AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 1 (ZONING) OF BURBANK MUNICIPAL CODE TO UPDATE DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS PERTAINING TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES AND CONTINUATION OF NONCONFORMING STRUCTURES.

(Zone Text Amendment; Project No. 21-0004984)

City Attorney's Synopsis

This Ordinance amends the Burbank Municipal Code, Title 10, Chapter 1, by updating the zoning text regulating single family residential development in R-1 and R-1-H single family residential zones and continuation of nonconforming structures.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK FINDS:

- A. The City of Burbank ("City") is amending regulations on single-family development in R-1 and R-1-H single family residential zones and nonconforming structures to remove inconsistencies and redundant information, incorporate needed definitions, and provide greater clarity in the thresholds that trigger a Single Family Development Permit as well as implementing more objective standards and design criteria that collectively facilitate better design for new single-family dwellings as well as the additions to, and remodel of existing homes; the proposed zone text amendment will also enable a more streamlined review these types of projects.
- B. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 17-3,890 on January 24, 2017 updating development standards for single-family developments in R-1 and R-1-H zones in order to regulate mass and bulk of new single-family residential dwellings as well as additions and remodels of homes that had the potential to adversely impact the neighborhood character of single-family residential zones.
- C. Since the implementation of updated standards regulating development of single-family dwellings in R-1 and R-1-H zones in 2017, City staff has received numerous concerns regarding regulatory constraints that the new regulations have created for small-scale additions and remodels. All proposals for remodels and additions are reviewed pursuant to the single family residential development standards, but the triggers related to permitted square footage of these projects versus the triggers for requiring a single family development permit have extended planning processing time for these type of developments in R-1 and R-1-H single family residential zones without significantly improving the overall design of a project.
- D. The City acknowledges the need to address concerns regarding extended planning processing time for additions, remodels, and constructions in R-1 and R-1-H single family residential zones.
- E. The proposed ordinance incorporates text that facilitates objective and consistent application of zoning text and removes regulatory constraints for small scale single-family developments and one-story single family homes that maintain an overall design, inclusive of overall mass and scale, that is consistent with the scale and character of the City's existing single-family residential neighborhoods.

- F. The proposed Ordinance and resulting zone text amendment will benefit the community by cleaning redundant and inconsistent language in the development standards, providing new definitions as required, enabling a more objective application of zoning code, facilitating an overall design for additions, remodels, and construction of new single-family dwellings that is consistent with the scale and character of the existing neighborhoods, while also streamlining City review of these projects.
- G. The City Council hereby finds and determines that this Ordinance is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines in which the project (i.e., zone text amendment to the single family residential zone development standards) has no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment as the proposed update to the single family residential development standards will not land uses that are no more intense than the buildout scenario analyzed in the Burbank2035 General Plan.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

1) Article 2 Section 10-1-203: Definitions, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended to update the definitions for "Retaining Wall", and "Demolition, Whole House":

10-1-203: DEFINITIONS:

RETAINING WALL: Means a structure that retains (holds back) for more than six inches of any material (usually earth), above the footing and prevents it from sliding or eroding away. For purposes of measuring the height of a retaining wall, the exposed portion of the retaining wall shall be measured from the lowest abutting finished ground surface, after any grading, cut, or fill activity. The portion of the retaining wall that is not underground shall be considered exposed. Portion of the wall not retaining dirt shall not be considered a retaining wall.

DEMOLITION, WHOLE HOUSE: Means the demolition of at least 50% of the total length of all the exterior walls of a main house, including garages and other enclosed accessory structures that are attached to the main house. Applicant shall calculate the linear length of all exterior walls. The calculated length should not exclude openings because part of the opening is a structural header, and the walls must remain as structural elements in the new plan.

2) Article 6, Division 1, Section 10-1-601: Purpose, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-601: PURPOSE:

A. R-1.

The R-1 Single Family Residential Zone is intended for neighborhoods of single family dwellings separated from multiple family and non-residential uses. The R-1 Zone is appropriate for very low density single family development and, with limited exceptions, is generally not appropriate for non-residential development.

B. R-1-H.

The R-1-H Single Family Residential Horsekeeping Zone is intended for neighborhoods of single family dwellings with incidental facilities for the keeping of horses, separated from multiple family and non-

residential uses. The R-1-H Zone is appropriate for very low density single family development with equestrian accommodations. The R-1-H Zone is generally not appropriate for non-residential development except for certain equestrian related facilities and other limited exceptions.

C. SECTION RESERVED.

[Formerly numbered Section 31-26; Renumbered by Ord. No. 3058, eff. 2/21/87; Amended by Ord. No. 17-3,890, eff. 2/23/17; 3669.]

3) Article 6, Division 1, Section 10-1-602: Uses in R-1 and R-1-H zones, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-602: USES IN R-1 AND R-1-H ZONES:

Uses are allowed in the R-1 and R-1-H zones as follows:

A. PERMITTED USES.

Table 10-1-602 identifies the land uses allowed by this Zoning Ordinance, and the land use permit, if any, required to establish a use or expand an existing use.

B. PROHIBITED LAND USES.

Uses not expressly listed in Table 10-1-602, or uses listed as prohibited, may not be carried on in the R-1 or R-1-H zones except as lawful nonconforming uses, unless authorized per Section 10-1-503 or other provisions of this Code.

C. APPLICABLE SECTIONS.

Residential and Accessory Uses

Where the last column in the table includes a section number, the referenced section includes additional requirements related to the use; however, provisions in other sections of this Chapter may also apply.

Table 10-1-602

Permitted Uses in the R-1 and R-1-H Zones

Symbol	Meaning			
Р	Use is permitted	Use is permitted		
AUP	Administrative use permit required (see A	Administrative use permit required (see Article 19, Division 4.1)		
CUP	Conditional use permit required (see Article 19, Division 4)			
	Use is prohibited			
				Specific Use Standards

Land Use	R-1	R-1-H	Specific Use Standards
Single family dwelling, not to exceed one per lot, including mobilehomes and manufactured homes	Р	Р	
Single family dwellings, additional, on one lot	CUP (1)	CUP (1)	
Garages, private	P (2)	P (2)	
Accessory structures, including minor structures for which no building permit is required (3)	P (4)	P (4)	<u>10-1-604</u>
Accessory uses typical for a single family home including tennis courts and swimming pools	Р	Р	
Accessory dwelling unit and Junior accessory dwelling unit	Р	Р	Article 6, Division 3
Home occupation	Р	Р	Article 6, Division 11
Home occupation, music lessons	AUP	AUP	<u>10-1-672</u>
Planned residential development	CUP	CUP	Article 6, Division 8
Stable or corral, non-commercial, for keeping horses owned by the owner or occupant of the property only		Р	<u>10-1-605</u>
Small family day care home	Р	Р	
Large family day care home	AUP	AUP	Article 6, Division 13
Community care facility (licensed, six or fewer occupants)	Р	Р	
Community care facility (unlicensed, six or fewer occupants)		Р	
Supportive Housing	P (8)	P (8)	
Transitional Housing	P (8)	P (8)	
Non-Residential Uses			
Carnival conducted by a church, public or private school, service club, or nonprofit association or corporation	CUP	CUP	
Church or church school	CUP	CUP	
Educational institution, public or private	CUP (5)	CUP (5)	
Municipal fire station	CUP	CUP	
Municipal library	CUP	CUP	
Park or recreational facility, golf course, cultural facility; including incidental commercial uses commonly associated with a park or recreation use	CUP	CUP	

Land Use	R-1	R-1-H	Specific Use Standards	
Parking lot, off-street	CUP	CUP	Article 14, Division 4	
Public utility facility	CUP	CUP		
Wireless Telecommunications Facility	(6)	(6)	<u>10-1-1118</u>	
Equestrian and Special Uses	_	_		
Animal hospital; no boarding		CUP (7)		
Blacksmith; horse shoeing only		CUP (7)		
Petting zoo		CUP (7)		
Plant nursery		CUP (7)		
Stable, commercial; including housing facilities for caretaker on premises		CUP (7)	Article 24, Division 9	
Cannabis Uses				
Cannabis delivery			<u>10-1-512</u>	
Commercial cannabis activities			<u>10-1-512</u>	
Cultivation			<u>10-1-512</u>	
Retailer			<u>10-1-512</u>	

Notes/Additional Requirements:

- (1) Additional single family dwellings legally constructed prior to June 4, 1963 are permitted uses that do not require a CUP.
- (2) Intentionally deleted.
- (3) Accessory structures include enclosed and non-enclosed structures that are detached from the main dwelling unit, including but not limited to detached garages, gazebos, workshops, storage sheds and buildings and pool houses. Accessory dwelling units, whether attached to the main dwelling unit or detached, and additional dwelling units authorized by conditional use permit, are not considered accessory structures.
- (4) Intentionally deleted.
- (5) Public educational institutions existing prior to June 1, 1978 are permitted uses that do not require a CUP.
- (6) Permitted in accordance with Section <u>10-1-1118</u>.
- (7) Permitted only on properties with a land area of 12,000 square feet or greater that abut commercially zoned land.

(8) Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing shall be subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone. For example, such housing structured as single-family is permitted in the R-1 and R-1-H residential zones, whereas transitional and supportive housing structured as multi-family is limited to the R-2, R-3, and R-4 residential zones.

[Amended by Ord. No. 21-3,957, eff. 7/23/21; 20-3,932; 20-3,931; 19-3,930; 18-3,901; 17-3,898; Formerly numbered Section 31-27; 3890; 3872; 3840, 3817, 3697, 3669, 3622, 3535, 3399, 3139, 3127, 3058, 2858, 2754, 2727, 2371, 2322, 2183.]

4) Article 6, Division 1, Section 10-1-603: Property Development Standards, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-603: PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS:

A. STANDARDS TABLE. All land uses and structures, and alterations to existing land uses and structures, in the R-1 and R-1-H zones must be designed, constructed, and established consistent with the requirements in Table 10-1-603(A) and all other applicable provisions of this Division and this Code. Numbers in parentheses within the table refer to notes and additional requirements listed at the end of the table. For items marked with an (H), the hillside development standards apply if the property is located within the hillside area, as defined in Section 10-1-606(A). Where the last column in the table includes a section number, the referenced section includes additional requirements related to the development standard. All properties located within the R-1-H Zone must further comply with the requirements set forth in Section 10-1-606(A), must further comply with the requirements set forth in Section 10-1-606.

