

**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
GENERALIZED SUMMARY OF ZONING REGULATIONS**

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Table 1a – General Development Standards: Single-Family and Two-Family Residential

Zone	Use	Maximum Height		Required Yards			Minimum Area	Min. Lot Width	Parking Required
		Stories	Feet	Front	Side	Rear	Per Lot		
Agricultural									
A1	Agriculture One-Family Dwellings, Parks, Playgrounds, Community Centers, Golf Courses, Agricultural Uses (15)	Unlimited (9)	45 or (6a), (9)	20% lot depth; 25 ft max or (6a)	10% of lot width; 25 ft max or (6a)	25% lot depth; 25 ft max	5 acres	300 ft	2 spaces per dwelling unit (6a) Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC
A2	Agriculture A1 uses (15)						2 acres	150 ft	
RA	Suburban Limited Agricultural Uses, One-Family Dwellings, Home Occupations (14)		See Table 2 below		20% lot depth; 25 ft max, but not less than prevailing (6b)		10 ft min; for lots recorded prior to 7/1/66, 10% lot width where lot is < 70 ft wide, not less than 3 ft (7); for Hillside Area lots see Sec. 12.21 C.10 of the LAMC	17,500 sq-ft (1)	70 ft
Residential Estate									
RE40	Residential Estate One-Family Dwellings, Parks, Playgrounds, Community Centers, Truck Gardening, Accessory Living Quarters, Home Occupations (14)	Unlimited (9)	See Table 2 below	20% lot depth; 25 ft max, but not less than prevailing (6b)	10 ft (7)	25% lot depth; 25 ft max	40,000 sq-ft (1)	80 ft (1)	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit (8) Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC
RE20							20,000 sq-ft (1)		
RE15					10% lot width, but not less than 5 ft, 10 ft max (7)		15,000 sq-ft (1)		
RE11					7 ft; or 10% lot width where lot is < 70 ft wide, not less than 3 ft (7)		11,000 sq-ft (1)	70 ft (1)	
RE9					9,000 sq-ft (1)		65 ft (1)		

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One-Family Residential																																								
RS	Suburban One-Family Dwellings, Parks, Playgrounds, Community Centers, Truck Gardening, Home Occupations (14)	Unlimited (9)	See Table 2 below	20% lot depth; 25 ft max, but not less than prevailing (6b)	5 ft; or 10% lot width < 50 ft wide, not less than 3 ft (7)	20 ft min	7,500 sq-ft	60 ft	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit (8)																															
										R1 (including R1V, R1F, R1R, R1H)	One-Family Residential RS Uses (14)	See Table 2 below. Subject to encroachment plane (see p.15)	20% lot depth; 20 ft max, but not less than prevailing (6b)	5 ft; or 10% lot width where lot is < 50 ft wide, not less than 3 ft (7); additional 5 ft offset required for side walls >45 ft long & >14 ft high	15 ft min	5,000 sq-ft	50 ft																							
																		RU	Residential Urban	30 ft	10 ft	3 ft (9)	10 ft	3,500 sq-ft	35 ft															
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																																		RZ3	RZ4	30 ft	10% lot width; 3 ft min	15 ft	2,300 sq-ft	28 ft
Multiple (Two-Family) Residential																																								
R2	Two-Family Dwellings R1 Uses, Home Occupations (15)	Unlimited (9)	45 ft or (6a), (9)	20% lot depth; 20 ft max, but not less than prevailing	5 ft; or 10% lot width where lot is < 50 ft wide; 3 ft min (7)	15 ft	5,000 sq-ft	50 ft	2 spaces, one covered																															
										RW2	Two-Family Residential Waterways One-Family Dwellings, Two-Family Dwellings, Home Occupations (15)	45 or (9)	10 ft	10% lot width; 3 ft min; +1 ft for each story over 2nd	15 ft	2,300 sq-ft	28 ft	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC																						

