

General Development Standards for Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts

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This list is intended only to provide information regarding zoning requirements for 1-3 unit residential lot layout.

- No more than 50% of the lot may be covered by buildings/structures (3332.18(D))
- Minimum lot width:
 - 50 ft for R-1, R-2, R-2F, R-3 and R-4 districts (refer to Exception 3332.16 for older lots)
- The combined side yard requirement is 20% of lot width (3332.25.B.), except that:
 - Maximum required total is 32 ft in R, LRR, RRR and RR districts
 - Maximum required total is 16 ft in SR, R-1, R-2, R-2F, R-3 and R-4 districts
 - Maximum required total on a lot 40 ft wide or less in any district is 6 ft
- Minimum side yards permitted are (3332.25.A.):
 - 7.5 ft for R, LRR, RRR and RR districts
 - 5 ft for a lot over 40 ft wide in the SR, R-1, R-2, R-2F, R-3 and R-4 districts
 - 3 ft on a lot 40ft wide or less in any district
- Rear yard must be at least 25% of total lot area (3332.27)
- Driveway width of 10 ft min; 20 ft max measured at street right-of-way line
- 2 off-street parking spaces are required for each dwelling unit (3312.49)
- A hard surface is required for driveways and parking pads (e.g. concrete, asphalt)
- A detached garage may occupy up to 45% of the total rear yard (3332.38(E))
- Maximum size of a garage is 720 square feet or 1/3 of the min. net floor area for living quarters (see 3303.13 and 3332.17)
- Maximum height for a detached garage is 15 ft (see 3303.08 and 3332.38 for additional info)
- In most cases the required maneuvering space for garage and surface parking spaces is 20 ft. Street and alley right-of-ways can count toward this space. See 3312 for more information.
- A parking space shall be a rectangular area of not less than 9 x 18 ft (3312.29)
- Parking spaces shall not be located in required (minimum) side yard (3332.28)
- A shed is permitted without zoning review if it does not exceed 168 square feet
- Vision clearance restrictions may apply to fences or landscaping located in required yard(s) (3321.05)
- 1 Tree is required on each lot per the size requirements in 3321.07
- Floodplain standards apply to lots located within the 100-year floodplain (contact: 614-645-5642)

Online Zoning Code: https://library.municode.com/oh/columbus/codes/code_of_ordinances

Online Zoning Map: <http://gis.columbus.gov/zoning/>

Applicants are encouraged to request a preliminary zoning clearance review with residential zoning clearance staff prior to submitting building permit applications to evaluate compliance with applicable zoning code.