TABLE 10-1-603(A): DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS			
	IN THE R-1 AND R-1-H ZONES		
Development Standards	R-1 and R-1-H	Additional or Related Standards	
Dimensions Related to Density			
Minimum lot area	6,000 square feet		
Minimum lot width	50 feet		
Minimum lot depth	100 feet		
Minimum lot area per primary dwelling unit	6,000 square feet		
Minimum lot area per additional dwelling unit above first 6,000	5,750 square feet		

TABLE 10-1-603(A): DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE R-1 AND R-1-H ZONES **Additional** or Related Development Standards R-1 and R-1-H Standards square feet subject to CUP approval Minimum dwelling unit size 850 square feet Minimum dwelling unit width (1) 20 feet Maximum height: (2) 22 feet To top plate 10-1-603(C) 30 feet (3) (4) To top of pitched roof and 10-1architectural features 603(C) To top of flat roof, parapet, and 23 feet <u>10-1-</u> architectural features 603(C) To top plate for accessory 10 feet <u>10-1-</u> structures 603(C) 14 feet (5) To top of roof and architectural 10-1features for accessory structures 603(C) Maximum number of stories 2; 3 stories if the third story is enclosed within a pitched roof (maximum height requirements apply). Maximum floor area ratio (H) 0.4 for lot area up to 7,500 square ft. plus 0.3 for 10-1lot area over 7,500 square ft. and 0.2 for lot area 603(D) over 15,000 square ft. (6) **Upper-story Stepbacks; Building** Required for all new dwellings and second story <u>10-1-</u> Plane Modulation additions. 603(E); 50% (7) Maximum lot coverage 10-1-603(F)

TABLE 10-1-603(A): DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS IN THE R-1 AND R-1-H ZONES **Additional** or Related Development Standards R-1 and R-1-H Standards Minimum yard setbacks (H) Front Average front yard setback on the blockface. 10-1-603(G) Rear 15 feet 10-1-603(G) Interior side At least 10% of lot width, but no less than 3 feet <u>10-1-</u> and no more than 10 feet (8) 603(G) Street-facing side For the first story, no less than 10% of lot width or 10-1-5 feet and no more than 10 feet (8). For the second 603(G) story, 20% of lot width, but no less than 6 feet and no more than 20 feet. Maximum fence, wall, and hedge heights (H) 4 feet (9) (11) Within the front yard setback 10-1area 603(H) 6 feet (hedges only) 6 feet (to rear of house) if 50% open; 4 feet if Within the street-facing side 10-1solid (11) yard setback area 603(H) 8 feet (to rear of lot) (11) Outside of the front yard or 8 feet <u>10-1-</u> street-facing side yard setback 603(H) 12 feet (hedges only) area Required trees for New Single 2 trees somewhere on the property, preferably <u>10-1-</u> **Family Homes** one in the front yard. (Can be existing trees) 603(L) Minimum number of off-street parking spaces (H)

TABLE 10-1-603(A): DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS				
IN THE R-1 AND R-1-H ZONES				
Development Standards	R-1 and R-1-H	Additional or Related Standards		
When main dwelling has a gross floor area of 3,400 square feet or less	2 (10)	<u>10-1-</u> <u>603</u> (I)		
When main dwelling has a gross floor area of more than 3,400 square feet	3 (10)	<u>10-1-</u> <u>603</u> (I)		

Notes/Additional Requirements:

- (H) For items marked with an (H), the hillside development standards apply if the property is located within the hillside area as defined in Section <u>10-1-606(A)</u>.
- 1. The minimum dwelling unit width does not apply when a narrower dwelling width is necessary to maintain the minimum required side yard setbacks.
- 2. Unless otherwise permitted by state or federal law, the maximum 30-foot height limit also applies to freestanding structures other than buildings, including but not limited to antennas, satellite dishes, and flagpoles.
- 3. To achieve this height, the minimum roof slope shall be 30 degrees above a horizontal plane.
- 4. Accessory structures include enclosed and non-enclosed structures that are detached from the main dwelling unit, including but not limited to detached garages, gazebos, workshops, storage sheds and buildings, pool houses, stables, corrals, and tack rooms. Accessory dwelling units, whether attached to the main dwelling unit or detached, and additional dwelling units authorized by conditional use permit, are not considered accessory structures.
- 5. On lots larger than 10,000 square feet, the maximum accessory structure height shall be 23 feet.
- 6. Section $\underline{10-1-603}(D)$ establishes additional regulations for the floor area ratio. In the hillside area as defined in Section $\underline{10-1-606}(A)$, the floor area ratio may be reduced through conditions placed upon a Hillside Development Permit per Section $\underline{10-1-606}(C)$.
- 7. On lots that have an irregular shape or a varying width, the average lot width, as determined by the Community Development Director, is used to calculate the side yard setbacks. The Director also may reduce the interior side setback adjacent to an alley for blank walls with no ground floor windows for habitable rooms.
- 8. In the front yard, any portion of the fence exceeding two (2) feet in height must utilize an open design except as noted above. Open design means that for each one-foot section of fence or wall, at least 50 percent of the surface area is open and provides direct views through the fence or wall. Exceptions to this

standard shall be allowed for retaining walls in hillside areas through the Hillside Development Permit process.

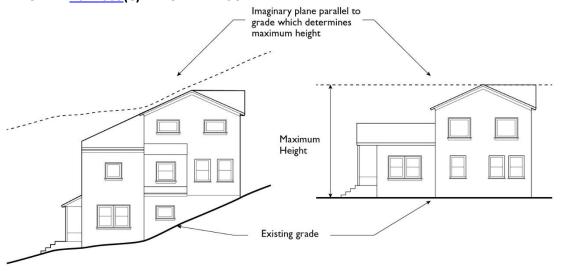
- 9. The first two required parking spaces must not be tandem spaces. The third parking space may be a tandem space.
- 10. The height of the retaining wall adjacent to the sidewalk or the public right of way in front of the house must be measured along the sidewalk or the right of way, not the finished grade of the property.
- B. CONFORMANCE TO APPROVED PLANS REQUIRED.
- 1. All plans submitted with a building permit shall incorporate all of the project elements reviewed as part of Hillside Development Permit, when applicable. All construction shall comply with approved plans that are part of the building permit following issuance of the respective Development Permit, unless minor modifications or changes are approved by the Community Development Director.
- 2. When the owner or the contractor encounters conditions in the field that may require a modification to an approved Hillside Development Permit, it shall be the responsibility of the owner or the contractor to cease work. Information regarding the field conditions then must be provided to the Planning and Inspection staff. The Community Development Director or his designee must approve all proposed field modifications. Should modifications to a remodel result in a whole house demolition, then all standards relating to a new house shall apply and compliance with the respective Development Permit shall be required.

C. HEIGHT.

1. For purposes of these standards, height shall be measured as the vertical distance from grade to an imaginary plane located the allowed number of feet (as listed in Table 10-1-603(A)) above and parallel to the grade. The measurement is taken at each point along the face of the structure at no less than one foot intervals, and the reference grade shall be established as the existing ground surface of the lot, prior to any grading, cut, or fill activity or the finished ground surface of the lot, after any grading, cut, or fill activity, whichever is lower.

Diagram 10-1-603(C) illustrates the imaginary plane on a sloped lot and flat lot when measured from the existing grade to the top of the roof. A separate imaginary plane also parallel to the grade determines the maximum top plate height. With approval of a Conditional Use Permit, height may be measured from the average grade in lieu of being measured as described above. In this instance, average grade shall be the average of the highest and lowest finished ground surface elevations at the perimeter of the structure, whether or not the finished ground surface is higher than the existing ground surface.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(C): HEIGHT MEASUREMENT

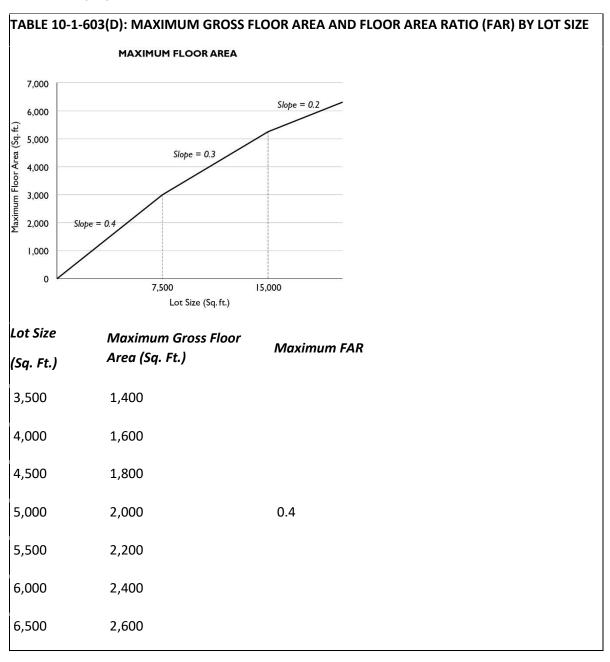


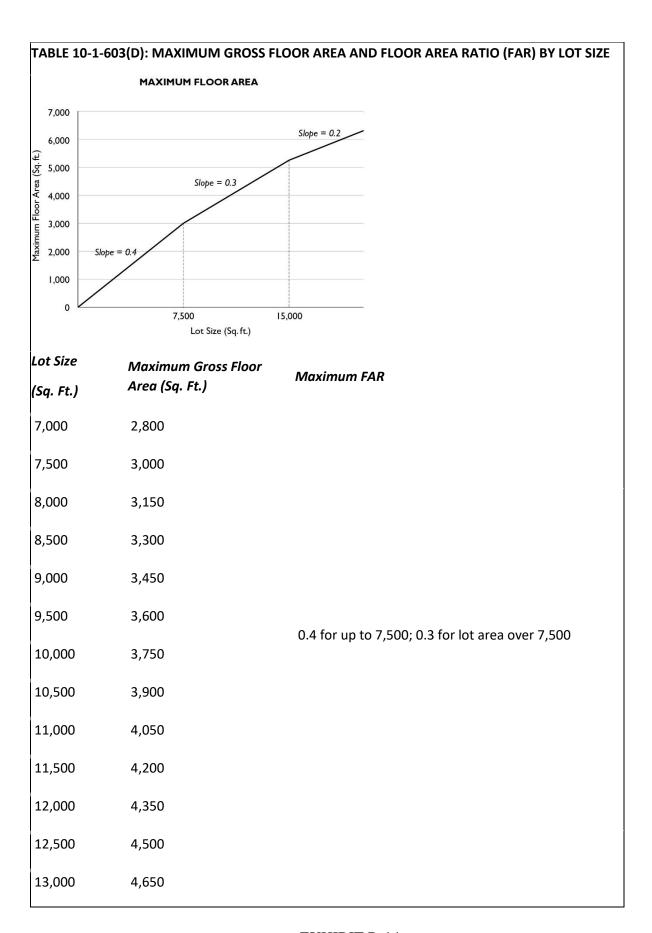
- 2. No building feature, except parapets above a height of 20 feet, or 10 feet on an accessory structure, shall exceed a roof pitch of 12 vertical inches for every 12 horizontal inches, where pitched. This standard is not intended to require hipped roofs.
- 3. Parapets and architectural features shall not exceed 30 inches in height above the intersection of the roof surface and the wall. A flat roof surface must be no higher than 23 feet above grade, or 11 feet above grade when on an accessory structure.
- 4. Chimneys shall not extend more than 15 feet above the highest point of the roof or exceed a maximum height of 30 feet, or 17 feet on an accessory structure. Unless otherwise permitted by State or federal law, air conditioning units and other roof-mounted equipment shall not exceed 30 feet in height, or 17 feet on an accessory structure. All such equipment shall be screened so as to limit visibility from the right-of-way.
- 5. When a deck or platform is provided on top of a structure, the assumed top plate height of the structure is six (6) feet, eight (8) inches above the deck surface, unless a deck covering or the top plate of an enclosed space on the same level exceeds that height.
- 6. Top of the roof height of front porches shall be limited to no more than 12 feet as measured from the existing ground surface of the lot, prior to any grading, cut, or fill activity or the finished ground surface of the lot, after any grading, cut, or fill activity, whichever is lower.
- 7. While modest changes in grade (not to exceed 6 inches in non-Hillside areas, and 12 inches in the Hillside) may result when excavation and foundation work are carried out, the placement of fill dirt in the front and rear yards is not allowed in order to change the overall grade of the property and increase the allowable height. Applicants for building permits requiring any grading beyond 6 inches in non-Hillside areas, and 12 inches in the Hillside shall be required to submit a stamped and signed pre-demolition topographic survey, a grading plan as part of the construction documents indicating existing and proposed topography, and, upon completion, a final certification from the surveyor verifying the as-built condition. Any changes to the existing grade must be shown on the construction drawings and approved by the City Building Official in advance of building permit issuance. Subsequent changes to the grade shall not be approved as part of field inspection and, instead, require resubmittal of plan documents to the Community Development Department for review.

