

6a. Staff Report - Townhouse Design Standards Code Update

Planning Commission Meeting Date: September 5, 2019

Agenda Item: 6a

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Townhouse Design Standards Code Update Discussion #2
DEPARTMENT: Planning & Community Development
PRESENTED BY: Catie Lee, AICP, Associate Planner

Public Hearing
 Discussion

Study Session
 Update

Recommendation Or
 Other

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this study session is to:

- Summarize participation and feedback at the August 1, 2019 public workshop;
- Summarize feedback at the August 1, 2019 Planning Commission meeting (study session #1);
- Present options for revised Townhouse Design standards;
- Ask for direction on options for certain Townhouse Design standards;
- Respond to questions regarding the proposed Townhouse Design standards; and
- Gather public comment.

This is the second Planning Commission discussion for the proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code update. At the August 1st meeting, staff made a presentation on the proposed amendments and the Commission provided feedback.

BACKGROUND

Research was conducted by City staff earlier this year that looked at the zoning code of 22 jurisdictions in the Pacific Northwest. City staff met with internal and external stakeholders in a series of nine (9) meetings from January to June this year. An online visual preference survey was open the month of April that received 534 total responses. A summary of the research, meetings held, and survey were included with the staff report and attachments at the August 1, 2019 meeting which can be found here: <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=44616>.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

On August 1, 2019 before the Planning Commission meeting, a public workshop was held. City staff made a presentation after which the meeting divided into two smaller groups to discuss site design and building design. Ten (10) community members were

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in attendance. City staff and several Planning Commissioners also attended the workshop.

The staff presentation from the meeting is available on the project webpage:

<http://www.shorelinewa.gov/home/showdocument?id=44750>

Please see Attachment A – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments for specific information on each SMC referenced below.

Site Design Group

Facilitators: Commissioner Lin and Caleb Miller (Associate Planner)

- Feedback on proposed building orientation requirement (SMC 20.50.160(C)).
- Feedback on outdoor space requirements (SMC 20.50.160(H)).
- Feedback on landscaping requirements (SMC 20.50.485 and 20.50.490).

See the section of this report on staff analysis and code options for more details on feedback received.

Building Design Group

Facilitators: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Maul and Catie Lee (Associate Planner)

- Feedback on proposed covered entry requirement (SMC 20.50.170(B)(1)).
- Feedback on increased building modulation requirements (SMC 20.50.170(B)(2)).
- Other comments: One person lives across the street from MUR-35' zone and was concerned about a building of that height (35 feet) across the street from their one-story house.

See the section of this report on staff analysis and code options for more details on feedback received.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

On August 1, 2019 the Planning Commission held a study session (#1) on this item. City staff made a presentation. The Commission raised concerns about the following proposed sections:

Please see Attachment A – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments for specific information on each SMC referenced below.

- SMC 20.50.160(C) Site Configuration
- SMC 20.50.160(D) Site Access and Circulation
- SMC 20.50.160(H) Outdoor Space
- SMC 20.50.485 Front façade landscaping, single-family attached and mixed single-family attached developments – Standards.

See the next section of this report for more details on feedback received.

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STAFF ANALYSIS AND CODE LANGUAGE OPTIONS

In the next section, staff has responded to the issues raised by the community and Commission regarding the proposed code amendments. Staff has provided analysis of that feedback and options to address each concern. City staff is looking for direction on each concern itemized below.

Concern 1: SMC 20.50.160(C) Site Configuration

Proposed Language: At least 40 percent of units within a site shall be located between the property line and a 25-foot distance from the property line to create a “street wall” which enhances the streetscape and overall pedestrian experience.

Community and Commission Feedback

- Commission Comments:
 - Concern that the requirement is conflicting with increased density desired in the MUR-35’ and MUR-45’ zoning districts. The specific example used was a typical 7,200 square foot lot that is only 60 feet wide, to adhere to the proposed requirement that 40% of the units be within 25 feet of the front property line, a third unit could not be added.
 - Potential solutions from the Commission:
 - Decreasing the requirement to 30%, perhaps only on lots of a certain size and/or width.
 - Requiring that other than an access drive, the rest of the site frontage must be units.
 - The Commission wants to know the design ramifications of decreasing the requirement to 30%.
- Site Design Group Comments (Workshop):
 - The requirement for 40% of units oriented to the street is too low, but also recognizes a higher percentage may be impractical.
 - The requirement may be too restrictive on narrow lots and suggested the requirement should relate to lot width.
 - The requirement is better socially and aesthetically—being part of the neighborhood.
 - Concern about neighbors overlooking their backyard and lack of privacy, for example a balcony on the second or third story of a townhouse overlooking their backyard.
 - Question about how the requirement would apply on corner lots.

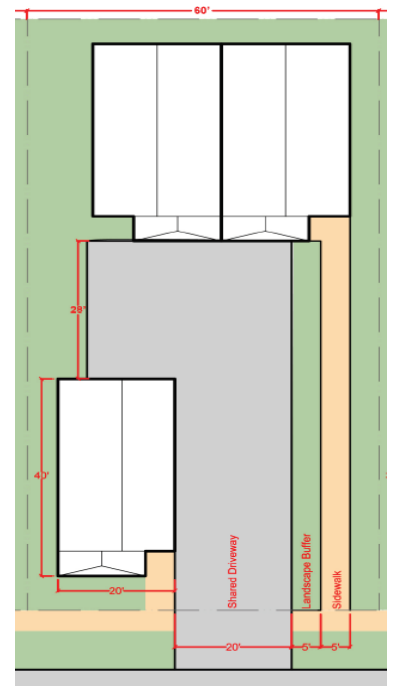
Options and Analysis

- Background:
 - There are approximately 315 parcels in the MUR-35’ zone.
 - Parcel size data is easily obtained:
 - Average lot size is 8,325 sf.
 - Median lot size is 8,169 sf.
 - Parcel width data is not easily obtained, three blocks (68 parcels) were used in the following data:
 - Average lot width is 75 feet.

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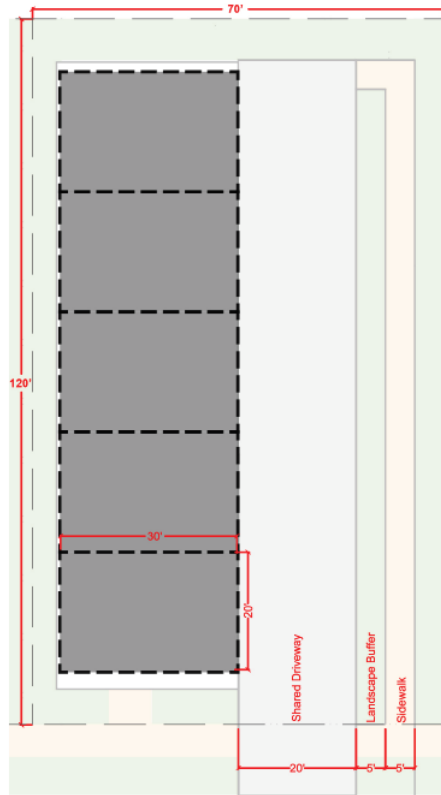
- Median lot width is 70 feet.
 - There are approximately 433 parcels in the MUR-45' zone.
 - Parcel size data is easily obtained:
 - Average lot size is 9,437 sf.
 - Median lot size is 8,110 sf.
 - Parcel width data is not easily obtained, three blocks (81 parcels) were used in the following data:
 - Average lot width is 70 feet.
 - Median lot width is 60 feet.
- Staff assumption: Lot area is not the factor that would make it difficult to meet the 40% provision on a lot, it is really the width of the lot since the requirement relates to frontage.
- Options:
 - *Option 1.* Keep original 40% language but add the following exception: On lots 60 feet wide or less, at least 30 percent of units within a site shall be located between the property line and a 25-foot distance from the front property line.
 - *Option 2.* Move away from a percentage and re-write the provision: Buildings shall be located to create a “street wall” which enhances the streetscape and overall pedestrian experience. Except for vehicular access that meets the requirements of the Engineering Development Manual and the Development Code, buildings shall fill the lot frontage. All units with frontage shall be oriented to the public right(s)-of-way.
- Analysis:
 - *Option 1.* Assuming a single mid-block lot that is 60 feet wide, and the other code provisions that are proposed (e.g., landscaping, walkway) and current setbacks, it is not possible to get more than three (3) units on a lot this width and meet a 30% requirement.
 - 60 feet wide minus 5' landscaping on each side minus 20' access drive minus 4' walkway = 26 feet, this is only enough width for one unit (most developers are not building 13' wide units in Shoreline).
 - **Result:** This will only allow three (3) units to be built on lots 60' wide or less, unless the units are very skinny (13' wide or less).
 - *Option 2. Result:* If the proposal is a single mid-block lot, this will end up looking like the perpendicular buildings we've seen built recently, except the end unit facing the street will be oriented towards the street instead of the side. On lots with more frontage and/or assemblage of multiple lots this will result in more of the frontage being filled with buildings with units oriented to the street.

Option 1 Site Plan Result



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Option 2 Site Plan Result



Option 2 Photo Example Result

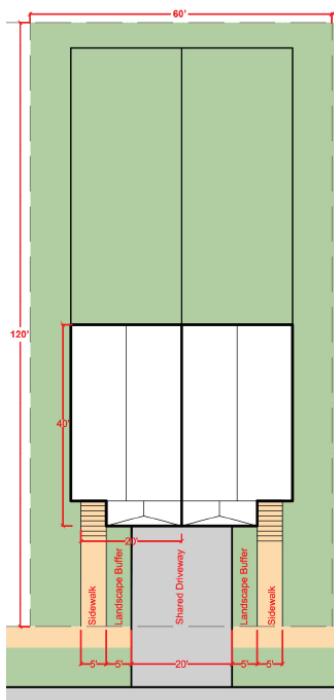


Option 2 Photo Example Result



- **Keep Original 40% Language. Result:** It will not allow redevelopment of single mid-block lots with more than two (2) units. To get more than two (2) units multiple lots will need to be assembled for a development to occur.

Keep Original Site Plan Result



Keep Original Photo Example Result



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Concern 2: SMC 20.50.160(D) Site Access and Circulation

Proposed Language: See pages 10-11 of **Attachment A** – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments.

Community and Commission Feedback

- Commission Comment: Concern that language on pedestrian connection for each unit is not clear enough to address a site layout where buildings are located in the rear of a lot.
- Site Design Group Comments (Workshop) had no comments on this item. (Staff did not ask for feedback on this particular item.)

Options and Analysis

- Staff is proposing the following language to clarify the requirement: For buildings that do not front on the public right(s)-of-way, this requirement shall be considered met if pedestrian access is provided from a public sidewalk to the building(s).
- This language is proposed to be added to the end of #4 and #5(a).

Concern 3: SMC 20.50.160(H) Outdoor Space

Proposed Language: See pages 16-18 of **Attachment A** – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments.

Community and Commission Feedback

- Commission Concerns:
 - Concern that there is no minimum lineal dimension for outdoor space.
 - Concern that larger developments are not required to provide both private and common outdoor space.
- Site Design Group Comments (Workshop):
 - There could be different ratios for different zoning districts. For example, making the requirement higher in the MUR-35' zones and lower for zoning districts that allow more density.
 - Large retained trees could take away from usable outdoor space.
 - Support for the option to provide either private or common outdoor space.

Options and Analysis – Minimum Lineal Dimension on Private Outdoor Space

- Background:
 - Research of other jurisdictions show that five (5) out of the 22 jurisdictions researched have outdoor space standards specific to the townhouse building type. All have a minimum lineal dimension, although many of them assume it will be ground level open space and not items such as porches and balconies. The minimum lineal dimensions are:
 - Bellingham: Five (5) feet
 - Eugene, OR: Fourteen (14) feet
 - Issaquah: Eight (8) feet by six (6) feet

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- Seatac: Ten (10) feet (ground open space); Six (6) feet by ten (10) feet (deck, porch, balcony, patio)
- Tukwila: Ten (10) feet
- Wood building materials come in two (2) foot intervals.
- Options:
 - *Option 1.* Set the minimum dimension at four (4) feet.
 - Analysis: This approach makes sense given that wood building materials come in two (2) foot intervals. One developer stated that four (4) feet is a typical dimension for a deck.
 - *Option 2.* Set the minimum dimension at six (6) feet.
 - Analysis: This approach makes sense given that wood building materials come in two (2) foot intervals. Six (6) feet may make more sense than four (4) feet because it provides more usable space (e.g., space to place two chairs), but would reduce interior living space, making the units less desirable to families with more than two people.

Proposal and Analysis – Requiring Private and Common Outdoor Space on Larger Developments

- Proposal: Require both private and common outdoor space on lots with ten (10) or more units.
 - Analysis: Staff is only proposing one option to address this concern. The Development Code has existing subdivision regulations that state nine (9) or fewer lots is a short subdivision and ten (10) or more lots is a formal subdivision. So it makes sense to align this requirement with this existing framework.

Concern 4: SMC 20.50.170(B)(1)

Proposed Language: Each unit shall have a covered entry or porch with weather protection at least 30 square feet with no dimension less than five lineal (5) feet.

Community and Commission Feedback

- Commission had no comments on this item.
- Building Design Group Comments (Workshop):
 - There needs to be room for two (2) people to stand so they are covered and can stay out of the rain. The group felt like the proposed 30 square feet with no dimension less than five (5) was adequate in meeting that purpose.

Proposal and Analysis

- Proposal: Change from minimum dimension of five (5) feet to a minimum width of six (6) feet and minimum depth of four (4) feet.
 - Analysis: Because of the Planning Commission feedback to provide a minimum lineal dimension for private outdoor space, staff reexamined the minimum lineal dimension for weather protection at the entry. Because wood building materials come in two (2) foot intervals, it makes more sense to have an even number requirement. The intent is to have enough weather

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protection for two people. Measuring this out, the minimum width needed is five (5) feet and minimum depth is four (4) feet. Since five (5) is an odd number, staff is proposing six (6) feet.

Concern 5: SMC 20.50.170(B)(2)

Proposed Language: See pages 22-23 of **Attachment A** – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments.

Community and Commission Feedback

- Commission had no comments on this item.
- Site Design Group Comments (Workshop):
 - Another option should be added to the list, if a development includes material and color change, it should count towards this requirement.
 - Three (3) seemed too low and would like to see front facades of buildings meet at least four (4) of the options listed.

Options and Analysis

- Background:
 - Of the jurisdictions researched none of them require a certain number of materials or colors be used. Several of them do require windows to be accented with trim. Adding trim to the list of options would result in a color change.
- Options:
 - *Option 1.* Leave the requirement as proposed to meet at least three (3) of the techniques listed, and add in new option for providing trim on roof lines, windows and doors.
 - *Option 2.* Increase the requirement from three (3) to four (4) techniques listed, and add in new option for providing trim on roof lines, windows and doors.
 - *Analysis:* It is a difficult balance in writing these requirements. The goal is to require enough techniques be used to break up the boxiness of a building and add visual interest, but not so many as to result in a “tacked on” appearance. One concern with increasing the requirement is that it could result in this tacked on appearance. Not to say this will be the result—certainly four techniques can be used that still employ a unified architectural design. It entirely depends on the skill on the designer.

Concern 6: SMC 20.50.485 and 20.50.490 Landscaping

Proposed Language: See pages 31-33 of **Attachment A** – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments.

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Community and Commission Feedback

- Commission concern that on lots with a zero (0) front yard setback, the proposal is not requiring that landscaping be provided.
- Potential solution from the Commission:
 - Require that some landscaping is provided for a portion of the area next to a unit entry.
- Site Design Group Comments (Workshop):
 - Concern about long-term maintenance of landscaping.
 - Requiring landscaping is important.

Proposal and Analysis

- Proposal (add the following provision): If a property has a required setback of zero (0) feet, landscaping shall be provided at a depth of at least four (4) feet and width at least 30 percent of the unit width. The required landscaping shall abut the entry. For example, if the unit width is 20 feet, the landscaping next to the entry shall be a minimum of six (6) feet wide.
 - Analysis: This proposal ensures some landscaping is provided but would not result in a de-facto front setback of four (4) feet. Four (4) feet is proposed again because wood building materials come in two (2) foot intervals.

OTHER CHANGES IN THE DRAFT SINCE AUGUST 1, 2019 MEETING

Ongoing internal review and discussions among staff have resulted in the following additional proposed changes:

- Add definition of street wall. This term is used in the proposed SMC 20.50.160(C) *Site Configuration* so staff is proposing a definition for clarity.
- Amend proposal under 20.50.160(D)(2) from “the Public Works Director” to “the Engineering Development Manual or, if no standard is provided, the standard detail required by the Public Works Director.” This clarification recognizes that the EDM does not currently contain such a detail, but will in the March 1, 2020 update, and avoids an unnecessary future code amendment once the standard is in the EDM.
- Amend proposal under 20.50.170(A)(2) from “Buildings with frontage on multiple public rights-of-way shall have at least one (1) entry oriented towards each public right-of-way.” to “Buildings with frontage on multiple public rights-of-way are only required to have the primary entry oriented towards one public right-of-way. Which right-of-way the entry shall be oriented towards shall be determined by the Director. The Director shall take into consideration site-specific and project-specific factors such as right-of-way classification, lot orientation and site configuration in making this determination.”
- Amend Table 20.70.450 *Access Types and Widths* to require larger townhouse developments (10 or more units) to provide private or public streets, instead of the multifamily access type which is the current requirement. The Engineering Development Manual (EDM) contains the standards for private streets, which are currently 20 feet wide with a five-foot raised sidewalk provided on one side of the street. The minimum width of the access, 20 feet, is the same for private street and

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multifamily, the only difference being the requirement of a five-foot wide sidewalk on one side of a private street.

