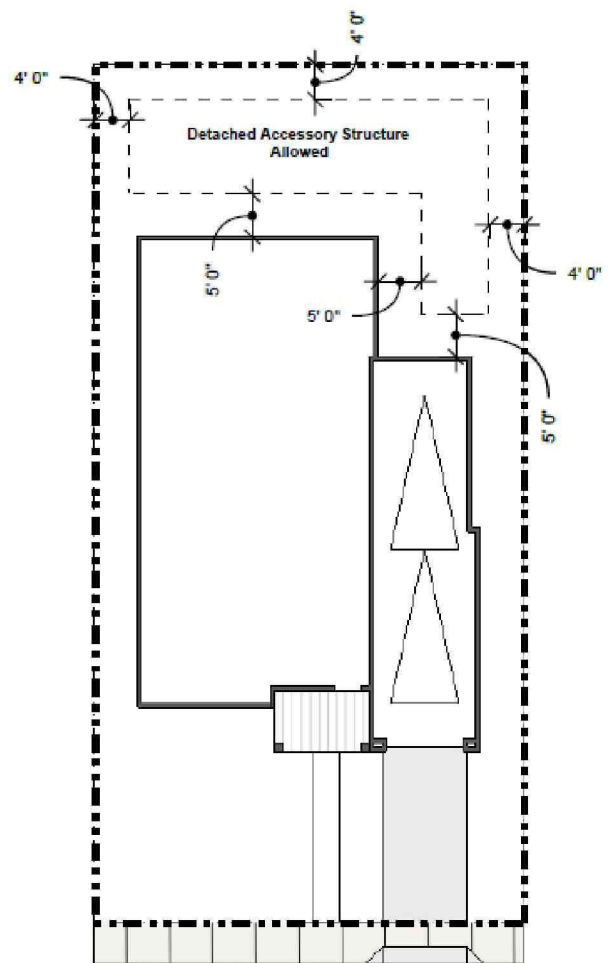
lagoon for waterfront properties; or (c) in the case where there is no bulkhead or no maintenance easement, the rear one-half of a waterfront lot shall be determined by measuring from the front property line to the highest water line.

b) Setbacks. Accessory structures taller than six (6) feet in height shall be set back:

- (i) A minimum of four (4) feet from any rear or non-street side property line.
- (ii) A minimum of ten (10) feet from a street-side property line.
- (iii) A minimum of five (5) feet from the primary dwelling.
- (iv) A minimum of ten (10) feet from the lagoon bulkhead, rip-rap, or water's edge if a waterfront property.



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- c) Height. The maximum allowable height of detached accessory structures is ten (10) feet measured from grade to the highest point of the structure.
 - d) Lot Coverage. Detached accessory structures, six (6) feet or taller, shall be included in the calculation of the maximum lot coverage of 50%.
- 2. Attached Accessory Structures.
 - a) Accessory structures are considered “attached” when any portion is located within twelve (12) inches of the main building.
 - b) Setbacks. Attached accessory structures taller than six (6) feet in height shall comply with setback requirements for the main building.
 - c) Height. The maximum allowable height of attached accessory structures is ten (10) feet measured from grade to the highest point.
 - d) Lot Coverage. Attached accessory structures taller than six (6) feet shall be included in the calculation of maximum fifty percent (50%) lot coverage. -
 - e) Exception. A patio cover unenclosed on at least two (2) sides to serve the ground floor shall be allowed to extend into the rear yard area, provided that:
 - (i) The patio cover shall not extend more than twenty (20) feet from the rear of the main structure and shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the rear yard area; and
 - (ii) The patio cover shall maintain a minimum setback of five (5) feet from the rear property line.
- 3. Other regulations.
 - a) Plumbing to accessory structures shall be limited to cold water, hot water, and gas in conformance with Building Code requirements.
 - b) No use of any attached accessory structure extending into any yard area shall be permitted above the first floor.
 - c) No attached accessory structure shall be enclosed to form a living or storage area unless it complies with all requirements and standards for a room addition.
- B. Decks and Patios. These standards shall apply to new decks and modifications to existing decks and patios.
 - 1. Setbacks.
 - a) Any deck which is raised more than six (6) inches above grade shall maintain a minimum setback of two (2) feet from any property line(s).
 - b) Decks and patios raised three (3) feet and higher shall require a minimum five (5) foot setback from any property line(s).
 - c) For waterfront properties, decks shall be three (3) feet from the inside edge of the bulkhead or top of the rip-rap.
 - 2. Screening. Decks and patios taller than twelve (12) inches from grade shall provide skirting to screen off-site views of the underside of the structure unless located within a yard fully enclosed by a fence at least six (6) feet in height.
- C. Windscreens.

1. Windscreens in Side and Rear Yards. Windscreens shall be allowed in a side or rear yard, subject to the following:

- a) Windscreens shall be permitted at grade or on decks no higher than five (5) feet above grade.
- b) Windscreens shall be constructed of clear tempered glass or other clear rigid material.
- c) Windscreens may include a frame not to exceed six (6) inches in width.
- d) Maximum height shall be ten (10) feet, measured from grade or from the top of a first-floor deck, whichever is higher.
- e) Windscreens shall maintain a setback of at least five (5) feet from any property line or public walkway easement.
- f) For waterfront properties, windscreens shall be three (3) feet from the inside edge of the bulkhead or top of the rip-rap.
- g) Windscreens shall not be used to enclose space to form a living or storage area.

D. Yards.

1. Yards on irregular (non-rectangular) lots.

- a) Front Yard. The front yard setback shall be 20 feet or the length of the narrow portion of the lot, whichever is greater.
- b) Rear Yard. The rear yard is the yard farthest from the street.
- c) Other Yards. All yards other than the front and rear yards shall be considered side yards unless shown to be otherwise on the original building permit plans.



2. Projections into yards.

a) Architectural features. Architectural features on the main building, such as bay windows, cornices, and eaves, may extend into the required yard subject to the following:

(i) Architectural features may extend a maximum of two (2) feet into any required side yard and five (5) feet into any required front or rear yard, except as provided below:

(A) Awnings.

(1) Placement

(a) Awnings are prohibited in front yards.

(b) Awnings shall only be located in the side and rear yards and may not extend more than three (3) feet from the primary dwelling.

(2) Materials.

(a) Awnings shall be flush-mounted on a wall and painted to match the wall color, or flush-mounted low on the first-floor roof near the roof edge, or along the first-floor eave.

(b) Awning materials shall be non-glare and conform to requirements of the Fire Code.

(c) Awnings shall have no stripes or patterns, lettering, symbols, graphics, or logos.

(B) Patio covers as provided in Section 17.15.050(A)(2).