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# 33.130 Commercial/Mixed Use Zones

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## General

## 33.130.010 Purpose

The commercial/mixed use zones are intended for commercial and mixed use areas of the City as designated on the Comprehensive Plan map. These zones implement the vision, guiding principles, and goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, and encourage economic prosperity, human health, environmental health, equity, and resilience. These zones are primarily distinguished by the uses allowed and the intensity of development allowed. The zones allow a mix of commercial activities, housing, and employment uses that reflect the different types of centers and corridors described in the Urban Design chapter of the Comprehensive Plan, and also accommodate smaller, dispersed commercial and mixed use areas to provide opportunities for services in areas between the centers and corridors.

The commercial/mixed use zones are intended to serve local neighborhood areas, larger districts, as well as broader citywide or regional markets. The regulations promote uses and development that support healthy complete neighborhoods—places where people of all ages and abilities have safe and convenient access to the goods and services they need in their daily life, and where people have the opportunity to live active lifestyles. The zones encourage quality and innovative design, and facilitate creation of great places and great streets.

The development standards are designed to allow development flexibility, within parameters, that supports the intended characteristics of the specific zone. In addition, the regulations provide guidance to property owners, developers, and neighbors about the limits of what is allowed.

# 33.130.020 List of the Commercial/Mixed Use Zones

The full and short names of the commercial/mixed use zones and their map symbols are listed below. When this Title refers to the commercial/mixed use zones, it is referring to the zones listed here.

Full Name	Short Name / Map Symbol	
Commercial Residential	CR	
Commercial/Mixed Use 1	CM1	
Commercial/Mixed Use 2	CM2	
Commercial/Mixed Use 3	CM3	
Commercial Employment	CE	
Central Commercial	CX	

## **33.130.030** Characteristics of the Zones

A. Commercial Residential zone. The Commercial Residential (CR) zone is a low-intensity zone for small and isolated sites in residential neighborhoods. The zone is intended to be applied in limited situations on local streets and neighborhood collectors in areas that are predominately zoned single-dwelling residential. The zone encourages the provision of small scale retail and service uses for surrounding residential areas. Uses are restricted in size to promote a local orientation, and to limit adverse impacts on surrounding residential areas. Where commercial uses are not present, residential density is limited to provide

compatibility with surrounding residential areas. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented and building height is intended to be compatible with the scale of surrounding residentially zoned areas.

- **B. Commercial/Mixed Use 1 zone.** The Commercial/Mixed Use 1 (CM1) zone is a small-scale zone intended for sites in dispersed mixed use nodes within lower density residential areas, as well as on neighborhood corridors and at the edges of neighborhood centers, town centers and regional centers. The zone is also appropriate in core commercial areas of centers in locations where older commercial storefront buildings of 1 to 2 stories are predominant. This zone allows a mix of commercial and residential uses. The size of commercial uses is limited to minimize impacts on surrounding residential areas. Buildings in this zone will generally be up to three stories tall. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented and compatible with the scale and characteristics of adjacent residentially zoned areas or low-rise commercial areas.
- **C. Commercial/Mixed Use 2 zone.** The Commercial/Mixed Use 2 (CM2) zone is a mediumscale zone intended for sites in a variety of centers, along corridors, and in other mixed use areas that have frequent transit service. The zone allows a wide range and mix of commercial and residential uses, as well as employment uses that have limited off-site impacts. Buildings in this zone will generally be up to four stories tall unless height and floor area bonuses are used, or plan district provisions specify other height limits. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented, provide a strong relationship between buildings and sidewalks, and complement the scale of surrounding residentially zoned areas.
- D. Commercial/Mixed Use 3 zone. The Commercial/Mixed Use 3 (CM3) zone is a large-scale zone intended for sites in high-capacity transit station areas, in town centers, along streetcar alignments, along civic corridors, and in locations close to the Central City. It is intended to be an intensely urban zone and is not appropriate for sites where adjacent properties have single-dwelling residential zoning. The zone allows a wide range and mix of commercial and residential uses, as well as employment uses that have limited off-site impacts. Buildings in this zone will generally be up to six stories tall unless height and floor area bonuses are used, or plan district provisions specify other height limits. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented, with buildings that contribute to an urban environment with a strong street edge of buildings. The scale of development is intended to be larger than what is allowed in lower intensity commercial/mixed use and residential zones. The Design overlay zone is applied to this zone.
- E. Commercial Employment zone. The Commercial Employment (CE) zone is a medium-scale zone intended for sites along corridors with a Neighborhood Collector or higher traffic classification, especially along civic corridors that are also Major Truck Streets or Priority Truck Streets. This zone is generally not appropriate in designated centers, except on a site that is currently developed in an auto-oriented manner and where more urban development is not yet economically feasible. The zone allows a mix of commercial uses, including auto-accommodating development and drive-through facilities, as well as some light manufacturing and distribution uses that have few off-site impacts. The emphasis of this zone is on commercial and employment uses, but residential uses are also allowed. Buildings in this zone will generally be up to four stories tall. This zone is intended to allow

for development with auto-accommodating configurations, while also including pedestrianoriented design features that support transit and pedestrian access.

F. Central Commercial zone. The Central Commercial (CX) zone is intended to provide for commercial and mixed use development within Portland's most urban and intense areas, specifically the Central City and the Gateway Regional Center. A broad range of uses are allowed to reflect Portland's role as a commercial, cultural, residential, and governmental center. Development is intended to be very intense with high building coverage, large buildings, and buildings placed close together. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented with a strong emphasis on a safe and attractive streetscape. The Design overlay zone is applied to this zone.

## 33.130.040 Other Zoning Regulations

The regulations in this chapter state the allowed uses and the development standards for the base zones. Sites with overlay zones, plan districts, or designated historical landmarks are subject to additional regulations. The Official Zoning Maps indicate which sites are subject to the additional regulations. Specific uses or development types may also be subject to regulations in the 200s series of chapters.

## 33.130.050 Neighborhood Contact

Neighborhood contact is a set of outreach steps that must be taken before certain developments can be submitted for approval. Neighborhood contact is required as follows:

## A. Neighborhood contact I.

- 1. Neighborhood contact I requirements. When proposed development will add at least 10,000 square feet and not more than 25,000 square feet of net building area to a site, the neighborhood contact steps of 33.705.020.A., Neighborhood contact I, are required. All the steps in 33.705.020.A. must be completed before an application for a building permit can be submitted.
- 2. Exemption. If the proposed development has already met the neighborhood contact requirements as part of a land use review process, it is exempt from the neighborhood contact requirements.

## B. Neighborhood contact II.

- Neighborhood contact II requirements. When the proposed development will add more than 25,000 square feet of net building area to a site, the neighborhood contact steps of 33.705.020.B., Neighborhood contact II, are required. All of the steps in 33.705.020.B. must be completed before an application for a building permit can be submitted.
- 2. Exemption. If the proposed development has already met the neighborhood contact requirements as part of a land use review process, it is exempt from the neighborhood contact requirements.

# **Use Regulations**

#### 33.130.100 Primary Uses

- A. Allowed uses. Uses allowed in the commercial/mixed use zones are listed in Table 130-1 with a "Y". These uses are allowed if they comply with the development standards and other regulations of this Title. Being listed as an allowed use does not mean that a proposed development will be granted an adjustment or other exception to the regulations of this Title. In addition, a use or development listed in the 200s series of chapters is also subject to the regulations of those chapters.
- **B.** Limited uses. Uses allowed that are subject to limitations are listed in Table 130-1 with an "L". These uses are allowed if they comply with the limitations listed below and the development standards and other regulations of this Title. In addition, a use or development listed in the 200s series of chapters is also subject to the regulations of those chapters. The paragraphs listed below contain the limitations and correspond with the footnote numbers from Table 130-1.
  - 1. Commercial limitations. These regulations apply to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [1].
    - a. In the CR and CM1 zones, each individual Retail Sales and Service and Office use is limited to 5,000 square feet of net building area, except that in the CM1 zone on sites that are over 40,000 square feet in size and are located on a Neighborhood Collector or higher classification traffic street, each individual Retail Sales and Service or Office use is limited to 40,000 square feet of net building area; and
    - b. In the CR zone, in addition to the size limitation specified in Subparagraph B.2.a., the hours when Retail Sales And Service uses can be open to the public are limited to 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM.
    - c. In the CM1, CM2, and CM3 zones, Quick Vehicle Servicing uses that existed on May 24, 2018 are allowed. New Quick Vehicle Servicing uses are prohibited. If a Quick Vehicle Servicing use that existed on May 24, 2018 is discontinued for 3 continuous years, reestablishment of the use is prohibited. If the Quick Vehicle Servicing use ceases operations, even if the structure or materials related to the use remain, the use as been discontinued. If the Quick Vehicle Servicing use changes to another use without obtaining all building, land use, and development permits that would have been required at the time of the change, the use has been discontinued.
  - 2. Industrial use and size limitations. These regulations apply to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [2]. Utility Scale Energy Production and Industrial Service are conditional uses. All other industrial uses are allowed, and all industrial uses, including Utility Scale Energy Production and Industrial Service, are limited in size as follows. Amounts in excess of the limits are prohibited:
    - a. In the CM1 zone, each individual Industrial use is limited to 5,000 square feet of net building area;

- b. In the CM2 and CX zones, each individual Industrial use is limited to 15,000 square feet of net building area;
- c. In the CM3 zone, the total net building area of all Industrial uses on the site may not exceed the total square footage of the site; and
- d. In the CE zone, each individual Industrial use is limited to 40,000 square feet of net building area.
- 3. Self-Service Storage limitation. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [3]. The limitations are stated with the special regulations for these uses in Chapter 33.284, Self-Service Storage.
- 4. Exterior development limitation. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [4]. Exterior display or storage of industrial equipment, such as tools, equipment, vehicles, products, materials, or other objects that are part of or used for the business operation is prohibited.
- 5. Community Services. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [5]. Most Community Service uses are allowed by right. Short term, mass, and outdoor shelters may be allowed by right if they meet certain standards, or may be a conditional use. See Chapter 33.285, Short Term, Mass, and Outdoor Shelters.
- 6. Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [6]. Some Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities are allowed by right. See Chapter 33.274.
- 7. Basic Utilities. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have an [7].
  - a. Public safety facilities that include Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities are a conditional use. The approval criteria are in Section 33.815.223.
  - Small Scale Energy Production that provides energy for on-site or off-site use are considered accessory to the primary use on the site. However, it is only considered accessory if they generate energy from biological materials or byproducts from the site itself, or conditions on the site itself; plus not more than 10 tons per week of biological material or byproducts from other sites. Installations that sell power they generate at retail (net metered) or wholesale are included.
  - c. All other Basic Utilities are allowed.
- Commercial Parking. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [8]. Commercial Parking is a conditional use in the CX zone except when superseded by plan district regulations. In the CM2 and CM3 zones, Commercial Parking is allowed as follows:
  - a. Commercial Parking is allowed by right in structured parking.
  - b. Commercial Parking is allowed by right on a surface parking lot legally constructed on or before May 24, 2018.

- c. Commercial Parking is allowed by right on a surface parking lot legally constructed after May 24, 2018 when all of the following are met:
  - (1) The surface parking lot was constructed as accessory parking for other primary uses on the site; and
  - (2) The total number of parking spaces on the site does not exceed the maximum number of parking spaces allowed for the other primary uses on the site.
- 9. Agriculture in the CR and CM1 zones. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [9]. If the use and site do not meet the regulations of Chapter 33.237, Food Production and Distribution, Agriculture is prohibited.
- 10. Agriculture in the CM2 and CX zones. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have an [10]. Agriculture is a conditional use. Where the use and site meet the regulations of Chapter 33.237, Food Production and Distribution, the applicant may choose whether it is allowed as a Market Garden, which does not require a conditional use.
- 11. Agriculture in the CM3 and CE zones. This regulation applies to all parts of Table 130-1 that have a [11]. Agriculture that is outdoors is a conditional use. Agriculture that is entirely indoors is allowed up to the following limits. Indoor Agriculture in excess of the following limits is prohibited. Where the use and site meet the regulations of Chapter 33.237, Food Production and Distribution, the applicant may choose whether it is allowed as a Market Garden, which does not require a conditional use:
  - a. In the CM3 zone, the total net building area of all indoor Agriculture per site may not exceed the total square footage of the site; and
  - b. In the CE zone, each indoor Agriculture use is limited to 40,000 square feet of net building area.
- **C. Conditional uses.** Uses that are allowed if approved through the conditional use review process are listed in Table 130-1 with a "CU". These uses are allowed provided they comply with the conditional use approval criteria for that use, the development standards, and other regulations of this Title. Uses listed with a "CU" that also have a footnote number in the table are subject to the regulations cited in the footnote. In addition, a use or development listed in the 200s series of chapters is also subject to the regulations of those chapters. The conditional use review process and approval criteria are stated in Chapter 33.815, Conditional Uses.
- **D. Prohibited uses.** Uses listed in Table 130-1 with an "N" are prohibited. Existing uses in categories listed as prohibited may be subject to the regulations of Chapter 33.258, Nonconforming Uses and Development.