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Zone	Use	Maximum Height		Required Yards			Minimum Area		Min. Lot Width	Parking Required					
		Stories	Feet	Front	Side	Rear	Per Lot	Per Dwelling Unit							
Multiple Residential															
RD1.5	Restricted Density Multiple Dwelling One-Family Dwellings, Two-Family Dwellings, Apartment Houses, Multiple Dwellings, Home Occupations		45 ft or (6a), (9)	15 ft	5 ft; or 10% of lot width where lot is less than <50 ft wide; 3 ft min; +1 ft for each story over 2 nd , not to exceed 16 ft (6a)	15 ft	5,000 sq0ft	1,500 sq-ft	50 ft	1 space per unit < 3 habitable rooms; 1.5 spaces per unit = 3 habitable rooms; 2 spaces per unit > 3 habitable rooms; uncovered (6a) 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								20 ft			10 ft (6a)	25 ft	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 (9)	20% lot depth, 25 ft max	10 ft	25% lot depth, 25 ft max	20,000 sq-ft	20,000 sq-ft	80 ft	2 covered spaces per dwelling unit Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC					
R3	Multiple Dwelling R2 Uses, Apartment Houses, Multiple Dwellings, Child Care (20 max)			15 ft; 10 ft for key lots	5 ft; 10% lot width when lot width is < 50 ft; 3 ft min; +1 ft for each story over 2nd, not to exceed 16 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	Zero ft for ground floor commercial, 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, Childcare, Homeless Shelter		Unlimited (9)	15 ft; 10 ft for key lots	5ft; 10% lot width when lot width is < 50 ft; 3 ft min; +1 ft for each story over 2nd, not to exceed 16 ft	15 ft; +1 ft for each story over 3rd; 20 ft max		400 sq-ft; 200 sq-ft per guest room							

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RAS4	Residential/Accessory R4 uses, Limited ground floor commercial			5 ft, or average of adjoining buildings	Zero ft for ground floor commercial, 5 ft for residential	15 ft adjacent to RD or more restrictive Zone; otherwise 5 ft				
R5	Multiple Dwelling R4 Uses, Clubs, Lodges, Hospitals, Sanitariums, Hotels			15 ft; 10 ft for key lots	5ft; 10% lot width when lot width is < 50 ft; 3 ft min; +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: Required for the RAS3, R4, RAS4, and R5 Zones in accordance with Section 12.21 C.6 of the LAMC.

Open Space: Required for 6 or more residential units in accordance with Section 12.21 G of the LAMC.

Passageway: 10 feet 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 C.2 of the LAMC.

Commercial										
CR	Limited Commercial Banks, Clubs, Hotels, Churches, Schools, Business and Professional Colleges, Child Care, Parking Areas, Offices, R4 Uses	6 (9)	75 ft (9)	10 ft min	For corner lots: 10% lot width; 10 ft max; 5 ft min For lots adj. to A or R zone or for residential uses: 10% lot width; 5 ft max; 3 ft min For other lots: not required	15 ft min; +1 ft for each story over 3rd	Same as R4 for residential uses; otherwise none	50 ft for residential uses; otherwise none	See separate parking handout Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC	
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 (9)			For corner lots, lots adjacent to A or R Zone, or residential uses: 10% lot width; 5 ft max; 3 ft min; +1 ft for each story over 2 nd , up to 16 ft For other lots: not required; 3 ft min if provided	For residential uses or abutting A or R Zone: 15 ft; +1 ft for each story over 3rd; 20 ft max	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 Manufacturing, Service Stations and Garages, Retail Contr. Business, Churches, Schools, Auto Sales, R4 Uses			None	None for commercial uses; same as R4 Zone for residential uses at lowest residential story	Same as R4 Zone for residential uses at lowest residential story; otherwise none				
C4	Commercial C2 Uses with Limitation, R4 Uses									

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C5	Commercial C2 Uses, Limited Floor Area for Manufacturing of CM Zone Type, R4 Uses									
CM	Commercial Manufacturing Wholesale, Storage, Clinics, Limited Manufacturing, Limited C2 Uses, R3 Uses				None for commercial and industrial uses; same as R3 for R3 uses; and same as R4 at the floor level for all other residential uses		Same as R3 Zone 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 LAMC.