FEEDBACK ON PROPOSED CODE ILLUSTRATIONS

Staff is seeking feedback from the Commission on **Attachment B**, which are illustrations to be included with the code amendments. The illustrations were produced by the City's consultant on this project, LMN Architects.

The illustrations, including code language cited, have not been updated since the August 1, 2019 Planning Commission meeting in awareness of the project's budget. Once the Commission has provided feedback on the illustrations, staff will direct the consultant to update the illustrations to match revised code, which will be included at the October 3, 2019 Planning Commission Public Hearing.

The proposed illustrations include:

- Diagrams of vehicle access options (proposed SMC 20.50.160(B) and (D))
- Diagrams of site configuration, i.e., 40% requirement (proposed SMC 20.50.160(C))
- Diagrams and pictures of pedestrian access options (proposed SMC 20.50.160(D))
- Diagrams of solid waste standards (proposed SMC 20.50.160(E))
- Diagrams and pictures of utility and mechanical standards (proposed SMC 20.50.160(G))
- Diagrams and pictures of open space types (proposed SMC 20.50.160(H))
- Diagrams and pictures of building modulation, massing and articulation standards (proposed SMC 20.50.170(B))
- Pictures of building material standards (proposed SMC 20.50.170(C))
- Diagrams of landscaping standards (proposed SMC 20.50.485 and 20.50.490)

Staff has the following questions for the Commission when reviewing the proposed illustrations:

- Does each diagram or picture help explain the proposed code standard?
- Are there ways a diagram could be improved to better illustrate the proposed standard?
- Are there any proposed code provisions that are not included that you would like a diagram to better illustrate the standard?

NEXT STEPS

The Townhouse Design Standards Development Code amendments schedule is as follows:

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October 3	Planning Commission Public Hearing
November 4	City Council Study Session
December 9	City Council Adoption of Development Code Amendments

Attachments

Attachment A – Proposed Townhouse Design Standards Development Code Amendments (Strikethrough and Underline Copy, New Language/Options in Highlighter)

Attachment B – Proposed Development Code Illustrations (Based on Original Proposed Code)

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20.20.012 B definitions.

Balcony A projecting platform on a building that is either supported from below or cantilevered from the structure; enclosed with a railing or balustrade.

Balcony, Juliet A false balcony, or railing at the outer plane of a window-opening reaching to the floor, and having, when the window is open, the appearance of a balcony.

20.20.018 E definitions.

Entry Means a door where a person enters a building.

20.20.020 F definitions.

Fenestration The design and placement of windows, doors and other exterior openings in a building. Garage doors are not considered fenestration.

20.20.032 L definitions.

Living Green Wall A vertical garden that is attached to the exterior of a building and has a growing medium, such as soil, water or a substrate. Most green walls include an integrated water delivery system.

20.20.034 M definitions.

Mixed Single-Family Attached Development A residential development where at least 70 percent of the dwelling units are single-family attached units with the remaining single-family detached units.

20.20.046 S definitions.

Shared-space A street that facilitates pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular traffic within a shared space. They typically lack separate pavement and include a variety of surface treatments, bollards, lighting, and landscaping to define a shared space. They are also known as a woonerf, home zone, or living street.

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Street wall A wall or portion of a wall of a building facing a public right-of-way that frames the public realm, creating a sense of enclosure for pedestrians.

20.20.050 U definitions.

Unit Lot Development A residential development that contains single-family attached building(s) or single-family attached structure(s) wherein each building or structure is defined as one building or one structure pursuant to the International Building Code, the International Fire Code, and National Electrical Code.

Unit Lot Development (ULD) Subdivision

A unit lot development subdivision (also known as a “fee simple lot”) is the subdivision of land for single-family detached and/or attached dwelling units, such as townhouses, rowhouses, or other single-family attached dwellings, in the form of unit lot development, mixed single-family attached development, or zero lot line development or any combination of the above types of single-family attached dwelling units in all zones in which these uses are permitted.

20.20.060 Z definitions.

Zero Lot Line Development A development that contains building(s) configured The location of a building on a lot in such a manner that one or more of the building’s sides rest directly on a lot line.

20.30.410 Preliminary subdivision review procedures and criteria.

The short subdivision may be referred to as a short plat – Type B action.

The formal subdivision may be referred to as long plat – Type C action.

B. Review Criteria. The following criteria shall be used to review proposed subdivisions:

4. Unit Lot Subdivision Development.

- a. The provisions of this subsection apply exclusively to unit lot developments for single-family attached dwelling units, mixed single-family

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attached development, or zero lot line developments ~~in all zones in which these uses are permitted.~~

b. Unit lot, mixed single-family attached, and zero lot line developments may be subdivided into individual unit lots. The development as a whole shall meet the applicable development standards ~~applicable at the time the permit application is vested.~~

c. As a result of the subdivision, development on individual unit lots may modify standards in SMC 20.50.020, Exception 2.

d. Access easements, joint use and maintenance agreements, and covenants, conditions and restrictions identifying the rights and responsibilities of the property owner(s) and/or the homeowners' association shall be executed for the use and maintenance of common garage, parking and vehicle access areas; solid waste storage and/or collection area(s); on-site recreation; landscaping; underground utilities; common open space; exterior building facades and roofs of individual units; and other similar features, and shall be recorded with the King County Recorder's Office. These shall be recorded prior to final plat application or shown on the face of the final plat.

e. Within the parent lot ~~or overall site~~, required parking for a dwelling unit may be provided on a different unit lot than the lot with the dwelling unit, as long as the right to use that parking is formalized by an easement set forth on the face of the plat, ~~to be recorded with King County Records and Licensing Services Division.~~

f. The final plat shall note all conditions of approval. The final plat shall also note that unit lots are is not a separate buildable lots independent of the overall development, and that additional development of the individual unit lots may be limited as a result of the application of development standards to the parent lot ~~and shall be noted on the plat, to be recorded with King County Records and Licensing Services Division.~~

g. For unit lot development, ~~t~~The applicant shall record a covenant on the plat that states, "These units will be considered individual units and part of one structure that cannot be segregated from one another. A unit lot development is defined as one building or one structure in the International Building Code and International Fire Code and National Electrical Code."

20.50.020 Dimensional requirements.

A. Table 20.50.020(1) – Densities and Dimensions in Residential Zones.

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Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.

Residential Zones								
STANDARDS	R-4	R-6	R-8	R-12	R-18	R-24	R-48	TC-4
Base Density: Dwelling Units/Acre	4 du/ac	6 du/ac (7)	8 du/ac	12 du/ac	18 du/ac	24 du/ac	48 du/ac	Based on bldg. bulk limits
Min. Density	4 du/ac	4 du/ac	4 du/ac	6 du/ac	8 du/ac	10 du/ac	12 du/ac	Based on bldg. bulk limits
Min. Lot Width (2)	50 ft	50 ft	50 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	N/A
Min. Lot Area (2) (13)	7,200 sq ft	7,200 sq ft	5,000 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	N/A
Min. Front Yard Setback (2) (3) (14)	20 ft	20 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft
Min. Rear Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	15 ft	15 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Min. Side Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft min.	5 ft min.	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Base Height (9)	30 ft (35 ft with pitched roof)	30 ft (35 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof) (16)	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof) (8) (16)	35 ft (16)
Max. Building Coverage (2) (6)	35%	35%	45%	55%	60%	70%	70%	N/A
Max. Hardscape (2) (6)	45%	50%	65%	75%	85%	85%	90%	90%

Table 20.50.020(2) – Densities and Dimensions in Mixed Use Residential Zones.

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Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.

STANDARDS	MUR-35'	MUR-45'	MUR-70' (10)
Base Density: Dwelling Units/Acre	N/A	N/A	N/A
Min. Density	12 du/ac (17)	18 du/ac	48 du/ac
Min. Lot Width (2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Min. Lot Area (2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Min. Front Yard Setback (2) (3)	0 ft if located on an arterial street 10 ft on nonarterial street 22 ft if located on 145th Street (15)	15 ft if located on 185th Street (15) 0 ft if located on an arterial street 10 ft on nonarterial street 22 ft if located on 145th Street (15)	15 ft if located on 185th Street (15) 22 ft if located on 145th Street (15) 0 ft if located on an arterial street 10 ft on nonarterial street (18)
Min. Rear Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Min. Side Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Base Height (9) (16)	35 ft	45 ft	70 ft (11) (12) (13)
Max. Building Coverage (2) (6)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Max. Hardscape (2) (6)	85%	90%	90%

Exceptions to Table 20.50.020(1) and Table 20.50.020(2):

(1) Repealed by Ord. 462.

(2) These standards may be modified to allow unit lot developments, mixed single-family attached developments and zero lot line and unit lot developments. Setback variations apply to internal lot lines only. Overall site must comply with setbacks, building coverage and hardscape limitations; limitations for individual lots may be modified.

20.50.040 Setbacks – Designation and measurement.

- I. Projections into Setback.
2. Fireplace structures, bay or garden windows, balconies (including Juliet balconies), enclosed stair landings, closets, or similar structures may project into required setbacks, except into any five-foot yard required setback, provided such projections are:
 - a. Limited to two per facade;
 - b. Not wider than 10 feet;
 - c. Not more than 24 inches into a side yard setback; or
 - d. Not more than 30 inches into a front and rear yard setback.
3. Eaves shall not project:
 - a. Into a required five-foot setback;
 - b. More than 36 inches into front and rear yard required setbacks.

Exception SMC 20.50.040(I)(3): When adjoining a legal, nonconforming eave, a new eave may project up to 20 percent into the required setback or may match the extent of the legal, nonconforming eave, whichever is less. Single-family attached and mixed single-family attached developments subject to Subchapter 3 may have eaves encroach up to 18-inches into a required five-foot setback.

Subchapter 3.

~~Multifamily and Single-Family Attached Residential Design~~

20.50.120 Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish standards for ~~multifamily and single-family attached and mixed single-family attached residential development, excluding lots proposing one (1) duplex building when one unit is located over the other unit, in all zones except R-4, R-6 and neighborhood business (NB), TC-4, PA 3, and R-8 through R-48 zones; the MUR-35' zone when located on a nonarterial street; and the MUR-45' zone when developing single-family attached dwellings.~~ All mixed single-family developments shall meet the design standards contained in this subchapter. Standards that are not addressed in this subchapter will be supplemented by the standards in the remainder of Chapter 20.50 SMC. In the event of a conflict, the standards of this subchapter shall prevail. The purpose of this subchapter are as follows:

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- A. To encourage development of attractive residential areas that are compatible when considered within the context of the surrounding area.
- B. To enhance the aesthetic appeal of new ~~multifamily residential~~ single-family attached buildings by encouraging high quality, creative and innovative site and building design.
- C. To meet the recreation needs of project residents by providing open spaces within the project site.
- ~~D. To establish a well-defined streetscape by setting back structures for a depth that allows landscaped front yards, thus creating more privacy (separation from the street) for residents.~~
- ~~E. To minimize the visual and surface water runoff impacts by encouraging parking to be located under the building.~~
- ~~F. To promote pedestrian accessibility within and to the buildings.~~
- D. To provide safe routes for pedestrians to onsite vehicle parking, building entries, and between buildings.
- E. To emphasize quality building articulation, detailing, and durable materials, which add visual interest for pedestrians.
- F. Encourage coordinated and functional elements of development, including buildings, landscaping, parking, site access and circulation, and outdoor space.

20.50.12230 Administrative design review.

Administrative design review approval under SMC 20.30.297 is required for all development applications that propose departures from the design standards contained in ~~SMC 20.50.140, 20.50.170 and 20.50.180~~ this subchapter.

20.50.12540 Thresholds – Required site improvements.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for full site improvement standards apply to a development application in ~~TC-4, PA 3, and R-8 through R-48 zones, the MUR-35' zone when located on a nonarterial street, and the MUR-45' zone when developing single-family attached dwellings~~ for single-family attached development and mixed single-family attached development. Full Ssite improvement standards of for signs, parking, lighting and landscaping shall be required:

- A. When building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or

B. When aggregate building construction valuations for issued permits, within any cumulative five-year period ~~after March 30, 2013~~, exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s) at the time of the first issued permit.

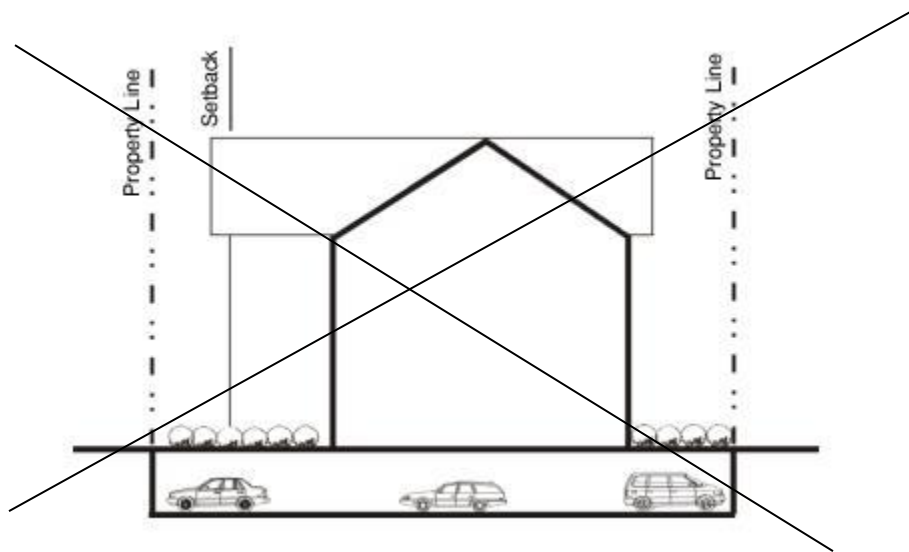
20.50.150 Overlapping Standards.

Site design standards for on-site landscaping, walkways, public access easements, and outdoor space may be overlapped if their separate, minimum dimensions and functions are not diminished.

20.50.130 Site planning – Setbacks – Standards.

~~For developments consisting of three or more dwelling units located on a single parcel, the setback shall be 15 feet along any property line abutting R-4 or R-6 zones.~~

~~Exception to 20.50.130(1): Underground parking may extend into required minimum yard setbacks, provided it is landscaped at the ground level.~~



~~Figure Exception to 20.50.130(1): Diagram of multifamily structure with underground parking within a required setback.~~

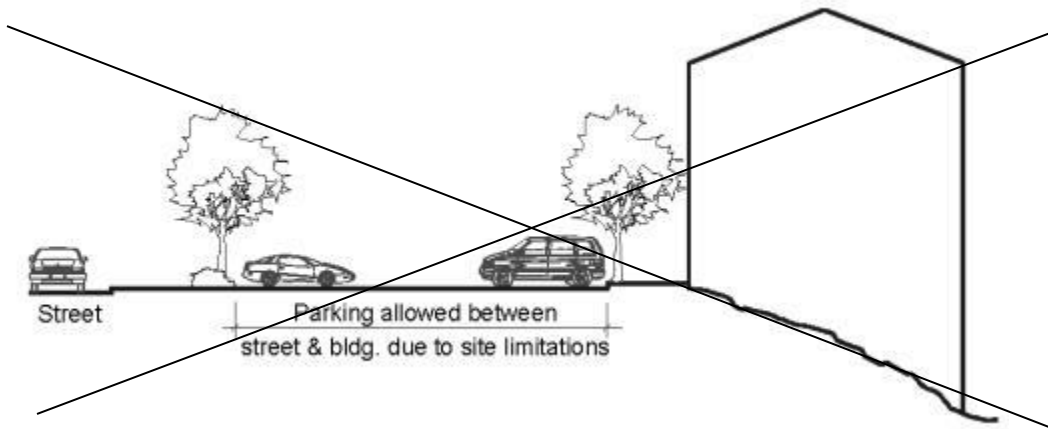
20.50.1640 Parking – Access and location Site Design – Standards.

A. ~~Provide access to parking areas from alleys where possible.~~ **Setbacks**
For developments consisting of three or more units located on a single parcel, the setback shall be 15 feet along any property line abutting R-4 or R-6 zones.