# 33.130.110 Accessory Uses

Uses that are accessory to a primary use are allowed if they comply with specific regulations for the accessory uses and all development standards.

# 33.130.130 Nuisance-Related Impacts

- **A. Off-site impacts.** All nonresidential uses including their accessory uses must comply with the standards of Chapter 33.262, Off-Site Impacts.
- **B.** Other nuisances. Other nuisances are regulated by Title 29, Property and Maintenance Regulations.

Table 130-1 Commercial/Mixed Use Zone Primary Uses								
Use Categories	CR	CM1	CM2	СМЗ	CE	СХ		
Residential Categories								
Household Living	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Group Living	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ		
Commercial Categories								
Retail Sales And Service	L[1]	L[1]	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ		
Office	L[1]	L [1]	Y	Y	Y	Y		
Quick Vehicle Servicing	N	L[1]	L[1]	L[1]	Υ	Ν		
Vehicle Repair	N	Ν	Y	Y	Υ	L [4]		
Commercial Parking	N	Ν	L [8]	L [8]	Y	CU [8]		
Self-Service Storage	N	Ν	Ν	L [3]	L [3]	L [3]		
Commercial Outdoor Recreation	N	Ν	Y	Y	Υ	Υ		
Major Event Entertainment	N	Ν	CU	CU	CU	Υ		
Industrial Categories								
Manufacturing and Production	N	L/CU [2,4]						
Warehouse and Freight Movement	N	Ν	Ν	L [2,4]	L [2,4]	Ν		
Wholesale Sales	Ν	Ν	L [2,4]	L [2,4]	L [2,4]	L [2,4]		
Industrial Service	N	Ν	CU [2,4]	CU [2,4]	CU [2,4]	CU [2,4]		
Bulk Fossil Fuel Terminal	N	Ν	Ν	N	N	N		
Railroad Yards	N	Ν	Ν	Ν	N	N		
Waste-Related	N	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν	Ν		
Institutional Categories								
Basic Utilities	Y/CU [7]	Y/CU [7]	Y/CU [7]	Y/CU [7]	Y/CU [7]	Y/CU [7]		
Community Service	L/CU [5]	L/CU [5]	L/CU [5]	L/CU [5]	L/CU [5]	L/CU [5]		
Parks and Open Areas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ		
Schools	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ		
Colleges	Ν	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ		
Medical Centers	Ν	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ		
Religious Institutions	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ		
Daycare	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		

Table 130-1 Commercial/Mixed Use Zone Primary Uses								
Other Categories								
Agriculture	L [9]	L [9]	L/CU [10]	L/CU [11]	L/CU [11]	L/CU [10]		
Aviation and Surface Passenger	Ν	N	Ν	N	CU	CU		
Terminals								
Detention Facilities	Ν	N	N	CU	CU	CU		
Mining	Ν	N	N	N	N	N		
Radio Frequency Transmission Facilities	N	L/CU [6]	L/CU [6]	L/CU [6]	L/CU [6]	L/CU [6]		
Rail Lines and Utility Corridors	Ν	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU		

Y = Yes, Allowed

CU = Conditional Use Review Required

L = Allowed, But Special Limitations N = No, Prohibited

Notes:

- The use categories are described in Chapter 33.920.
- Regulations that correspond to the bracketed numbers [] are stated in 33.130.100.B.
- Specific uses and developments may also be subject to regulations in the 200s series of chapters.

## **Development Standards**

## 33.130.200 Lot Size

There is no required minimum lot size for development of land in commercial/mixed use zones. Creation of new lots is subject to the regulations of Chapter 33.613, Lots in Commercial/Mixed Use Zones.

## 33.130.205 Floor Area Ratio

- A. Purpose. Floor area ratios (FARs) regulate the amount of use (the intensity) allowed on a site. FARs provide a means to match the potential amount of uses with the desired character of the area and the provision of public services. FARs also work with the height, setback, and building coverage standards to control the overall bulk of development. The bonus FAR options allow additional floor area as an incentive for providing affordable housing.
- B. FAR standard. The maximum floor area ratios are stated in Table 130-2 and apply to all uses and development. Additional floor area may be allowed through bonus options, as described in Section 33.130.212, or transferred from historic resources per Subsection C. Adjustments to the maximum floor area ratios are prohibited. Except in the CR zone, floor area does not include the following:
  - 1. Floor area for structured parking when at least 50 percent, or 6, of the parking spaces in the structure, whichever is greater, have at least a Level 2 charger adjacent to the space, up to a maximum of 0.5 to 1;
  - 2. Floor area for required long term bicycle parking that is not located in a dwelling unit, up to a maximum of 0.5 to 1; and

- 3. Floor area for indoor common area used to meet the requirements of Section 33.130.228.
- **C. Transfer of floor area from historic resources.** Floor area ratios may be transferred from a site that contains a historic resource as follows:
  - 1. Sending sites. FAR may be transferred from a site that contains a Historic or Conservation Landmark or a contributing resource in a Historic or Conservation District. Sites that are eligible to send floor area through this transfer are allowed to transfer:
    - a. Unused FAR up to the maximum FAR allowed by the zone; and
    - An additional amount equivalent to 50 percent of the maximum FAR for the zone. To qualify to transfer this additional amount of FAR, the Bureau of Development of Services must verify that the landmark or contributing resource on the site meets one of the following:
      - If the building is classified as Risk category I or II, as defined in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, it has been shown to meet or exceed the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 41- BPOE improvement standard as defined in City of Portland Title 24.85;
      - (2) If the building is classified as Risk category III or IV, as defined in the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, it has been shown to meet or exceed the ASCE41-BPON improvement standard as defined in City of Portland Title 24.85; or
      - (3) The owner of the landmark or contributing resource has entered into a phased seismic agreement with the City of Portland as described in Section 24.85.
  - 2. Receiving site. The transfer must be to a site that is zoned CM1, CM2, CM3, CE, CX, RM1, RM2, RM3, RM4, or RX outside of the Central City plan district. Transferring to a site that is zoned CR is prohibited. Transferring to a site where a Historic or Conservation Landmark or a contributing structure in a Historic or Conservation District has been demolished within the past ten years is prohibited unless the landmark or contributing structure was destroyed by fire or other causes beyond the control of the owner, the only structure on the site that was demolished was an accessory structure, or the demolition was approved through demolition review.
  - 3. Maximum increase in FAR in the CM1, CM2, CM3, and CE zones. In the CM1, CM2, CM3, and CE zones, the total FAR on the receiving site may not exceed the maximum FAR with bonuses identified on Table 130-3. This total FAR includes FAR transferred from historic resources, and any additional FAR allowed at the receiving site from bonus options, or from other transfers. In addition, an increase on the receiving site of more than the following due to a historic resource transfer is prohibited:
    - a. 0.5 to 1 in the CM1 zone;
    - b. 0.75 to 1 in the CM2 zone;
    - c. 1 to 1 in the CM3 zone;

d. 0.5 to 1 in the CE zone.

- 4. Maximum increase in FAR in the CX zone. In the CX zone, an increase in FAR on the receiving site of more than 3 to 1 is prohibited. The total increased FAR includes FAR transferred from historic resources, and additional FAR allowed at the receiving site from bonus provisions, or from other transfers;
- 5. Development standards. The building on the receiving site must meet the development standards of the base zone, overlay zone, and plan district except floor area ratio, which is regulated by Paragraphs C.2 and C.3 above;
- 6. The property owner must execute a covenant with the City that is attached to and recorded with the deed of both the site transferring and the site receiving the density. The covenant must reflect the respective increase and decrease of potential FAR. The covenants for both sites must meet the requirements of Section 33.700.060, Covenants with the City.

## 33.130.207 Minimum Density

- **A. Purpose.** The minimum density standards ensure that the service capacity is not wasted and that the City's housing goals are met.
- **B. Minimum Density.** The minimum density requirements for the CM2 and CM3 zones are stated in Table 130-2. Minimum density applies to new development when at least one dwelling unit is proposed. Group Living uses are exempt from minimum density requirements. Land within an Environmental zone may be subtracted from the calculation of minimum density.

## 33.130.210 Height

A. Purpose. The height limits are intended to control the overall scale of buildings. The height limits in the CR and CM1 zones allow buildings that are in scale with low rise residential areas. The height limits in the CM2 and CE zones allow for a greater building height at a scale that can accommodate the growth intended for centers and corridors, while relating to the low- to mid-rise scale of neighborhood residential areas. The CM3 zone allows the tallest buildings outside the Central City and Gateway plan districts, consistent with its intended role in accommodating higher-density development in areas well served by transit and other services. The CX zone allows the tallest buildings in the commercial/mixed use zones, consistent with its intended role in accommodating high-density development in the Central City and the Gateway plan districts.

In some situations, step downs in maximum height provide a transition in scale to adjacent lower-scale residential areas, and preserve opportunities for light, air and privacy. Exceptions to height limit standards accommodate minor projections that do not significantly increase the visual scale of buildings; provide flexibility in the height of parapets and railings to facilitate rooftop outdoor spaces and equipment screening; and accommodate ground-floor spaces with high ceilings to encourage ground-floor commercial uses, mechanical parking, and other uses that benefit from high ceilings.

## B. Height standard.

- 1. Base height. The base height standards for all structures, except detached accessory structures, are stated in Table 130-2. The height standards for detached accessory structures are stated in 33.130.265, Detached Accessory Structures.
- 2. Step-down height. In the following situations, the base height is reduced, or stepped-down. Stepped-down height is not required in the CR zone:
  - a. Step-down adjacent to residential zones. The following step-down height limits apply within 25 feet of sites zoned residential. Sites with property lines that abut residential zones for less than a 5-foot length are exempt from these standards:
    - (1) On the portion of the site within 25 feet of a site zoned RF through R2.5, the step-down height limit is 35 feet. See Figure 130-1.
    - (2) On the portion of the site within 25 feet of a site zoned RM1 or RMP, the step-down height limit is 45 feet. See Figure 130-1.

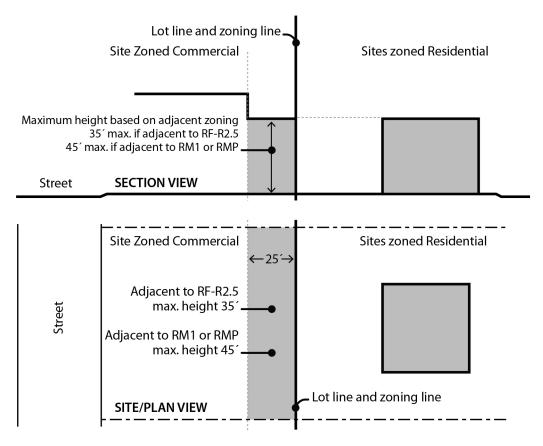


Figure 130-1 Step-Down Height Adjacent to Residential Zones

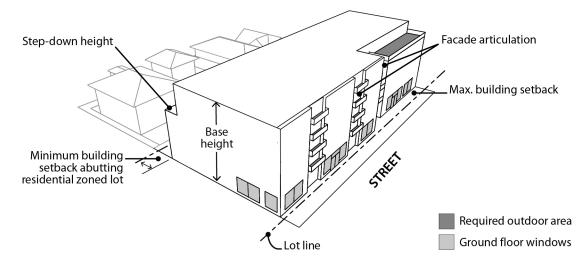
- b. Step-down across a local service street or alley from a residential zone. In the CM2, CM3, CX, and CE zones the following step-down height limit applies. The limit does not apply to portions of buildings within 100 feet of a transit street. On the portion of the site within 15 feet of a lot line that is across a local service street or alley from a site zoned RF through R2.5 or RM1 or RMP, the step-down height limit is 45 feet. See Figure 130-2.
- 3. Bonus height. The base height limits can be increased through options described in Section 33.130.212. When a bonus option allowed by 33.130.212 is used to increase the base height, the step-down height limits do not increase.
- **C. Exceptions.** Exceptions to the base height, step-down height, and bonus height limits are stated below:
  - Projections allowed. Chimneys, vents, flag poles, satellite receiving dishes, and other similar items that are attached to a building and have a width, depth, or diameter of 5 feet or less may extend 10 feet above the height limits, or 5 feet above the highest point of the roof, whichever is greater. Items that are greater than 5 feet in width, depth, or diameter are not allowed to project above the base, step-down, or bonus height limits.