Manufacturing

MR1	Restricted Industrial CM Uses, Limited Commercial and Manufacturing, Clinics, Media Products, Limited Machine Shops, Animal Hospitals and Kennels	Unlimited (9)	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 for residential uses (5)	See separate parking handout Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC
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	None for industrial or commercial uses; same as R5 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	Same as R5 Zone for residential uses (5)			
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 LAMC.

Parking

P	Automobile Parking – Surface and Underground Surface Parking; Parking Buildings if located below grade; Land in a P Zone may also be classified in A or R Zone	Unlimited (9)	10 ft in combination with an A or R Zone; otherwise none	None	None, unless also in an A or R Zone	None	See separate parking handout Bicycle Parking pursuant to
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PB	Parking Building P Zone uses, Parking Buildings at or above grade; 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			Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC
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			See separate parking handout
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, Qualified Permanent Supportive Housing Projects (12)									Bicycle Parking pursuant to Sec. 12.21 A.16 of the LAMC
SL	Submerged Lands Navigation, Shipping, Fishing, Recreation									

Footnotes for Tables 1a and 1b

- (1) "H" Hillside or Mountainous Areas may alter these requirements in the RA-H or RE-H Zones. Subdivision may be approved with smaller lots, provided larger lots are also included. Section 17.05 H.1 of the LAMC.
- (2) Section 12.08.3 B.1 of the LAMC.
- (3) Section 12.08.3 C.2 and 3 of the LAMC.
- (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) of the LAMC. Dwelling considered as accessory to industrial use only (watchman or caretaker including family).
- (6)
 - a. Height, yard and parking requirements for single-family dwellings in a designated Hillside Area may be governed by Section 12.21 A.17 of the LAMC.
 - b. Height, yard and parking requirements for single-family dwellings in a designated Hillside Area may be governed by Section 12.21 C.10 of the LAMC.
- (7) One foot shall be added to the width of each required side yard for each increment of ten feet, or fraction thereof, above the first 18 feet of height of the main building. On lots within the Coastal Zone, not located within a Hillside Area as defined in Section 12.03 of the LAMC, one foot shall be added to the width of each required side yard for each additional story above the second story; except on RA lots where a side yard of less than 10 feet in width is permitted, one foot shall be added to the width of each required side yard when a building is three or more stories in height.
- (8) In accordance with Section 12.21 C.10(g) of the LAMC, on a Substandard Hillside Limited Street, when buildings exceed 2,400 sq-ft of Residential Floor Area, one additional parking space will be provided for each additional increment of 1,000 sq-ft, or fraction thereof, for a maximum of 5 total on-site spaces.
- (9) Height District (Section 12.21.1 of the LAMC), see Table 2 – Height Districts.
- (10) 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 LAMC.
- (11) Specific Requirements for open space, rear yards, and provisions into front yards are in Section 12.08.5 C of the LAMC.
- (12) Section 12.04.09 B.11 of the LAMC. Qualified Permanent Supportive Housing Projects are permitted in the PF Zone utilizing the uses and standards permitted by the least restrictive adjoining zone.

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- (13) To convert Minimum Area per Dwelling Unit in square footage to acres divide by 43,560 (e.g. 1 Dwelling Unit per 800 sf in the R3 Zone is 1 Dwelling Unit per 0.0183655 acres). To find Dwelling Units per acre, multiply the ratio of Dwelling Units per square feet by 43,560 (e.g. 1 Dwelling Unit per 800 sf in the R3 Zone is equivalent to 0.00125 Dwelling Units per Square Foot or 54.45 Dwelling Units per acre.)
- (14) This zone allows for two-family dwellings when adjoining commercial or industrial zones and qualifies under certain other lot location and area restrictions; see the relevant LAMC Section for these details.
- (15) A maximum of two dwelling units are allowed per lot based on certain lot area regulations; see the relevant LAMC Section for these details.