B. Parking

~~B1. For units with individual garages or carport units, at least 20 linear feet of driveway shall be provided between any garage, carport entrance and the property line abutting the street public right-of-way, measured along the centerline of the driveway.~~

~~G2. Above-ground Surface parking shall be located behind or to the side of buildings. Parking between the street property line and the building shall be allowed only when authorized by the Director due to physical limitations of the site.~~



~~Figure 20.50.140(C): Example of parking location between the building and the street, which is necessary due to the steep slope.~~

3. Carports are prohibited.

C. Site Configuration.

At least 40 percent of units within a site shall be located between the property line and a 25-foot distance from the front property line to create a “street wall” which enhances the streetscape and overall pedestrian experience.

Option 1

Exception: On lots 60 feet wide or less, at least 30 percent of units within a site shall be located between the front property line and a 25-foot distance from the property line.

Option 2 [Rewrite section]

Buildings shall be located to create a “street wall” which enhances the streetscape and overall pedestrian experience. Except for vehicular access that meets the requirements of the Engineering Development Manual and this Code, buildings shall fill the lot frontage. All units with frontage shall be oriented to the public right(s)-of-way.

D. Site Access and Circulation

1. Vehicle access requirements are contained in the Engineering Development Manual.

2. On lots with dead-end access drives with a length of 150 feet or greater, measured from the face of curb to the end of the access drive pavement, a turnaround facility shall be provided that meets the standard detail contained in the Engineering Development Manual or, if no standard is provided, the standard detail required by the Public Works Director.

3. If adjoining lots are being developed concurrently, and are under the same ownership, vehicle access points shall be consolidated. This requirement shall not apply to lots that do not have frontage on the same public right-of-way.

4. Each unit shall have onsite pedestrian access to a public sidewalk, and common outdoor space and common parking areas, if provided. For buildings that do not front on the public right(s)-of-way, this requirement shall be considered met if pedestrian access is provided from a public sidewalk to the building(s).

5. Onsite pedestrian access shall comply with one (1) of the following:

a. Onsite pedestrian access shall be raised, or otherwise separated from vehicular circulation, and a minimum of four (4) feet wide. Otherwise separated from vehicular circulation means (1) there is at least five (5) linear feet of landscaping between the closest edge of the vehicular circulation area and closest edge of the pedestrian access or (2) separation by a building. For buildings that do not front on the public right(s)-of-way, this requirement shall be considered met if pedestrian access is provided from a public sidewalk to the building(s); or

b. Pedestrian access shall be provided through shared-space with onsite vehicle circulation that complies with the following to clearly communicate to all users it is shared-space:

i. Traffic calming elements shall be located on both sides of the shared-space circulation and spaced no more than 25 feet apart. The shared-space circulation shall have at least one (1) of the following elements: trees that meet the minimum replacement tree size per SMC 20.50.360; raised planters a minimum height of three (3) feet and depth and width of two (2) feet; decorative bollards a minimum height of three (3) feet; or any other element the Director determines accomplishes the purpose;

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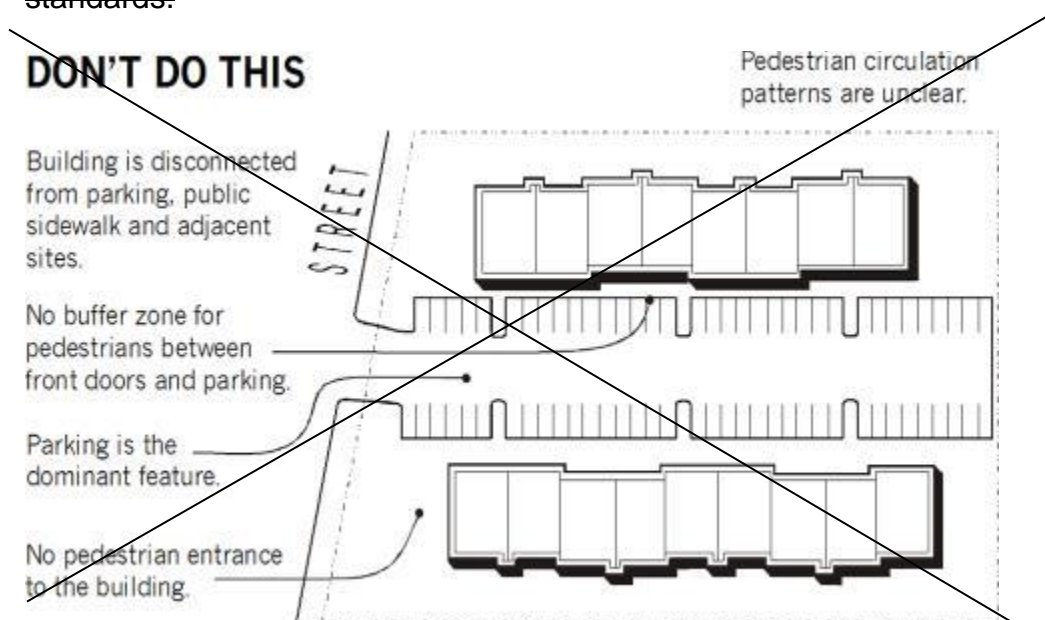
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ii. The entire shared-space circulation area shall be constructed with decorative concrete, paving blocks, bricks, or other ornamental paving treatments to clearly indicate the entire surface is intended for pedestrians as well as vehicles;

iii. The shared-space shall relate to the building(s) by having elements that allow for informal surveillance, including porches, stoops and balconies oriented towards the shared circulation space; and

iv. The shared-space circulation shall not result in a dead-end when abutting two or more public rights-of-way. It shall provide through access from one public right-of-way to a second public right-of-way.

D. ~~Avoid parking layouts that dominate a development. Coordinate siting of parking areas, pedestrian connections and open space to promote easily accessible, centrally located open space. Parking lots and access drives shall be lined on both sides with five-foot-wide walks and/or landscaping in addition to frontage and landscaping standards.~~



DO THIS

Building is integrated and connected with parking, public sidewalk and adjacent sites.

An attractive pedestrian courtyard is the dominant feature.

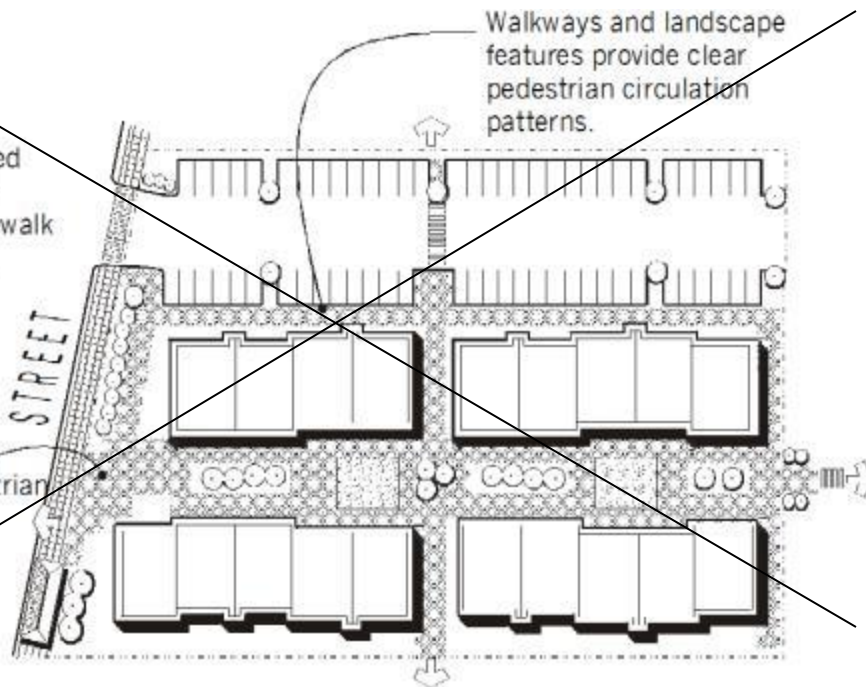
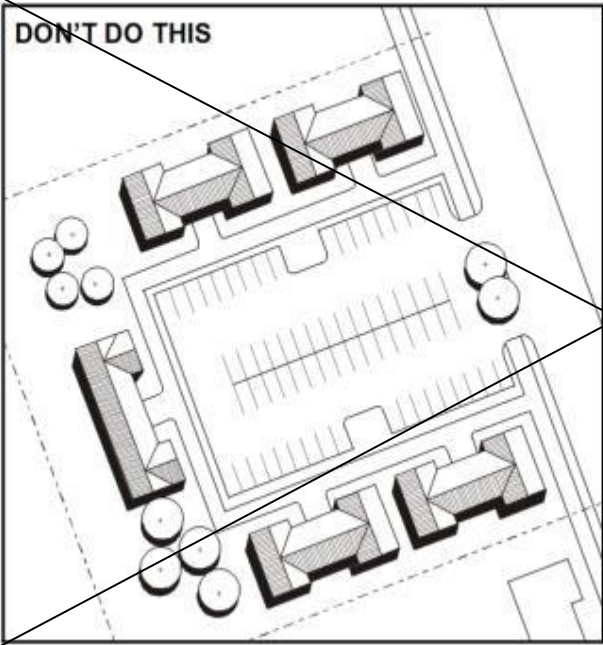


Figure 20.50.140(D): Avoid parking that dominates the site. Encourage parking located behind or on the side of buildings and common open space between buildings.

~~E. Break large parking areas into smaller ones to reduce their visual impact and provide easier access for pedestrians. Limit individual parking areas to no more than 30 parking spaces.~~

DON'T DO THIS



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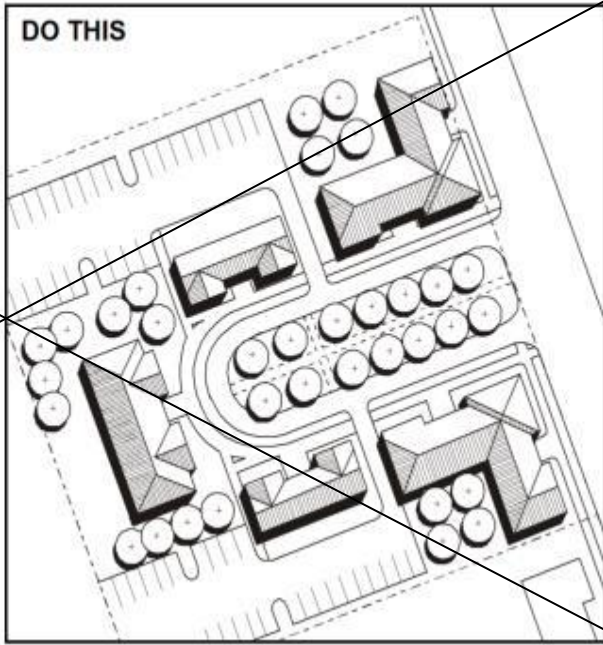


Figure 20.50.140(E): Examples of breaking up parking and siting it behind buildings. Such development creates an attractive open space and avoids the impact of a large central parking lot.

Exception to 20.50.140(E): Surface parking areas larger than 30 parking stalls may be allowed if they are separated from the street by a minimum 30-foot-wide landscaped buffer, and the applicant can demonstrate that a consolidated parking area produces a superior site plan.

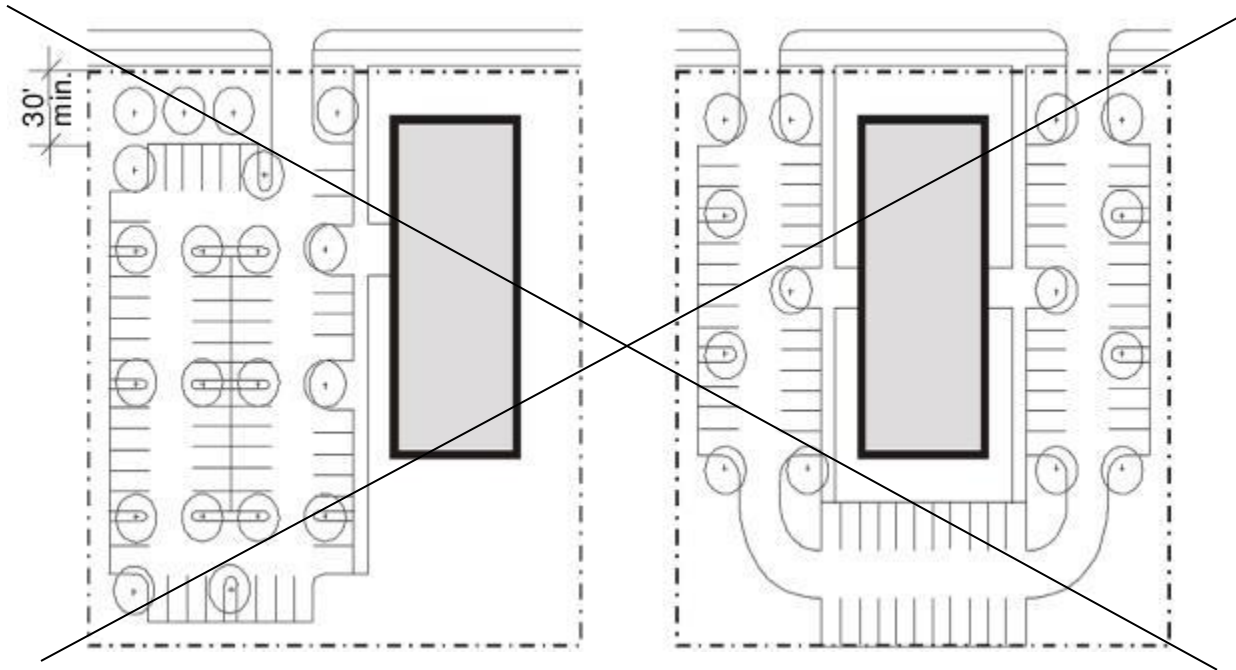


Figure Exception to 20.50.140(E): A consolidated parking scheme (left) with more than 30 spaces may be permitted if it is buffered from the street and produces improvements from a separated parking scheme (right), such as a better open space layout, fewer curb cuts, etc.

F. Minimize the impact of individual garage entrances where they face the street by limiting the curb cut width and visually separating the garage entrance from the street with landscaped areas. Emphasize pedestrian entrances in order to minimize the garage entrances.

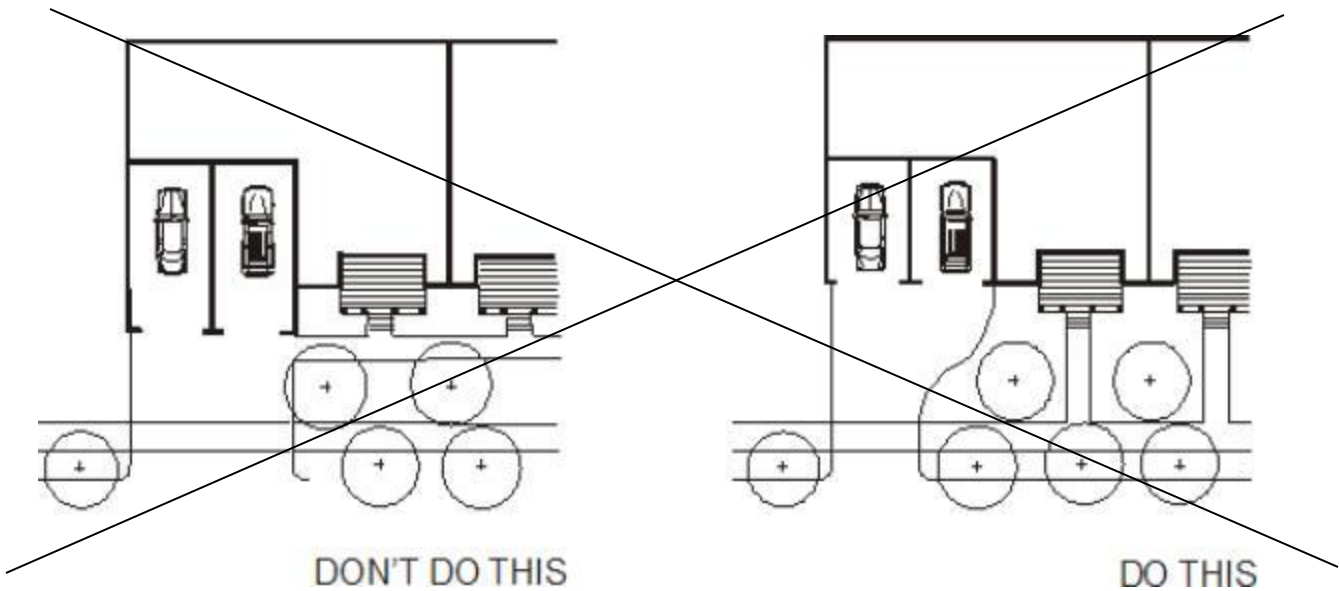


Figure 20.50.140(F), (G): Example of limiting the impact of garage entrances by building them flush with the facade, reducing their width, providing landscaping, and pedestrian access.

G. — Garages or carports either detached from or attached to the main structure shall not protrude beyond the front building facade.

20.50.150 E. Storage space and staging area for the collection of solid waste garbage, recyclables, and compostables – Standards.