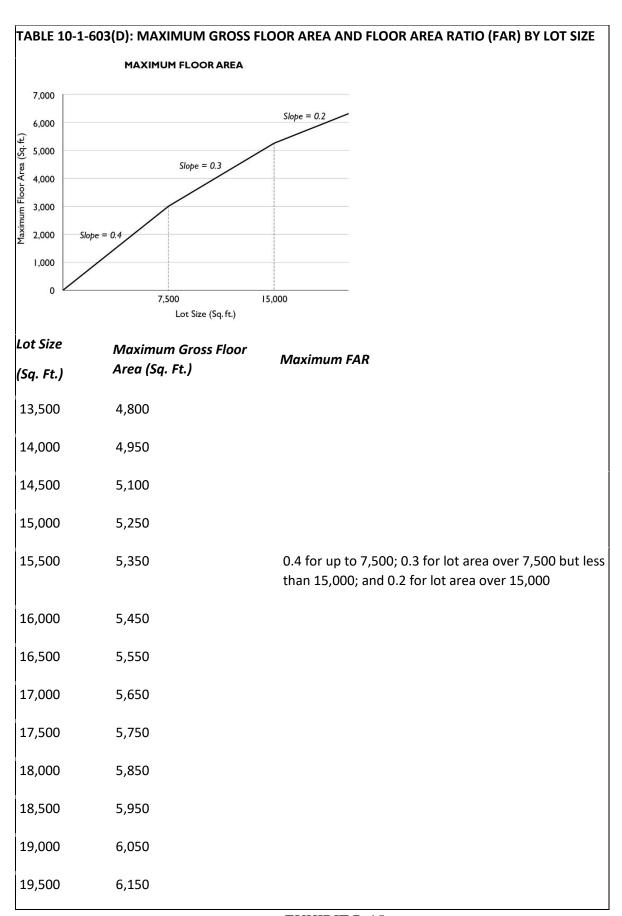
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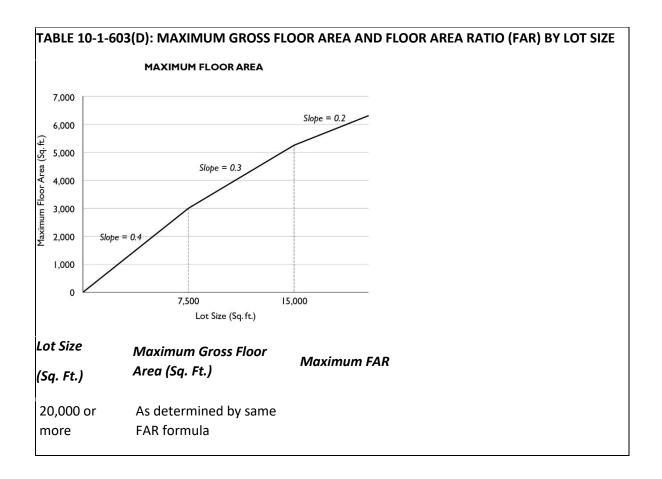
- 1. The floor area ratio (FAR) is calculated using the total gross floor area of all enclosed structures on the property, including the main dwelling structure, accessory structures, accessory dwelling units, enclosed patios, even when open on one or more sides, and sheds; except the following are excluded from the FAR calculation,
- (a) attached garages and carports or portions thereof up to 400 square feet if in front of the house or within the front half of the lot and 500 square feet if either attached or detached in the rear half of the lot; and 600 square feet if access to the garage is taken from the alley; in case of multiple garages, the one with lesser area shall be exempt from FAR, the exemption shall not exceed 600 square feet;
- (b) front covered porches with up to 250 square feet if open on two sides and located on the ground floor,
- (c) stables, corrals, and tack rooms attached thereto;
- (d) detached accessory structures open on all sides;
- (e) attached covered patios, understory of balconies and overhangs that are not supported by posts;
- (f) parking area of any size when located in basement, which is exempt from FAR as specified in sub-section 10-1-603 (D)(4);
- (g) up to two, non-habitable accessory structures under 120 square feet each. Structures above the quantity of two shall be included in FAR; and
- (h) trellises and similar structures that have roofs that are at least 50 percent open to the sky with uniformly distributed openings.
- 2. Floor Area shall be calculated for each story and includes the horizontal area within exterior finish face walls. The total gross floor area shall be the sum of the floor area for each story.
- 3. Any portion of a structure, including the area above a staircase, over 12 feet in interior height, shall count as floor area as if a second story were within the space. This means that any space with a ceiling or top plate exceeding the maximum allowed one story height shall be considered as constituting two stories for the purpose of calculating floor area and thus the ground floor area is counted twice. For purposes of measuring height in this section, it is measured from grade, not from finished floor.
- 4. Basements with usable floor area that meet the minimum habitable room dimensions (area, height and width) as defined by the Building Code shall be counted toward the floor area ratio unless both of the following criteria are satisfied:
- a. The finished floor level of the first story is no more than 24 inches above the adjoining ground surface for at least 50 percent of the perimeter of the basement; and
- b. The basement space is located directly beneath an enclosed space that is included in the floor area ratio calculation.
- 5. The following requirements apply to basements whether or not exempted from floor area ratio per Subsection (4) above.
- a. The gross floor area of the basement must be included in the total house square footage for the purposes of determining the number of required off-street parking spaces; and

- b. When built as part of an accessory structure, the gross floor area of the basement must be counted toward the square footage and size limitation of the accessory structure.
- 6. Portion of floor area within attics with a floor surface and a ceiling height of five feet or greater shall count toward the Floor Area Ratio.
- 7. The floor area for required parking provided underground shall not be counted when calculating the floor area ratio.
- 8. Maximum Residential Floor Area. The maximum residential floor area (FAR) by lot size is shown in Table 10-1-603(D). For lot sizes between the sizes shown, the maximum floor area shall be determined by the relevant proportional increase.









- 9. Calculating FAR on Flag Lots. That portion of the pole or stem portion of a flag lot that is in a shared driveway shall not be used in calculating the maximum allowable floor area within a given FAR allowance. However, land area in the pole portion with a minimum width of 15 feet, and not part of the shared driveway, and under control of a single owner shall be included in calculating the maximum allowable floor area within a given FAR allowance. Such pole area can only be counted for one lot.
- 10. Reduced FAR on Sloped Lots in the Hillside. The maximum FAR of 0.4 shall be reduced to 0.35 on all hillside lots with slopes in the 15-29.99 percent range, as determined by the City, and to 0.30 for all hillside lots with slopes of 30 percent or more, as determined by the City. The applicant shall provide a topographic map of the site showing topographic features by means of contour lines, with slope calculated by the formula:
- $S = (I \times L \times 100)/A$, where:
- S = Average ground slope in percent, calculated for the entire lot
- I = Contour interval in feet. The contour interval shall be 10 feet or less.
- L = The combined length in feet of all contour lines on the lot
- A = Gross area for the lot in square feet
- 11. Floor Area Ratio Exception

a. A floor area ratio exception of up to ten (10) percent greater than the maximum square footage allowed for the lot may be granted by the Planning Board for an addition to an existing house that has already reached an FAR of .399. The exception requires a public hearing which must be in compliance with Article 19, Zoning Procedures, and requires notification of property owners within 300 feet.

An Example is listed below:

If a property is 6,000 square feet, the maximum square footage allowed for the lot is 2,400 square feet as determined by Table 10-1-603(D). If a Floor Area Ratio Exception is approved by the Planning Board, the applicant would be able to increase their square footage by 10%, resulting in an increase of 240 square feet. This will result in the maximum square footage allowed for the lot to equal 2,640 square feet.

- 1. Eligibility. Only non-Hillside houses on lots of 7,000 square feet or smaller are candidates for an FAR exception.
- 2. Findings for approval. A floor area exception shall not be approved unless the Planning Board makes the Findings below:
- i. The addition is on the first story, of quality design, and consistent with the architectural character of the existing home;
- ii. The addition does not propose a setback encroachment nor any exception from any other development standards; and
- iii. The additional floor area is only intended to increase the habitability or function of the structure.

The Planning Board hearing shall be noticed in accordance with the requirements of Section 10-1-607(A), and the decision may be appealed to Council.

E. UPPER-STORY STEPBACKS.

Building Modulation Required. To reduce second story building mass and avoid shadow and privacy impacts on adjacent property, new construction and exterior alterations and additions must provide front and side setbacks according to the following standards:

- 1. Front, second story.
- a. If the front yard setback proposed for the finished wall of the first floor is greater than 35 feet, no additional setback is required for the second story.
- b. If the front yard setback proposed for the finished wall of the first floor is 35 feet or less, the story setback is determined by a 60-degree inclined daylight plane extending from the intersection of the side property line and the existing grade at a point 12 feet above finished grade. See Diagram 10.1.603E(1)(A) below. Alternatively, if the front yard setback proposed for the finished wall of the first floor is between 30 and 35 feet, the second story may be setback an even five feet across the front.
- c. If the front yard setback proposed for the finished wall of the first floor is between 25 and 30 feet, the second story must be set back 10 feet.
- d. Alternatively, if the front yard setback proposed for the finished wall of the first floor is 30 feet or greater, the second story shall be setback at least five (5) feet for 15 percent of the front elevation, and the total floor area of the second story shall not exceed 85 percent of the first story floor area. This option can

be integrated with side modulation options to achieve the 85 percent floor area reduction. See Diagram 10.1.603E(1)(B) below.

e. Exceptions to these setbacks may be granted if a project design follows the average front yard setback on the block.

Findings for Exceptions. A setback exception shall only be approved when the Community Development Director or his/her designee makes the Findings below:

- 1. The granting of the exception is desirable for the preservation of an existing architectural style or neighborhood character which would not otherwise be accomplished through the strict application of the provisions of this chapter; and
- 2. It can be demonstrated that the design of the proposed addition is of superior design quality; compatible with existing neighborhood character; effective in minimizing the perceived size of the dwelling; not overly intrusive to the privacy and sunlight access of neighboring dwellings; and
- 3. No other exceptions are requested.