- 2. Parapets and railings. In the CM1, CM2, CM3, CE and CX zones, parapets and rooftop railings may extend 4 feet above the height limits.
- 3. Walls and fences. In the CM1, CM2, CM3, CE and CX zones, walls or fences located between individual rooftop decks may extend 6 feet above the height limits if the visual screen is set back at least 4 feet from the edges of the roof.
- 4. Rooftop equipment. In the CM1, CM2, CM3, CE and CX zones, rooftop mechanical equipment and stairwell enclosures that provide rooftop access may extend above the height limits as follows, provided that the equipment and enclosures are set back at least 15 feet from all roof edges on street facing facades:
  - a. Elevator mechanical equipment and stairwell enclosures may extend up to 16 feet above the height limits; and
  - b. Other mechanical equipment that cumulatively cover no more than 10 percent of the roof area may extend up to 10 feet above the height limits.
- 5. Antennas and mounting devices, utility power poles, and public safety facilities are exempt from the height limits.
- 6. Small wind turbines are subject to the standards of Chapter 33.299.
- 7. Roof mounted solar panels are not included in height calculations and may exceed the maximum height limits if the following are met:
  - a. For flat roofs or the horizontal portion of mansard roofs, the solar panel may extend up to 5 feet above the top of the highest point of the roof; and
  - b. For pitched, shed, hipped, or gambrel roofs, the solar panel must be mounted no more than 12 inches from the surface of the roof at any point, and may not extend above the ridgeline of the roof. The 12 inches is measured from the upper side of the solar panel.
- 8. High ceilings. In the CM1, CM2, CM3, CE and CX zones outside the Central City plan district, base height, step-down height, and bonus height may be increased by 5 feet when at least 75 percent of the ground floor has at least 15 feet between the floor and the bottom of the structure above. The bottom of the structure above includes supporting beams.

Table 130-2							
Summary of Develo	pment Sta CR	andards in см1	Commercial/	Mixed Use 2 смз	Zones CE	сх	
Maximum FAR (see 33.130.205 and 33.130.212)	1 to 1 [1]	1.5 to 1	2.5 to 1	3 to 1	2.5 to 1	4 to 1	
- Bonus FAR (see 33.130.212)	NA	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	
Minimum Density (see 33.130.207)	NA	NA	1 unit per 1,450 sq. ft. of site area	1 unit per 1,000 sq. ft. of site area	NA	NA	
Base Height (see 33.130.210.B.1)	30 ft.	35 ft.	45 ft.	65 ft.	45 ft.	75 ft.	
Step-down Height (see 33.130.210.B.2) - Within 25 ft. of lot line abutting RF-R2.5 zones	NA	NA	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	
- Within 25 ft. of lot line abutting RM1 and RMP Zones	NA	NA	45 ft.	45 ft.	45 ft.	45 ft.	
<ul> <li>Within 15 ft. of lot line across a local service street from RF – R2.5 zones and RM1 and RMP zones</li> </ul>	NA	NA	45 ft.	45 ft.	45 ft.	45 ft.	
- Bonus Height (see 33.130.212)	NA	NA	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	See Table 130-3	
Min. Building Setbacks (see 33.130.215.B) - Street Lot Line	none	none	none	none	none	none	
- Street Lot Line abutting selected Civic Corridors	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	
<ul> <li>Street Lot Line across a local street from an RF – RM2 or RMP Zone.</li> </ul>	none	none	5 or 10 ft.	5 or 10 ft.	5 or 10 ft.	5 or 10 ft.	
Min. Building Setbacks (see 33.130.215.B) - Lot Line Abutting OS, RX, C, E, or I Zoned Lot	none	none	none	none	none	none	
- Lot Line Abutting RF – RM4, RMP, or IR zoned Lot	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	
Max. Building Setbacks (see 33.130.215.C) - Street Lot Line - Street Lot Line Abutting Selected Civic Corridors	10 ft. 20 ft.	10 ft. 20 ft.	10 ft. 20 ft.	10 ft. 20 ft.	10 ft. 20 ft.	10 ft. 20 ft.	
Max. Building Coverage (% of site area) - Inner Pattern Area - Eastern, Western, and River Pattern Areas (see 33.130.220)	85% 75%	85% 75%	100% 85%	100% 85%	85% 75%	100% 100%	
Min. Landscaped Area (% of site area) (see 33.130.225)	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	None	
Landscape Buffer Abutting an RF – RM4 or RMP Zoned Lot (see 33.130.215.B)	10 ft. @ L3	10 ft. @ L3	10 ft. @ L3	10 ft. @ L3	10 ft. @ L3	10 ft. @ L3	
Required Residential Outdoor Area (see 33.130.228)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Ground Floor Window Standards (see 33.130.230.B)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Notes:

[1] On sites that do not have a Retail Sales And Service or Office use, maximum density for Household Living is 1 unit per 2,500 square feet of site area.



## Example Illustration: Some building form and setback development standards

## 33.130.212 Floor Area and Height Bonus Options

- A. **Purpose.** The bonus options allow additional floor area and an increase in height as an incentive for development that provides a public or community benefit. The bonus can be gained in exchange for providing affordable housing or affordable commercial space in conjunction with new development.
- B. General floor area and height bonus option regulations.
  - 1. Unless specified below, the bonus options in this section are allowed only in the CM1, CM2, CM3, and CE zones, and in the CX zone outside the Central City and Gateway plan districts. Sites where a Historic or Conservation Landmark or a contributing structure in a Historic or Conservation District has been demolished within the past ten years are not eligible to use bonus options unless the landmark or contributing structure was destroyed by fire or other causes beyond the control of the owner, the only structure on the site that was demolished was an accessory structure, or the demolition was approved through demolition review.
  - 2. The bonus options refer to an administrative agency or qualified administrator. The administrative and reporting requirements of each bonus must be met to the satisfaction of the named agency or administrator. The named agencies are authorized to publish administrative rules with clear and objective administrative requirements.
  - 3. More than one bonus option may be used up to the overall maximums per site stated in Table 130-3. For development without any residential use, and for mixed use development that proposes fewer than 20 dwelling units and does not voluntarily provide units on the site per the standards of 33.245.040.A, the affordable commercial space bonus option must be used up to the maximum increment allowed for the zone before any other bonus is allowed. Adjustments to the maximum FAR and height obtainable through bonuses are prohibited.

- 4. The increment of additional floor area ratio allowed per bonus is stated in Table 130-3 and described in Subsections C though E.
- 5. The increment of additional height allowed per bonus is stated in Table 130-3, except as follows:
  - a. Additional height is not allowed where the step-down height limits of 33.130.210.B.2 apply.
  - b. In the CM2 zone, increasing maximum height through a bonus is allowed only on sites that:
    - (1) Are within the Design Overlay Zone; and
    - (2) Have a Comprehensive Plan Map designation of Mixed Use Urban Center or Mixed Use Civic Corridor.

Table 130-3 Summary of Bonus FAR and Height										
		CM1	CM2	СМЗ	CE	сх				
Overall Maximums Per Zone		•								
Maximum FAR with bonus		2.5 to 1	4 to 1	5 to 1	4 to 1	6 to 1				
Maximum height with bonus		35 ft.	55 ft. [1] 75 ft. [2]	75 ft. 120 ft. [2]	45 ft.	85 ft. 120 ft. [2]				
Increment of Additional FAR	and Height F	Per Bonus								
Inclusionary Housing (see 33.130.212.C)	FAR Height	1 to 1 none	1.5 to 1 10 ft.	2 to 1 10 ft.	1 to 1 none	2 to 1 10 ft.				
Affordable Commercial Space (see 33.130.212.D)	FAR Height	0.5 to 1 none	0.75 to 1 10 ft.	1 to 1 10 ft.	0.5 to 1 none	1 to 1 10 ft.				
Planned Development (see 33.130.212.E)	FAR Height	none none	1.5 to 1 up to 30 ft.	2 to 1 up to 55 ft.	1.5 to 1 up to 30 ft.	2 to 1 up to 45 ft				

[1] Bonus height in the CM2 zone is only allowed on sites that are within a Historic District, Conservation District, or the Design Overlay Zone and that have a Comprehensive Plan Map designation of Mixed Use–Urban Center or Mixed Use– Civic Corridor. Bonus height on a site where a Historic or Conservation Landmark or a contributing structure in a Historic or Conservation District has been demolished within the past ten years is prohibited unless the landmark or contributing structure was destroyed by fire or other causes beyond the control of the owner or the only structure on the site that was demolished was an accessory structure.

[2] This larger overall maximum is only allowed through the Planned Development bonus option and required Planned Development Review.

- **C.** Inclusionary housing bonus. Maximum height and FAR may be increased as stated in Table 130-3 if one of the following is met:
  - 1. Mandatory inclusionary housing. Bonus height and FAR is allowed for development that triggers 33.245, Inclusionary Housing. The amount of bonus floor area allowed is an amount equal to the net building area of the building that triggers 33.245, up to the increment of additional FAR allowed as stated in Table 130-3. To qualify for this bonus, the applicant must provide a letter from the Portland Housing Bureau certifying that the regulations of 33.245 have been met; or

- 2. Voluntary inclusionary housing. Maximum height and FAR may be increased as stated in Table 130-3 when one of the following voluntary bonus options is met:
  - a. Bonus height and FAR is allowed for projects that voluntarily comply with the standards of 33.245.040 and 33.245.050. The amount of bonus floor area allowed is an amount equal to the net building area of the building that complies with 33.245.040 and .050, up to the increment of additional FAR allowed as stated in Table 130-3. To qualify for this bonus, the applicant must provide a letter from the Portland Housing Bureau certifying that the regulations of 33.245 have been met. The letter is required to be submitted before a building permit can be issued for development, but is not required in order to apply for a land use review; or
  - b. Bonus height and FAR is allowed in exchange for payment into the Affordable Housing Fund. For each square foot of floor area purchased a fee must be paid to the Portland Housing Bureau (PHB). The Portland Housing Bureau collects and administers the Affordable Housing Fund, and determines the fee. PHB determines the fee per square foot and updates the fee at least every three years. The fee schedule is available from the Bureau of Development Services. To qualify for this bonus, the applicant must provide a letter from PHB documenting the amount that has been contributed. The letter is required to be submitted before a building permit can be issued for development, but is not required in order to apply for a land use review.
- **D.** Affordable commercial space bonus. Proposals that provide on-site affordable commercial space, or pay into the Affordable Commercial Space Fund, may increase maximum height and FAR if all of the following are met. Floor area may be increased by 2 square feet for each square foot of on-site affordable commercial space provided, up to the maximum stated in Table 130-3. Floor area may be increased by 1 square foot for each square foot purchased through the Affordable Commercial Space Fund, up to the maximum stated in Table 130-3:
  - 1. The applicant must submit with the development application a letter from the Portland Development Commission certifying that any program administrative requirements have been met; and
  - 2. The property owner must execute a covenant with the City that complies with the requirements of Section 33.700.060. The covenant must ensure that floor area built as a result of this bonus will meet the administrative requirements of the Portland Development Commission or qualified administrator.
- E. Planned Development bonus. Proposals that provide a combination of affordable housing, a publicly accessible plaza or park, and energy efficient buildings may increase maximum height and FAR as stated in Table 130-3 if approved through a Planned Development Review and Design Review (see Chapter 33.270 and Chapter 33.854). The site must be at least two acres in size to be eligible for this bonus. Sites located within Historic or Conservation districts are not eligible to use this bonus.