Developments shall provide storage space for the collection of garbage, recyclables, and compostables consistent with the City's current authorized collection company as follows:

1. Developments with nine (9) or fewer units shall comply with one (1) of the following options for providing solid waste storage space and staging area:

a. If the storage space is provided in individual unit garages, the space shall be its own dedicated area and shall not overlap with space needed for required vehicle parking, and staging areas shall comply with one (1) of the following:

i. Solid waste bins shall be placed in the amenity zone if there is adequate area and placement does not conflict with above grade infrastructure or services, including, but not limited to fire hydrants, electrical poles, mailboxes, and street trees; or

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ii. Solid waste bins shall be placed within the front setback, provided the area needed to accommodate the bins does not preclude compliance with other codes and standards; or

iii. Solid waste bins shall be placed along one side of the access drive, provided placement does not interfere with vehicular access and circulation, and the City's solid waste purveyor provides written confirmation it will service the location of the bins.

b. If the storage space and staging area is provided in a common indoor trash room or room(s) or a common outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall comply with all the following:

i. Access to and maintenance of the trash room(s) or enclosure(s), and financial responsibility, shall be addressed in a Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions document to be recorded prior to development permit issuance;

ii. The City's solid waste purveyor provides written confirmation it will service the location of the trash room(s); and

iii. If the storage space is provided in an outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall be completely screened from pedestrian view from the public right(s)-of-way by a solid enclosure such as a fence or wall, or dense landscaping.

2. Developments with ten (10) or more units shall comply with one (1) of the following options for providing solid waste storage space and a staging area:

a. If the storage space is provided in the individual unit garages it shall be its own dedicated area and shall not overlap with space needed for required vehicle parking. Staging areas shall abut vehicle access drives, but shall not obstruct vehicle circulation, and shall comply with one (1) of the following:

i. The vehicle access shall not dead-end, but provide a through connection to a public right-of-way; or

ii. The site shall contain a turnaround that meets the standard detail required by the Public Works Director.

b. If the storage space and staging area is provided in a common indoor trash room or room(s), or in a common outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall comply with the following:

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i. Access to and maintenance of the trash room(s) or enclosure(s), and billing shall be addressed in a Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions document to be recorded prior to development permit issuance; and

ii. The City's solid waste purveyor provides written confirmation it will service the location of the trash room(s); and

iii. If the storage space is provided in an outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall be completely screened.

~~A. Garbage, recyclables, and compostables receptacles shall be completely stored inside or screened outside unit garages without obstructing parking or vehicle movements. Alternatively, receptacles can be placed in common containers that are completely screened and covered from weather and that meet the collection service requirements for access. Receptacle enclosures shall not be located between buildings that front on streets and rights-of-way.~~

BF. Accessory Structures.

~~1. Shipping containers are not allowed prohibited.~~

G. Utility and Mechanical Equipment

1. Mechanical and utility equipment shall be located and designed to minimize its visibility by the public. Preferred locations are off alleys; access drives; within, atop, or under buildings; underground; or other locations away from the public right-of-way. Equipment shall not intrude into required pedestrian areas.

2. Ground-mounted mechanical equipment shall be fully enclosed within an opaque fence or wall, or it shall be screened with dense landscaping from pedestrian view from the public right-of-way. Chain-link fencing with slats is prohibited.

3. All exterior building-mounted mechanical equipment, with the exception of solar collectors or wind power generating equipment, shall be screened from pedestrian view by integration with the building's architecture through such elements as parapet walls, false roofs, roof wells, clerestories, equipment rooms, materials and colors.

20.50.160 H. Open Outdoor space – Standards.

1. **Parcels with nine (9) or fewer units** shall comply with one (1) of the following requirements:

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a. Each unit shall have 150 square feet of private outdoor space that complies with all of the following standards:

i. No single outdoor space to be counted as part of this requirement shall be less than 50 square feet with no dimension less than

Option 1: four lineal (4) feet;

Option 2: six lineal (6) feet;

ii. Private outdoor space includes balconies, patios, decks, porches, gardens, or any other outdoor space that meets the purpose of this section, as approved by the Director; and

iii. The private outdoor space shall be directly accessible from the associated unit.

b. Each development shall provide a minimum of 800 square feet or 50 square feet per unit of common outdoor space, whichever is greater, that complies with all of the following standards:

i. No dimension shall be less than ten (10) lineal feet.

ii. Common outdoor space includes rooftop decks, gardens, courtyards, or any other outdoor space that meets the purpose of this section, as approved by the Director.

iii. Required landscaping can be utilized to satisfy the outdoor space requirements if all of the following are provided:

A. A minimum of one (1) amenity per 200 square feet is provided along the walkway through the garden/landscaped area, including landscape structures, permanently affixed tables and chairs, benches, and/or fountains;

B. The landscaped area is connected by a walkway to the rest of the onsite pedestrian walkways; and

C. Wayfinding signage is provided leading to the common outdoor space, and identification signage is provided at the entrance(s) to the common outdoor space indicating its use (e.g., "This area is common outdoor space to be used by community residents and guests.")

The common outdoor space shall be accessible to all residents of the development.

2. Parcels with ten (10) or more units shall comply with all of the following requirements:

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The common outdoor space shall be accessible to all residents of the development.

I. Façade Landscaping.

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As required by SMC 20.50.485, façade landscaping shall be provided on any building façade facing a public right-of-way.

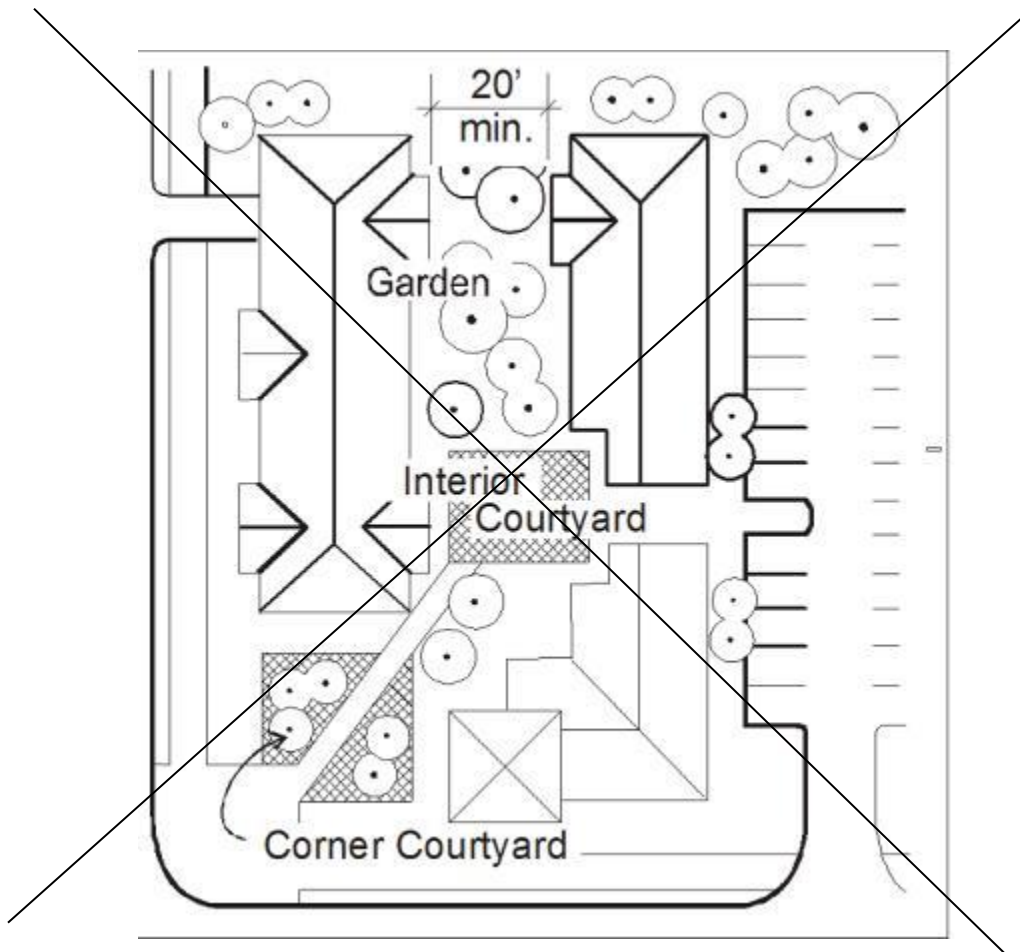
A. ~~Multifamily developments shall provide on-site common recreational open space areas as follows:~~

~~—Minimum 170 square feet per three or more bedrooms unit;~~

~~—Minimum 130 square feet per two bedrooms unit; and~~

~~—Minimum 100 square feet per studio or one bedroom unit.~~

~~—On-site recreational open space areas shall be centrally located, and visibly accessible from dwelling units and sited away from arterial streets and parking areas, with a grade and surface suitable for their intended use, and have a smallest dimension (width) of minimum 20 feet (except for trail segments).~~



~~Figure 20.50.160(A): Usable outdoor open space can be created by careful siting buildings and appropriate landscape design.~~

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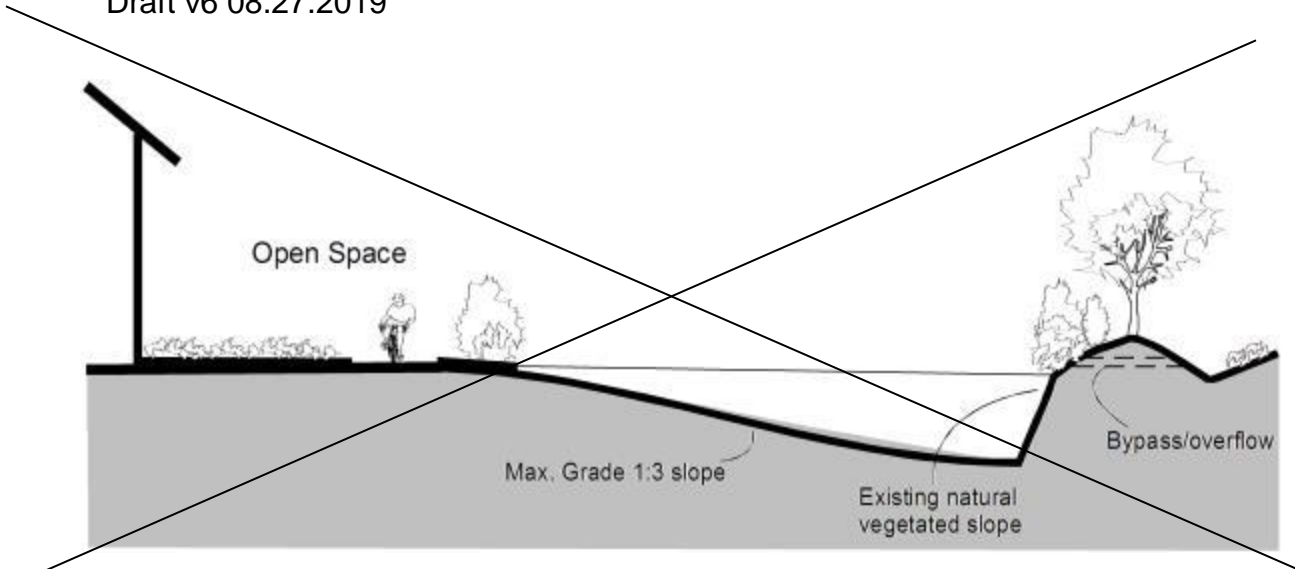
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~~Exception 20.50.160(A)(1): Indoor recreation areas may be credited towards the total recreation space requirement, when the City determines that such areas are located, designed and improved in a manner which provides suitable recreational opportunities. Senior and special needs housing may include social areas, game and craft rooms, and other multipurpose entertainment and educational areas as part of their required recreational space.~~

~~Exception 20.50.160(A)(2): Private yards, patios, balconies or roof decks may be credited towards the total recreation space requirement, when the City determines that such areas are located, designed and improved in a manner which provides suitable recreational opportunities. Private yards or patios shall have a minimum area of 100 square feet and a minimum dimension of 10 feet. Balconies and roof decks shall have a minimum area of 50 square feet and a minimum dimension of six feet.~~

~~Exception 20.50.160(A)(3): Stormwater runoff tracts may be credited for up to 50 percent of the on-site recreation space requirement, subject to the following criteria:~~

- ~~1. The stormwater runoff tract is dedicated or reserved as a part of a recreation space tract;~~
- ~~2. The detention pond shall be constructed to meet the following conditions:
 - ~~a. The side slope of the stormwater facilities shall not exceed grade 1:3 (one vertical to three horizontal) unless slopes are existing, natural and covered with vegetation,~~
 - ~~b. Any bypass system or an emergency overflow pathway shall be designed to handle flow exceeding the facility design and located so that it does not pass through active recreation areas or present a safety hazard,~~
 - ~~c. The stormwater facilities shall be landscaped in a manner to enhance passive recreation opportunities such as trails and aesthetic viewing, and~~
 - ~~d. The stormwater facilities shall be designed so they do not require fencing pursuant to the Stormwater Manual.~~~~



~~Figure Exception to 20.50.160(A)(2) and (3): Example of stormwater facility design which does not require fencing.~~

~~B.— All multifamily developments, excluding age restricted senior citizen housing, shall provide tot/children play areas within the recreation space on-site, except when facilities are available within one-quarter mile that are developed as public parks or playgrounds and are accessible without crossing of arterial streets.~~

~~—If any play apparatus is provided in the play area, the apparatus shall meet consumer product safety standards for equipment, soft surfacing and spacing, and shall be located in an area that is:~~

- ~~1.— At least 400 square feet in size with no dimension less than 20 feet; and~~
- ~~2.— Adjacent to main pedestrian paths or near building entrances.~~

~~C.— Recreation areas shall be connected by trail or walkway to any existing or planned public park, open space or trails on adjoining properties.~~

20.50.170 Pedestrian circulation and safety – Standards.

~~A.— Provide direct pedestrian access from building entries to public sidewalks, other buildings, on-site open space, and parking spaces. Connect buildings in multifamily complexes such as courtyard bungalows with sidewalks or paved paths. Illuminate these areas with at least two-foot-candles-of light.~~

~~B.— Avoid site configurations with entrapment areas such as dead-end exterior spaces or pathways where a pedestrian could be trapped by an aggressor.~~

~~C.— Ensure that the site and buildings provides site lines that allow observation of outdoor spaces by building occupants. Site buildings so that windows, balconies and entries overlook pedestrian routes and parking areas and allow for informal surveillance of these areas, where possible.~~

D.—Ensure that building entries are visible from the street or, if this is not possible, from other buildings and primary pedestrian routes. Illuminate building entries with at least four foot-candles of light.

E.—Avoid tall opaque fences, hedges or other visual obstructions that allow an aggressor to hide. Choose plant materials in open areas that allow pruning so that site lines are maintained between three feet, six inches and six feet in height. Dense screening may be allowed where there is no danger of creating a place to hide.

20.50.1870 Building design – Building orientation and scale – Standards.

A. **Building Orientation** To the maximum extent feasible, primary facades and building entries shall face the street.

1. Each unit with right-of-way frontage shall have its primary entry oriented toward the right-of-way.

2. Buildings with frontage on multiple public rights-of-way are only required to have the primary entry oriented towards one public right-of-way. Which right-of-way the entry shall be oriented towards shall be determined by the Director. The Director shall take into consideration site-specific and project-specific factors such as right-of-way classification, lot orientation and site configuration in making this determination.

B. **Building Modulation, Massing and Articulation** The main building entrance, which is not facing a street, shall have a direct pedestrian connection to the street without requiring pedestrians to walk through parking lots or cross driveways.

1. Each unit shall have a covered entry or porch with weather protection at least 30 square feet with a minimum width of six (6) feet and minimum depth of four (4) feet.

2. Each unit shall incorporate variation to the building by using at least three (3) [Option 2: change to four (4)] of the following elements on the front façade:

a. Variations in the setback of the façade of the building by at least four (4) feet between adjoining units;

b. Diminishing upper floors (gross floor area of third story is smaller than the gross floor area of the lower stories). To meet this requirement, the building wall shall be stepped back a minimum of two (2) feet with a minimum width of eight (8) feet. Balconies that are covered but not fully enclosed and meet the minimum dimensions specified shall be considered a diminished upper floor;

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c. Changes in roofline at intervals not greater than 40 feet in continuous length, such as variations in roof pitch, overhangs, projections, or extended eaves;

d. Balconies (excluding Juliet balconies) on the façade of the building that have a minimum depth of six (6) feet between the building wall and the balcony railing; at least 50 percent of the units shall have a balcony;

e. Garage door entrance(s) for vehicles located at the side or rear of buildings;

f. Dormers (at least three (3) feet wide); at least 50 percent of the units shall have dormers;

g. Living green wall minimum of 100 square feet;

h. A façade with at least 40 percent fenestration and/or landscaping, 50 percent of which shall be fenestration;

i. Trim that is a minimum of 0.75 inches deep and 3.5 inches wide to mark roof lines, windows, and doors on all public right-of-way facing facades;

j. Other variation techniques that meet the purpose of the section as approved by the Director.