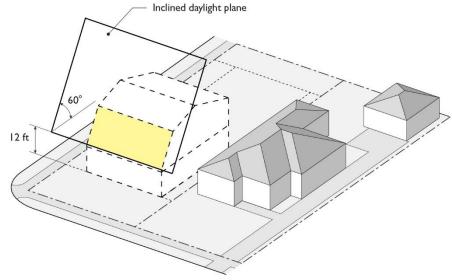
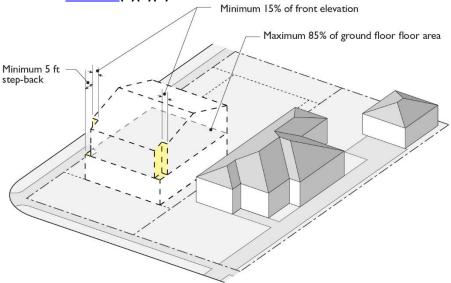
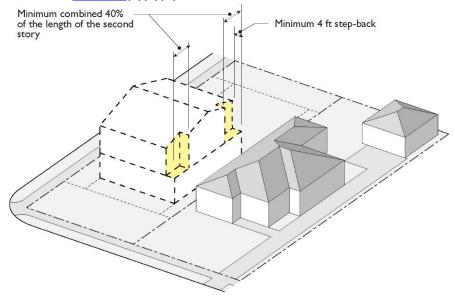


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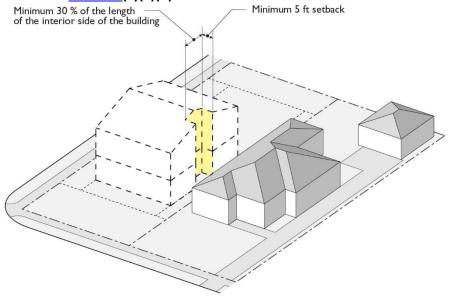
- 2. Side, second story. The side yard setback for the second story must conform to one of the following three standards.
- a. Standard E-(2)(a): At least 40 percent of the length of the second story is set back 4 feet from the first floor building face. See Diagram 10-1-603(E)(2)(A) below.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(E)(2)(A): SIDE YARD BUILDING MODULATION ALTERNATIVE A



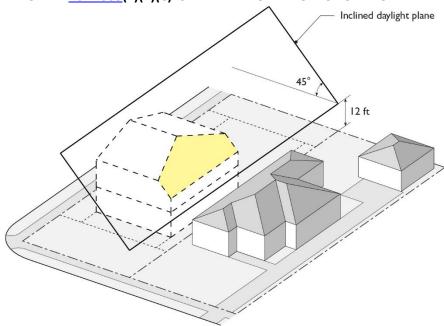
b. Standards E-(2)(b): At least 30 percent of the interior side of a building is offset a minimum of 5 feet in depth from the primary wall. See Diagram 10.1.603(E)(2)(B) below.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(E)(2)(B): SIDE YARD BUILDING MODULATION ALTERNATIVE B



c. Standard E-(2)(c): The second story setback is determined by a 45-degree inclined daylight plane extending from the intersection of the side property line and the existing grade at a point 12 feet above finished grade. See Diagram 10.1.603(E)(2)(C) below.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(E)(2)(C): SIDE YARD BUILDING MODULATION ALTERNATIVE C



3. Street Side Yard Modulation Additional Requirement. An additional two (2) feet of yard setback shall be required for any portion of the second story side façade of the house greater than 60 feet in length and 14 feet in height.

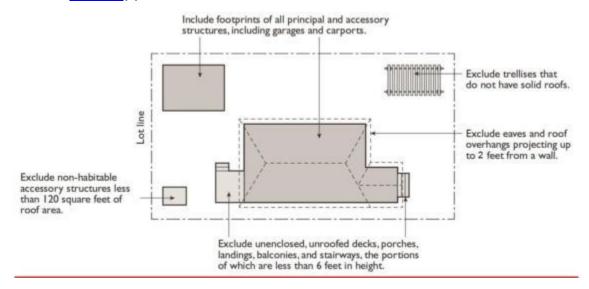
F. LOT COVERAGE.

Lot coverage is the ratio of the total footprint area of all structures on a lot to the net lot area, typically expressed as a percentage. The footprints of all principal and accessory structures, including garages,

carports, porte-cocheres, covered patios, and roofed porches, shall be summed in order to calculate lot coverage. See Diagram 10.1.603(F) below. The following structures are excluded from this calculation:

- 1. Unenclosed and unroofed decks, uncovered patio slabs, porches, landings, balconies, and stairways less than 18 inches in height at surface of deck (and less than six feet including railings);
- 2. Eaves and roof overhangs projecting up to two feet from a wall;
- 3. Trellises and similar structures that have roofs that are at least 50 percent open to the sky with uniformly distributed openings;
- Swimming pools and hot tubs that are not enclosed in roofed structures or decks;
- 5. Two small, non-habitable accessory structures under 120 square feet. Structures above quantity of two are to be included in lot coverage; and
- 6. R-1-H Zone Only. Stables, corrals, and tack rooms attached thereto.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(F): DETERMINING LOT COVERAGE

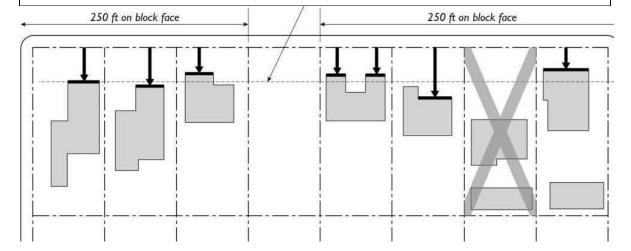


G. YARDS.

- 1. The minimum required setbacks for all yards are specified in Table 10-1-603(A). However, for front yard setbacks, an average front setback for adjoining and nearby lots shall be used. The average front yard setback shall be determined from lots on the same block that are within 250 feet on either side of the subject property. In calculating the average setbacks, measurements that vary from the average by more than 150 percent shall not be used to calculate the average.¹
- a. In calculating the average front yard setback for houses with more than one plane, the plane closest to the street shall be used to determine the setback provided that plane constitutes at least 40 percent of the width of the house. See Diagram 10.1.603(G) below.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(G): FRONT YARD AVERAGING

Average setback includes garages and encroachments of that constitute more than 40% of the front facade.



2. Encroachments are permitted into the required setback areas by various structural components and objects to the maximum distance specified in Table 10-1-603(G). Encroachment distances are measured from the minimum required setback line and not from the actual setback of the structure. All setbacks and encroachments are measured perpendicular to the property line.

TABLE 10-1-603(G): ENCROACHMENTS INTO YARD AREAS			
Structure/Object	Setback Type	Maximum Encroachment	
Structural walls and posts supporting an overhead structure (except	Front	none permitted	
accessory structures) and any structural components or objects not specifically listed in this table	Rear	none permitted	
	Interior Side	none permitted	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Accessory structures (1)	Front	none permitted	
	Rear	up to within 3 feet of property line but not beyond setback plane (2)(3)	
	Interior Side	up to within 3 feet of property line but not beyond setback plane (2)(3)(4)	

TABLE 10-1-603(G): ENCROACHMENTS INTO YARD AREAS			
Structure/Object	Setback Type	Maximum Encroachment	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Eaves, canopies, porches including their eaves, or balcony covers, cornices, sills, etc.	Front Rear	2.5 feet; 4 feet in the front yard for front porches with a 5-foot minimum clear horizontal dimension. The maximum height to the top of roof for the front porch structure shall be no more than 12 feet. See Diagram 10-1-603(G)(2)(A)	
	Interior Side	up to within 2.5 feet of property line (6)	
	Street- Facing Side	2.5 feet ⁽⁶⁾	
Garden window boxes and non- structural bay windows	Front	2.5 feet	
	Rear	2.5 feet	
	Interior Side	2 feet but no less than 3 feet from the property line	
	Street- Facing Side	2.5 feet	
Uncovered patios or porches at ground level. For a built-up slab-on-	Front	4 feet ⁽⁵⁾	
grade deck on a sloped lot, four inches above the lowest adjacent grade are permitted.	Rear	up to property line	
	Interior Side	up to property line	
	Street- Facing Side	up to property line ⁽⁵⁾	

TABLE 10-1-603(G): ENCROACHMENTS INTO YARD AREAS			
Structure/Object	Setback Type	Maximum Encroachment	
Uncovered porches, patios, decks, and platforms above ground level and	Front	4 feet	
supported from the ground (whether freestanding or attached to a	Rear	none permitted	
structure)	Interior Side	permitted with limitations (6)	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Uncovered porches, patios, decks, platforms, and balconies above	Front	4 feet	
ground level, attached to a structure, and not supported from the ground	Rear	5 feet	
and necessipported nem and greams	Interior Side	permitted with limitations ⁽⁶⁾	
	Street- Facing Side	up to within 10 feet of property line	
Stairways, ramps, and landings leading up to grade level from basement or	Front	5 feet	
other below-grade space	Rear	5 feet	
	Interior Side	none permitted	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Stairways, ramps, and landings leading from one grade level to another grade	Front	up to property line	
level or from grade level up to the first	Rear	up to property line	
	Interior Side	up to property line	

TABLE 10-1-603(G): ENCROACHMENTS INTO YARD AREAS			
Structure/Object	Setback Type	Maximum Encroachment	
	Street- Facing Side	up to property line	
Stairways, ramps, and landings above floor level of first story (6)(7)	Front	2.5 feet	
,	Rear	none permitted	
	Interior Side	none permitted	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Above-ground and in-ground swimming pools and spas (as	Front	none permitted	
measured to water line)	Rear	10 feet	
	Interior Side	up to within 5 feet of property line	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Pool equipment, air conditioning equipment, water heaters (8),	Front	none permitted	
barbecues, play equipment, and similar accessory appliances and	Rear	12 feet	
equipment	Interior Side	up to within 3 feet of property line	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	
Chimneys	Front	none permitted	
	Rear	2 feet	

TABLE 10-1-603(G): ENCROACHMENTS INTO YARD AREAS			
Structure/Object	Setback Type	Maximum Encroachment	
	Interior Side	2 feet. Encroachment shall be a minimum of 3 feet from the property line	
	Street- Facing Side	2 feet	
Porte s -cochere	Front	none permitted	
	Rear	none permitted	
	Interior Side	up to 3 feet from the property line with a minimum 5-foot setback from the primary front building plane (9)	
	Street- Facing Side	none permitted	

Notes/Additional Requirements:

- 1. Accessory structures include enclosed and non-enclosed structures that are detached from the main dwelling unit, including but not limited to detached garages, gazebos, workshops, storage sheds and buildings, pool houses, stables, corrals, and tack rooms. Second dwelling units, whether attached to the main dwelling unit or detached, and additional dwelling units authorized by a Conditional Use Permit, are not considered accessory structures subject to the encroachment provisions in this table.
- 2. Accessory structures are permitted to encroach within the standard side and rear setbacks to the minimum three (3) foot setbacks only when located in the rear one-third of the lot. See $\underline{10-1-603}(G)(4)$ for information about accessory structure setback planes.
- 3. The three (3)-foot side and rear setbacks are not required for accessory structures along any side or rear property line that abuts an alley. However, the setback plane described in 10-1-603 (G)(4) still applies.
- 4. On lots less than 26 feet wide, accessory structures are permitted to encroach within the three (3)-foot side and rear setbacks to a distance necessary to provide a garage or carport that meets the minimum size specified in Section 10-1-603(I).
- 5. Uncovered patios and porches in the front and street-facing side yards are subject to the hardscape limitations in 10-1-603(G)(5).
- 6. Porches, patios, decks, platforms, and balconies must be set back a minimum of 10 feet from interior side property lines. This requirement applies whether the porch, patio, deck, platform, or balcony is freestanding, attached to the main dwelling structure, or attached to an accessory structure.

