

City of Portland, Oregon - Bureau of Development Services

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Design Standards Scorecard: Proposals for New Development and New Buildings

When is this form required?

For development proposals in the 'd' Design Overlay Zone that choose to meet the objective Design Standards in Table 420-2* instead of going through the discretionary Design Review (land use review) process set out in Chapter 33.825, Design Review, this form must be completed by the applicant and submitted to BDS with the development permit application. This form is required as part of proposals for:

- New development; and/or
- New buildings on a site with existing development.

Applicants must submit adequate information on the permit plans to demonstrate these objective standards are met. Adjustments to these standards are prohibited. For flexibility from the Design Standards, applicants must apply for Design Review (land use review).

How many points must be earned to comply with the Design Standards for eligible proposals in the 'd' Design Overlay Zone?

The Design Standards in Table 420-2 include required standards that must be met. Only the standards applicable to the development apply. Additional optional standards are reviewed using a point system for new development and projects that meet the definition of "major remodeling".** The size of the site determines the number of optional points required, since larger sites can often incorporate more design features. In addition, buildings over 55 feet in height must meet additional standards.

For new development and/or new buildings on a site with existing development, the following points are required:

- Buildings 55 feet tall or less must earn at least 20 points from the optional Design Standards, or one point for every 1,000 square feet of site area, whichever is less.
- Buildings over 55 feet tall and up to 75 feet tall must earn at least 20 points from the optional Design Standards, or two points for every 1,000 square feet of site area, whichever is less.
- For sites that are required to earn 20 points, at least one point must be earned in each of the context, public realm and resilience categories.
- *Applications for proposals in the 'd' Design Overlay Zone that are a Conservation Landmark or in a Conservation District must meet Zoning Code Chapter 33.218, Community Design Standards, or must apply for a Historic Resource Review prior to permit application.
- **Major remodelling is defined in Zoning Code Section 33.910 as projects where the floor area is being increased by 50 percent or more, or where the cost of the remodeling is greater than the assessed value of the existing improvements on the site. Assessed value is the value shown on the applicable county assessment and taxation records for the current year.

CONTEXT (C1 – C18)

The standards for context provide an opportunity for development to respond to the surrounding natural and built environment and build on the opportunities provided by the site itself. The context standards are split into the following categories: Building Massing and Corners, Older Buildings/History, Landscaping, and Adjacent Natural Areas.

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Required (X)		THE DESIGN STANDARD	Maximum points available	N/A	MET	Points earned					
BUILDI	NG MA	G MASSING AND CORNERS									
х	C1	Corner Features on a Building	0								
	APPLI	ES TO: New development on a site on a corner lot, located within a neighl	orhood o	r town c	enter, wl	nere the					
	zoning	g does not require a minimum building setback from a street lot line.									
	C2	Building Facade on Local Service Streets	3								
	APPLI	ES TO: New building with at least one street-facing facade facing a local se	ervice stre	et.							
	С3	Buildings in Inner Neighborhoods with Centers Main Street overlay zone	4								
		ES TO: New building located in the Centers Main Street (m) overlay zone vap 130-3.	within the	Inner Pa	ttern are	a shown					
	C6	Historical Plaque	1								
	APPLIES TO: Site that contains a building that is at least 50 years old.										
	C7	Building Abutting a Historic Landmark	3								
х	APPLI	ES TO: New building located on a site that abuts a site containing a Histori	ic Landma	rk.							
		new building abuts a site containing a historic landmark and the historic la	andmark c	ontains	only resid	dential					
	C8	Building Near Historic Landmark or Property on Historic Resource Inventory	2								
	APPLIES TO: New building that is either: located on a site that is across the street from a site containing a historic landmark, or located on a site that abuts or is across the street from a site containing a building on the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI). 										
	C9	Building Abutting a Residential Historic Landmark	2								
	APPLI	 ES TO: New building located on a site that abuts a site that contains a Hist only contains residential uses, and is located within 10 feet of the street lot line 	oric Landı	mark tha	t:						
		new building abuts a site containing a historic landmark and the historic la C7 applies instead of this standard.			,	dential					
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LANDS	CAPINO	i				
	C10	Tree Preservation	6			
	APPLI	ES TO: Site with at least one tree 20 inches or greater in diameter.				
	C11	Grouping of Trees	2			
	APPLI	ES TO: Site located within the Eastern Pattern Area shown on Map 130-2.				
	C12	Native landscaping	2			
	APPLI	ES TO: Site that is 20,000 square feet or larger and located outside of env	ironmenta	al zones.		
	C13	Trees in Setbacks along a Civic Corridor	1			
	APPLI	ES TO: Site with at least 100 feet of street frontage on a civic corridor idea	ntified on	Map 130)-1.	
ADJAC	ENT NA	TURAL AREAS				
	C14	Setback from Waterbodies	4			
		 ES TO: Site that: Has at least one wetland, water body, seep or spring, and Is located outside of environmental zones. 			Γ	
	C15	Public View of Natural Feature	2			
	APPLI	 ES TO: Site that: Has at least one existing natural feature on site, such as a goutcropping, wetland, water body, seep or spring, and is located outside of environmental zones. 	rove of n	ative tre	es, rock	
	C16	Maximum Building Length Adjacent to Willamette River	0			
X	APPLIES TO: In the River overlay zones, a new building located in, or within 25 feet landward of, the river setback See 33.475 for a description of the river setback.					
	C17	Building Features Adjacent to Willamette River	3			
X	APPLIES TO: In the River overlay zones, a new building that: is located within 50 feet landward of the River setback; and contains commercial or residential uses.					
х	C18	Open Area Adjacent to Willamette River Greenway Trail	0			
^		ES TO: New development on a site that is at least 20,000 square feet in site y zone that has the major public trail designation.	te area, lo	cated w	ithin the	River
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PUBLIC REALM (PR1 – PR22)

