

A photograph of a house with a red door and a tree in the background. The house is a single-story building with a white exterior and a prominent red door. A large tree is visible to the left of the door, and a concrete walkway leads to the entrance. The foreground is a green lawn with some fallen leaves. The background shows more trees and a clear sky.

Generalized Summary of Zoning Regulations

Appendix E



Zone	Use	Maximum Height		Required yards			Minimum Area		Min. Lot Width	Parking Req'd.
		Stories	Feet	Front	Side	Rear	Per Lot	Per Dwelling Unit		
AGRICULTURAL										
A1	Agricultural One-Family Dwellings, Parks, Playgrounds, Community Centers, Golf Courses, Truck Gardening, Extensive Agricultural Uses, Home Occupations	Unlimited (8)	45 or(6),(8)	20% lot depth; 25 ft. max. or (6)	10% lot width; 25 ft. max. or (6)	25% lot depth; 25 ft. max.	5 acres	2.5 acres	300 ft.	2 spaces per dwelling unit (6)
A2	Agricultural A1 uses						2 acres	1 acre	150 ft.	
RA	Suburban Limited Agricultural Uses, One-Family Dwellings, Home Occupations,		45 or (6),(7),(8)	20% lot depth; 25 ft. max., but not less than prevailing (6)	10 ft. or 10% lot width < 70 ft. + 1 ft. for 3 stories or more (6),(7)		17,500 sq. ft. (1)	17,500 sq. ft. (1)	70 ft. (1)	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit (6)
RESIDENTIAL ESTATE										
RE40	Residential Estate One-Family Dwellings, Parks, Playgrounds, Community Centers, Truck Gardening, Accessory Living Quarters, Home Occupations	Unlimited (8)	45 or(6),(8)	20% lot depth; 25 ft. max., but not less than prevailing (6)	10 ft. min., + 1 ft. each story over 2nd (6)	25% lot depth; 25 ft. max.	40,000 sq. ft. (1)	40,000 sq. ft. (1)	80 ft. (1)	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit (6)
RE20			45 or(6),(7),(8)		10 ft. min., + 1 ft. each story over 2nd (6),(7)		20,000 sq. ft. (1)	20,000 sq. ft. (1)	80 ft. (1)	
RE15					10% lot width; 10 ft. max; 5 ft. min. + 1 ft. each story over 2nd (6),(7)		15,000 sq. ft. (1)	15,000 sq. ft. (1)	80 ft. (1)	
RE11					10% lot width < 50 ft.;		11,000 sq. ft. (1)	11,000 sq. ft. (1)	70 ft. (1)	
RE9					5 ft.; 3 ft. min. + 1 ft. each story over 2nd (6),(7)		9,000 sq. ft. (1)	9,000 sq. ft. (1)	65 ft. (1)	
RS	Suburban One-Family Dwellings, Parks, Playgrounds, Community Centers, Truck Gardening, Home Occupations					20 ft. min.	7,500 sq. ft.	7,500 sq. ft.	60 ft.	
ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL										
R1	One-Family Dwelling RS Uses, Home Occupations	Unlimited (8)	45 or(6),(7),(8)	20% lot depth; 20 ft. max., but not less than prevailing (6)	10% lot width < 50 ft.; 5 ft.; 3 ft. min. + 1 ft. each story over 2nd (6),(7)	15 ft. min.	5,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	50 ft.	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit (6)
RU			30		10 ft.	3 ft. (9)	10 ft.	3,500 sq. ft.	n/a	35 ft.
RZ2.5	Residential Zero Side Yard		45 or(8)	10 ft. min.	zero (3); 3 ft. + 1 ft. for each story over 2nd	zero (3) or 15 ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	30 ft. w/ driveway, 25 ft. w/o driveway; 20 ft.–flag, curved or cul-de-sac	28 ft.	
RZ3	Dwellings across not more than 5 lots (2), Parks, Playgrounds, Home Occupations	3,000 sq. ft.								
RZ4		4,000 sq. ft.								
RW1	One-Family Residential Waterways One-Family Dwellings, Home Occupations (1)0		30		10% lot width; 3 ft. min.	15 ft. min	2,300 sq. ft.			