- 7. Stairways, ramps, and landings attached to an accessory structure may encroach to the same minimum setbacks as the accessory structure itself.
- 8. Water heater and equipment closets that are built-in to a structure or enclosed by structural walls or are within a cabinet are subject to the standard setback requirement for structural walls.
- 9. Porte-cochère attached to the interior side of a building may encroach into the interior side yard setback area up to the maximum specified for a maximum length of 20 feet as measured parallel to the property line. The maximum height to the top of a porte-cochere shall be no more than 14 feet in height; the maximum length of a porte-cochere shall be no more than 20 feet. (See Diagram 10-1-603(G)(2)(B).

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(G)(2)(A): PERMITTED ENCROACHMENT FOR PORCHES

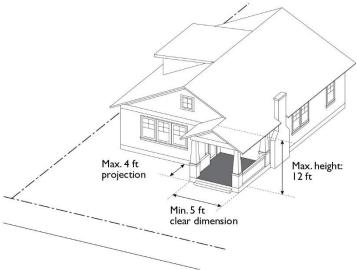
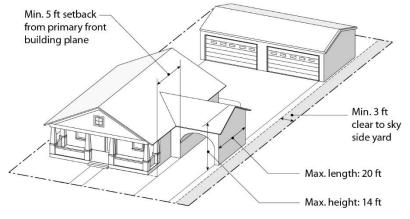
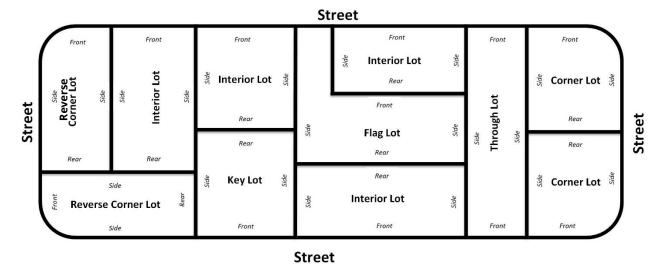


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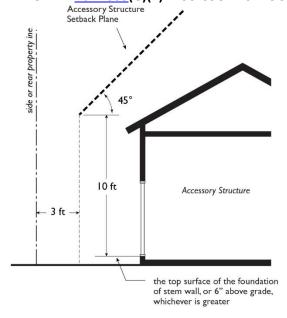


3. Reverse Corner Lots. Where a reversed corner lot abuts a key lot (See Diagram $\underline{10-1-603}(G)(3)$ below) and the key lot is located in a residential zone, the minimum required street-facing side yard setback and permitted encroachments for all structures and objects in the rear 30 feet of the reversed corner lot is equal to the required setback and permitted encroachments for structures and objects in the front yard of the key lot.



- 4. Accessory Structures. In addition to the minimum setbacks prescribed in Table 10-1-603(G), the top plate of the first or second story of an accessory structure may not extend above the prescribed setback planes. Only roof and related architectural features are permitted to extend above the setback planes. Setback planes are illustrated in Diagram 10-1-603(G)(4) and are defined as follows:
- a. Setback planes extend inward from each side and rear property line at an angle of 45 degrees from the horizontal.
- b. The base of each setback plane is a point located three (3) horizontal feet inward from the property line and 10 vertical feet above the top surface of the six (6) inch foundation stem wall of the accessory structure, or an equivalent vertical distance if the stem wall is a height other than six (6) inches. This applies whether the structure is built on slab or on a raised foundation.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(G)(4): ACCESSORY STRUCTURE SETBACK PLANES



- 5. Additional Requirements. The following requirements apply to all front yards and street-facing side yards:
- a. No more than 45 percent of the required front yard or street-facing side yard setback area shall be hardscaped. For the purposes of this provision, hardscape means cement concrete, asphalt, brick, pavers, and similar impervious or semi-pervious paved surfaces. An additional five (5) percent allowance for decorative brick sections or decorative paving within a landscaped area may be provided if needed for access or to complete a landscape design. If artificial turf is proposed for installation in the front yard, it shall be limited to half of the landscaped square footage.
- b. The allowed hardscaping is limited to a driveway leading directly from a public street or alley to a garage or other required parking area, pedestrian pathways, and encroachments specifically permitted in Table 10-1-603(G). Within the required front yard setback area, driveways must be no wider than 20 feet when the garage is located to the rear of the main dwelling structure, provided the percentage of hardscaping is limited to 45%. The maximum width of driveways at a curb shall be no more than 25 percent of the lot width with no single driveway exceeding 15 feet in width. Circular drives are permitted on lots 100 feet or more in width provided the City's landscaping standards are met for a lot fronting on a major or secondary arterial street for the purpose of complying with Section 10-1-1403.
- c. No hardscaping is permitted next to a driveway so as to provide a continuous hardscaped surface. When a pedestrian pathway is provided, a landscape buffer shall be installed to separate the pedestrian pathway from the driveway. Pedestrian pathway shall be differentiated from the driveway by incorporating different surface material. Final design of driveway, pedestrian pathway, and percentage of landscaping in the front yard is subject to approval by Community Development Director or his/her designee.
- d. No vehicle shall be parked in a required front yard or street-facing side yard except on a driveway and subject to the limitations of Section <u>10-1-1405</u>.
- e. All areas within the required front yard and street-facing side yard setback that are not hardscaped must be landscaped. Such landscaping must be properly maintained. All newly installed landscaping must comply with State of California requirements for the use of water efficient landscaping and irrigation equipment, as adopted in Article 5, Chapter 3, Subsection 9-3-500 of the Municipal Code.
- 6. The City Planner and Traffic Engineer may approve exceptions to the requirements of this Subsection to allow for a turnaround area or circular driveway for a lot fronting on a major or secondary arterial street for the purpose of complying with Section <u>10-1-1403</u>. See the Burbank 2035 Plan for an illustration of the major and secondary arterial streets.
- 7. No structures or objects may be constructed or placed in required yard areas except as permitted by this Section or as included in the definition of Landscaping in Section <u>10-1-203</u>, and subject to the limitations of Section <u>10-1-603(H)</u>.
- H. FENCES, WALLS, HEDGES AND OTHER YARD FEATURES.
- 1. Fences, Walls, and Hedges.
- a. Fences, walls, and hedges shall not be composed, in whole or part, of dangerous wire types including, but not limited to: razor wire, barbed wire, electric wire, or any other similar wire type that may pose serious risk of injury.

- b. New chain link fences are prohibited in front yards and street facing side yards after February 23, 2017.
- c. The maximum allowed height of fences, walls, and hedges is as specified in Table 10-1-603(A).
- d. Fence in the front yard setback area can have up to two gates, and the gates must be 50 percent open and comply with the height requirements specified in Table 10-1-603(A).
- e. Only one wall/fence, inclusive of any openings for access, is allowed in the front yard setback.
- f. Fence in the front yard setback area may be combined with a retaining wall. The maximum height of a fence in combination with a retaining wall in the front yard setback area shall not exceed 4 feet, as measured from abutting natural grade, prior to any grading, cut, or fill activity, or abutting finished grade, after any grading, cut, or fill activity, whichever is lower, and the fence must be 50 percent open.
- g. The height of a fence, wall, or hedge is measured from the abutting natural grade, prior to any grading, cut, or fill activity, or abutting finished grade, after any grading, cut, or fill activity, whichever is lower.
- h. On sloped surfaces, portions of a fence, wall, or hedge may exceed the maximum height for the purpose of providing a stair step-design, but each stair-step section, as measured from the horizontal midpoint, shall not exceed the maximum height.
- i. Within a required street-facing side yard (other than a reverse corner lot), fences, walls, and hedges are limited to six (6) feet, except for that portion of the street-facing side yard between the rear of the main dwelling structure and the rear property line, the maximum allowed height of a fence, wall, or hedge is eight (8) feet. On a reverse corner lot, fences, walls, and hedges within the street-facing side yard are subject to the same height limits as apply in the front yard.
- j. The only decorative element allowed on top of fences, walls, and hedges in front and street side yards is lighting, which may exceed the maximum allowed height for fences, walls, and hedges up to 18 inches above the actual height of the fence, wall, or hedge or up to a maximum height limit of five (5) feet, six (6) inches. In all other yards, lighting and ornamentation shall not exceed the maximum allowed height for fences, walls, and hedges. Pilasters shall be located at least eight (8) feet from each other, as measured from the center of the pilaster. The maximum width of each pilaster shall be 18 inches. The area of the pilasters is exempt from the 50% open design calculation.
- All fences, walls, and hedges must comply with the corner cutoff provisions of Section <u>10-1-1303</u>.
- I. Gates are subject to the same requirements as fences and walls.
- m. All walls in the front yard setback or street facing side yard must be finished with plaster, stucco, or brick or other similar materials. Materials must be consistent for all walls.
- n. Enforcement of nonconforming fences and walls established prior to October 17, 2008 may be subject to abeyance pursuant to Section <u>10-1-19202</u>.
- o. If a wall or fence was legal (built pursuant to then existing codes) prior to February 23, 2017, the wall or fence shall not be subject to these standards.