## 33.130.215 Setbacks

A. Purpose. The required building setbacks promote streetscapes that are consistent with the desired character of the different commercial/mixed use zones. The setbacks promote buildings close to the sidewalk to reinforce a pedestrian orientation and built-up streetscape. The setback requirements for areas that abut residential zones promote commercial/mixed use development that will maintain light, air, and the potential for privacy for adjacent residential zones.

The front setback requirements for Civic Corridors in Eastern and Western pattern areas provide opportunities for additional pedestrian space and separation from the vehicle traffic along these major streets to create an environment for building users and pedestrians that is less impacted by close proximity to traffic, and provide opportunities for front landscaping reflective of the vegetated characteristics of these neighborhood pattern areas.

The minimum building setbacks along local service streets adjacent to residential zones work together with requirements for step downs in building height (33.130.210.B.2.b.) to ensure that there is a transition in street frontage characteristics to lower scale residential zones. In these situations, the building setback regulations promote street frontages with landscaping and residential uses to provide a transition and a cohesive street environment with similar street frontage characteristics on both sides of the street, and limit exterior display and storage to minimize impacts to nearby residentially-zoned areas.

- B. Minimum building setbacks. Minimum required building setbacks are listed below and summarized in Table 130-2. Unless otherwise specified in this section, the minimum required setbacks apply to all buildings and structures on a site. Setbacks for exterior development are stated in 33.130.245, and setbacks for parking areas are stated in Chapter 33.266, Parking, Loading and Transportation and Parking Demand Management.
  - 1. Required setbacks from a street lot line. Unless as specified below, there is no minimum required setback from a street lot line:
    - a. The minimum setback required from a street lot line adjacent to a Civic Corridor shown on Map 130-1 is 10 feet.
    - b. The following minimum setbacks are required from a street lot line on the portion of the site that is across a local service street from an RF through RM2 or RMP zone. The setbacks do not apply in the CR or CM1 zones, or on or within 100 feet of a transit street:
      - (1) Buildings that are entirely in a residential use, and portions of buildings with dwelling units on the ground floor, must be set back 5 feet from a street lot line facing an RF through RM2 or RMP zone. The setback must be landscaped to at least the L1 standard. Vehicle access is not allowed through the setback unless the local service street facing the residential zone is the only frontage for the site. Up to one third of the setback area can be hard surfaced for pedestrian or bicycle access. Exterior display and storage is not allowed within the setback.

- (2) All other buildings must be set back 10 feet from a street lot line facing an RF through RM2 or RMP zone. The setback must be landscaped to at least the L1 standard. Vehicle access is not allowed through the setback unless the local service street facing the residential zone is the only frontage for the site. Up to one third of the setback area can be hard surfaced for pedestrian or bicycle access. Exterior display and storage is not allowed within the setback. See Figure 130-2.
- c. See 33.130.250.D for the required garage entrance setback for a garage that is accessory to a house, attached house, manufactured home, or duplex.
- d. Structured parking that does not allow exiting in a forward motion must be set back 18 feet from the street lot line. See 33.266.130.C.

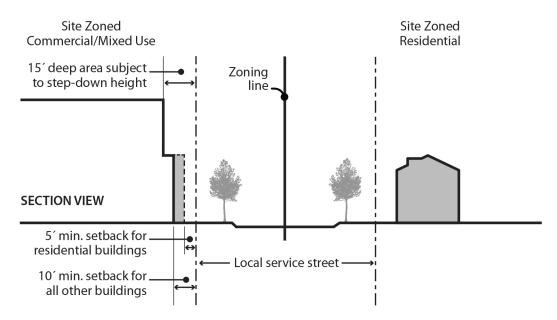


Figure 130-2

## Building Setbacks and Step-Down Height Across a Local Service Street from Residential Zones

- 2. Required setbacks from a lot line that is not a street lot line:
  - a. There is no minimum setback required from a lot line that abuts an OS, RX, C, E or CI zone. And, no setback is required from an internal lot line that is also a zoning line on sites with split zoning.
  - b. Except as follows, the required minimum setback from a lot line that abuts an RF through RM4, RMP, or IR zone is 10 feet. The required setback area must be landscaped to the L3 standard. Areas paved for pedestrian or bicycle use can be located in the required building setback area, but may not extend closer than 5 feet to a lot line abutting an RF through RM4 or RMP zone.
    - (1) In the Inner Pattern Area on sites that abut a Civic or Neighborhood Corridor shown on Map 130-3 no setback is required from a lot line that abuts a

property in the RM2-RM4 zones that also has a lot line on a Civic or Neighborhood Corridor.

- (2) Buildings that are 15 feet or less in height are exempt from the required setback.
- (3) For both exceptions, any setback provided that is 5 feet or greater in depth must be landscaped to at least the L3 standard for a distance of up to 10 feet from the lot line. This means that if the building is setback 3 feet, no landscaping is required, but if the building is setback 15 feet, then the first 10 feet measured from the lot line must be landscaped.
- c. Windows in the walls of dwelling units must be setback a minimum of 5 feet from a lot line that abuts a C, E, I, or CI zoned lot. Windows of dwelling units that also have other windows facing a street lot line or facing a dedicated open space that is at least 10 feet in depth, such as a required setback or required outdoor area, are exempt from this standard. The setback area must be a minimum width of 12 feet or the width of the residential window, whichever is greater.
- 3. Extensions into required building setbacks and buffering requirements of Table 130-2.
  - a. The following features of a building may extend into a required building setback up to 20 percent of the depth of the setback. However, except for building eaves and stormwater planters, they may not extend closer than 5 feet to a lot line abutting an RF – RM4 or RMP zoned lot.
    - (1) Eaves, chimneys, fireplace inserts and vents, mechanical equipment, fire escapes, water collection cisterns and stormwater planters;
    - (2) Stairways and wheelchair ramps that do not meet the standard of Subparagraph B.3.b below; and
    - (3) Bays and bay windows may extend into a street setback, but not a required setback abutting an RF – RM4 or RMP zoned lot, and also must meet the following requirements:
      - Each bay and bay window may be up to 12 feet long, but the total area of all bays and bay windows on a building facade cannot be more than 30 percent of the area of the facade;
      - At least 30 percent of the area of the bay which faces the street lot line requiring the setback must be glazing or glass block;
      - Bays and bay windows must cantilever beyond the foundation of the building; and
      - The bay may not include any doors.
  - The following minor features of a building are allowed to fully extend into required building setbacks, but may not extend closer than 5 feet to a lot line abutting an RF – RM4 or RMP zoned lot.

- (1) Uncovered decks, stairways, and wheelchair ramps with surfaces that are no more than 2-1/2 feet above the ground;
- (2) On lots that slope down from the street, vehicular and pedestrian entry bridges with surfaces that are no more than 2-1/2 feet above the average sidewalk elevation; and
- (3) Canopies, marquees, awnings, and similar features may fully extend into a street setback.
- c. Uncovered decks are allowed to fully extend into required street setbacks.
- 4. Detached accessory structures. For sites entirely in residential use, detached accessory structures are subject to the multi-dwelling zone standards of Section 33.120.280. The setback standards for detached accessory structures are stated in 33.130.265 below. Fences are addressed in 33.130.270 below.
- **C.** Maximum building setbacks. Except as stated in Subsection E., the maximum building setback standards are stated below.
  - Maximum setback standards. Unless otherwise specified, the maximum a building can be set back from a street lot line is 10 feet, except on Civic Corridors shown on Map 130-1, where the maximum set back is 20 feet. At least 50 percent of the length of the ground level street-facing facade of the building must meet the maximum setback standard.
  - 2. Applying the standard.
    - a. Where an existing building is being altered, the standards apply to the ground level, street-facing facade of the entire building. See Figures 130-3 and 130-4.
    - b. Where there is more than one building on the site, the standards of this paragraph apply to the combined ground level, street-facing facades of all of the buildings. See Figures 130-5 and 130-6.
    - c. In the CR, CM1, CM2, CM3, and CX zones, and in the CE zone within a Pedestrian District, if the site has street lot lines on three or more streets, the maximum setback standard only applies to two of the streets. When this occurs, the standard must be applied to the streets with the highest transit street classifications. If the site is a through lot, the maximum setback standard only applies to the street with the highest transit street classification. If multiple streets have the same highest transit street classification, the applicant may choose which street or streets to apply the standard.
    - d. In the CE zone outside of pedestrian districts, the maximum setback standard only applies to transit streets unless the site does not have a street lot line on a transit street. If the site does not have a street lot line on a transit street, then the maximum setback standard applies to one street, and if there is more than one street, the applicant may choose which street to apply the standard. If the site has street lot lines on three or more transit streets, the maximum setback standard must be applied to the streets with the highest transit classification. If multiple transit

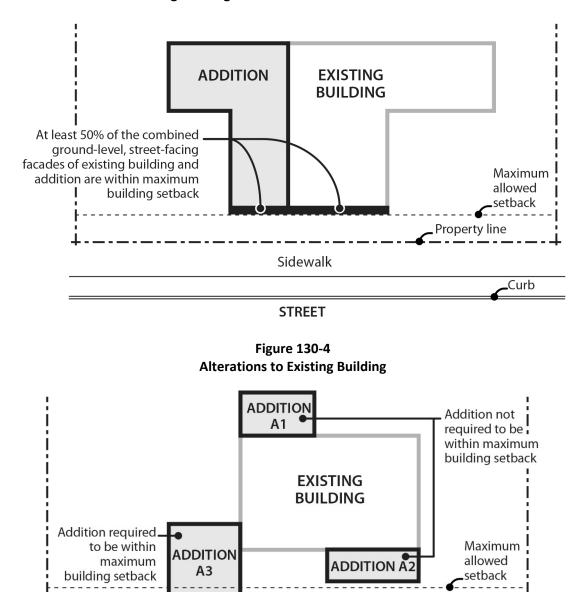
streets have the same highest street classification, the applicant may choose which streets to apply the standard.

- e. For buildings where all of the floor area is in residential use, the street-facing facade of an open porch that meets the following standards is included as part of the ground level, street-facing facade of the building:
  - (1) For houses, attached houses, manufactured homes and duplexes, the porch must be at least 25 square feet in area. For multi-dwelling structures, the porch must be at least 9 feet wide and 7 feet deep;
  - (2) The porch must have at least one entrance facing the street; and
  - (3) The porch must have a roof that is no more than 12 feet above the floor of the porch and at least 30 percent solid. This standard may be met by having 30 percent of the porch area covered with a solid roof, or by having the entire area covered with a trellis or other open material if no more than 70 percent of the area of the material is open.
- 3. Exception. The maximum building setbacks do not apply to primary structures under 500 square feet in floor area, or to detached accessory structures. The street-facing facades of detached accessory structures do not count towards meeting maximum setback standards. See Figure 130-5.

## D. Improvements in the setback area between a building and a street lot line.

- General standard. The land between any building and a street lot line must be landscaped to at least the L1 level and/or hard-surfaced for use by pedestrians. This area may be counted towards any minimum landscaped area requirements. Vegetated stormwater management facilities used to meet Bureau of Environmental Services stormwater management requirements, and residential outdoor areas, such as play areas and garden plots, as well as vehicle areas and exterior display, storage, and work activities, if allowed, are exempt from this standard. Bicycle parking may be located in the area between a building and a street lot line when the area is hard surfaced.
- 2. Improvements within transit street maximum building setbacks. Along transit streets, at least 50 percent of the setback area between the street lot line and the portion of the building that complies with the maximum building setback must be hard surfaced for use by pedestrians. Buildings entirely in a residential use are exempt from this standard.

Figure 130-3 Alteration to Existing Building in Conformance with Maximum Setback Standard



Sidewalk

Curb

Property line

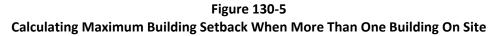
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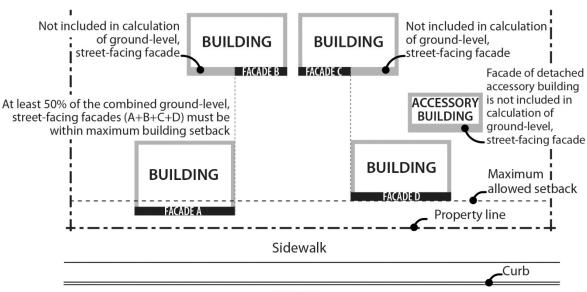
Addition A1. Not subject to maximum setback standard because addition has no street-facing facade.