The standards for public realm provide an opportunity for development to contribute positively to the adjoining sidewalks, streets and trails. They encourage spaces on the ground floor that support a range of uses and create environments that offer people a welcoming and comfortable experience. The public realm standards are split into the following categories: Ground Floors, Entries/Entry Plazas, Weather Protection, Utilities, Vehicle Areas, and Art and Special Features.

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GROU	ND FLO	ORS				
	PR1	Ground Floor Height	0			
Х	ADDII	FC TO. Now building with a ground floor that fronts are a street identific			ا ما به ما ما به	d
		ES TO: New building with a ground floor that fronts on a street identification on Map 130-3.	eu as a civ	nc or ne	gnoom	oou
	PR2	Ground Floor Height for Taller Buildings	2			
	PNZ	Ground Floor neight for railer buildings	2			
	New b	building with a ground floor that fronts on a street identified as a civic or n	eighborho	od corri	dor on N	1ap 130-
х	3 as fo	ollows:				
		andard is required for a new building with a height that exceeds 55 feet. andard is optional for a building that is 55 feet or less in height.				
	PR3	Ground Floor Active Floor Area	2			
	PNS	Glouilu Flooi Active Flooi Alea	2			
	APPLI	ES TO: Site that is at least 10,000 square feet in total site area except for a	site locat	ed withi	n the Cer	nters
	Main	Street Overlay Zone or where a commercial use in excess of 1,500 square	feet is pro	hibited.		
	PR4	Affordable Ground Floor Commercial Space	2			
	APPLI	ES TO: Site where commercial uses are allowed or limited.	•			
	PR5	Oversized Street-Facing Opening	1			
	APPLI	ES TO: New building that has at least one ground floor tenant space with a	facade t	nat faces	the stre	et lot
		nd is used for Retail Sales And Service uses.				
х	PR6	Louvers and Vents	0			
^	APPLIES TO: New louver or vent.					
	PR7	Exterior Lighting	0		_	
Х	APPLIES TO: New building with a street-facing facade within 20 feet of the street.					
	PR8	Ground Floor Bicycle Parking	1			
	APPLI	ES TO: Long-term bicycle parking racks located within the ground floor of a	a building			
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ENTRI	S / ENT	RY PLAZAS						
Х	PR9	Main Entrance Location	0					
^		STO: New building with at least one main entrance for a nonresidential to g where the main entrance to a nonresidential tenant space is being move	•	ce, or an	existing			
	PR10	Residential Entrance	3					
		S TO: New building with ground floor dwelling unit main entrances adjace	ent to a st	l reet that	is not id	entified		
		vic or neighborhood corridor on <i>Map 130-3</i> .		ı	1 1			
	PR11	Separation of Dwelling Unit Entry from Vehicle Areas	2					
	APPLIE	S TO: New building with ground floor dwelling unit entrances adjacent to	a parking	area.				
	PR12	Seating Adjacent to Main Entrance	1					
	APPLIE	STO: Main entrance to a lobby or to a non-residential tenant space.						
	PR13	Pedestrian Access Plaza	4					
	APPLIE	S TO: New development.						
WEATI	HER PRO	TECTION						
х	PR14	Weather Protection at Entrances	0					
^	APPLIES TO: New building with a street-facing facade within 20 feet of the street.							
	PR15	Weather Protection Along a Transit Street	2					
	APPLII	S TO: New building on a transit street as follows:						
х	The standard is required for a new building with a height that exceeds 55 feet.							
	The standard is optional for new buildings that are 55 feet or less in height.							
UTILIT	IES							
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	PR16	Location of Utilities	0					
X	APPLII	ES TO: New electric meters, gas meters and radon mitigation equipment lo	cated at	the grou	nd level	of a		
	building.							
VEHIC	HICLE AREAS							
	PR17	Pervious Paving Materials	2					
	APPLII	STO: New parking area with at least 10 parking spaces.						
	PR18	No Parking Area	1					
	APPLII	STO: Site with a minimum area of 10,000 square feet.						
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Required (X)		THE DESIGN STANDARD		N/A	MET	Points earned		
VEHIC	LE AREA	S (cont.)						
	PR19	Structured Parking and Vehicle Areas	2					
	APPLIE	S TO: New vehicle area.						
	PR20	Alternative Shading of Vehicle Areas	1					
	APPLIE	S TO: New vehicle area.						
ART AI	ART AND SPECIAL FEATURES							
	PR21	City Approved Public Art Installation	2					
	APPLIES TO: Any site.							
	PR22	Water Feature	1					
	APPLIE	S TO: Any site.						