3. Building Facades. Building facades shall comply with all of the following:

a. Public right-of-way facing facades shall consist of at least 30 percent fenestration and/or landscaping.

b. All other facades shall consist of at least 15 percent fenestration and/or landscaping.

c. The façade area is measured vertically, top to bottom, and horizontally edge-to-edge as illustrated in Figure **x**.

d. For purposes of calculation, the square footage of landscaping shall be measured at the size it will be at installation, not maturity.

a. Blank walls (building façade sections without fenestration or covered by landscaping) greater than 20 feet in length are prohibited.

Figure **x**: Illustration of No Blank Façade. The façade facing the right-of-way measures 1,800 square feet. The façade depicted has **xx** square feet of fenestration and landscaping, meeting the requirement.

4. Public right-of-way-facing garages shall comply with the following standards:

a. The maximum combined garage door width facing the public right-of-way shall be 50 percent or less of the total building width. If the solid waste storage space is provided within each individual unit garage, then the width in the garage needed to accommodate this storage shall be excluded from the maximum 50 percent calculation;

b. The garage(s) shall be recessed a minimum of one foot behind the front façade; and

c. The access from the public right-of-way shall comply with the requirements of the Engineering Development Manual.

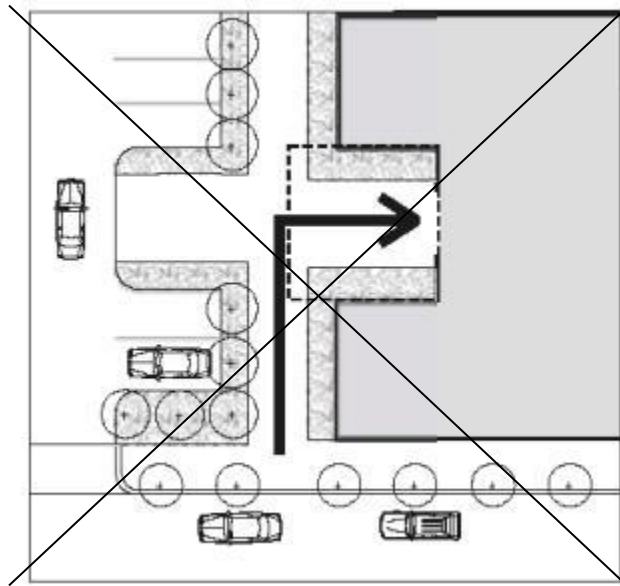


Figure 20.50.180(B): ~~Example of connection of building entrance which is not located on a street but has a clear pedestrian walkway to it.~~

C. Building Materials

Materials and colors shall comply with the following:

1. If multiple materials are used in a building façade, the visually heavier materials shall be located below the lighter materials, e.g. brick or stone shall be located below siding materials, unless they are used as architectural features.

2. Architectural elements, such as trim, shall be of a color that provides contrast to the surrounding, dominant material color(s).

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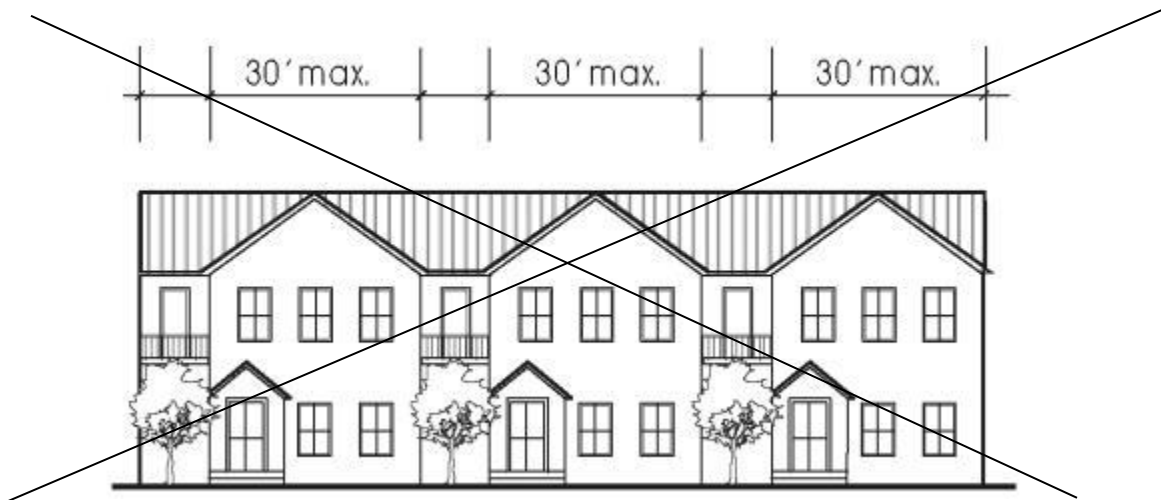
3. Insubstantial materials, such as fiberglass, and materials such as mirrored glass, and plywood or T-111 siding are prohibited. Uncoated zinc and copper are prohibited.

~~C.— Break large buildings into smaller components to reflect the character and scale of surrounding neighborhood through repetition of roof lines, patterns of door and window placement, and use of the characteristic entry features.~~



Figure 20.50.180(C): Stepping repeating elements such as entry porches help large buildings fit better with adjacent single-family neighborhoods.

~~D.— Break up a contiguous building facade facing the street or single-family zone (longer than 50 feet) by providing building elements, such as embellished entrances, courtyards, bays, balconies and other architectural elements dividing the facade visually. The maximum wall length without modulation shall be 30 feet.~~



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Figure 20.50.180(D): Example of articulation of facades that can help break down the scale of large buildings.

E.— Break up the scale of large buildings by providing roofline variation on rooflines exceeding 60 feet. Roofline variation shall be achieved using one or more of the following methods:

- 1.— Vertical offset in ridge line;
- 2.— Horizontal offset in ridge line;
- 3.— Variations in roof pitch;
- 4.— Gables;
- 5.— Dormers.

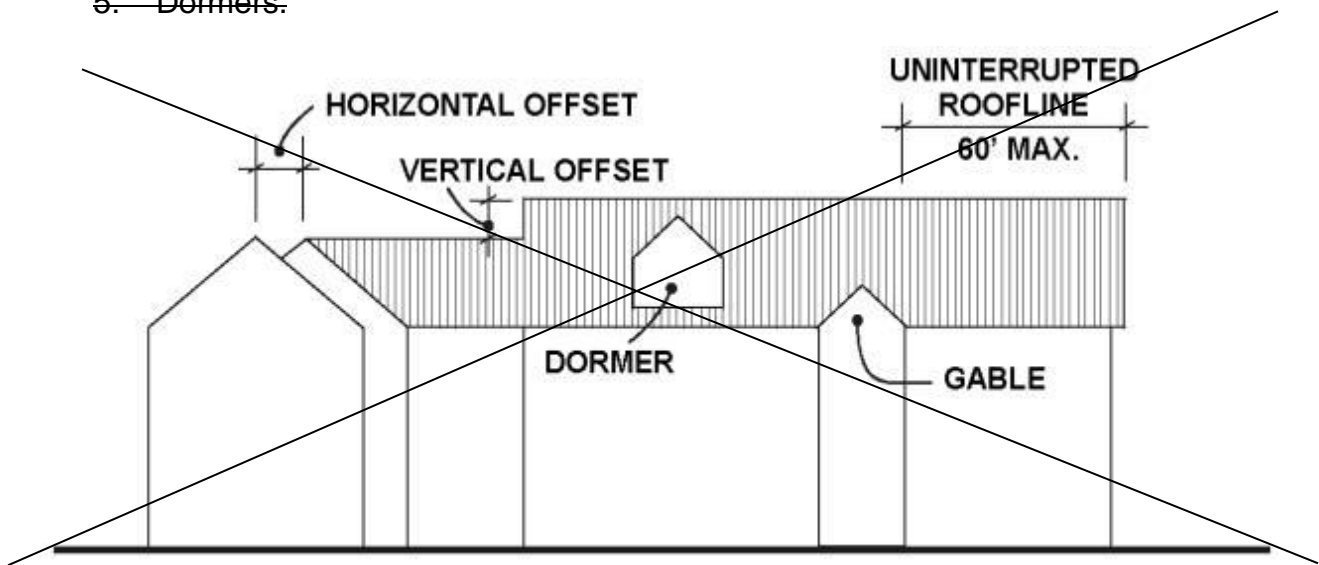


Figure 20.50.180(E): Examples of roofline variation techniques.

20.50.190 Exterior materials – Standards.

A.— Building exteriors shall be constructed from quality and durable materials. Insubstantial materials, such as fiberglass, and materials such as mirrored glass, corrugated siding, exposed concrete block, and plywood or T-111 siding are not permitted.

B.— The “blank” wall shall be articulated in one or more of the following ways:

- 1.— Installing a vertical trellis in front of the wall with climbing vines or planting materials.
- 2.— Providing a landscaped planting bed at and five feet wide in front of the wall with plant materials that can obscure at least 50 percent of the wall's surface within three years.

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3. ~~Providing texture or artwork (mosaic, mural, sculpture, relief, etc.) over the blank wall surface.~~
4. ~~Other equivalent method that provides for enhancement of the wall.~~

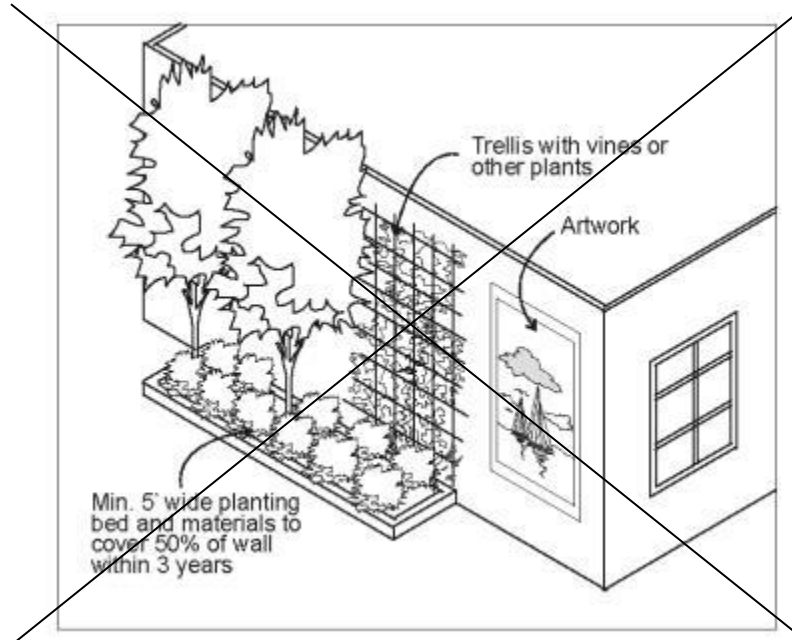


Figure 20.50.190(B): Examples of “blank” wall treatment.

20.50.200 Facade elements – Standards.

A. ~~All new multifamily residential building facades shall feature at least three of the following design features:~~

1. ~~Multiple rooflines or gables (beyond what is required in SMC 20.50.180(C)).~~
2. ~~Windows and door treatment which embellishes the facade.~~
3. ~~Porches.~~
4. ~~Unique facade treatment, such as decorative materials, trellis, arcade and other design elements.~~
5. ~~Dormers or fascia boards (at least 10 inches wide).~~
6. ~~Bay windows.~~

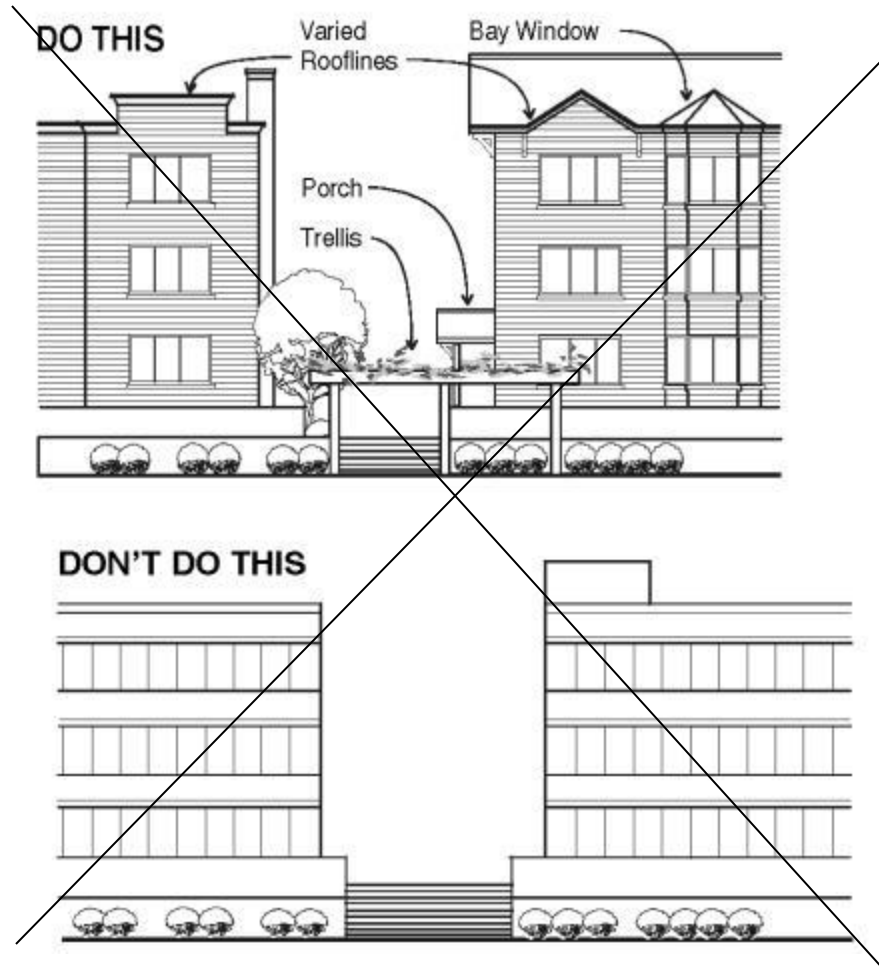


Figure 20.50.200(A): These two projects point out the importance of architectural elements. They are essentially the same building envelope except that the upper example employs varied roof lines, window details, facade articulation, a trellis, chimneys, entry details and other features that reduce the “visual bulk” impact of the facade.

20.50.205180 Outdoor Lighting – Standards.

A. **Light Trespass Standard.** All light sources, such as a lamp or bulb, shall be shielded within a fixture, and fixtures shall be located, aimed or shielded to prevent direct so as to minimize stray light trespassing across property lines. The light source (lamp or bulb) in a fixture installed on a property and visible from any residential property must be shielded such that the light source is not directly visible from that property.

B. Onsite pedestrian pathways shall be illuminated with at least two foot-candles of light.

C. Building entries shall be illuminated with at least four foot-candles of light.

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BD. Prohibited Lighting. The following types of lighting are prohibited:

1. Outdoor floodlighting by floodlight projection above the horizontal plane;
2. Search lights, laser source lights, or any similar high intensity light; and
3. Any flashing, blinking, rotating or strobe light illumination device located on the exterior of a building or on the inside of a window which is visible beyond the boundaries of the lot or parcel.

Exemptions:

~~1. Lighting required for emergency response by police, fire, or medical personnel (vehicle lights and accident/crime scene lighting).~~

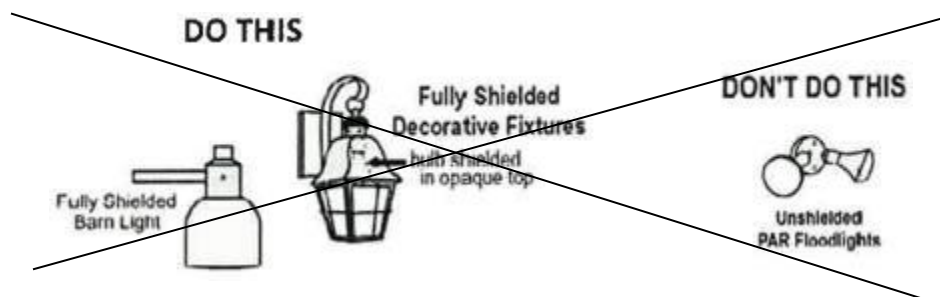
~~21. Lighting in swimming pools and other water features governed by Article 680 of the National Electrical Code Section 321 (Lighting) of the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, or Chapter 246-260 WAC, as applicable.~~

~~32. Signs and sign lighting regulated by Chapter 20.50 SMC, Subchapter 8.~~

~~43. Holiday and event lighting (except for outdoor searchlights and strobes).~~

~~5. Sports and field lighting.~~

~~64. Lighting triggered by an automatic emergency or security alarm system.~~



Examples of Fixtures

20.50.240190 Fences and walls – Standards.

A. Front yard. Fences and walls located within the required minimum front yard setback shall be a maximum of three feet, six inches high and shall be no more than 60 percent opaque. ~~between the minimum front yard setback line and the front property line for the street frontage that contains the main entrance to the building. Chain link fences are not permitted in the minimum front yard setback for the street frontage that contains the main entrance to the building.~~

B. Side and Rear yards. The maximum height of fences located along a side and/or rear yard property line shall be six feet.