Addition A2. Brings building closer to conformance with maximum setback standard because it does not increase the length of the street-facing facade, and it brings building closer to maximum building setback line.

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Addition A3. Because addition increases length of street facing facade, 100% of addition facade must be within maximum setback until maximum setback standard for entire building is met.

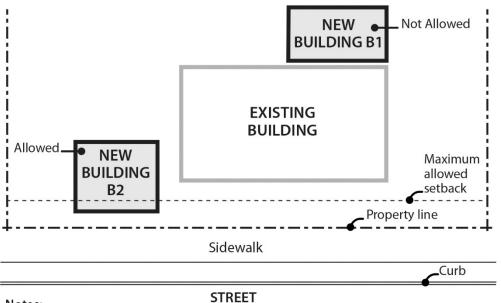




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Figure 130-6

New Buildings on Sites with Buildings That Do Not Meet the Maximum Building Setback



#### Notes:

New Building B1. Not allowed because it moves site further out of conformance with maximum setback standard. New Building B2. Because building increases length of combined street-facing facade on the site, 100% of building facade must be within maximum setback until maximum setback standard for site is met.

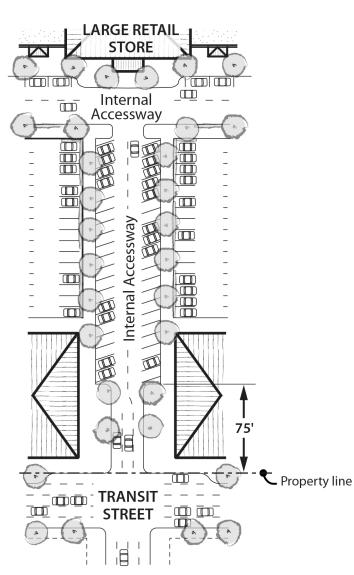
#### E. Alternative maximum building setback for large retailers.

1. Purpose. The intent of the regulations is to allow deeper street setbacks for very large retail stores locating along transit streets or in Pedestrian Districts in exchange for a

pedestrian and transit-friendly main street type of development. These large retail sites can still be transit-supportive and pedestrian-friendly by placing smaller buildings close to the street and by creating an internal circulation system that is similar to streets in order to separate the parking area into blocks. The intent is to encourage development that will, over time, form a pedestrian-friendly main street along the perimeter of the parking blocks and provide connectivity within the site and to adjacent streets and uses.

- 2. Regulation. Sites that have at least one building with at least 60,000 square feet of floor area in Retail Sales and Service use are exempt from the maximum setback requirement of Table 130-2 and the vehicle area frontage limitations of 33.266.130.C.3 if all of the requirements of this paragraph are met. For sites with frontage on more than one transit street or more than one street in a Pedestrian District, this exemption may be used only along one transit street frontage or frontage along a street in a Pedestrian District.
  - a. Other buildings on the site have ground level walls within the maximum setback for at least 25 percent of the frontage on a transit street or street in a Pedestrian District. These buildings must be constructed before or at the same time as the large retail store;
  - b. Internal circulation system. An internal circulation system that meets the following standards must be provided:
    - (1) Internal accessways that are similar to streets must divide the site into parking areas that are no greater than 55,000 square feet;
    - (2) These accessways must connect to the transit street, or street in a Pedestrian District, at least every 250 feet;
    - (3) Each internal accessway must have at least one auto travel lane, curbs, and unobstructed sidewalks on both sides and one of the following must be met:
      - The sidewalks must be at least 10 feet wide and planted with trees a maximum of 30 feet on center. Trees must be planted in the center of unpaved tree wells at least 18 square feet, with a minimum dimension of 3 feet. The unpaved area may be covered with a tree grate. Tree wells must be adjacent to the curb, and must be located so there is at least 6 feet of unobstructed sidewalk; or
      - The sidewalks must be at least 6 feet wide. There must be a planting strip at least 4 feet wide. The planting strip must be between the curb and the sidewalk, and be landscaped to at least the L1 standard, except that trees cannot be grouped.
    - (4) Along each internal accessway that intersects a transit street, parking must be provided between both sidewalks and the auto travel lanes except for within 75 feet of the transit street intersection, measured from the street lot line, where parking is not allowed;

- (5) Curb extensions that are at least the full depth of the parking must be provided, as shown in Figure 130-7, at the intersections of internal accessways that have parking; and
- (6) The internal accessways are excluded from the portion of the parking and loading area used to calculate required interior landscaping.
- c. Connections between sites. This standard applies to all commercial, office, or institutional development that is adjacent to sites either developed for Commercial or Institutional use, or zoned C, E, I, CI, or IR. The system must connect the buildings on the site to these adjacent sites.



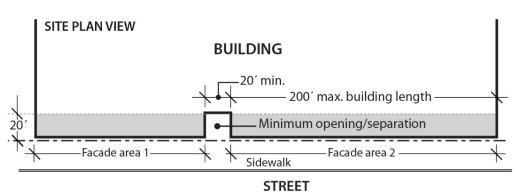
## Figure 130-7 Internal Circulation System

## 33.130.220 Building Coverage

- A. Purpose. The building coverage standards limit the footprint of buildings and work with the FAR, height, and setback standards to control the overall scale of development. The standards promote development consistent with the desired character of the zone. The standards allow a high degree of lot coverage in the Inner Neighborhoods pattern area to reflect the urban development patterns and continuous building frontages of the area. The standards for Eastern and Western pattern areas work in conjunction with landscaping requirements to respond to the less intensely developed characteristics of these areas.
- **B.** Building coverage standards. The maximum building coverage standards are stated in Table 130-2, and the standards apply based on pattern area geography. Map 130-2 identifies the pattern areas. Maximum building coverage applies to all buildings and covered structures.

#### 33.130.222 Building Length and Facade Articulation

- A. Purpose. These standards, along with the height and setback standards, limit the bulk of buildings close to the street. These standards help ensure that large buildings will be divided into smaller components that relate to the scale and patterns of Portland's commercial/mixed-use areas and add visual interest and variety to the street environment.
- **B.** Maximum building length. In the CR, CM1, CM2, CM3, and CE zones, the maximum building length for the portion of a building located within 20 feet of a street lot line is 200 feet. The portions of buildings subject to this standard must be separated by a minimum of 20 feet when located on the same site. See Figure 130-8.



#### Figure 130-8 Maximum Building Length

Area subject to maximum building length standard.

#### C. Facade articulation.

1. Where the standard applies. This standard applies in the CM2, CM3 and CE zones as follows. Development that includes a residential use is exempt from this standard until January 1, 2029:

- a. In the CM2 and CE zones, the standard applies to buildings more than 35 feet high that have facade areas of more than 3,500 square feet within 20 feet of a street property line.
- b. In the CM3 zone, the standard applies to buildings more than 45 feet high that have facade areas of more than 4,500 square feet within 20 feet of a street property line.
- c. Portions of building facades that are vertically separated by a gap of at least 10 feet in width extending at least 20 feet in depth from the street property line are considered to be separate facades areas for the purposes of the facade area measurements. See Figure 130-9.
- 2. The standard. At least 25 percent of the area of a street-facing facade within 20 feet of a street lot line must be divided into facade planes that are off-set by at least 2 feet in depth from the rest of the facade. Facade area used to meet the facade articulation standard may be recessed behind or project out from the primary facade plane, but projections into street right-of-way, and balconies that do not count toward floor area do not count toward meeting this standard. See Figure 130-10.

## Figure 130-9 Facade Articulation

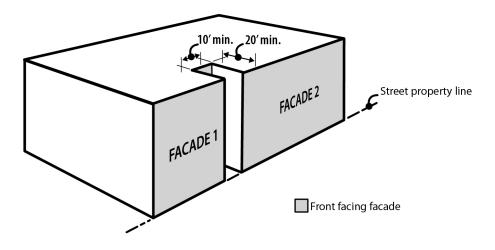
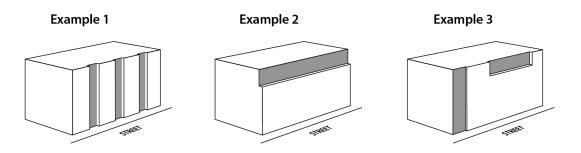


Figure 130-10 Facade Articulation



## 33.130.225 Landscaped Areas

- A. Purpose. Landscaping is required in some zones because it is attractive and it helps to soften the effects of built and paved areas. Landscaping also helps cool the air temperature, intercept rainfall and reduce stormwater runoff by providing unpaved permeable surface. Landscaping can also provide food for people and habitat for birds and other wildlife. As an alternative to conventional landscaping, a range of urban green options are provided in the CM2 and CM3 zones in the Inner Neighborhoods pattern area to reflect this area's more urban development patterns and historic storefront commercial characteristics. Landscaping is required for all commercial/mixed use-zoned lands abutting R zoned lands and as screening for parking lots (see Chapter 33.266) to provide buffering and promote livability.
- **B.** Minimum landscaped area. The minimum amount of required landscaped area is stated in Table 130-2. Any required landscaping, such as for required setbacks or parking lots, applies towards meeting the minimum amount of required landscaped area. Sites developed with a house, attached house or duplex are exempt from the required minimum landscaped area standard. The required landscape area must meet one of the following:
  - 1. Unless allowed by Paragraph B.2., required landscaped areas must:
    - a. Be at ground level, except when in raised planters that are used to meet minimum Bureau of Environmental Services stormwater management requirements; and
    - b. Comply with at least the L1 standard described in Chapter 33.248, Landscaping and Screening, or be a vegetated stormwater management facility that meets minimum Bureau of Environmental Services stormwater management requirements. However, up to one-third of the required landscaped area may be improved for active or passive recreational use, or for use by pedestrians. Examples of active or passive recreational use include walkways, play areas, plazas, picnic areas, garden plots, and unenclosed recreational facilities.
  - 2. Urban green alternative landscaped area. In the CM2 and CM3 zones in the Inner pattern area shown on Map 130-2, one or more of the following may be used to meet the required landscape area:
    - a. Ecoroof. An ecoroof area may apply toward meeting the required landscaped area standard at a ratio of 4 square feet of ecoroof area for every 1 square foot of required landscaped area. The ecoroof area must be approved by the Bureau

of Environmental Services as being in compliance with the Stormwater Management Manual.

- b. Large trees. The minimum required landscaped area may be reduced to 10 percent of site area when the site includes an area with minimum dimensions of 30 feet by 30 feet planted with at least one large-canopy tree. An existing large-canopy tree can be used to meet this requirement, subject to the Tree Protection Specifications of Title 11 (Section 11.60.030). Large canopy trees are defined in Section 33.248.030, Plant Materials. At least 50 percent of the ground area within this space must planted with ground cover plants and the remainder may be hard-surfaced for use by pedestrians.
- c. Raised landscaped areas. Landscaped areas raised above ground level may be used to meet the minimum landscaped area standard when landscaped to at least the L1 standard and soil depth is a minimum of 30 inches. Large trees are not allowed in raised landscaped area used to meet this alternative.
- d. Pervious pavement. Up to 50 percent of the required landscaped area may be improved for pedestrian use, such as walkways and plazas, if the area is surfaced with pervious pavement approved by the Bureau of Environmental Services as being in compliance with the Stormwater Management Manual. If this provision is used, no impervious surfaces can be counted toward meeting the minimum landscaped area standard.

# 33.130.227 Trees

Requirements for street trees and for on-site tree preservation, protection, and overall tree density are specified in Title 11. See Chapter 11.50, Trees in Development Situations.

## 33.130.228 Required Outdoor Areas

A. Purpose. The required outdoor areas standards ensure opportunities for residents to have on-site access to outdoor space for recreation, relaxation, natural area, or growing food. Required outdoor areas are an important aspect for addressing the livability of a property with residential units by providing residents with opportunities for outdoor activities, some options for outdoor privacy, and a healthy environment. The standards ensure that outdoor areas are located so that residents have convenient access. These standards also allow for outdoor area requirements to be met by indoor community facilities because they provide opportunities for recreation or gathering.

