33.251 Manufactured Homes and Manufactured Dwelling Parks

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33.251.010 Purpose

This chapter provides standards that allow the placement of manufactured homes, mobile homes and manufactured dwelling parks in residential areas without changing the character of existing neighborhoods. These regulations promote additional housing options and provide locational opportunities for manufactured dwellings.

33.251.020 Manufactured Homes on Individual Lots

A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to allow affordable housing opportunities in structures whose appearance is similar to housing built to the Oregon Structural Specialty Code (the Uniform Building Code as amended by the State.)

B. Zones and types of manufactured homes allowed. Manufactured homes are allowed on individual lots as follows:

1. In all zones where houses are an allowed housing type;
2. In zones where cottage clusters are allowed, three to six manufactured homes may be allowed if they meet the provisions of this chapter;
3. In zones where multi-dwelling development is allowed, two to six manufactured homes may be allowed if they meet the provisions of this chapter; and
4. On individual lots in manufactured dwelling parks that were created under the provisions of Chapter 33.642.

C. Development standards. Manufactured homes must meet the development standards of the base zone, except on individual lots in manufactured dwelling parks that were created under the provisions of Chapter 33.642.

33.251.025 More Than One Manufactured Home on a Site

The following standards apply when more than one manufactured home is located on a site:

A. Two or three manufactured homes.

1. Two or three manufactured homes on a site may be regulated as primary and accessory dwelling units in zones that allow up to two accessory dwelling units, as a cottage cluster in zones that allow cottage clusters, or multi-dwelling development in zones that allow multi-dwelling development.

2. The manufactured homes are subject to the density and development standards that would apply to primary and accessory dwelling units, cottage clusters, or multi-dwelling development on the site.

3. On sites with a cottage cluster, the manufactured homes must be detached. On all other sites, the manufactured homes may be detached or may share common walls or ceilings with other manufactured homes on the site.

B. Four to six manufactured homes. Four to six manufactured homes on a site must meet one of the following standards:

1. Four to six manufactured homes on a site may be regulated as a cottage cluster in zones that allow cottage clusters or as multi-dwelling development in zones that allow multi-dwelling development. They are subject to the density and development standards that would apply to cottage clusters or multi-dwelling development on the site. On sites with a cottage cluster, the manufactured homes must be detached. On all other sites, the manufactured homes may be detached or may share common walls or ceilings with other manufactured homes on the site. The manufactured homes must also meet the standards of 33.251.020.D, above; or

2. Four to six manufactured homes on a site must meet the regulations of Section 33.251.030, Manufactured Dwelling Park Regulations.

C. Seven or more manufactured homes. Seven or more manufactured homes on a site must meet the regulations of Section 33.251.030, Manufactured Dwelling Park Regulations.

33.251.030 Manufactured Dwelling Park Regulations

A. Purpose. Manufactured dwelling parks are allowed in certain multi-dwelling residential zones to provide locational opportunities for manufactured dwellings. The manufactured dwelling park requirements provide standards for orderly development, adequate vehicle circulation, parking, pedestrian circulation, open areas, and landscaping.

B. Where these regulations apply. These regulations apply to all manufactured dwelling parks. For sites with four to six manufactured homes, an applicant may choose to meet the regulations of this section or the regulations of 33.251.025.B, above.

C. Zones allowed. Manufactured dwelling parks are allowed only in the RM1 and RMP zones. An exception is Historic Districts and Conservation Districts, where they are prohibited.

D. Uses allowed. In manufactured dwelling parks that have been divided under the provisions of Chapter 33.642, Household Living is an allowed use. All other uses are prohibited.

E. Density. The maximum density allowed in a manufactured dwelling park is that allowed by the base zone. In calculating density, the area of the whole park is included except public or private streets or driveways which serve four or more manufactured dwelling spaces.

F. Development Standards. Manufactured dwelling parks must meet the development standards of the base zone in addition to the standards of this section. Development standards are measured related to the property lines of the site, not the boundaries or dimensions of the individual manufactured dwelling space.

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G. Types of structures allowed.

1. All types of manufactured dwellings are allowed in manufactured dwelling parks.

2. In manufactured dwelling parks that have been divided under the provisions of Chapter 33.642, Land divisions of Manufactured Dwelling Parks, residential structure types other than manufactured dwellings are prohibited.