C. Fences and walls shall be constructed of wood, wrought iron, brick, stone, or other high quality material. All chain link, electric, razor wire, and barbed wire fences, and other similar types of security fences are prohibited.

D. The height of a fence located on a retaining wall shall be measured from the finished grade at the top of the wall to the top of the fence. The overall height of the fence located on the wall shall be a maximum of six feet.

Subchapter 4.

Commercial and Multifamily Zone Design

20.50.220 Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish design standards for all commercial zones – neighborhood business (NB), community business (CB), mixed business (MB) and town center (TC-1, 2 and 3), the MUR-35' and the MUR-45' zones for all uses except single-family attached and mixed single-family developments, and the MUR-70' zones and the MUR-35' zone when located on an arterial street, and the R-8, R-12, R-18, R-24, R-48, PA 3 and TC-4 zones for all uses except single-family detached, attached and mixed single-family developments. Refer to SMC 20.50.120 when developing single-family attached and detached dwellings in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones. Some standards within this subchapter apply only to specific types of development and zones as noted. Standards that are not addressed in this subchapter will be supplemented by the standards in the remainder of Chapter 20.50 SMC. In the event of a conflict, the standards of this subchapter ~~will~~ shall prevail.

20.50.225 Administrative design review.

Administrative design review approval under SMC 20.30.297 is required for all development applications that propose departures from the design standards in this subchapter or sign standards in Chapter 20.50 SMC, Subchapter 8.

20.50.230 Threshold – Required site improvements.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvements cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. Full site improvement standards apply to a development application in commercial zones NB, CB, MB, TC-1, 2 and 3, and the MUR-70' zone the MUR-45', and MUR-70' zones and the MUR-35' zone when located on an arterial street. This subsection also applies in the following zoning districts except for the single-family attached use: MUR-35', MUR-45', PA 3, and R-8 through R-48. Refer to SMC 20.50.120 when developing single-family attached and detached dwellings in the MUR-35' and MUR-45' zones. Full Ssite improvements standards of for signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping shall be required:

A. When building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or

B. When aggregate building construction valuations for issued permits, within any cumulative five-year period after March 30, 2013, exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s) at the time of the first issued permit.

C. When a single-family land use is being converted to a commercial land use then full site improvements ~~will~~ shall be required.

20.50.235 Site planning – Setbacks – Standards.

For developments consisting of three or more units located on a single parcel in the TC-4, the R-8 through R-48 zones, and the MUR-35', MUR-45' and MUR-70' zones, the setback shall be 15 feet along any property line abutting R-4 or R-6 zones.

Subchapter 7.

Landscaping

20.50.485 Front façade landscaping, single-family attached and mixed single-family attached developments – Standards.

A. The portion of the building adjacent to public rights-of-way shall have landscaping along the building façade. Foundation landscaping shall abut the building (while allowing the necessary space for growth) and shall be used or installed in such a manner so as to screen mechanical equipment attached to or adjacent to the building, provide direction to and enhance entrances and pedestrian pathways, and provide visual breaks along building facades.

B.

1. Landscaping shall be provided at a width of at least 50 percent of the required front yard setback. The width of required landscaping for properties with frontage on 145th Street or 185th Street shall be calculated by subtracting the amount of right-of-way dedication easement.

2. If a property has a required setback of zero (0) feet, landscaping shall be provided at a depth of at least four (4) feet and width at least 30 percent of the unit width. The required landscaping shall abut the entry. For example, if the unit width is 20 feet, the landscaping next to the entry shall be a minimum of six (6) feet wide.

C. Foundation plantings may be comprised of trees, shrubs, accent plants, ornamental grasses, and ground cover in any combination; provided that no more than 50 percent of the total required landscaping area consists of ground cover.

D. At least one (1) three-gallon shrub for every three (3) lineal feet of foundation shall be provided.

E. Shrubs shall be a mix of deciduous and evergreens.

F. When calculating the minimum number of required plants, the linear distance of openings for doors entering the building shall be excluded.

20.50.490 Landscaping along interior lot line – Standards.

A. Type I landscaping in a width determined by the setback requirement shall be included in all nonresidential development along any portion adjacent to single-family and multifamily residential zones or development. All other nonresidential development adjacent to other nonresidential development shall use Type II landscaping within the required setback. If the setback is zero feet then no landscaping is required.

B. Multifamily development shall use Type I landscaping when adjacent to single-family residential zones and Type II landscaping when adjacent to multifamily residential and commercial zoning within the required yard setback. Single-family attached and mixed single-family developments shall use Type I landscaping when adjacent to R-4 or R-6 zoning, and Type II landscaping when adjacent to all other zoning districts. Single-family attached and mixed single-family developments that have a shared access drive with an abutting property are exempt from this requirement on the side with the shared access drive.

C. A 20-foot width of Type I landscaping shall be provided for institutional and public facility development adjacent to single-family residential zones. Portions of the development that are unlit playgrounds, playfields, and parks are excluded.

D. Parking lots shall be screened from single-family residential uses by a fence, wall, plants or combination to block vehicle headlights.

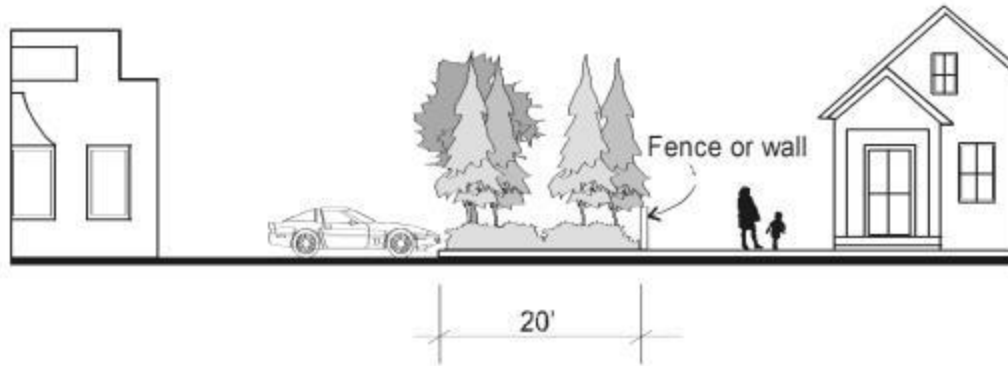


Figure 20.50.490(D): Example of parking screened from single-family house.

20.70.450 Access types and widths.

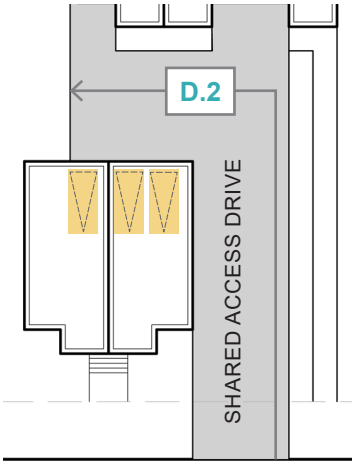
A. Table 20.70.450 – Access Types and Widths.

Dwelling Type and Number	Engineering Development Manual Access Types and Width
Single-Family Detached – 1 unit	Residential
Single-Family Detached – 2 – 4 units	Shared
Single-Family Detached – 5 or more units Single-Family Attached – 10 or more units	Private or Public Street
Commercial, Public Facility	Commercial
Single-Family Attached (9 or fewer units) or Multifamily	Multifamily

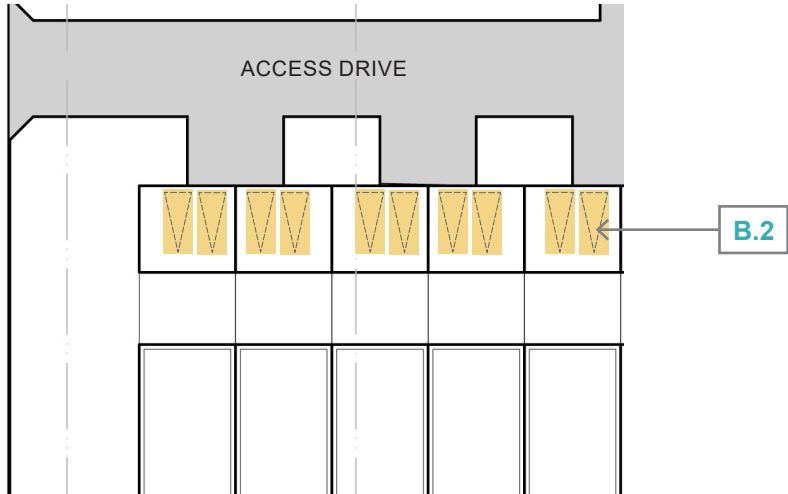
PARKING AND SITE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS

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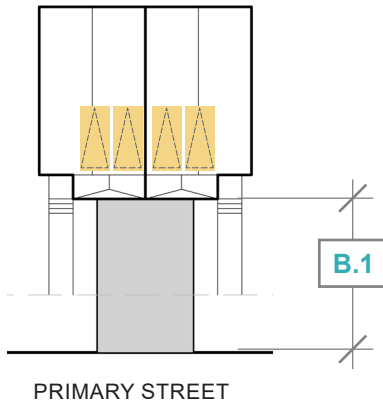


Rear-loaded attached garage, with shared access drive



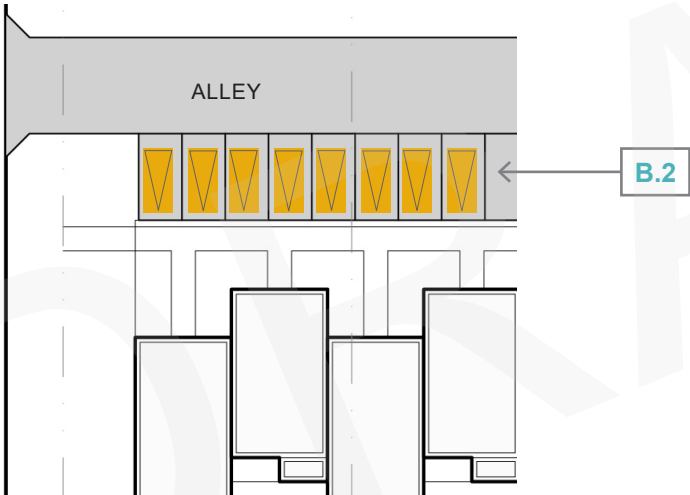
Rear-loaded detached garage, with access drive

FRONT-LOADED



One-car garage, one-car shared driveway

SURFACE PARKING



Shared surface parking with alley

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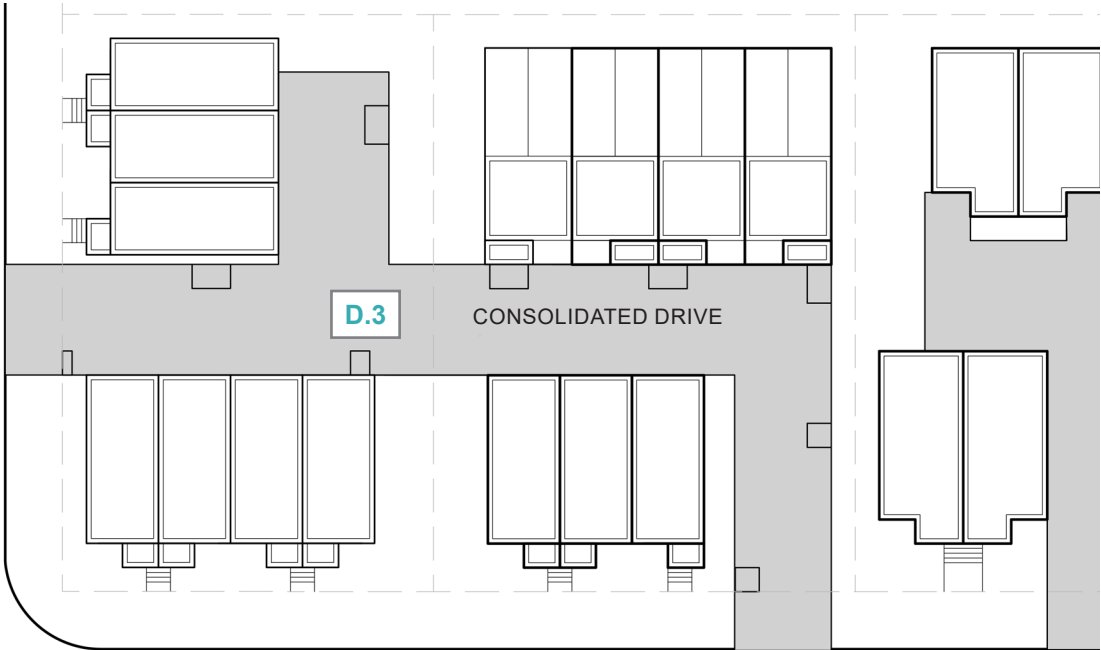
- Interior/Garage Parking Spot
- Exterior/Surface Parking Spot
- Driveway



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- B. Parking:
 1. For units with individual garages, at least 20 linear feet of driveway shall be provided between any garage, entrance and the property line abutting the public right-of-way, measured along the centerline of the driveway.
 2. Surface parking shall be located behind or to the side of buildings.
 3. Carports are prohibited.
- D. Site Access and Circulation
 1. Vehicle access requirements are contained in the Engineering Development Manual.
 2. On lots with dead-end access drives with a length of 150 feet or greater, measured from the face of curb to the end of the access drive pavement, a turnaround facility shall be provided that meets the standard detail required by the Public Works Director.
 3. If adjoining lots are being developed concurrently, and are under the same ownership, vehicle access points shall be consolidated. This requirement shall not apply to lots that do not have frontage on the same public right-of-way.

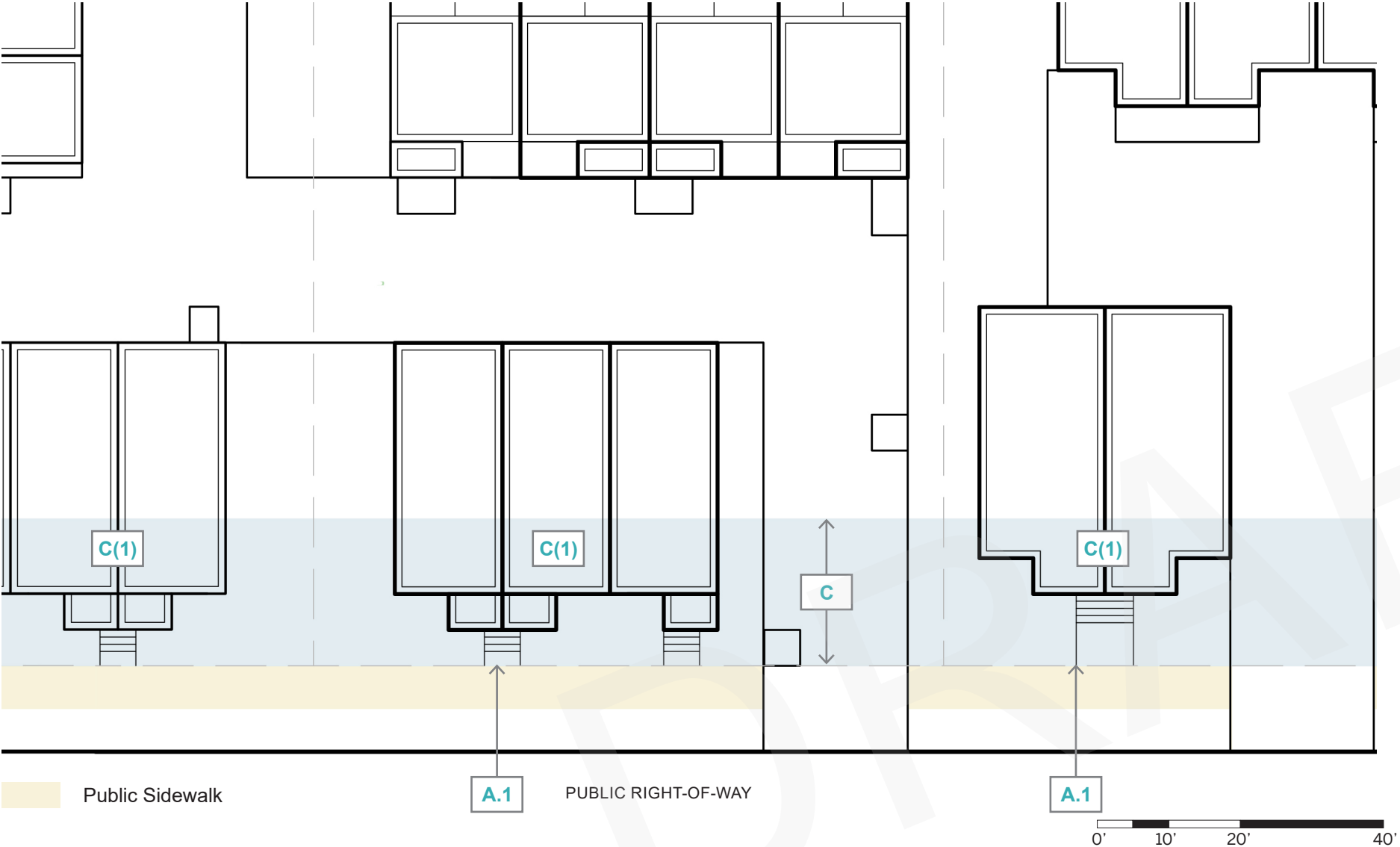


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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.B.1	Minimum Length of Driveway	20 Linear Feet
20.50.160.B.2	Surface Parking Location	Behind or side of building
20.50.160.D.2	Dead-end Driveway Length	150' from face of curb
20.50.160.D.3	Adjoining Lots Developed Concurrently	Vehicle access points shall be consolidated. This requirement shall not apply to lots that do not have frontage on the same public right-of-way.