## B. Requirements.

- 1. Amount required:
  - a. On sites that are up to 20,000 square feet in total area, at least 36 square feet of outdoor area is required for each dwelling unit on the site;
  - b. For sites that are more than 20,000 square feet in total area, at least 48 square feet of outdoor area is required for each dwelling unit on the site;

- c. For any site with a congregate housing facility, at least 10 percent total site area must be provided as common area.
- 2. Size, location and configuration. Required outdoor area may be provided as individual, private outdoor areas, such as patios or balconies, or as common, shared areas, such as outdoor courtyards and play areas, or indoor recreational facilities or community rooms. There also may be a combination of individual and common areas.
  - a. Individual unit outdoor areas. Where a separate outdoor area is provided for an individual unit, it must be designed so that a 4-foot by 6-foot dimension will fit entirely within it. The outdoor area must be directly accessible to the unit. Balconies that extend over street right-of-way count towards meeting this standard. Areas used for pedestrian circulation to more than one dwelling unit do not count towards meeting the required outdoor area. If the area is at ground level it may extend up to 5 feet into a required front setback, and may extend into required side and rear setbacks as long as the area is not closer than 5 feet to a lot line abutting an RF through RM4 zoned lot.
  - b. Common areas. There are two types of common area:
    - (1) Outdoor common area. Where outdoor areas are common, shared areas, each area must be designed so that it is at least 500 square feet in area and must measure at least 20 feet in all directions. The outdoor common area must be located within 20 feet of a building entrance providing access to residential units.
    - (2) Indoor common area. Where an indoor common area is provided, it must be an indoor recreational facility or an indoor tenant community room. Indoor common areas that are not recreational facilities or community rooms, such as lobbies, hallways, laundry facilities, storage rooms, and vehicle or bicycle facilities, cannot be used to meet this requirement.
  - c. Combination of individual and common areas. Where a combination of individual unit and common areas is provided, each individual area must meet Subparagraph B.2.a and each common area must meet B.2.b above, and together must provide a total amount of space equivalent to the combined amount of outdoor area required for each dwelling unit.
- 3. Surfacing materials. Required outdoor areas must be surfaced with lawn, pavers, decking, or sport court paving which allows the area to be used for active or passive recreational use.
- 4. User amenities. User amenities, such as tables, benches, trees, shrubs, planter boxes, garden plots, drinking fountains, spas, or pools, may be placed in the outdoor area. Common, shared outdoor areas may also be developed with amenities such as play areas, plazas, roof-top patios, picnic areas, and open recreational facilities.

#### 33.130.230 Windows

A. Windows in street-facing facades.

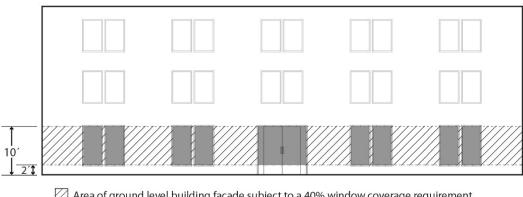
- 1. Purpose. This standard:
  - Ensures that there is a visual connection between the living area of the residence and the street;
  - Enhances public safety by allowing people to survey their neighborhood from inside their residences; and
  - Provides a more pleasant pedestrian environment by preventing large expanses of blank facades along streets.
- 2. Where this standard applies. This standard applies to street-facing facades of buildings. Where a proposal is for an alteration or addition to existing development, the applicant may choose to apply the standard either to the portion being altered or added, or to the entire street-facing facade.
- 3. Windows in street-facing facades. At least 15 percent of the area of each facade that faces a street lot line must be windows or main entrance doors. Windows used to meet this standard must allow views from the building to the street. Glass block does not meet this standard. Windows in garage doors do not count toward meeting this standard, but windows in garage walls do count toward meeting this standard. To count toward meeting this standard a door must be at the main entrance and face the street lot line. For structures subject to ground floor window requirements, windows used to meet ground floor window requirements may also be used to meet this standard.
- 4. Exemption. Development on flag lots or on lots that slope up or down from the street with an average slope of 20 percent or more are exempt from this standard.

## B. Ground floor windows.

- 1. Purpose. In the commercial/mixed use zones, blank walls on the ground level of buildings are limited in order to:
  - Provide a pleasant, rich, and diverse pedestrian experience by connecting activities occurring within a structure to adjacent sidewalk areas, or allowing public art at the ground level;
  - Encourage continuity of retail and service uses;
  - Encourage surveillance opportunities by restricting fortress-like facades at street level; and
  - Avoid a monotonous pedestrian environment.
- 2. Ground floor window standard for wall area that is not the wall of a dwelling unit. The following standards apply to the portions of a ground floor wall of a street-facing facade that is not the wall of a dwelling unit:
  - a. General standard.
    - (1) Windows must cover at least 40 percent of the ground floor wall area of street-facing facades that are 20 feet or closer to a street lot line or a publicly-accessible plaza. For the purposes of this standard, ground floor wall areas include all exterior wall areas from 2 feet to 10 feet above the

finished grade, and include openings in the walls of structured parking. See Figure 130-11.

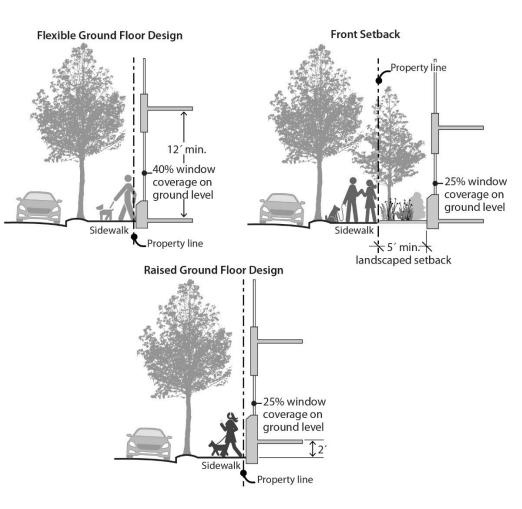
- (2) If the lot has more than one street frontage, then the ground floor window standard in Subparagraph B.2.a(1). applies to the facade that faces the highest transit street classification. All other ground level street-facing facades that are 20 feet or closer to the street lot line must have windows that cover 25 percent of the ground level wall area. The walls of structured parking along these facades may be set back at least 5 feet and landscaped to the L2 standard instead of providing 25 percent windows. If two or more streets have the same highest transit street classification, then the applicant may choose on which of those street to meet the higher standard. Transit street classifications are identified in the Transportation Element of the Comprehensive Plan.
- b. Exemptions:
  - (1) Houses, attached houses, manufactured homes, duplexes, attached duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes are exempt from this Section;
  - (2) Ground floor street-facing walls of dwelling units must meet the standards in Paragraph B.4; and
  - (3) One opening for vehicular access to onsite parking area.
- Qualifying window features. Required ground floor window areas must be windows 3. that allow views into working areas, lobbies, residential units or residential building common areas; glazing in pedestrian entrances; or display windows that are at least 24 inches deep set into a wall. Windows into storage areas, vehicle parking areas, mechanical and utility areas, garbage and recycling areas, and display cases attached to outside walls do not qualify. Windows into bicycle parking areas are allowed to qualify for up to 25 percent of the ground floor windows coverage requirement. Except for the windows of residential units and clerestory windows located above doors or other windows, the bottom of qualifying windows must be no more than 4 feet above the adjacent exterior grade.



#### Figure 130-11 **Ground Floor Windows**

- 🛛 Area of ground level building facade subject to a 40% window coverage requirement.
- Example of required window coverage on ground level.

- 4. Ground floor window and frontage standards for dwelling units. The ground floor wall area of street-facing facades of dwelling units that are 20 feet or closer to a street lot line must meet at least one of the following standards:
  - a. Flexible ground floor design. The ground floor window standard of Subparagraph
     B.2.a(1) must be met, and the ground level of the building must be designed and constructed as follows:
    - (1) The distance from the finished floor to the bottom of the ceiling structure above must be at least 12 feet. The bottom of the structure above includes supporting beams;
    - (2) The area meeting this standard must be at least 25 feet deep, measured from the street-facing facade; and
    - (3) Each unit must include a front entrance that is located at the level of the finished grade and can be accessed without steps.
  - b. Front setback.
    - (1) The portions of the building with residential dwelling units on the groundfloor must be set back at least 5 feet from the street lot line. The setback must be landscaped to at least the L1 level and/or hard-surfaced for use by pedestrians; and
    - (2) Windows must cover at least 25 percent of the ground level wall area of the portion of the building with residential dwelling units on the ground-floor.
  - c. Raised ground floor.
    - (1) The portion of the building with residential dwelling units on the groundfloor must have the finished floor of each residential unit at least 2 feet above the grade of the closest adjoining sidewalk.
    - (2) Window must cover at least 25 percent of the ground level wall area of the portion of the building with residential dwelling units on the ground-floor.



# Figure 130-12 Ground Floor Window Options for Dwelling Units

5. Exception for Public Art. Outside the Central City, public art may be used to meet up to one half of the required window coverage of the ground floor window provision. Covenants for the public art will be required, following the regulations of Section 33.700.060, Covenants with the City, to ensure the installation, preservation, maintenance, and replacement of the public art. To qualify for this exception, documentation of approval by the Regional Arts and Culture Council must be provided prior to approval of the building permit.

## 33.130.235 Screening

- **A. Purpose.** The screening standards address specific unsightly features which detract from the appearance of commercial/mixed use areas.
- **B.** Garbage and recycling collection areas. All exterior garbage cans, garbage collection areas, and recycling collection areas must be screened from the street and any adjacent properties. Trash receptacles for pedestrian use are exempt. Screening must comply with at least the L3 or F2 standards of Chapter 33.248, Landscaping and Screening.

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- **C. Mechanical equipment.** Mechanical equipment located on the ground, such as heating or cooling equipment, pumps, or generators must be screened from the street and any abutting residential zones by walls, fences, or vegetation. Screening must comply with at least the L2 or F2 standards of Chapter 33.248, Landscaping and Screening, and be tall enough to screen the equipment. Mechanical equipment placed on roofs must be screened in one of the following ways, if the equipment is within 50 feet of an R zone:
  - 1. A parapet along facades facing the R zone that is as tall as the tallest part of the equipment;
  - 2. A screen around the equipment that is as tall as the tallest part of the equipment; or
  - 3. The equipment is set back from roof edges facing the R zone 3 feet for each foot of height of the equipment.
- **D. Other screening requirements.** The screening requirements for parking, exterior storage, and exterior display areas are stated with the regulations for those types of development.

# 33.130.240 Pedestrian Standards

- A. **Purpose.** The pedestrian standards encourage a safe, attractive, and usable pedestrian circulation system in all developments. They ensure a direct pedestrian connection between abutting streets and buildings on the site, and between buildings and other activities within the site. In addition, they provide for connections between adjacent sites, where feasible.
- **B.** The standards. The standards of this Section apply to all development except houses, attached houses, and duplexes. An on-site pedestrian circulation system must be provided. The system must meet all standards of this Subsection.
  - 1. Connections. The on-site pedestrian circulation system must provide connections as specified below:
    - a. Connection between streets and entrances.
      - (1) Sites with one street frontage.
        - Generally. There must be a connection between one main entrance of each building on the site and the adjacent street. The connection may not be more than 20 feet longer or 120 percent of the straight line distance, whichever is less. Buildings separated from the street by other buildings are exempt from this standard.
        - Household Living. If a building is located within 40 feet of a street lot line, and all of the floor area in the building is in a Household Living use, then there must be at least one connection between one main entrance and the adjacent street. The connection may not be more than 20 feet longer or 120 percent of the straight line distance, whichever is less.
        - Tree preservation. If a tree that is at least 12 inches in diameter is proposed for preservation, and the location of the tree or its root protection zone would prevent the standard of this paragraph from being met, the connection may be up to 200 percent of the straight line distance.