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Table 2 – Height Districts (Height, Stories, FAR & RFAR)

Zone	1†	1L†	1VL†	1XL†	1SS	2	3	4
A1‡, A2‡, RZ, RMP, RW2	Height: 45 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1		Height: 45 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 6:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 10:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 13:1
RD‡, R3	Height: 45 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1		Height: 45 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 6:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 10:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 13:1
RAS3	Height: 45 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1		Height: 50 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 6:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 10:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 13:1
RA*§, RE40§, RE20§, RE15§, RE11§	Height Roof ≥25%, 36 ft Roof <25%, 30 ft Stories: n/a			Height Roof ≥25%, 30 ft Roof <25%, 30 ft Stories: n/a	Height Roof ≥25%, 18 ft (22 ft in Hillside Area) Roof <25%, 18 ft Stories: n/a	Height Roof ≥25%, 36 ft Roof <25%, 30 ft Stories: n/a		
	RFAR: See C.5 of each Zone in the LAMC; for Hillside Area, see Section 12.21 C.10 of the LAMC FAR (Coastal Zone, non-Hillside only)***: See Section 12.21.1 A of the LAMC					RFAR: N/A. FAR: 6:1	RFAR: N/A. FAR: 10:1	RFAR: N/A. FAR: 13:1
RE9*§, RS§, R1**§	Height Roof ≥25%: 33 ft Roof <25%: 28 ft Stories: n/a R1 subject to Encroachment Plane; see p.15.			Height Roof ≥25%: 30 ft Roof <25%: 28 ft Stories: n/a R1 subject to Encroachment Plane; see p.15.	Height Roof ≥25%, 18 ft (22 ft in Hillside Area) Roof <25%, 18 ft Stories: n/a R1 subject to Encroachment Plane; see p.15.	Height Roof ≥25%: 33 ft Roof <25%: 28 ft Stories: n/a R1 subject to Encroachment Plane; see p.15.		
	RFAR: See C.5 of each Zone in the LAMC; for Hillside Area, see Section 12.21 C.10(b) of the LAMC. FAR (Coastal Zone, non-Hillside only)***: See Section 12.21.1 A of the LAMC					RFAR: N/A FAR: 6:1	RFAR: N/A FAR: 10:1	RFAR: N/A FAR: 13:1
R2	Height: 33 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1		Height: 33 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: 33 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 6:1	Height: 33 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 10:1	Height: 33 ft Stories: n/a FAR: 13:1
R4, R5	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 3:1	Height: 45 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 6:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 10:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 13:1
RAS4	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 3:1	Height: 50 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 6:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 10:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 13:1
C, M	Height: 75 ft for CR, otherwise n/a Stories: 6 for CR, otherwise n/a FAR: 1.5:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 1.5:1	Height: 45 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 1.5:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 1.5:1	n/a	Height: 75 ft for CR, otherwise n/a Stories: 6 for CR, otherwise n/a FAR: 6:1	Height: 75 ft for CR, otherwise n/a Stories: 6 for CR, otherwise n/a FAR: 10:1	Height: 75 ft for CR, otherwise n/a Stories: 6 for CR, otherwise n/a FAR: 13:1

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PB	Height: n/a Stories: 2 FAR: n/a	Height: 75 ft Stories: 2 FAR: n/a	Height: 45 ft Stories: 2 FAR: n/a	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2 FAR: n/a	n/a	Height: n/a Stories: 6 FAR: n/a	Height: n/a Stories: 10 FAR: n/a	Height: n/a Stories: 13 FAR: n/a
PF	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 3:1	Height: 75 ft Stories: 6† FAR: 3:1	Height: 45 ft Stories: 3† FAR: 3:1	Height: 30 ft Stories: 2† FAR: 3:1	n/a	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 6:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 10:1	Height: n/a Stories: n/a FAR: 13:1

FAR – Floor Area Ratio – defined in Section 12.03 of the LAMC.

RFAR – Residential Floor Area Ratio – defined in Section 12.03 of the LAMC. Used only for non-Coastal Zone properties in Height Districts 1, 1L, 1VL, 1XL, and 1SS.

* Prevailing Height in accordance with the 3rd unnumbered paragraphs of Section 12.21.1 of the LAMC may apply.

** Properties located in one of the R1 Variation Zones (R1V, R1F, R1R, R1H) are not part of any Height District. See tables on pp.11-14 for height regulations in R1 Variation Zones. These regulations are also in Section 12.08 C.5 (b)-(d) of the LAMC.

***Coastal Zone properties outside of the Hillside Area are not subject to Residential Floor Area limits, but are subject to Floor Area limits.