H. General park requirements.

1. Perimeter landscape area. A 10-foot deep area landscaped to at least the L1 standard must be provided around the perimeter of the manufactured dwelling park. Vehicle areas, including driveways and parking areas, must meet the perimeter landscaping requirements in Section 33.266.130.G.

2. Individual outdoor areas. An individual area landscaped to at least the L1 standard or surfaced with pavers or decking is required for each manufactured dwelling space. The minimum size is 48 square feet. The minimum dimension is 6 feet. The individual outdoor area must be placed on or adjacent to each manufactured dwelling space. Common outdoor areas, as required by Paragraph 3, below, may not be counted towards meeting this requirement.

3. Common outdoor areas.

   a. Generally. A common outdoor area of 2,500 square feet in area or 100 square feet per unit, whichever is greater, is required. There may be more than one outdoor area and each must be at least 2,500 square feet. Required common open areas must be available for the use of all park residents. The open area(s) must be landscaped to at least the L1 standard or be developed as a playground for children, or a combination of both options.

   b. Exemption. A manufactured dwelling park that does not accommodate children who are under 14 years of age does not have to meet this requirement if the property owner executes a covenant with the City of Portland specifying that the manufactured dwellings will not accommodate children under 14 years of age. The covenant must comply with the requirements of 33.700.060, Covenants with the City.

4. Trees. The City Forester may require trees along all public or private streets and driveways which serve two or more manufactured dwelling spaces, within a manufactured dwelling park as provided in 20.40, Street Tree and Other Public Tree Regulations.

5. Other structures. Other structures within the manufactured dwelling park for uses accessory to the operation of the manufactured dwelling park, such as laundries, storage, garages, park offices, and recreational facilities are allowed and are subject to the site development regulations of the base zone. Any accessory use that draws its trade from outside the park is prohibited. These structures may not be located within common outdoor areas.

I. Vehicle and pedestrian circulation and parking.

1. Vehicle areas, access, and circulation.

   a. Access and circulation within the manufactured dwelling park may be provided by streets, public or private, or driveways. All public streets must be approved by the City Engineer. All private streets, private alleys, and driveways must meet the standards of the Oregon Manufactured Dwelling and Park Specialty Code for Manufactured Dwelling Parks, which supersede the requirements of this Title. Circulation plans for manufactured dwelling parks must be approved by the Fire Bureau and Bureau of Transportation.

   b. Vehicle areas. Where the site abuts a street that is not part of the site, the standard of 33.266.130.C.3.a must be met.

2. Pedestrian circulation.

   a. A pedestrian circulation system must connect each space with the internal street or driveway system, to other areas of the site, such as parking areas, recreational areas, and to adjacent streets.

   b. The pedestrian circulation system must be at least 4 feet wide and hard-surfaced. Where the pedestrian system crosses driveways or parking areas, it 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. 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. The on-site pedestrian circulation system must be lighted to a level where the system can be used at night by residents.

3. Parking. Parking must be provided in conformance with the parking regulations of the Oregon Manufactured Dwelling and Park Specialty Code for Manufactured Dwelling Parks, which supersede the requirements of this Title.

J. Individual manufactured dwelling space requirements. Spaces for manufactured dwellings must be a minimum of 30 feet in width and a minimum of 40 feet in depth.

K. Nonconforming manufactured dwelling parks. Existing manufactured dwelling parks may be subject to the regulations of Chapter 33.258, Nonconforming Uses and Development. Listed below are situations where the manufactured dwelling park is given nonconforming status.

1. Existing manufactured dwelling parks in E and I zones, except the EX zone, are nonconforming uses because residential uses are not allowed.

2. Existing manufactured dwelling parks may have nonconforming densities and development depending on the standards of the base zone. In a manufactured

dwelling park that is nonconforming in minimum residential density, there may be a net decrease in the number of manufactured dwelling units, but there may not be a net decrease in the number of manufactured dwelling spaces, unless the decrease in spaces is the result of meeting the Oregon Manufactured Dwelling and Park Specialty Code for Manufactured Dwelling Parks.

3. Existing manufactured dwelling parks in the RM1 and RMP zones may have nonconforming densities and/or development depending on individual situations.

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