- (2) Sites with more than one street frontage. Where the site has more than one street frontage, the following must be met:
  - The standard of Subparagraph B.1.a(1) must be met to connect the main entrance of each building on the site to the closest sidewalk or roadway if there are no sidewalks;
  - An additional connection, which does not have to be a straight line connection, is required between each of the other streets and a pedestrian entrance. However, if at least 50 percent of a street facing facade is within 10 feet of the street, no connection is required to that street.
- b. Internal connections. The system must connect all main entrances on the site and provide connections to other areas of the site used by building occupants, including parking areas, bicycle parking, recreational areas, common outdoor areas, and any pedestrian amenities. Pedestrian connections to public sidewalks may substitute for internal connections for main entrances that are within 10 feet of a public sidewalk.
- 2. Materials.
  - a. The circulation system must be hard-surfaced and be at least 6 feet wide. On sites where all of the floor area is in Household Living, segments of the circulation system that provide access to no more than 4 units may be 3 feet wide.
  - b. Except as allowed in Subparagraph B.2.d., where the system crosses driveways, parking areas, and loading areas, the system must be clearly identifiable, through the use of elevation changes, speed bumps, a different paving material, or other similar method. Striping does not meet this requirement. Elevation changes and speed bumps must be at least 4 inches high.
  - c. Except as allowed in Subparagraph B.2.d., where the system is parallel and adjacent to an auto travel lane, the system must be a raised path or be separated from the auto travel lane by a raised curb, bollards, landscaping or other physical barrier. If a raised path is used it must be at least 4 inches high and the ends of the raised portions must be equipped with curb ramps. Bollard spacing must be no further apart than 5 feet on center.
  - d. On sites where all the floor area is in a Household Living use, the pedestrian circulation system may be located within an auto travel lane if the auto travel lane provides access to 16 or fewer parking spaces and the entire auto travel lane is surfaced with paving blocks or bricks.
- 3. Lighting. The on-site pedestrian circulation system must be lighted to a level where the system can be used at night by the employees, residents, and customers.

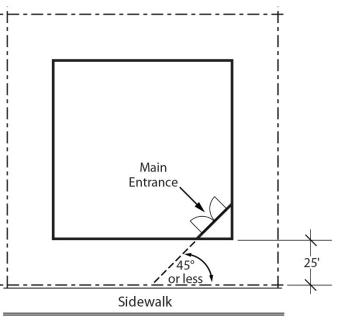
#### 33.130.242 Transit Street Main Entrance

A. **Purpose.** Locating the main entrance to a use on a transit street provides convenient pedestrian access between the use and public sidewalks and transit facilities, and so promotes walking and the use of transit.

## B. Applicability.

- 1. Generally. All sites with at least one frontage on a transit street, and where any of the floor area on the site is in nonresidential uses, or residential use in a multi-dwelling structure, must meet the following standards. If the site has frontage on more than one transit street, the standards of Subsection C, below, must be met on at least one of the transit streets;
- Small housing types. Houses, attached houses, manufactured homes, duplexes, attached duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes must meet the standards of 33.130.250.B, Residential Main Entrance, instead of the requirements of this section.
- **C.** Location. For portions of a building within the maximum building setback, at least one main entrance for each nonresidential tenant space on the ground floor, and one main entrance to a multi-dwelling structure must meet the standards of this section. The ground floor is the lowest floor of the building that is within four feet of the adjacent transit street grade. The main entrance must:
  - 1. Be within 25 feet of the transit street;
  - 2. Allow pedestrians to both enter and exit the building; and
  - 3. Meet one of the following:
    - a. Face the transit street;
    - b. Be at an angle of up to 45 degrees from the transit street, measured from the street property line, as shown in Figure 130-13; or
    - c. If it is an entrance to a multi-dwelling structure:
      - (1) Face a courtyard at least 15 feet in width that abuts the transit street and that is landscaped to at least the L1 level, or hard-surfaced for use by pedestrians; and
      - (2) Be within 60 feet of the transit street.
- **D. Distance between entrances.** For portions of a building subject to the maximum building setback, a minimum of one entrance is required for every 200 feet of building length.
- E. Unlocked during regular business hours. Each main entrance to nonresidential uses that meets the standards of Subsection C and D must be unlocked during regular business hours.





TRANSIT STREET

#### 33.130.245 Exterior Display, Storage, and Work Activities

- **A. Purpose.** The standards of this section are intended to assure that exterior display, storage, and work activities:
  - Will be consistent with the desired character of the zone;
  - Will not be a detriment to the overall appearance of a commercial/mixed use area;
  - Will not have adverse impacts on adjacent properties, especially those zoned residential; and
  - Will not have an adverse impact on the environment.

#### B. Exterior display.

- 1. CR zone. Exterior display of goods is not allowed.
- 2. CM1, CM2, CM3, and CX zones. Exterior display of goods is allowed except for the display of motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, motor vehicle parts and supplies, building materials, and the display of goods associated with an industrial use.
- 3. CE zone. Exterior display of goods is allowed except for the display of goods associated with industrial uses. Exterior display areas for motor vehicles and trailers must be set back at least 5 feet from street lot lines and be landscaped to at least the L1 standard.
- 4. Exterior display landscape screening abutting R zones. Exterior display areas must be set back at least 5 feet from lot lines abutting R zones and be landscaped to at least the L3 standard.

### C. Exterior storage.

- 1. Exterior storage is not allowed in the CR, CM1, CM2, CM3, and CX zones.
- 2. Exterior storage is allowed in the CE zone if the storage area complies with the standards of this paragraph. Exterior storage is limited to 20 percent of the site area for all uses except lumber yards and other building material stores. All exterior storage areas must be set back 5 feet from nonstreet lot lines and 10 feet from street lot lines, with the setback area landscaped to at least the L3 standard.
- **D. Exterior work activities.** Exterior work activities are prohibited in the commercial/mixed use zones except for the propagation and sale of plants, sales of motor vehicle fuels, and car washes, which are allowed. Exterior work activities related to sales of motor vehicle fuels and car washes are not allowed within 25 feet of a lot line that abuts a residential zone.
- E. Other exterior activities. The following exterior activities are allowed in the commercial/mixed use zones: outdoor eating areas, entertainment and recreation activities that are commonly performed outside, and outdoor markets and vendor stalls.
- F. Paving. All exterior display and storage areas, except for plant nurseries, must be paved.

#### 33.130.250 General Requirements for Small Housing Types

A. Generally. Except as specified in this section, all development—residential, mixed-use, and nonresidential—must meet the other development standards for the zone such as height, setbacks, and building coverage.

#### B. Residential main entrance.

- 1. Purpose. These standards:
  - Together with the window and garage standards, ensure that there is a physical and visual connection between the living area of the residence and the street;
  - Enhance public safety for residents and visitors and provide opportunities for community interaction;
  - Ensure that the pedestrian entrance is visible or clearly identifiable from the street by its orientation or articulation; and
  - Ensure that pedestrians can easily find the main entrance, and so establish how to enter the residence;
  - Ensure a connection to the public realm for development of lots fronting both private and public streets by making the pedestrian entrance visible or clearly identifiable from the public street.
- 2. Where these standards apply.
  - a. The standards of this subsection apply to houses, attached houses, manufactured homes, duplexes, attached duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes in the commercial/mixed use zones.

- b. Where a proposal is for an alteration or addition to existing development, the standards of this section apply only to the portion being altered or added.
- c. On sites with frontage on both a private street and a public street, the standards apply to the site frontage on the public street. On all other sites with more than one street lot line, the applicant may choose on which frontage to meet the standards.
- d. Development on flag lots or on lots which slope up or down from the street with an average slope of 20 percent or more are exempt from these standards.
- 3. Location. At least one main entrance for each structure must:
  - a. Be within 8 feet of the longest street-facing wall of the structure; and
  - b. Either:
    - (1) Face the street, See Figure 130-14;
    - (2) Be at an angle of up to 45 degrees from the street; or
    - (3) Open onto a porch. See Figure 130-15. The porch must:
      - Be at least 25 square feet in area;
      - Have at least one entrance facing the street; and
      - Have a roof that is:
        - No more than 12 feet above the floor of the porch; and
        - At least 30 percent solid. This standard may be met by having 30 percent of the porch area covered with a solid roof, or by having the entire area covered with lattice or other open material if no more than 70 percent of the area of the material is open.
- 4. Duplexes on corner lots. Where a duplex is on a corner lot, the requirements of Paragraph C.3, above, must be met for both dwelling units. Both main entrances may face the same street.

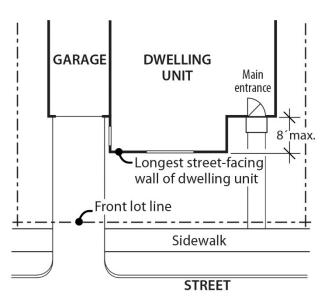
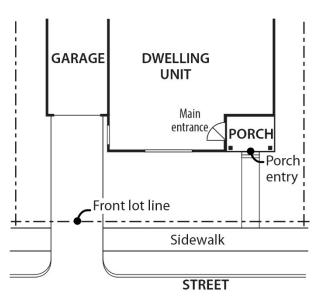


Figure 130-14 Main Entrance Facing the Street





#### C. Garages.

- 1. Purpose. These standards:
  - Together with the window and main entrance standards, ensure that there is a physical and visual connection between the living area of the residence and the street;

- Ensure that the location and amount of the living area of the residence, as seen from the street, is more prominent than the garage;
- Prevent garages from obscuring the main entrance from the street and ensure that the main entrance for pedestrians, rather than automobiles, is the prominent entrance;
- Provide for a more pleasant pedestrian environment by preventing garages and vehicle areas from dominating the views of the neighborhood from the sidewalk;
- Enhance public safety by preventing garages from blocking views of the street from inside the residence;
- Prevent cars from overhanging the street or sidewalk; and
- Provide for adequate visibility for a driver backing out of a garage.
- 2. Where these standards apply. The requirements of Paragraphs D.3, D.4 and D.5, below, apply to houses, attached houses, manufactured homes, duplexes, attached duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes. When a proposal is for an alteration or addition to existing development, the standards of this section apply only to the portion being altered or added. Development on flag lots or on lots which slope up or down from the street with an average slope of 20 percent or more are exempt from these standards.
- Length of street-facing garage wall. The length of the garage wall facing the street may be up to 50 percent of the length of the street-facing building facade. See Figure 130-16. For attached houses and attached duplexes, the standard applies to the combined length of the street-facing facades of the attached units.
- 4. Street lot line setbacks.
  - a. Generally. A garage wall that faces a street may be no closer to the street lot line than the longest street-facing wall of the dwelling unit. See Figure 130-17.
  - b. Exception. A street-facing garage wall may be up to 6 feet in front of the longest street-facing wall of the dwelling unit, if:
    - (1) The street-facing garage wall is 40 percent or less of the length of the building facade; and
    - (2) There is a porch at the main entrance. The garage wall may not be closer to the street lot line than the front of the porch. See Figure 130-18. The porch must meet the following:
      - The porch must be at least 48 square feet in area and have minimum dimensions of 6 feet by 6 feet;
      - The porch must have a solid roof; and
      - The roof may not be more than 12 feet above the floor of the porch.
  - c. Exemption. Where a lot has more than one street lot line, and there is an existing dwelling unit on the lot, this standard must be met only on the street-facing facade on which the main entrance is located.

5. Garage entrance setback. The garage entrance must be either 5 feet or closer to the street property line, or 18 feet or farther from the street property line. If the garage entrance is located within 5 feet of the front property line, it may be no closer to the street lot line than the longest street-facing wall of the dwelling unit.

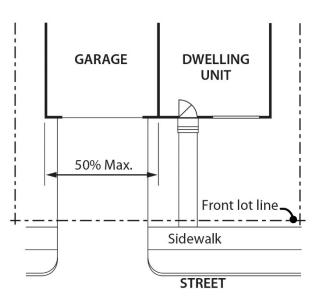
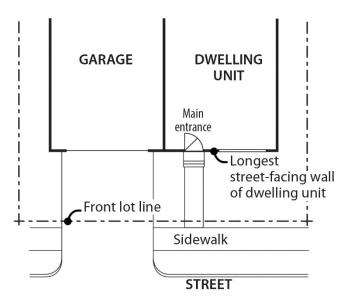


Figure 130-16 Length of Street Facing Garage Wall

Figure 130-17 Street Lot Line Setback



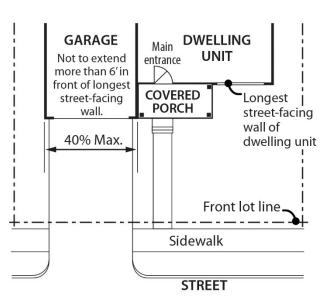


Figure 130-18 Garage Front Setback Exception

#### 33.130.255 Trucks and Equipment

- A. **Purpose.** The parking and storage of trucks and equipment is regulated to ensure that it will be consistent with the desired character of the commercial/mixed use zones and to limit adverse effects on adjacent residential lands.
- **B.** Truck and equipment parking standards. The standards for truck and equipment parking apply to business vehicles that are parked regularly at a site. The regulations do not apply to pick-up and delivery activities, to the use of vehicles during construction, or to services at the site which occur on an intermittent and short term basis. The truck categories are defined in Chapter 33.910.
  - Light trucks. The parking of passenger vehicles, light trucks, and similar equipment is allowed in all commercial/mixed use zone areas that comply with the development standards for parking areas.
  - 2. Medium trucks. The parking of pickup trucks in the medium truck category is allowed in all commercial/mixed use zones. The parking of all other medium trucks and similar equipment is allowed only in the CE and CM3 zone. Truck parking areas must comply with the development standards for auto parking areas.
  - 3. Heavy trucks. The parking of heavy trucks and similar equipment is not allowed in any commercial/mixed use zone.