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MULTIPLE RESIDENTIAL														
R2	Two Family Dwellings R1 Uses, Home Occupations	Unlimited (8)	45 or (6),(7),(8)	20% lot depth; 20 ft. max., but not less than prevailing	10% lot width < 50 ft.; 5 ft.; 3 ft. min.; + 1 ft. for each story over 2nd	15 ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	2,500 sq. ft.	50 ft.	2 spaces, one covered				
RD1.5	Restricted Density Multiple Dwelling One-Family Dwellings, Two-Family Dwellings, Apartment Houses, Multiple Dwellings, Home Occupations		45 or (6),(7),(8)	15 ft.	10% lot width < 50 ft.; 5 ft.; 3 ft. min.; + 1 ft. for each story over 2nd, not to exceed 16 ft. (6)	15 ft.	15 ft.	5,000 sq. ft.		1,500 sq. ft.	1 space per unit < 3 habitable rooms; 1.5 spaces per unit > 3 habitable rooms; 2 spaces per unit > 3 habitable rooms; uncovered (6) 1 space each guest room (first 30)			
RD2								2,000 sq. ft.						
RD3								6,000 sq. ft.	3,000 sq. ft.	60 ft.				
RD4								8,000 sq. ft.	4,000 sq. ft.					
RD5								10,000 sq. ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	70 ft.				
RD6								12,000 sq. ft.	6,000 sq. ft.					
RMP	Mobile Home Park Home Occupations		45 or (8)	20% lot depth 25 ft. max.	10 ft.	25% lot depth 25 ft. max.	15 ft.	20,000 sq. ft.	20,000 sq. ft.	80 ft.	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit			
RW2	Two Family Residential Waterways One-Family Dwellings, Two-Family Dwellings, Home Occupations	10 ft. min.						10% lot width < 50 ft.; 3 ft. min.; + 1 ft. for each story over 2nd	15 ft.	2,300 sq. ft.	1,150 sq. ft.	28 ft.		
R3	Multiple Dwelling R2 Uses, Apt. Houses, Multiple Dwellings, Child Care (20 max.)	Unlimited (8)	15 ft; 10 ft. for key lots	10% lot width < 50 ft., 3 ft. min.; 5 ft.; + 1 ft. for each story over 2nd, not to exceed 16 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	800 sq. ft.; 500 sq. ft. per guest room	50 ft.	same as RD zones				
RAS3	Residential/ Accessory R3 Uses, Limited ground floor commercial										5 ft., or average of adjoining buildings	0 ft. for ground floor commerc. 5 ft. for residential	15 ft. adjacent to RD or more restrictive zone; otherwise 5 ft.	800 sq. ft.; 200 sq. ft. per guest room
R4	Multiple Dwelling R3 Uses, Churches, Schools, Child Care, Homeless Shelter										15 ft. + 1 ft. for each story over 3rd; 20 ft. max.	400 sq. ft.; 200 sq. ft. per guest room		
RAS4	Residential/ Accessory R4 Uses, Limited ground floor commercial	Unlimited (8)	5 ft., or average of adjoining buildings	0 ft. for ground floor commerc. 5 ft. for residential	15 ft. adjacent to RD or more restrictive zone; otherwise 5 ft.	5,000 sq. ft.	400 sq. ft.; 200 sq. ft. per guest room	50 ft.	same as RD zones					
R5	Multiple Dwelling R4 uses, Clubs, Lodges, Hospitals, Sanitariums, Hotels									15 ft; 10 ft. for key lots	10% lot width < 50 ft.; 3 ft. min.; 5 ft.; + 1 ft. for each story over 2nd, not to exceed 16 ft.	15 ft. + 1 ft. for each story over 3rd; 20 ft. max.	200 sq. ft.	

Loading space is required for the RAS3, R4, RAS4, and R5 zones in accordance with Section 12.21 C 6 of the Zoning Code.

Open Space is required for 6 or more residential units in accordance with Section 12.21 G of the Zoning Code.

Passageway of 10 feet is required from the street to one entrance of each dwelling unit or guest room in every residential building, except for the RW, RU, and RZ zones, in accordance with Section 12.21 C2 of the Zoning Code.

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COMMERCIAL (SEE LOADING AND PARKING, NEXT PAGE)								
CR	Limited Commercial Banks, Clubs, Hotels, Churches, Schools, Business and Professional Colleges, Child Care, Parking Areas, R4 Uses	6 (8)	75 ft. (8)	10 ft. min.	10% lot width < 50 ft.; 10 ft.; 5 ft. min., for corner lots, lots adj. to A or R zone, or for residential uses	15 ft. min + 1 ft. for each story over 3rd	same as R4 for resid. uses; otherwise none	50 ft. for resid. uses; otherwise none
C1	Limited Commercial Local Retail Stores < 100,000 sq. ft., Offices or Businesses, Hotels, Hospitals and/or Clinics, Parking Areas, CR Uses Except for Churches, Schools, Museums, R3 Uses	Unlimited (8)		10 ft. min.	same as R3 for corner lots, lots adjacent to A or R zone, or residential uses	15 ft. + 1 ft. for each story over 3rd; 20 ft. max for resid. uses or abutting A or R zone	same as R3 zone for residential uses; otherwise none	
C1.5	Limited Commercial C1 Uses—Retail, Theaters, Hotels, Broadcasting Studios, Parking Buildings, Parks and Playgrounds, R4 Uses						same as R4 zone for residential uses; otherwise none	
C2	Commercial C1.5 Uses; Retail w/Limited Manuf., Service Stations and Garages, Retail Contr. Business, Churches, Schools, Auto Sales, R4 Uses						none	same as R4 for residential uses; otherwise none
C4	Commercial C2 Uses with Limitations, R4 Uses	Unlimited (8)		none	none for commercial uses; same as R4 for residential uses	same as R4 for residential uses	same as R4 for residential uses; otherwise none	
C5	Commercial C2 Uses, Limited Floor Area for Manuf. of CM Zone Type, R4 Uses							
CM	Commercial Manufacturing Wholesale, Storage, Clinics, Limited Manuf., Limited C2 Uses, R3 Uses	Unlimited (8)		none	none for commercial uses; same as R4 for residential uses	same as R3 for residential uses	same as R3 for residential uses; otherwise none	