QUALITY AND RESILIENCE (QR1 – QR23)

The standards for Quality and Resilience provide an opportunity for development of quality buildings that provide benefits to current users and can adapt to future changes. They also provide an opportunity for successful site designs that enhance the livability of those who live, work and shop at the site. The quality and resilience standards are split into the following categories: Site Planning and Pedestrian Circulation, On-site Common Areas, Windows and Balconies, Building Materials, and Roofs.

Required (X)		THE DESIGN STANDARD	Maximum points available	N/A	MET	Points earned	
SITE PI	LANNIN	G AND PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION					
х	QR1	On-site Building Separation	0				
	APPLIE	S TO: New building containing dwelling units on the ground floor.					
х	QR2	Vertical Clearance to Pedestrian Circulation System	0				
	APPLIE	S TO: New building.					
	QR3	Pedestrian Connection to a Major Public Trail	1				
	APPLIE	S TO: New development on a site with the major public trail designation	on.				
	QR4	Windows Facing a Pedestrian Walkway	1				
	APPLIES TO: New buildings that are within 15 feet of, and face the on-site pedestrian circulation system.						
ON-SIT	ON-SITE COMMON AREAS						
	QR5	On-site Outdoor Common Area	2				
	APPLIE	S TO: New development.					
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Required (X)		THE DESIGN STANDARD		N/A	MET	Points earned				
ON-SIT	ON-SITE COMMON AREAS (Cont.)									
х	QR6	Building Walls Adjacent to Outdoor Common Area	0							
	APPLIES TO: New building with facade facing and within 10 feet of an outdoor common area.									
	QR7	Buildings Surrounding Outdoor Common Area	2							
		STO: New building with walls located within 10 feet of an outdoor comm	on area n	neeting (QR5.					
WIND	OWS ANI	D BALCONIES								
x	QR8	Street-Facing Window Detail	0							
	APPLIE	S TO: New street-facing facade.								
	QR9	Upper Floor Windows	2							
	APPLIE	S TO: New development.								
	QR10	Street-Facing Balconies	3							
	APPLIES TO: New building.									
	QR11	Sunshades for Windows	2							
	APPLIE	S TO: New windows above the ground floor on facades that face south or	r west.							
	QR12	Bird-Safe Glazing for Windows	2							
	APPLIE	S TO: Facades that contain more than 30 percent glazing.								
	QR13	Operable Windows on Upper Level Units	1							
	APPLIES TO: Dwelling units or commercial tenant spaces located above the ground floor.									
	QR14	Ground Floor Windows	2							
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