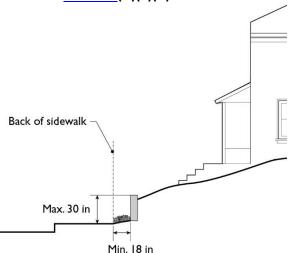
DIAGRAM 10-1-603(H)(1): FENCES AND WALLS Interior side and rear yard: Max. 8 ft high; Max. 12 ft high (hedge only) Street-facing side yard to rear of lot: Max. 8 ft high Corner cutoff area (5x5' facing driveway): Max. 3 ft high Street-facing side yard Front yard: to rear of the main structure: Max. 6 ft high if 50% is open 50% open, only one gate allowed; Max. 4 ft high; Max. 4 ft high if solid Max. 6 ft high (hedge only) Corner cutoff area (10'x10' facing street intersection): Max. 3 ft high Min. distance between centers of pilasters: 8 ft Lighting may exceed max. allowed height up to 18 in, or up to a max. height limit of 5 ft 6 in. Solid/Masonry wall below a fence: Max. 2 ft high

2. Other Yard Features.

- a. Other yard features, including but not limited to natural features such as rocks; structural features such as arbors, pergolas, fountains, reflecting pools, art works, screens, light poles, benches, and other items included within the definition of Landscaping per Section 10-1-203 are limited to a maximum of two (2) features per street frontage within front and street-facing side yards. Such features must comply with the corner cutoff provisions of Section 10-1-1303.
- b. Arbors, pergolas, and similar structures are limited to a maximum height of nine (9) feet, a maximum width of six (6) feet, and an interior length of three (3) feet, as measured from the highest abutting ground surface prior to grading. Other yard features are limited to a maximum height of six (6) feet and a maximum width of six (6) feet.
- c. Enforcement of nonconforming yard features established prior to October 17, 2008, may be subject to abeyance pursuant to Section <u>10-1-19202</u>.
- 3. Retaining Walls.
- a. Retaining walls located within front yard setback areas are limited to a maximum height of 30 inches in height, and must be setback 18 inches from the sidewalk with a planting buffer strip provided between the wall and the sidewalk. Only two (2) retaining walls are allowed in the front yard setback.
- b. Exposed retaining wall height shall be measured from lowest abutting finished ground surface, after any grading, cut, or fill activity. Within 15 feet of a sidewalk, retaining wall height shall be measured from the

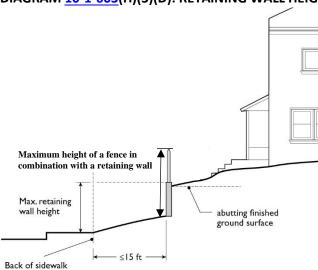
sidewalk elevation. For streets with no sidewalk, retaining wall height shall be measured from the public right-of-way elevation.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(H)(3)(A): RETAINING WALL HEIGHT WITH PLANTED BUFFER



- c. Other exposed retaining walls, located outside the front yard setback area, shall not exceed four (4) feet in height as measured from lowest abutting finished ground surface, after any grading, cut, or fill activity.
- d. Walls shall not be placed above retaining walls within the front yard setback and street facing side yard setback.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(H)(3)(D): RETAINING WALL HEIGHT WITHIN FRONT YARD



e. Additional retaining walls must be setback a distance equivalent to twice the height of the exposed retaining wall below as measured from lowest abutting finished ground surface, after any grading, cut, or fill activity.

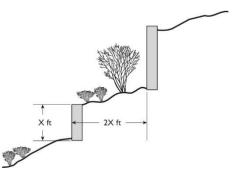
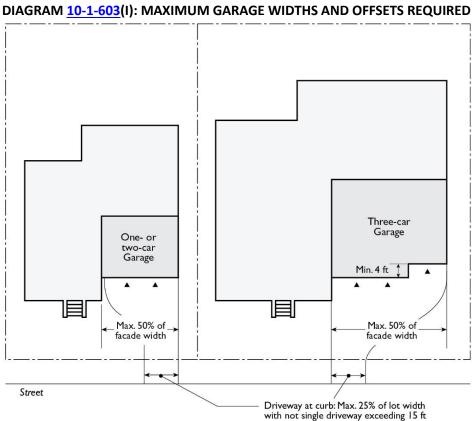


DIAGRAM 10-1-603(H)(3)(E): RETAINING WALL SETBACK

- f. Nonconforming retaining walls established prior to October 17, 2008, may be subject to abeyance pursuant to Section 10-1-19202.
- g. If a retaining wall was legal (built pursuant to then existing codes) prior to February 23, 2017, the wall shall not be subject to these standards.
- h. Damaged legal non-conforming retaining walls that require strengthening or restoring to a safe condition, as determined by any City official charged with protecting the public health or safety, can be replaced to previous height and location upon order of such official.
- 4. Exceptions. Exceptions from the requirements of this Subsection (H) (including maximum height, separation, and number of walls, fences, hedges, gates, and retaining walls, and the applicable requirements of Section 10-1-1303 referenced herein) may be granted through approval of a fence exception permit as specified in Article 19, Division 11: Fence Exception Permits and Enforcement. No exceptions shall be granted for development standards for retaining walls located within the front yard setback area.
- I. PARKING AND DRIVEWAYS.
- 1. All parking required by this Section must be provided in a carport, as defined in Section <u>10-1-203</u>, or in an enclosed garage. No more than one (1) side of a garage may be used for a door to provide vehicle access to the garage.
- 2. A space no less than nine (9) feet, six (6) inches wide and 19 feet deep must be provided for each required vehicle parking space inside a carport or garage. All parking spaces must be clear of and unobstructed by any encroachments, including but not limited to structural features, shelves, cabinets, appliances, and equipment.
- 3. For existing dwellings where the parking area in a garage or carport does not meet the minimum requirements of this Section, the existing parking area shall not be reduced or encroached upon, as determined by the dimensions of the physical space provided.
- 4. Existing off-street parking must be maintained consistent with Subsection (3). In the following situations parking otherwise required by this Section must be provided:
- a. An addition to the existing main dwelling structure that results in a total gross floor area, as defined in Section 10-1-203 of BMC, of more than 3,400 square feet, exclusive of attached garages and detached accessory structures.
- b. Whole house demolition of existing dwelling structure, whether or not the garage or carport structure is demolished. This requirement shall apply for detached and attached garages.

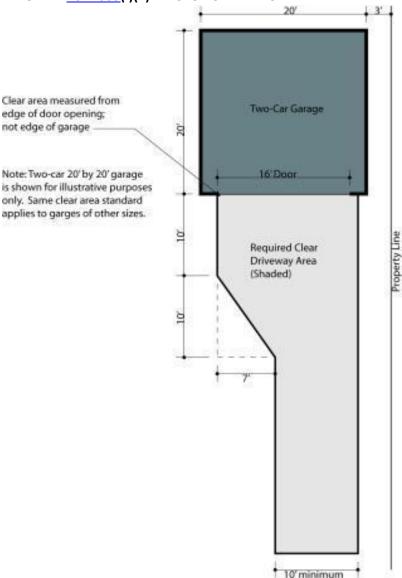
- c. The existing garage or carport is demolished or destroyed including but not limited to destruction by an act of God or by fire, removed, relocated, or rebuilt.
- 5. Garages located at the front of the main dwelling with a door parallel to the street must be located no closer to the front property line than 10 feet back from the ground floor front facade. An exception to the garage setback shall be granted by the Community Development Director or his/her designee when the existing block face is already characterized by front facing garages with doors parallel to the front property line and not setback the required 10 feet for at least 40 percent of the houses on the block face.
- 6. Garages located at the front of the main dwelling must occupy no more than 50 percent of the width of the dwelling. A three car wide garage is allowed on lots that have a minimum width of 70 feet, but must be offset from the plane of the first two parking spaces by a minimum depth of four (4) feet. This standard applies whether the door is parallel or angled to the street. The Community Development Director or his/her designee shall approve minor exceptions to this requirement for irregular lots and narrow lots where there is less than fifty (50) feet of frontage.



- 7. The maximum width of driveways at a curb shall be no more than 25 percent of the lot width with no single driveway exceeding 15 feet in width.
- 8. Driveways must lead directly from a public street or alley to a garage or other required parking area using the shortest and most direct route feasible. The City Planner and Traffic Engineer may approve exceptions to this requirement to allow for a turnaround area or circular driveway for a lot fronting on a major or secondary arterial street for the purpose of complying with Section 10-1-1403.

- 9. Driveways must be no less than 10 feet wide and must be improved with cement concrete, asphalt, brick, pavers, or another similar permanent surface approved by the Traffic Engineer. Driveways must remain clear and unobstructed by any structural elements or vegetation.
- 10. When a turning movement is required to back out of a parking space, including but not limited to a curved driveway or access from an alley, a minimum backup turning radius of 24 feet must be provided for all parking spaces as measured from the exterior wall of the garage or carport.
- 11. Parking space access and minimum backup clearances must be provided as shown in Diagram 10-1-603(I)(1) for all required parking spaces whether in a garage or carport or uncovered (in the case of parking for a second dwelling unit). The shaded clear driveway area shown in the diagram must be maintained as a driveway. The clear area must be improved with a permanent surface and must remain clear and unobstructed by any structural elements or vegetation.
- 12. The elevation of the floor of a garage or carport must be equal to or higher than the top of the curb at the front property line, unless the existing grade slopes downhill away from the street and the driveway follows the existing grade. The existing grade may not be altered for the purpose of lowering the elevation of a garage or carport floor below the top of the curb. Exceptions to this requirement may be granted through approval of a Conditional Use Permit.

DIAGRAM 10-1-603(I)(1): BACKUP CLEARANCE



J. INTERNAL CIRCULATION.

All rooms attached to the main dwelling unit structure must provide interior access so as to maintain internal circulation among all rooms of the main dwelling. All stories, including usable basements and attics when applicable, must have interior stairway access and may not be accessible solely by an exterior stairway. Second dwelling units and water heater or equipment closets are exempt from this requirement.

K. MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOMES.

In addition to the other standards of this Section, the following requirements apply to all mobile homes and manufactured homes:

- 1. Homes must be manufactured after June 15, 1976, and must be manufactured to the specifications of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974.
- 2. Homes must be installed on a permanent foundation system approved by the Building Official.

- 3. Exterior siding must be provided as necessary to screen an otherwise non-enclosed under floor area. Such siding must extend to within six (6) inches of the ground surface on all sides of the home and must be made of a non-reflective material that simulates wood, stucco, or masonry.
- 4. Roofing materials must not consist of continuously rolled metal roofing or any reflective roofing material.

L. TREES.

When applying for a Hillside Development Permit, two trees are required to be planted preferably in the front yard and rear yard if there are none on the property. Required trees shall be a minimum 15-gallon in size. Anywhere that individual tree is planted in a space surrounded by pavement, the planting area shall have a minimum interior dimension of five square feet. This requirement may be modified if an alternative landscape plan is approved by the Community Development Director or his/her designee. Additional trees, including side yard trees, may be required as a condition of permit approval on lots greater than 10,000 square feet. [Amended by Ord. No. 18-3,901, eff. 4/13/18; 17-3,890; 3774; Added by Ord. No. 3774, eff. 12/08/09; Formerly numbered Section 31-28; 3750; 3748; 3690, 3688, 3669, 3622, 3535, 3399, 3259, 3255, 3058, 2922, 2912, 2725, 2640, 2616, 2387, 2356, 2183.]