BUILDING PLACEMENT AND ORIENTATION STANDARDS

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20.50.160 SITE DESIGN STANDARDS

C. Site Configuration
 At least 40 percent of units within a site shall be located between the property line and a 25-foot distance from the property line to create a “street wall” which enhances the streetscape and overall pedestrian experience.

20.50.170 BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

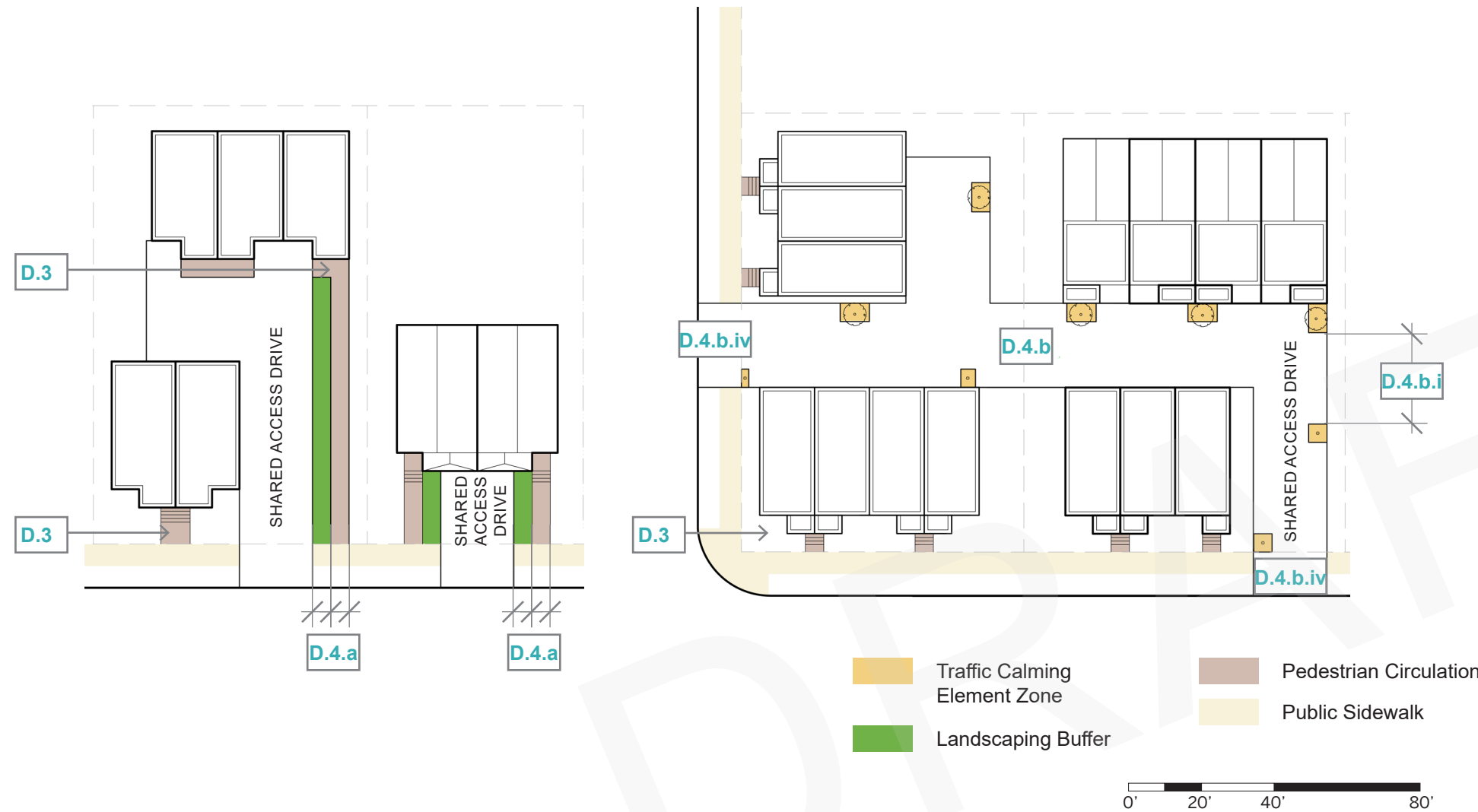
- A. Building Orientation**
1. Each unit with right-of-way frontage shall have its primary entry oriented toward the right-of-way.
 2. Buildings with frontage on multiple public rights-of-way shall have at least one (1) entry oriented towards each public right-of-way.

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CODE CITATION	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.C	“Street Wall” Location	Between the property line and a 25-foot distance from the property line
20.50.160.C(1)	Units Close to Street	40% Units within 25 ft
20.50.170.A.1	Building Orientation	Primary entryway oriented to right-of-way

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS REQUIREMENT

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D. Site Access and Circulation

3. Each unit shall have onsite pedestrian access to a public sidewalk, and common outdoor space and common parking areas, if provided.
4. Onsite pedestrian access shall comply with one (1) of the following:
 - a. Onsite pedestrian access shall be raised, or otherwise separated from vehicular circulation, and a minimum of four (4) feet wide. Otherwise separated from vehicular circulation means (1) there is at least five (5) linear feet of landscaping between the closest edge of the vehicular circulation area and closest edge of the pedestrian access or (2) separation by a building; or
 - b. Pedestrian access shall be provided through shared-space with onsite vehicle circulation that complies with the following to clearly communicate to all users it is shared-space:
 - i. Traffic calming elements shall be located on both sides of the shared-space circulation and spaced no more than 25 feet apart. The shared-space circulation shall have at least one (1) of the following elements: trees that meet the minimum replacement tree size per SMC 20.50.360; raised planters a minimum height of three (3) feet and depth and width of two (2) feet; decorative bollards a minimum height of three (3) feet; or any other element the Director determines accomplishes the purpose;
 - ii. The entire shared-space circulation area shall be constructed with decorative concrete, paving blocks, bricks, or other ornamental paving treatments to clearly indicate the entire surface is intended for pedestrians as well as vehicles;
 - iii. The shared-space shall relate to the building(s) by having elements that allow for informal surveillance, including porches, stoops and balconies oriented towards the shared circulation space;
 - iv. The shared-space circulation shall not result in a dead-end when abutting two or more public rights-of-way. It shall provide through access from one public right-of-way to a second public right-of-way.

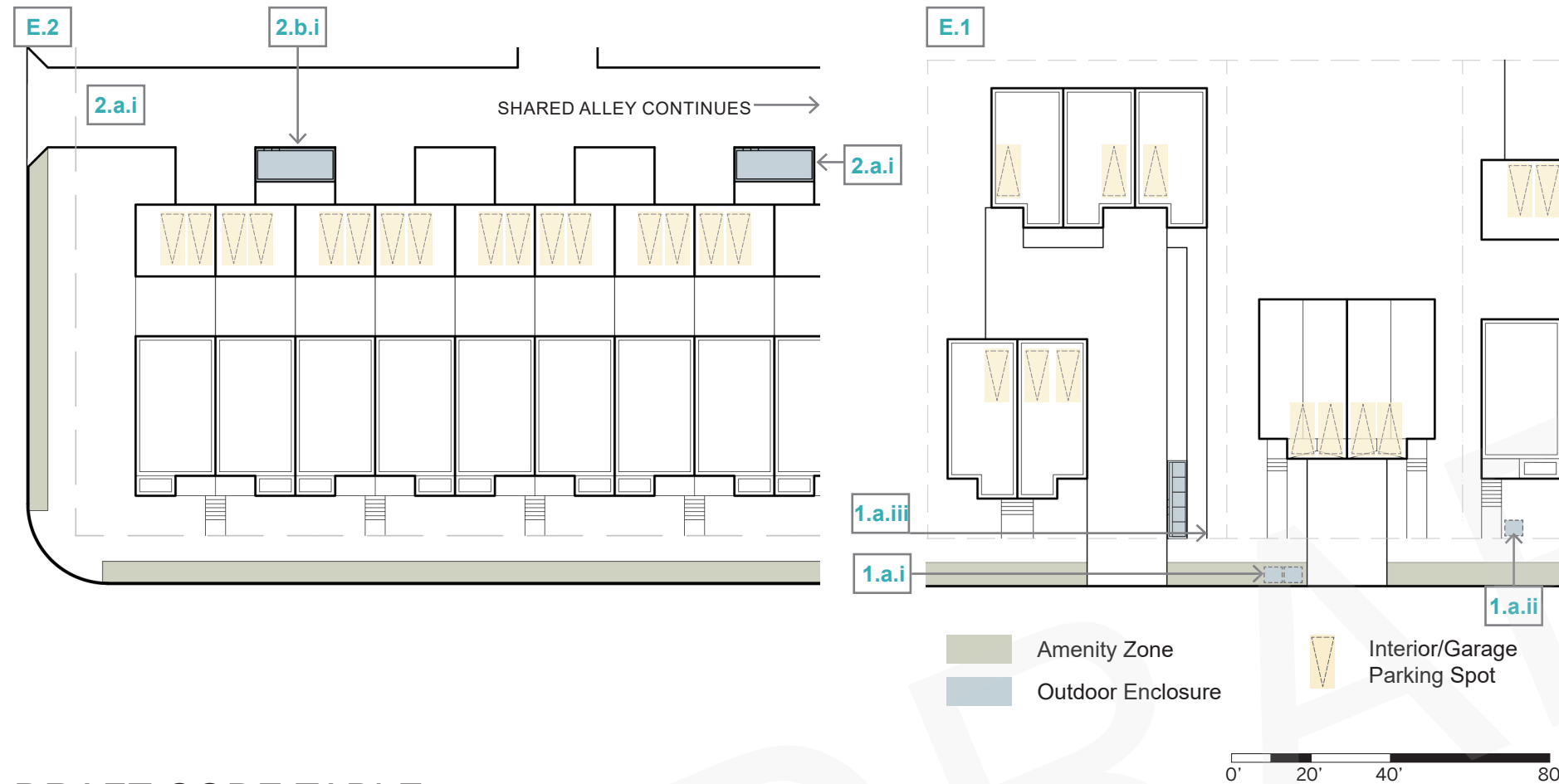
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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.D.3	Pedestrian Access per Unit	To adjacent public sidewalk system, common outdoor space, and parking areas
20.50.160.D.4.a	Pedestrian Pathway Width	4' minimum
20.50.160.D.4.a	Landscaping Buffer	5' minimum
20.50.160.D.4.b	Shared-space Circulation	
20.50.160.D.4.b.i	Traffic Calming Element Distance	Every 25' feet at minimum
20.50.160.D.4.b.iii	Relation to Building	Porches, stoops and balconies oriented towards the shared circulation space
20.50.160.D.4.b.iv	Shared-space Access	Shall provide through access from one public right-of-way to a second public right-of-way



UTILITY AND MECHANICAL STANDARDS

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20.50.160.E. Storage space and staging area for the collection of solid waste

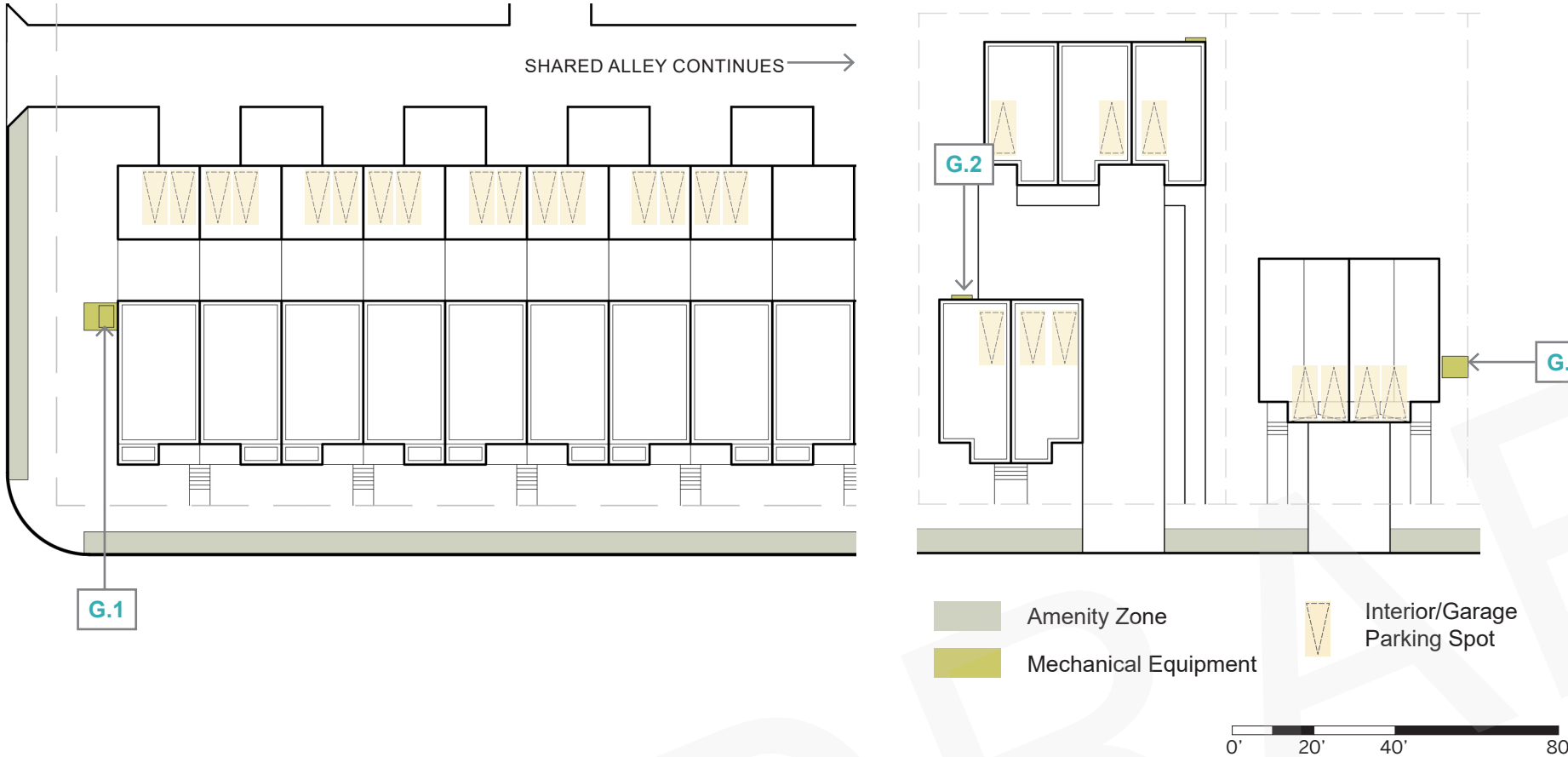
1. Developments with nine (9) or fewer units shall comply with one (1) of the following options for providing solid waste storage space and staging area:
 - a. If the storage space is provided in individual unit garages, the space shall be its own dedicated area and shall not overlap with space needed for required vehicle parking, and staging areas shall comply with one (1) of the following:
 - i. Solid waste bins shall be placed in the amenity zone if there is adequate area and placement does not conflict with above grade infrastructure or services, including, but not limited to fire hydrants, electrical poles, mailboxes, and street trees; or
 - ii. Solid waste bins shall be placed within the front setback, provided the area needed to accommodate the bins does not preclude compliance with other codes and standards; or
 - iii. Solid waste bins shall be placed along one side of the access drive, provided placement does not interfere with vehicular access and circulation, and the City's solid waste purveyor provides written confirmation it will service the location of the bins.
 - b. If the storage space and staging area is provided in a common indoor trash room or room(s) or a common outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall comply with all the following:
 - i. Access to and maintenance of the trash room(s) or enclosure(s), and financial responsibility, shall be addressed in a Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions document to be recorded prior to development permit issuance;
 - ii. The City's solid waste purveyor provides written confirmation it will service the location of the trash room(s); and
 - iii. If the storage space is provided in an outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall be completely screened from pedestrian view from the public right(s)-of-way by a solid enclosure such as a fence or wall, or dense landscaping.
2. Developments with ten (10) or more units shall comply with one (1) of the following options for providing solid waste storage space and a staging area:
 - a. If the storage space is provided in the individual unit garages it shall be its own dedicated area and shall not overlap with space needed for required vehicle parking. Staging areas shall abut vehicle access drives, but shall not obstruct vehicle circulation, and shall comply with one (1) of the following:
 - i. The vehicle access shall not dead-end, but provide a through connection to a public right-of-way; or
 - ii. The site shall contain a turnaround that meets the standard detail required by the Public Works Director.
 - b. If the storage space and staging area is provided in a common indoor trash room or room(s), or in a common outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall comply with the following:
 - i. Access to and maintenance of the trash room(s) or enclosure(s), and billing shall be addressed in a Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions document to be recorded prior to development permit issuance; and
 - ii. The City's solid waste purveyor provides written confirmation it will service the location of the trash room(s); and
 - iii. If the storage space is provided in an outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s), it shall be completely screened.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.E.1	Development type	Nine (9) or fewer units
20.50.160.E.1.a.i	Amenity Zone Placement	If there is adequate area and placement does not conflict with above grade infrastructure or services
20.50.160.E.1.a.ii	Front Setback Placement	The area needed to accommodate the bins does not preclude compliance with other codes and standards
20.50.160.E.1.a.iii	Side Setback/Access Drive Placement	Placed on side of the access drive, provided placement does not interfere with vehicular access and circulation
20.50.160.E.1.b.i	Indoor Trashroom	Indoor trash room or room(s) or an outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s)
20.50.160.E.2	Development type	Ten (10) or more units
20.50.160.E.2.a	Individual Unit Staging	Dedicated area and shall not overlap with space needed for required vehicle parking
20.50.160.E.2.a.i	Through Connection	Not dead-end, connection to public right-of-way
20.50.160.E.2.b.i	Outdoor Enclosure	Indoor trash room or room(s) or an outdoor enclosure or enclosure(s)