† Buildings used entirely for residential (and ground floor commercial in the RAS Zones) are only limited as to feet, 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 ft or 45 ft in Hillside Areas in accordance with Section 12.21 A.17 of the LAMC.

§ Height limited to 45 feet on lots in the Coastal Zone not located within the Hillside Area, as defined in Section 12.03 of the LAMC.

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 LAMC.

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

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SPECIAL ZONING CLASSIFICATIONS

Site-specific or project-specific provisions that are established by ordinance as part of the Zone for a lot.

ZONE CLASSIFICATIONS

The zone classification dictates basic requirements and restrictions such as permitted and conditionally permitted uses, minimum lot area, yard and parking requirements.

HEIGHT DISTRICT

The height district designation determines the maximum Floor Area Ratio, Residential Floor Area Ratio, and sometimes number of stories and/or feet. Does not apply to R1 Variation Zones.

SUPPLEMENTAL USE DISTRICT

Supplemental use districts contain *additional* regulations beyond those required by the base zone regulations, usually to protect or create certain neighborhood characteristics.

Special Zoning Classifications (Section 12.32 of the LAMC. T and Q Classifications appear before the zone classification, while D limitations appear after the height district designation.)

(T), [T], T	Tentative Zone Classification	Tentative zone classification, pending certain required dedications, payments or improvements – see Council File
(Q), [Q], Q	Qualified Classification	Restricts uses allowed on property
D	Development Limitation	Restricts heights, floor area ratio, lot coverage, building setbacks

Supplemental Use Districts

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

O	Oil Drilling District	SN	Sign District
S	Animal Slaughtering District	NSO	Neighborhood Stabilization Overlay District
G	Surface Mining Operations District	RFA	Residential Floor Area District
RPD	Residential Planned Development District	CPIO	Community Plan Implementation Overlay District
K	Equinekeeping District	MPR	Modified Parking Requirement District
CA	Commercial and Artcraft District	HS	Hillside Standards Overlay District
POD	Pedestrian Oriented District	RIO	River Improvement Overlay District
CDO	Community Design Overlay District	CUGU	Clean Up Green Up Overlay District
MU	Mixed Use District	RG	Rear Detached Garage District
FH	Fence Heights District	HCR	Hillside Construction Regulation District

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Other Zoning Designations

ADP	Alameda District Specific Plan
CCS	Century City South Studio Zone
CSA	Centers Study Area
CW	Central City West Specific Plan
GM	Glencoe/Maxella Specific Plan
HPOZ	Historic Preservation Overlay Zone

LASED	LA Sports & Entertainment Specific Plan
OX	Oxford Triangle Specific Plan
PKM	Park Mile Specific Plan
PV	Playa Vista Specific Plan
WC	Warner Center Specific Plan

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UPDATES:

April 2013 Update: Updated to reflect changes made to the Single-Family Zones under the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance (Ord. No. 179,883) and Baseline Hillside Ordinance (Ord. No. 181,624), bicycle parking requirements under Bicycle Parking Ordinance (Ord. No. 182,386), the list of Supplemental Use Districts, and add the "ANATOMY OF ZONING IN LOS ANGELES" diagram.

May 2019 Update: Updated to reflect further changes to the Single-Family Zone Regulations and addition of R1 Variation Zones (Ord. No. 184,802), and the Permanent Supportive Housing Ordinance (Ord. No. 185,492).

June 2019 Correction: Corrected height restrictions for C and M properties in Height Districts 1VL and 1XL.

March 2020 Correction: Corrected FAR/RFAR restrictions for R1, RA, RE and RS properties in Height Districts 2, 3 and 4.

March 2024 Update: Corrected Maximum Height and Required Yards for the R2 Zone, corrected Required Yards in the CM Zone, corrected the R1 Side Wall Offset/Plane Break requirement, and updated the list of Supplemental Use Districts.

January 2026 Update: Corrected to reflect Zoning Review's transfer from the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) to the Department of City Planning (DCP).