#### 33.130.260 Drive-Through Facilities

**A. Purpose.** The drive-through facility regulations support the desired character of the commercial/mixed use zones that are intended to be pedestrian-oriented, while allowing the continuation and improvement of existing drive-through facilities in some of these

zones. In zones intended for auto-accommodating development, these regulations allow for drive-through facilities, while limiting the impacts from drive-through facilities on adjacent residential zones, such as noise and air pollution from idling cars.

- **B. CR and CX zones.** Drive-through facilities are prohibited in the CR and CX zones.
- **C. CM1, CM2, and CM3 zones.** The following regulations apply to drive-through facilities in the CM1, CM2 and CM3 zones:
  - 1 New drive-through facilities are prohibited; and
  - 2. Existing drive-through facilities are allowed. Existing facilities can be rebuilt, expanded, or relocated on the site. The standards for drive-through facilities are stated in Chapter 33.224, Drive-Through Facilities. If the use with the drive-through facility is discontinued for 3 continuous years, reestablishment of the drive-through facility is prohibited. If the use ceases operation, even if the structure or materials related to the use remain, the use has been discontinued. A list of the standard evidence that can be provided to prove that the use has been maintained over time can be found in Subsection 33.258.038.B. If the applicant provides standard evidence from the list, the Director of BDS will determine if the evidence is satisfactory. If the applicant provides evidence other than the standard evidence listed, a Determination of Legal Nonconforming Status is required.

## D. CE zone.

- 1. New drive-through facilities are prohibited except for drive-through facilities associated with Quick Vehicle Servicing uses. Drive-through facilities are not allowed within 25 feet of a lot line that abuts a residential zone. The standards for drive-through facilities are stated in Chapter 33.224, Drive-Through Facilities.; and
- 2. Existing drive-through facilities are allowed. Existing facilities can be rebuilt, expanded, or relocated on the site. The standards for drive-through facilities are stated in Chapter 33.224, Drive-Through Facilities. If the use with the drive-through facility is discontinued for 3 continuous years, reestablishment of the drive-through facility is prohibited. If the use ceases operation, even if the structure or materials related to the use remain, the use has been discontinued. A list of the standard evidence that can be provided to prove that the use has been maintained over time can be found in Subsection 33.258.038.B. If the applicant provides standard evidence from the list, the Director of BDS will determine if the evidence is satisfactory. If the applicant provides evidence other than the standard evidence listed, a Determination of Legal Nonconforming Status is required.

#### 33.130.265 Detached Accessory Structures

**A. Purpose.** These standards are intended to maintain separation and privacy to abutting residential zoned lots from nonresidential development.

# B. General standards.

1. The regulations of this section apply only to detached accessory structures on sites with non-residential uses. For sites where all of the floor area is in residential use, detached accessory structures are subject to the standards of Section 33.120.280.

Detached garages are also subject to the standards of 33.130.250, General Requirements for Small Housing Types.

2. The height and building coverage standards of the base zone apply to detached accessory structures.

#### C. Setbacks.

- 1. Uncovered accessory structures. Uncovered accessory structures such as flag poles, lamp posts, signs, antennas and dishes, mechanical equipment, uncovered decks, play structures, and tennis courts are allowed in a required setback, but can be no closer than 5 feet to a lot line abutting an RF through RM4 zoned lot.
- 2. Covered structures.
  - a. Covered structures such as storage buildings, greenhouses, covered bicycle parking, and work sheds are subject to the setbacks for buildings.
  - b. Water cisterns that are 6 feet or less in height are allowed in side and rear setbacks, including setbacks for abutting a residential zone.
  - c. See Section 33.130.250, General Requirements for Small Housing Types, for additional requirements for garages that are accessory to residential development.

#### 33.130.270 Fences

- A. Purpose. The fence regulations promote the positive benefits of fences without negatively impacting the community or endangering public or vehicle safety. Fences near streets are kept low in order to allow visibility into and out of the site and to ensure visibility for motorists. Fences in any required side or rear setback are limited in height so as to not conflict with the purpose for the setback.
- **B. Types of fences.** The standards apply to walls, fences, and screens of all types whether open, solid, wood, metal, wire, masonry, or other material.

#### C. Location and heights.

- 1. Fences abutting street lot lines and pedestrian connections. Within 10 feet of a street lot line or lot line that abuts a pedestrian connection, fences that meet the following standards are allowed:
  - a. Fences that are more than 50 percent sight-obscuring may be up to 3-1/2 feet high.
  - b. Fences that are 50 percent or less sight-obscuring may be up to 8 feet high.
- 2. Fences abutting other lot lines. Fences up to 8 feet high are allowed in required building setbacks along all other lot lines.
- 3. Fences in all other locations. The height for fences in locations other than described in Paragraphs C.1 and C.2 is the same as the regular height limits of the zone.

## 33.130.275 Demolitions

- A. Generally. Demolition on a site that requires a demolition permit is subject to the tree preservation and protection requirements of Title 11, Trees. See Chapter 11.50, Trees in Development Situations.
- **B. Historic resources.** Demolition of historic resources is regulated by Chapter 33.445, Historic Resource Overlay Zone.
- **C. CX zone landscaping.** In the CX zone, sites must be landscaped within 6 months of the demolition of buildings unless there is an approved development for the site. Approved development means a project approved through design review. The landscaping must meet at least the L1 standard of Chapter 33.248, Landscaping and Screening, except that no shrubs or trees are required.

#### 33.130.285 Nonconforming Development

Existing development that does not conform to the development standards of this chapter may be subject to the regulations of Chapter 33.258, Nonconforming Situations.

#### 33.130.290 Parking, Loading, and Transportation and Parking Demand Management

The regulations for vehicle parking, bicycle parking, loading, and transportation and parking demand management are stated in Chapter 33.266, Parking, Loading, and Transportation and Parking Demand Management.

## 33.130.292 Street and Pedestrian Connections

#### A. Large site pedestrian connectivity.

- Purpose. The large site pedestrian connectivity standard implements regional pedestrian and bicycle connectivity standards. The standard enhances direct movement by pedestrians and bicycles between destinations and increases the convenience of travelling by foot or bike. The standard also protects public health and safety by ensuring safe movement and access through a large site. The standard provides flexibility for locating the pedestrian connection in a manner that addresses site constraints such as existing development.
- 2. When does the standard apply. The large site pedestrian connectivity standard applies to new development and major remodeling on sites that are more than 5 acres in size.
- 3. Standard. If the site does not have pedestrian connections at least every 330 feet as measured from the centerline of each connection, then dedication of ROW for pedestrian connections is required.
- 4. Exemptions. Dedication of right-of-way for pedestrian connections is not required in:
  - a. The Central City plan district; and
  - b. Areas of a site that are in the Environmental Protection overlay zone, the Environmental Conservation overlay zone, or have slopes with an average slope of 20 percent or greater. This means that if the 330 feet interval falls in one of these areas, that pedestrian connection is not required.

- 5. Pedestrian connection alignment, width and design. The Bureau of Transportation must approve the alignment of the pedestrian connections. The final alignment must ensure that pedestrian connections are located at least 200 feet apart. The Bureau of Transportation must also approve the width of, and configuration of element within, the pedestrian connections.
- B. Additional requirements for street and pedestrian/bicycle connections are regulated by the Bureau of Transportation. See Section 17.88.040, Through Streets, of the Portland City Code.

## 33.130.295 Signs

The sign regulations are stated in Title 32, Signs and Related Regulations.

## 33.130.305 Superblock Requirements

Development in the CM2, CM3, CE, and CX zones which are on land that includes vacated rights-ofway may be subject to the superblock standards of Chapter 33.293, Superblocks.

#### 33.130.310 Recycling Areas

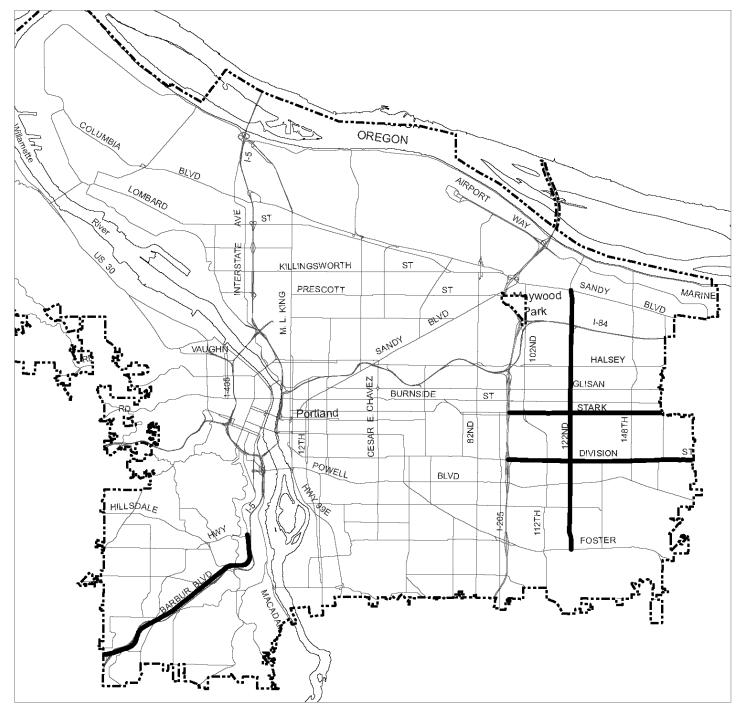
Requirements for recycling areas are regulated by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. See Section 17.102.270, Businesses and Multifamily Complexes Required to Recycle, of the Portland City Code.

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# **Civic Corridors with Required Setbacks**

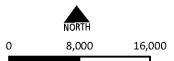
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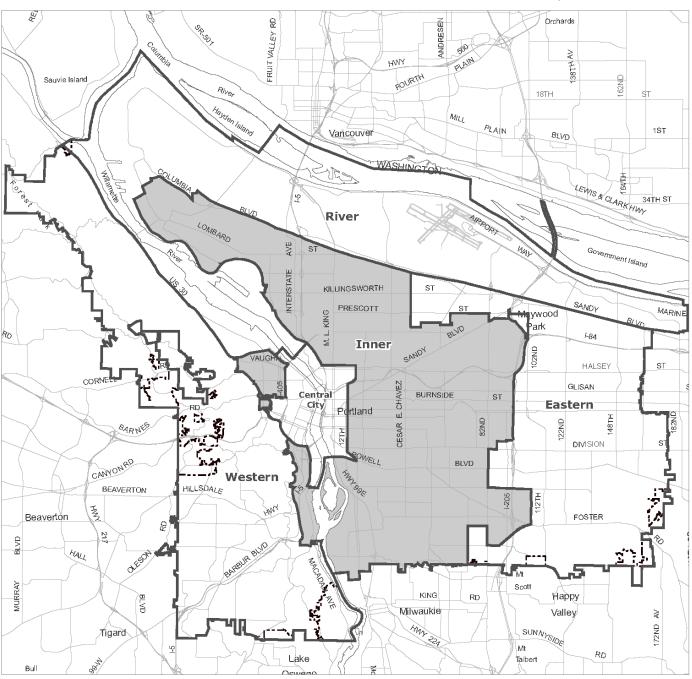
Civic Corridors where minimum 10-foot setbacks are required from street lot lines



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# **Pattern Areas**

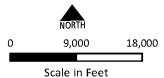
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Pattern Area Boundaries



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# **Civic and Neighborhood Corridors**

# Map 130-3

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