M. DESIGN STANDARDS

- 1. All new residential construction and/or expansion or remodeling work that alters the entrance of a dwelling shall comply with the following design elements:
 - a. Entry porches, when provided, shall be at least 5 feet wide and 4 feet deep.
 - b. Front entries and doors shall be located along the street facing façade of a main dwelling.
- 2. For all new residential construction or remodeling and/or addition to a single family dwelling, that includes alteration of exterior facades, at least 20% of the area of each street-facing façade shall be windows or entrance doors. Garage doors shall not be included in 20% calculation. Window area is considered the entire area within the outer window frame, including any interior window grid. Door area is considered the portion of the door that moves. Door frames do not count toward this standard.
- 3. A two-story project design shall provide landscape screening in the form of trees, shrubs, and/or hedges that meet the City height requirements along the shared property lines for the full length of a single-family dwelling being developed.
- 4. Upper story square footage of a dwelling shall be limited to 85% of the first story gross square footage.
- 5. When exterior lighting is incorporated, it shall be designed so as to avoid glare and light spill over onto adjoining and adjacent residences and public right of way.
- 6. Following materials are prohibited:
 - a. Barred windows
 - b. Use of unfinished cinder-block or concrete blocks for building façade or fences.
 - c. roofing materials with a reflective surface that produces glare
 - d. siding with a reflective surface that produces glare

5) Article 6, Division 1, Section 10-1-606: Development Standards For The Hillside Area, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-606: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE HILLSIDE AREA:

A. APPLICABILITY.

- 1. The requirements of this Section apply to all R-1 zoned properties located within the hillside area, as that area is defined in Subsection (2). The requirements of this Section supersede any conflicting standards of the R-1 Zone. All non-conflicting R-1 standards apply to R-1 zoned properties within the hillside area.
- 2. The hillside area is defined by the area bounded by the City boundaries with Glendale and Los Angeles and by the following streets as illustrated in Diagram 10-1-606(A): City boundary, Sunset Canyon Drive, Walnut Avenue, Bel Aire Drive, Cambridge Drive, Kenneth Road, Scott Road, City boundary.

DIAGRAM 10-1-606(A): HILLSIDE AREA (SHADED)



B. HEIGHT FOR THE HILLSIDE AREA. Table 10-1-606(B) prescribes height standards associated with different sloped lots. The numbers in the right hand column refer to the diagram of upslope and downslope conditions. The building height shall be measured from finished or existing grade, whichever is lower.

TABLE 10-1-606(B): HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR ALL LOTS IN THE HILLSIDE AREA

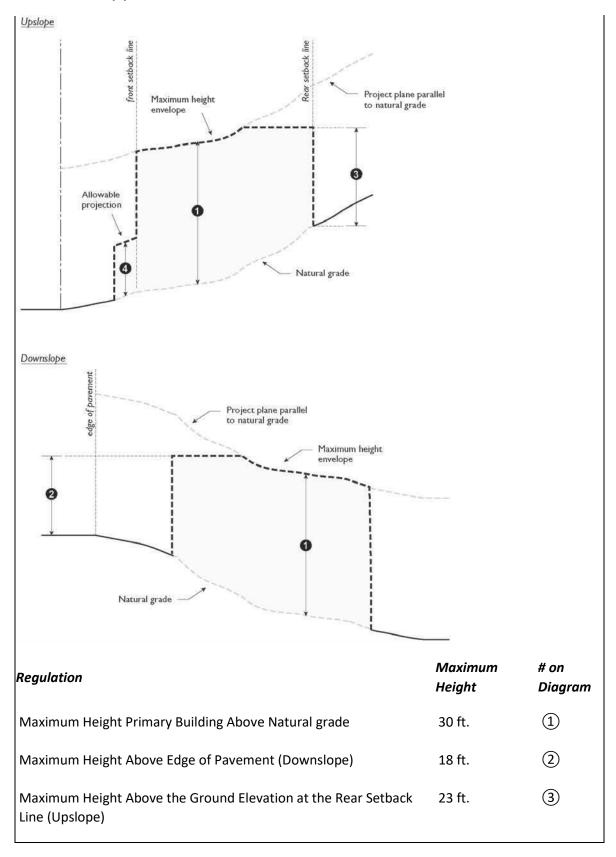
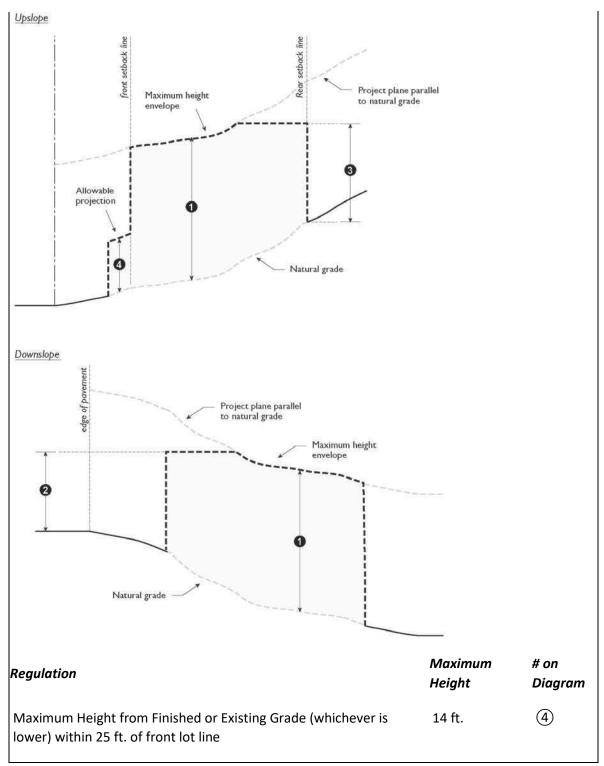


TABLE 10-1-606(B): HEIGHT REGULATIONS FOR ALL LOTS IN THE HILLSIDE AREA



C. FLOOR AREA RATIO. When a Hillside Development Permit is required, the maximum floor area ratio and the maximum allowable house size may be reduced through reasonable conditions placed upon the permit when deemed necessary to satisfy the required findings for granting the permit per Section 10-1-607(A)(2).

- D. SETBACKS FROM RIDGELINES. No structure shall be located within 100 feet, measured vertically, of the centerline of a major ridge, or within 50 feet, measured vertically, of the centerline of a minor ridge, as delineated in Diagrams 10-1-606(D)(1) and (2). When reviewing individual projects, the Planning Board may approve a more precise delineation as part of a Hillside Development Permit, based on a topographic map prepared by a licensed civil engineer with a contour interval of not more than 10 feet.
- 1. Grading and Design Standard. Where structures are proposed within 1,000 feet of a major ridge, the building pad shall be graded and the building designed so that the structure maintains a low-profile appearance and conforms to the natural grade of the hillside.

DIAGRAM 10-1-606(D)(1): RIDGELINE PROTECTION - MAJOR AND MINOR RIDGES

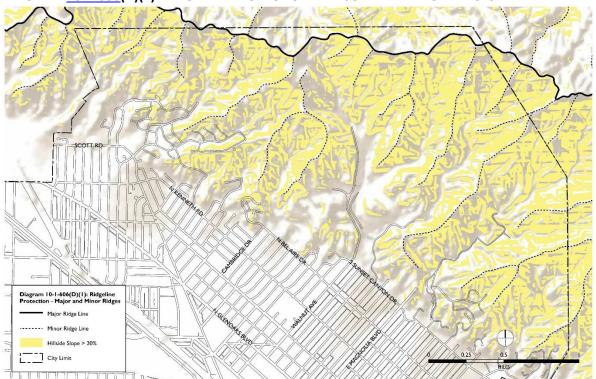
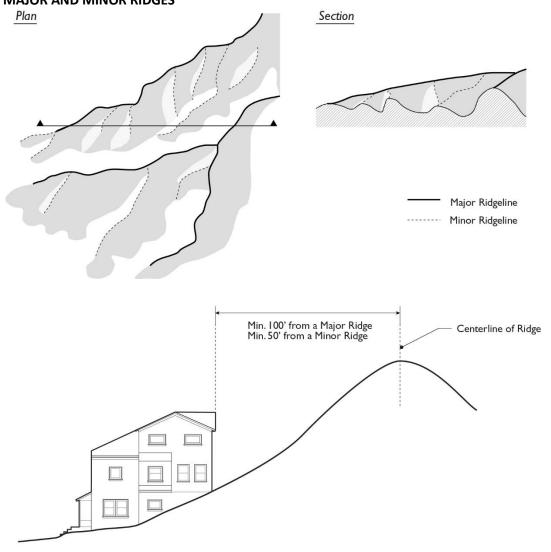
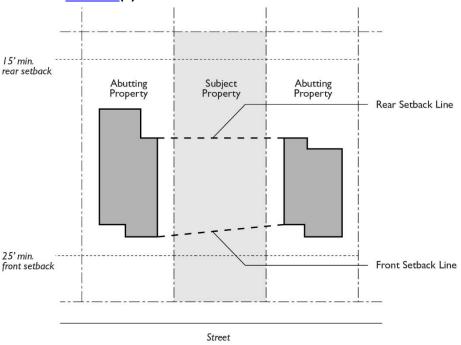


DIAGRAM <u>10-1-606(D)(2)</u>: RIDGELINE PROTECTION – LOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION IN RELATION TO MAJOR AND MINOR RIDGES



- E. SETBACK LINES FOR VIEW DETERMINATION.
- 1. When the primary view from a property is from the front yard, rear yard, or both yards, a setback line is established in the primary view yard or yards by a line drawn from the nearest front or rear corner of existing homes on adjacent lots as illustrated in Diagram 10-1-606(E).
- 2. For the purposes of this Section, primary view means the following:
- a. When a property has a downslope view, that view is the primary view, whether or not the property also has an upslope view.
- b. When a property has an upslope view and no downslope view, the upslope view is the primary view.
- c. Where the direction of the primary view is unclear or disputed, the Community Development Director or his/her designee shall determine the primary view.

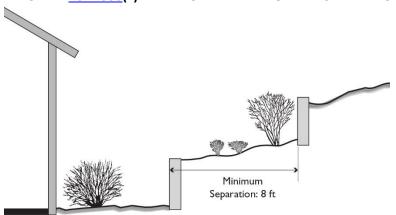
DIAGRAM 10-1-606(E): FRONT AND REAR SETBACKS FOR VIEW DETERMINATION IN THE HILLSIDE AREA



This graphic assumes that both the front and rea yards are "primary view" areas for illustration purposes.

- 3. An approved Hillside Development Permit is required for any extension beyond the setback line per Section <u>10-1-606(H)</u>. If the setback line is closer to the property line that the setback otherwise required for the R-1 Zone, the structure must observe the applicable minimum R-1 setback and encroachments per Table 10-1-603(G).
- 4. No main dwelling unit shall be located entirely on the rear half of a lot unless a Hillside Development Permit is approved per Section <u>10-1-606(H)</u>.
- F. FENCES, WALLS, HEDGES AND SCREENING IN THE HILLSIDE AREA.
- 1. Fences and walls in the hillside area must comply with the height requirements specified in Table 10-1-603(A). Hedges in front and street side setbacks are limited to four (4) feet in height.
- 2. Within the front yard setback, any portion of the fence or wall exceeding two (2) feet in height must utilize an open design. Open design is defined as follows: for any one (1)-foot section of fence or wall, at least 50 percent of the surface area is open and provides direct views though the fence or wall.
- 3. Only two (2) retaining walls are allowed in the front yard setback area.
- 4. The minimum horizontal distance between two retaining walls is eight (8) feet, but may be reduced to six (6) feet with Community Development Director's or his/her designee's approval to accommodate unique slope conditions existing prior to development or grading for development.