R1 Variation Zones – Bulk & Massing Regulations

The following pages contain summaries of the bulk and massing regulations for the R1 Variation Zones, which are divided into “R1V” Variable-Mass, “R1F” Front-Mass, “R1R” Rear-Mass, and R1H” Hillside. All of the R1 Variation Zones are subject to encroachment plane limits, as well as the side yard plane break/offset requirement for all R1 properties. The encroachment plane and plane break/offset requirements are illustrated on Pages 15-16.

“R1V” Variable-Mass Zones (R1V1, R1V2, R1V3, R1V4)

Table 12.08 C.5(b)						
R1 VARIABLE-MASS VARIATION ZONES DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS						
Lot Size and Residential Floor Area Ratio	R1V1	R1V2	R1V3	R1V4	Max Lot Coverage	
Up to 6,000 SF	.65	.55	.45	.40	50%	
6,001 to 7,000 SF	.63	.53	.43	.38	48%	
7,001 to 8,000 SF	.61	.51	.41	.36	46%	
8,001 to 9,000 SF	.59	.49	.39	.34	44%	
9,001 to 10,000 SF	.57	.47	.37	.32	42%	
Over 10,000 SF	.55	.45	.35	.30	40%	
Variable Mass						
(A)	Height of Building (max)	30'	30'	28'	20'	
(B)	Encroachment Plane Origin Height	22'	22'	20'	14'	
	Angle of Encroachment Plane	45°	45°	45°	45°	



“R1F” Front-Mass Zones (R1F1, R1F2, R1F3, R1F4)

Table 12.08 C.5(c)						
R1 FRONT-MASS VARIATION ZONES DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS						
Lot Size and Residential Floor Area Ratio		R1F1	R1F2	R1F3	R1F4	Max Lot Coverage
	Up to 6,000 SF	.65	.55	.45	.40	50%
	6,001 to 7,000 SF	.63	.53	.43	.38	48%
	7,001 to 8,000 SF	.61	.51	.41	.36	46%
	8,001 to 9,000 SF	.59	.49	.39	.34	44%
	9,001 to 10,000 SF	.57	.47	.37	.32	42%
	Over 10,000 SF	.55	.45	.35	.30	40%
Front Mass						
(A)	Front envelope depth, from front yard setback (min)	-	-	-	-	
(B)	Height of Mass (max)	30'	30'	28'	26'	
(C)	Encroachment Plane Origin Height	22'	22'	20'	18'	
	Angle of Encroachment Plane	45°	45°	45°	45°	
Rear Mass						
(D)	Rear envelope depth, from rear yard setback (min)	25'	25'	25'	25'	
(E)	Height of Mass (max)	24'	24'	20'	18'	
(F)	Encroachment Plane Origin Height	16'	16'	14'	14'	
	Angle of Encroachment Plane	45°	45°	45°	45°	

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“R1R” Rear-Mass Zones (R1R1, R1R2, R1R3, R1R4)

Table 12.08 C.5(d)						
R1 REAR-MASS VARIATION ZONES DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS						
Lot Size and Residential Floor Area Ratio		R1R1	R1R2	R1R3	R1R4	Max Lot Coverage
	Up to 6,000 SF	.65	.55	.45	.40	50%
	6,001 to 7,000 SF	.63	.53	.43	.38	48%
	7,001 to 8,000 SF	.61	.51	.41	.36	46%
	8,001 to 9,000 SF	.59	.49	.39	.34	44%
	9,001 to 10,000 SF	.57	.47	.37	.32	42%
	Over 10,000 SF	.55	.45	.35	.30	40%
Front Mass						
(A)	Front envelope depth, from front yard setback (min)	30'	30'	30'	30'	
(B)	Height of Mass (max)	24'	24'	20'	18'	
(C)	Encroachment Plane Origin Height	16'	16'	12'	12'	
	Angle of Encroachment Plane	45°	45°	45°	45°	
Rear Mass						
(D)	Rear envelope depth, from rear yard setback (min)	-	-	-	-	
(E)	Height of Mass (max)	30'	30'	28'	26'	
(F)	Encroachment Plane Origin Height	22'	22'	20'	18'	
	Angle of Encroachment Plane	45°	45°	45°	45°	



“R1H” Hillside Zones (R1H1, R1H2, R1H3, R1H4)