Loading Space: Hospitals, hotels, institutions, and every building where lot abuts an alley. Minimum loading space is 400 sq. ft.; additional space for buildings > 50,000 sq. ft. of floor area. None for apartment buildings < 30 units, in accordance with Section 12.21 C 6 of the Zoning Code.

Parking. See separate parking handout.

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MANUFACTURING								
MR1	Restricted Industrial CM Uses, Limited Commercial and Manufacturing, Clinics, Media Products, Limited Machine Shops, Animal Hospitals and Kennels	unlimited (8)		5 ft. for lots <100 ft. deep; 15 ft. for lots >100 ft. deep	none for industrial or commercial uses; same as R4 zone for residential uses (5)	none for industrial or commercial uses; same as R4 zone for residential uses (5)	none for industrial or commercial uses; same as R4 zone for residential uses; (5)	
M1	Limited Industrial MR1 Uses, Limited Industrial and Manufacturing Uses, no R Zone Uses, no Hospitals, Schools, Churches, any Enclosed C2 Use, Wireless Telecommunications, Household Storage			none				
MR2	Restricted Light Industrial MR1 Uses, Additional Industrial Uses, Mortuaries, Animal Keeping			5 ft. for lots <100 ft. deep; 15 ft. for lots >100 ft. deep	same as R5 zone for residential uses (5)	none for industrial or commercial uses; same as R5 zone for residential uses; (5)		
M2	Light Industrial M1 and MR2 uses, Additional Industrial Uses, Storage Yards, Animal Keeping, Enclosed Composting, no R Zone Uses			none				
M3	Heavy Industrial M2 Uses, any Industrial I Uses, Nuisance Type Uses 500 ft. from any Other Zone, no R Zone Uses					none	none	

Loading Space: Institutions, and every building where lot abuts an alley. Minimum loading space is 400 sq. ft.; additional space for buildings > 50,000 sq. ft. of floor area. None for apartment buildings < 30 units, in accordance with Section 12.21 C 6 of the Zoning Code.

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PARKING

P	Automobile Parking—Surface and Underground Surface Parking; Land in a P Zone may also be Classified in A or R Zone	unlimited (8)	10 ft. in combination with an A or R Zone; otherwise none	none		none, unless also in an A or R Zone
PB	Parking Building P Zone Uses, Automobile Parking Within a Building		0 ft., 5 ft., or 10 ft., depending on zoning frontage and zoning across the street	5 ft. + 1 ft. each story above 2nd if abutting or across street and frontage in A or R Zone	5 ft. + 1 ft. each story above 2nd if abutting A or R Zone	none

OPEN SPACE/ PUBLIC FACILITIES/SUBMERGED LANDS

OS	Open Space, Parks and Recreation, Facilities, Nature, Reserves, Closed, Sanitary Landfill Sites,, Public Water Supply, Reservoirs, Water, Conservation Areas	none		none	none
PF	Public Facilities, Agricultural Uses,, Parking Under, Freeways, Fire and, Police Stations,, Government Buildings,, Public Libraries, Post, Offices, Public Health, Facilities, Public, Elementary and, Secondary Schools				
SL	Submerged Lands, Navigation, Shipping,, Fishing, Recreation				

- (1) "H" Hillside areas may alter these requirements in the RA-H or RE-H zones. Subdivisions may be approved with smaller lots, provided larger lots are also included. Section 17.05 H 1 of the Zoning Code.
- (2) Section 12.08.3 B 1 of the Zoning Code.
- (3) Section 12.08.3 C 2 and 3 of the Zoning Code.
- (4) Section 12.09.5 C of the Zoning Code. For 2 or more lots the interior side yards may be eliminated, but 4 ft. is required on each side of the grouped lots.
- (5) Section 12.17.5 B 9 (a). Dwelling considered as accessory to industrial use only (watchman or caretaker including family.)
- (6) Height, yard and parking requirements for single family dwellings may be governed by the Hillside Ordinance, Section 12.21 A 17 of the Zoning Code.
- (7) Side yard requirements for single family dwellings not in Hillside Areas or Coastal Zone may be governed by the "Big House" Ordinance, ord. 169,775, which has been codified in the yard requirements sections for the relevant zones.
- (8) Height District (Section 12.21.1 of the Zoning Code) [see below for (9), (10)]:

Zone	Height Districts						
	1 ‡	1L ‡	1VL ‡	1XL ‡	2	3	4
A1§, A2§, RE40§, RZ, RMP, RW2, RD, R3, RAS3	45' 3:1 FAR		45' 3 stories † 3:1 FAR	30' 2 stories † 3:1 FAR	6 stories for RD,RAS3 and R3‡; otherwise 6:1 FAR	6 stories for RD,RAS3 and R3‡; otherwise 10:1 FAR	6 stories for RD,RAS3 and R3‡; otherwise 13:1 FAR
RE11 §, RE15 §, RE20 §, RA § *	36' 3:1 FAR		36' 3 stories † 3:1 FAR		6:1 FAR	10:1 FAR	13:1 FAR
R1§, R2, RS §, RE9 § *	33' 3:1 FAR		33' 3 stories † 3:1 FAR				
PB	none 2 stories	75' 2 stories	45' 2 stories	30' 2 stories	none 6 stories	none 10 stories	none 13 stories
		75' 6 stories † 3:1 FAR	45' 3 stories † 3:1 FAR	30' 2 stories † 3:1 FAR	none 6:1 FAR	none 10:1 FAR	none 13:1 FAR
C, M	1.5:1 FAR	75' 6 stories †	45' 3 stories †	30' 2 stories †	75' for CR; otherwise none	75' for CR; otherwise none	75' for CR; otherwise none
		1.5:1 FAR	1.5:1 FAR	1.5:1 FAR	6:1 FAR	10:1 FAR	13:1 FAR
PB	2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	2 stories	6 stories	10 stories	13 stories

FAR—Floor Area Ratio
 * Prevailing Height in accordance with the 3rd unnumbered paragraph of Section 12.21.1 of the Zoning Code may apply.
 † Buildings used entirely for residential (and ground floor commercial in RAS zones) are only limited as to height, not stories.
 ‡ Floor area in height district 1 in other than C and M zones is limited to 3:1 FAR.
 § Height limited to 36' or 45' in Hillside Areas in accordance with Section 12.21 A 17 of the Zoning Code.
 For CRA height districts, see Section 12.21.3 of the Zoning Code. For EZ height districts, see Section 12.21.4 for the Zoning Code. For CSA height districts, see Section 12.21.5 of the Zoning Code. For Century City North (CCN) and Century City South (CCS) height districts, see Section 12.21.2 of the Zoning Code and the Specific Plans.
 (9) The side yard on one side of the lot may be reduced to zero provided that the remaining side yard is increased to 6 ft., in accordance with Section 12.08.1 C 2 of the Zoning Code.
 (10) Specific requirements for open space, rear yards, and projections into front yards are in Section 12.08.5 C of the Zoning Code.

TRANSITIONAL HEIGHT:

Portions of buildings in C or M zones within certain distances of RW1 or more restrictive zones shall not exceed the following height limits, in accordance with Section 12.21.1 A 10 of the Zoning Code:

Distance (ft)	Height (ft)
0–49	25
50–99	33
100–199	61

ZONE PREFIXES

(Section 12.32 of the Zoning Code)

(T), [T], T	Tentative Zone Classification	City Council requirements for public improvements as a result of a zone change—see Council File
(Q), [Q], Q	Qualified Classification	Restrictions on property as a result of a zone change, to ensure compatibility with surrounding property
D	Development Limitation	Restricts heights, floor area ratio, percent of lot coverage, building setbacks

SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICTS

to regulate uses which cannot adequately be provided for in the Zoning Code (Section 13.00 of the Zoning Code)

OTHER ZONING DESIGNATIONS

CA	Commercial and Artcraft	ADP	Alameda District Specific Plan
CDO	Community Design Overlay	CCS	Century City South Studio Zone
FH	Fence Height	CSA	Centers Study Area
G	Surface Mining	CW	Central City West Specific Plan
K	Equinekeeping	GM	Glencoe/Maxella Specific Plan
MU	Mixed Use	HPOZ	Historic Preservation Overlay Zone
O	Oil Drilling	LASED	LA Sports & Entertainment S.P.
POD	Pedestrian Oriented District	OX	Oxford Triangle Specific Plan
RPD	Residential Planned Development	PKM	Park Mile Specific Plan
S	Animal Slaughtering	PV	Playa Vista Specific Plan
SN	Sign	WC	Warner Center Specific Plan

This summary is only a guide. Definitive information should be obtained from the Zoning Code itself and from consultation with the Department of Building and Safety.

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