DIAGRAM 10-1-606(F): MINIMUM RETAINING WALL SEPARATION



- 5. All retaining walls facing downslope areas must be screened with vegetation, and a minimum 18-inch wide planting strip provided along a front or street side-facing lot line.
- 6. Exceptions to the standards of height, separation, and number of walls, fences, hedges, gates, and the applicable requirements of Section 10-1-1303, may be granted through approval of a fence exception permit as specified in Article 19, Division 11: Fence Exception Permits and Enforcement.
- 7. Exception to the standards of retaining walls in the Hillside area can be granted by the Director or his/her designee with the approval of a Hillside Development Permit to accommodate unique slope conditions existing prior to development or grading for development.
- 8. Conditions may be placed on a Hillside Development Permit per Section <u>10-1-607</u> that require retaining walls to be shortened, broken into multiple shorter walls, stepped up or down a hillside, or otherwise modified.
- 9. Fences and walls may be required to be shorter by conditions placed upon a Hillside Development Permit, and Minor/Major Fence Exception Permit.
- 10. Areas under enclosed structures must be enclosed or skirted with permanent walls. All such enclosure or skirt walls and all other structure walls facing downslope areas must provide aesthetic relief through windows, variation in texture, or similar methods approved by the Director or his/her designee and must be screened by vegetation.
- G. PARKING. A minimum of four (4) off-street parking spaces must be provided. For houses with a gross floor area of 3,400 square feet or less, at least two (2) of the spaces must be located in a carport or garage. For houses with a gross floor area of more than 3,400 square feet, at least three of the spaces must be located in a carport or garage. Other required spaces may be located within a driveway, so long as the slope of the driveway area used for parking does not exceed five percent.
- H. APPROVAL PROCESS. Approval of a Hillside Development Permit per Section 10-1-607(D) is required prior to the issuance of grading or building permits for the main dwelling structure or any other structure when any of the following criteria is applicable. A Hillside Development Permit is required whether the criteria apply to construction of a new structure or to modifications that increase the square footage or height of an existing structure or otherwise alter the footprint, volume, mass, or dimensions of an existing structure. Grading for construction of a pool and/or a spa on a flat portion of a lot with a slope less than 5% shall be exempt from HDP.

- 1. The project involves the creation of a new building pad, cut or fill activity to expand an existing building pad, or any other grading activity, including but not limited to grading for structures, swimming pools, and expanded yard areas.
- 2. The structure extends beyond the front or rear yard setback lines per Subsection (D).
- 3. The height of the proposed structure to the top of the roof exceeds 16 feet.
- 4. The total gross square footage of all structures and spaces that are included in the floor area ratio calculation is greater than 3,000 square feet.
- I. EXCEPTIONS. Exceptions to the development standards required by Section <u>10-1-603</u> for the R-1 Zone may be granted through approval of a Hillside Development Permit. A Hillside Development Permit may not be used to grant exceptions in lieu of a Variance unless a Hillside Development Permit is otherwise required by Subsection (H). No exceptions may be granted through a Hillside Development Permit unless the following findings are made:
- 1. The exception is not detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- 2. Granting of the exception does not constitute a grant of special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other projects and/or properties in the vicinity.
- 3. The exception does not permit or encourage development inconsistent with the character of existing development in the neighborhood.
- 4. There are special conditions or unique characteristics applicable to the subject property and/or the surrounding neighborhood due to the location in the hillside area that justify granting of the exception. Such conditions or characteristics may be related to topography, location, orientation, or other issues that do not generally apply to properties or neighborhoods located outside of the hillside area. [Formerly numbered Section 31-30; Amended by Ord. No. 17-3,890, eff. 2/23/17; 3810; 3774, 3750; 3748, 3688, 3669, 3643, 3488, 3399, 3058, 2858, 2598, 2355, 2194.]
 - 6) Article 6, Division 1, Section 10-1-607: Design Guidelines And Neighborhood Compatibility: Single Family Development Permits/Hillside Development Permits, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-607: HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMITS:

A. APPLICABILITY AND AUTHORITY.

1. This Section outlines the process requirements and findings for Hillside Development Permit, applicable to the single family residential zones located within the designated hillside area of the City. Except as otherwise stated herein, the permit shall be processed and approved or denied in accordance with the Administrative Use Permit process set forth in Division 4.1 and with Article 19 of this Code, which authorizes the Director of Community Development, or his designee, to grant these permits, which may be appealed to Planning Board, then Council. The required findings shall be as set forth in this Section, and the noticing must be mailed to all property owners and occupants within a 300 foot radius of the property rather than a 1,000 foot radius.

- 2. As part of the Building Permit Process, projects will be checked for conformance with the development standards for single family homes in the R1 and R1H zones and when the homes comply with those standards, the project shall be approved for Plan Check.
- B. SECTION RESERVED.
- C. SECTION RESERVED.
- D. HILLSIDE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT.
- 1. Intent and purpose. The intent and purpose of the Hillside Development Permit is to protect, to the extent feasible, views in the hillside area and to ensure neighborhood compatibility. The Hillside Development Permit is intended to balance the reasonable development of property consistent with high land values in the hillside area with the values placed upon views of Burbank and surrounding communities from hillside properties.
- 2. Applicability. Hillside Development Permit is required in accordance with Section <u>10-1-606(H)</u>.
- 3. Required Findings. In lieu of the finding required by Section <u>10-1-1956</u>, the Director, or Planning Board or Council if appealed, may not approve a Hillside Development Permit unless the following findings are made:
- a. The vehicle and pedestrian access to the house and other structures do not detrimentally impact traffic circulation and safety or pedestrian circulation and safety and are compatible with existing traffic circulation patterns in the surrounding neighborhood. This includes, but is not limited to: driveways and private roadways, access to public streets, safety features such as guardrails and other barriers, garages and other parking areas, and sidewalks and pedestrian paths.
- b. The house and other structures are reasonably consistent with the natural topography of the surrounding hillside.
- c. The house and other structures are designed to reasonably incorporate or avoid altering natural topographic features.
- d. The house and other structures will not unnecessarily or unreasonably encroach upon the scenic views from neighboring properties, including both downslope and upslope views.
- e. For the purpose of evaluating required finding (d) above, a view study must be submitted with all Hillside Development Permit applications documenting the impacts of the proposed structure(s) on views from adjacent properties. The view study must be prepared in a manner approved by the Director or his/her designee and contain all information and documentation deemed necessary by the Director for the purpose of analyzing view impacts and establishing setback lines for view determination pursuant to Section 10-1-606(E). This study is separate from the Ridgeline setback analysis required by Section 10-1-606(D).
- f. The view impacts of the proposed project must be considered by the Director, or Planning Board or City Council if appealed, and may be used as a basis for requiring modifications to a project or denying a Hillside Development Permit due to inability to make the required findings:

4. Conditions may be necessary for the purpose of satisfying the required findings, ensuring conformance with the applicable development standards, mitigating environmental or other impacts of the project, and/or protecting the public health, safety, convenience, or welfare. Such conditions may be imposed.

[Added by Ord. No. 2858; Formerly numbered Section 31-30.1; Renumbered by Ord. No. 3058, eff. 2/21/87; Amended by Ord. No. 17-3,890, eff. 2/23/17; 3669.]

7) Article 6, Division 1, Section 10-1-609: Neighborhood Compatibility Review, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-609: SECTION RESERVED.

[Added by Ord. No. 17-3,890, eff. 2/23/17.]

8) Article 18, Division 4, Section 10-1-1810: Continuation Of Structure, of Chapter 1 of Title 10 of the Burbank Municipal Code is amended as following:

10-1-1810: CONTINUATION OF STRUCTURE:

Any structure made nonconforming by this chapter as adopted or amended may be continued so long as it remains otherwise lawful, subject to the following provisions:

- 1. Such structure may not be enlarged or altered in a way which increases its nonconformity.
- 2. All enlargements, alterations and additions to such a structure shall conform to all standards and requirements of this Chapter for the zone in which the structure is located.
- 3. Should such structure be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than 50 percent of its replacement cost immediately prior to destruction, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. Provided however, that any single family or multiple family residential structure in a residential zone destroyed to such extent by means of fire, flood, wind, earthquake or other natural force or by action of the public enemy, may be rebuilt to the pre-destruction configuration and size, height, lot coverage, floor area ratio, amount of off-street parking, and number of dwelling units of the previous structure, upon granting of an Administrative Use Permit.
- 4. Should such structure be voluntarily demolished to an extent of 50 percent or less of its replacement cost, any non-conforming features or portions of the structure that are demolished shall not be replaced unless they conform to the standards of this Chapter. "Non-conforming features or portions of a structure", as used above, include, but are not limited to, non-conforming walls and/or roofs. Such portion or feature shall be considered demolished if underlying structural elements such as foundations, framing or trusses are removed. Removal of surface or finish features such as siding, plaster, drywall, shingles, tiles, or suchlike for purposes of replacement or repair only shall not be considered demolition of the underlying element. For a single family residential structure, any new openings (windows and doors) along a non-conforming exterior wall, limited to 50% of the linear length of the wall, shall be exempt from requirements of this sub-section, subject to approval from the Building Official.
- 5. Should such structure be destroyed to an extent of 50 percent or less of its replacement cost by means of fire, flood, wind, earthquake or other natural force or by action of the public enemy, or from damages due to termites or dry rot:

- a. The damaged structure may be repaired or rebuilt to the area, footprint and height of the previously existing structure.
- b. Such repairs must be commenced within one (1) year of the event causing the damage, and must be diligently pursued until completed.
- c. If during restoration or reconstruction, floor area or height is increased, the structure shall relinquish its non-conforming status, and shall become subject to Subsection (4) above.

Replacement of a nonconforming structure or portions thereof, from damages due to termites or dry rot is applicable to residential structures only, and as such these damages shall be confirmed by the Building Official.

- 6. Should such structure be moved for any reason for any distance whatever, it shall thereafter conform to the regulations for the zone in which it is located.
- 7. Such structure may be repaired provided the repair work is done in compliance with the provisions of this section.
- 8. If provision is made for the termination of such structure or its nonconforming characteristics, any use of such land after termination shall conform to the requirements of this chapter for the zone in which it is located.
- 9. Stables and corrals for keeping horses shall conform, except that stables need not conform until a building, or addition to a building intended or used for human habitation exists or is hereafter constructed or moved upon abutting property and less than 20 feet separates the stable from any door, window, or other opening of the building or addition, in which case the stable shall be made to conform within one (1) year from the occurrence of such event.
- 10. Multiple family residential structures or properties that are made non-conforming with respect to the number of residential units due to a Zone Map or text amendment that decreases the permitted density shall not be considered non-conforming with respect to the number of units so long as all of the units were legal (as to their number) when originally constructed. The existing units on the property may be improved or expanded as if the number of units were conforming, subject to all other applicable development standards; provided, however, that any demolition or destruction of the existing structure(s) shall be subject to the requirements of this Section. This provision does not prevent a structure or property from being made non-conforming or from being considered an increase of non-conformity due to Zone Map or text amendments not pertaining to density, and does not otherwise exempt a structure from any provision of this Section or Chapter.

Nothing in this section shall be deemed to prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any building or part thereof declared to be unsafe by any City or State official charged with protecting the public health or safety, upon order of such official." [Formerly numbered Section 31-205; Renumbered by Ord. No. 3058, eff.2/21/87; Amended by Ord. No. 3647, eff. 10/23/04; 3643, 2597.]