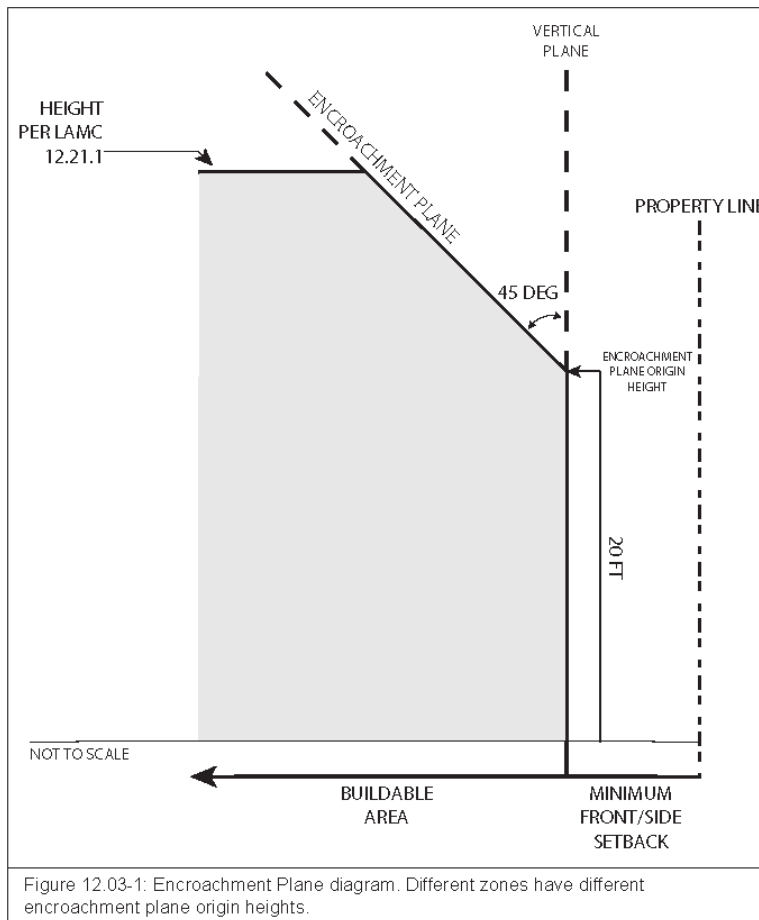
The maximum Residential Floor Area contained in all Buildings and Accessory Buildings on a property in an R1H Zone shall not exceed the sum of the square footage of each Slope Band multiplied by the corresponding Residential Floor Area Ratio (RFAR) for the zone of the Lot. Otherwise, a property in an R1H Zone shall comply with all of the R1 Hillside Area Development Standards pursuant to Section 12.21 C.10 of the LAMC.

Table 12.21 C.10-2b Single-Family Zone Hillside Area Residential Floor Area Ratios (RFAR)				
Slope Bands (%)	R1H1	R1H2	R1H3	R1H4
0 – 14.99	0.65	0.55	0.45	0.40
15 – 29.99	0.60	0.50	0.45	0.35
30 – 44.99	0.55	0.45	0.40	0.30
45 – 59.99	0.50	0.40	0.35	0.25
60 – 99.99	0.45	0.35	0.30	0.20
100 +	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



R1 Encroachment Plane

The Encroachment Plane in the standard R1 Zone and R1 Variation Zones is an angled plane originating at a specified height above the minimum front and/or side yard setback and angling toward the interior of the lot. The mass of the building may not extend above the plane, except for specified roof structures and equipment, per LAMC Section 12.21.1. The 20-foot origin height shown here applies in the standard R1 Zone and in some R1 Variation Zones, while other R1 Variation Zones may specify a different origin height. See Subdivision C.5 of LAMC Section 12.08 for the precise dimensions that apply in each R1 Variation Zone.





R1 Side Wall Offset/Plane Break

In the R1 Zone and all R1 Variation Zones, all portions of a building that have a side wall more than 14 feet high and a continuous length greater than 45 feet must provide an offset or plane break at least 5 feet in depth beyond the minimum side yard. The offset or plane break must be at least 10 feet in length.