STORAGE, STAGING, AND UTILITY STANDARDS

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20.50.160. G. Utility and Mechanical Equipment

1. Mechanical and utility equipment shall be located and designed to minimize its visibility by the public. Preferred locations are off alleys; access drives; within, atop, or under buildings; underground; or other locations away from the public right-of-way. Equipment shall not intrude into required pedestrian areas.
2. Ground-mounted mechanical equipment shall be fully enclosed within an opaque fence or wall, or it shall be screened with dense landscaping from pedestrian view from the public right-of-way. Chain-link fencing with slats is prohibited.
3. All exterior building-mounted mechanical equipment, with the exception of solar collectors or wind power generating equipment, shall be screened from pedestrian view by integration with the building's architecture through such elements as parapet walls, false roofs, roof wells, clerestories, equipment rooms, materials and colors.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.G.1	Ground-mounted mechanical equipment	Fully enclosed by opaque fence or wall, or screened with landscaping from right-of-way
20.50.160.G.2	Exterior building-mounted mechanical equipment	Screened from pedestrian view by integration with the building's architecture



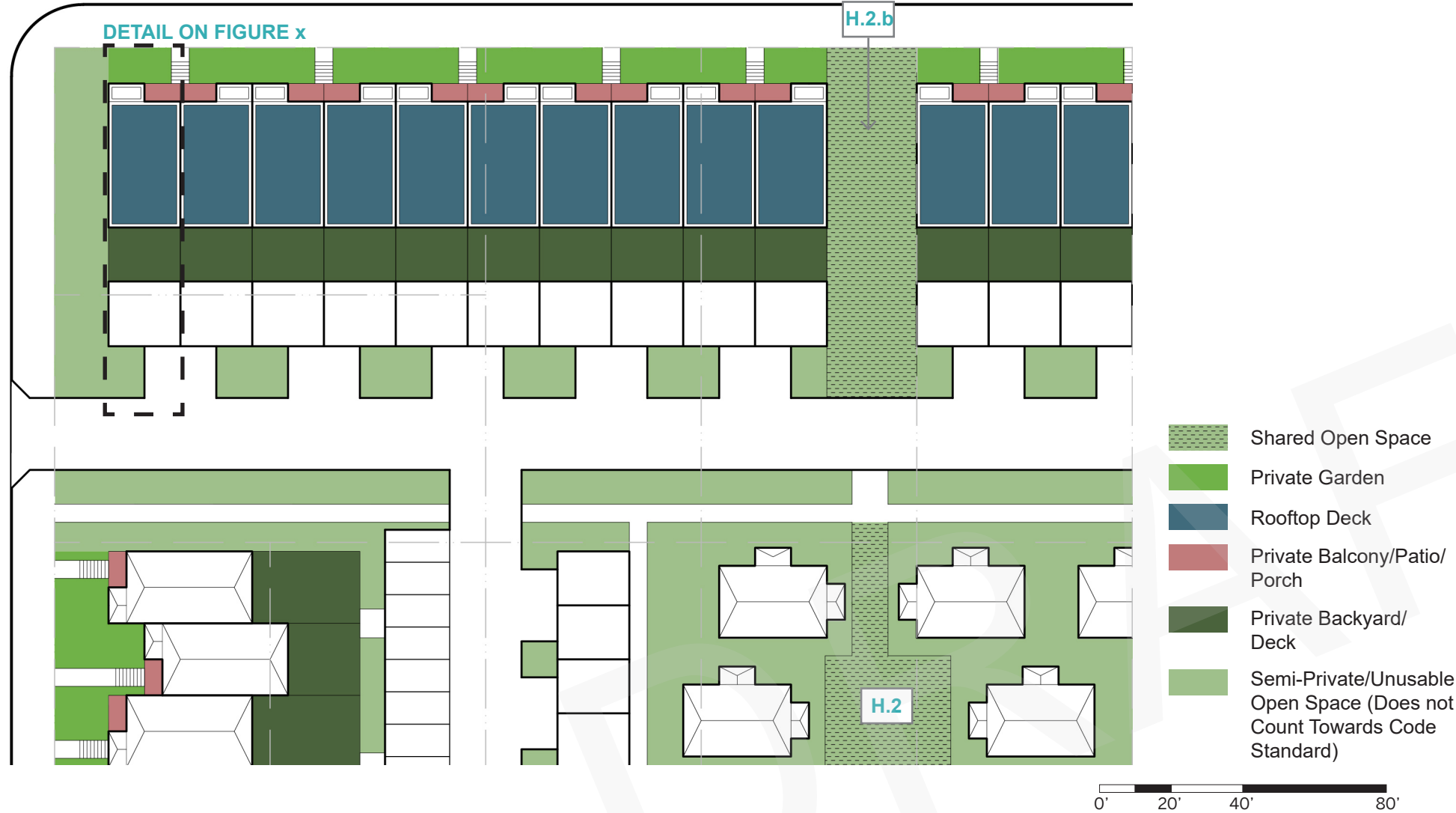
Equipment located off access drive



Screened Equipment

OPEN SPACE TYPES

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20.50.160.H Outdoor Space.
 Attached single-family development shall comply with one (1) of the following requirements:

1. Each unit shall have 150 square feet of private outdoor space that complies with all of the following standards:
 - a. No single outdoor space to be counted as part of this requirement shall be less than 50 square feet.
 - b. Private outdoor space includes balconies, patios, decks, porches, gardens, or any other outdoor space that meets the purpose of this section, as approved by the Director; and
 - c. The private outdoor space shall be directly accessible from the associated unit.
2. Each development shall provide a minimum of 800 square feet or 50 square feet per unit of common outdoor space, whichever is greater that complies with all of the following standards:
 - a. No dimension shall be less than ten (10) lineal feet.
 - b. Common outdoor space includes rooftop decks, gardens, courtyards, or any other outdoor space that meets the purpose of this section, as approved by the Director.
 - c. Required landscaping can be utilized to satisfy the outdoor space requirements if all of the following are provided:
 - i. A minimum of one (1) amenity per 200 square feet is provided along the walkway through the garden/landscaped area, including landscape structures, permanently affixed tables and chairs, benches, and/or fountains;
 - ii. The landscaped area is connected by a walkway to the rest of the onsite pedestrian walkways; and
 - iii. Wayfinding signage is provided leading to the common outdoor space, and identification signage is provided at the entrance(s) to the common outdoor space indicating its use (e.g., "This area is common outdoor space to be used by community residents and guests.")
 - d. The common outdoor space shall be accessible to all residents of the development.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.H.2	Shared Outdoor Open Space	50 sf/du or 800 sf min
20.50.160.H.2.b	Shared OS Accessible to all Residents	--

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.H.1	Required Private Open Space	150 sf/du
20.50.160.H.1.a	Min Dimension of Private OS	50 sf (highlighted space is 50sf)
20.50.160.H.1.c	OS Accessible from Dwelling Unit	--
20.50.160.H.2	Shared Outdoor Open Space	50 sf/du or 800 sf min

OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS

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H.2 Common Garden



H.2 Common Rooftop Open Space



H.2 Common Pedestrian Walkway



H.1 Private Patio



H.1 Private garden



H.1 Private Balcony

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20.50.160.H Outdoor Space.

- Attached single-family development shall comply with one (1) of the following requirements:
1. Each unit shall have 150 square feet of private outdoor space that complies with all of the following standards:
 - a. No single outdoor space to be counted as part of this requirement shall be less than 50 square feet.
 - b. Private outdoor space includes balconies, patios, decks, porches, gardens, or any other outdoor space that meets the purpose of this section, as approved by the Director.
 - c. The private outdoor space shall be directly accessible from the associated unit; or
 2. Each development shall provide a minimum of 800 square feet or 50 square feet per unit of common outdoor space, whichever is greater, of common outdoor space that complies with all of the following standards:
 - a. No dimension shall be less than ten (10) lineal feet.
 - b. Common outdoor space includes decks, gardens, courtyards, or any other outdoor space that meets the purpose of this section, as approved by the Director.
 - c. Required landscaping can be utilized to satisfy the outdoor space requirements if all of the following are provided:
 - i. A minimum of one (1) amenity per 200 square feet is provided along the walkway through the garden/landscaped area, including landscape structures, permanently affixed tables and chairs, benches, and/or fountains;
 - ii. The landscaped area is connected by a walkway to the rest of the onsite pedestrian walkways; and
 - iii. Wayfinding signage is provided leading to the common outdoor space, and identification signage is provided at the entrance(s) to the common outdoor space indicating its use (e.g., "This area is common outdoor space to be used by community residents and guests.")
 - d. The common outdoor space shall be accessible to all residents of the development.

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20.50.160.H.1	Required Private Open Space	150 sf/du
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BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

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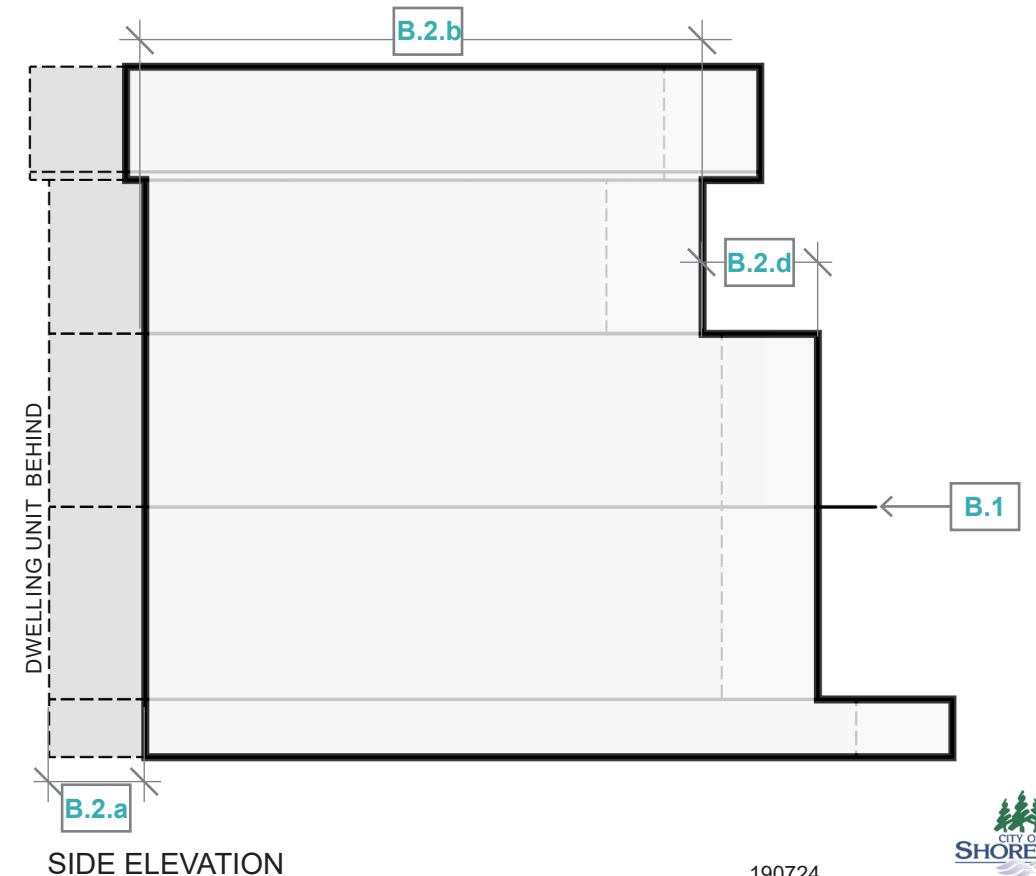
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20.50.170 BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

- B. Building Modulation, Massing and Articulation
1. Each unit shall have a covered entry or porch with weather protection at least 30 square feet with no dimension less than five lineal (5) feet.
 2. Each unit shall incorporate variation to the building by using at least three (3) of the following elements on the front façade:
 - a. Variations in the setback of the façade of the building by at least four (4) feet between adjoining units;
 - b. Diminishing upper floors (gross floor area of third story is smaller than the gross floor area of the lower stories). To meet this requirement, the building wall shall be stepped back a minimum of two (2) feet with a minimum width of eight (8) feet. Balconies that are covered but not fully enclosed and meet the minimum dimensions specified shall be considered a diminished upper floor;
 - c. Changes in roofline at intervals not greater than 40 feet in continuous length, such as variations in roof pitch, overhangs, projections, or extended eaves;
 - d. Balconies (excluding Juliet balconies) on the façade of the building that have a minimum depth of six (6) feet between the building wall and the balcony railing; at least 50 percent of the units shall have a balcony;
 - e. Garage door entrance(s) for vehicles located at the side or rear of buildings;
 - f. Dormers (at least four (3) feet wide); at least 50 percent of the units shall have dormers;
 - g. Living green wall minimum of 100 square feet;
 - h. A façade with at least 40 percent fenestration, architectural details, and/or landscaping, 50 percent of which shall be fenestration;
 - i. Other variation techniques that meet the purpose of the section as approved by the Director.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.170.B.1	Covered Entry or Porch	30 sf min area, 5 ft min dim
20.50.170.B.2.a	Facade plane variation between units	4 ft min
20.50.170.B.2.b	Diminishing Upper Floor Gross Floor Area	Min of 2 ft, min width of 8 ft
20.50.170.B.2.c	Changes in Roofline Intervals	40 ft max
20.50.170.B.2.d	Balconies	Minimum depth of 6 ft, 50% of units
20.50.170.B.2.f	Dormers	3 ft wide, 50% of units
20.50.170.B.2.g	Living Green Wall	100 sf min
20.50.170.B.2.h	Fenestration	40% min, 50% of which glazing



FACADE AREA

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FIGURE x DETAIL

- Fenestration
- Landscaping

BUILDING FACADE FEATURES



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20.50.170 BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

B. Building Modulation, Massing and Articulation

3. Building Facades. Building facades shall comply with all of the following:
 - a. Public right-of-way facing facades shall consist of at least 30 percent fenestration and/or landscaping.
 - b. All other facades shall consist of at least 15 percent fenestration and/or landscaping.
 - c. The façade area is measured vertically, top to bottom, and horizontally edge-to-edge as illustrated in Figure x.
 - d. For purposes of calculation, the square footage of landscaping shall be measured at the size it will be at installation, not maturity.
 - e. Blank walls (building façade sections without fenestration or covered by landscaping) greater than 20 feet in length are prohibited.

Building Façade Figure Note: The façade depicted measures about 650 square feet. The façade depicted has 235 square feet of fenestration and landscaping, meeting the requirement.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.170.B.3.a	Right-of-way Façade-facing Fenestration	30 percent minimum fenestration and/or landscaping.
20.50.170.B.3.c	Façade Area	Measured vertically, top to bottom, and horizontally edge-to-edge
20.50.170.B.3.c (X)	Top to Bottom Façade Measurement	Example: 35 ft
20.50.170.B.3.c (Y)	Horizontal Edge-to-edge Façade Measurement	Example: 18 ft

GARAGE DESIGN STANDARDS

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20.50.170 BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

- B. Building Modulation, Massing and Articulation
 - 4. Public right-of-way-facing garages shall comply with the following standards:
 - a. The maximum combined garage door width facing the public right-of-way shall be 50 percent or less of the total building width. If the solid waste storage space is provided within each individual unit garage, then the width in the garage needed to accommodate this storage shall be excluded from the maximum 50 percent calculation;
 - b. The garage(s) shall be recessed a minimum of one foot behind the front façade; and
 - c. The access from the public right-of-way shall comply with the requirements of the Engineering Development Manual.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.160.B.4.a	Street-facing Garage Door	Equal or less than 50% of total building width
20.50.160.B.4.b	Garage Recession	1' minimum behind front facade

BUILDING MATERIALS



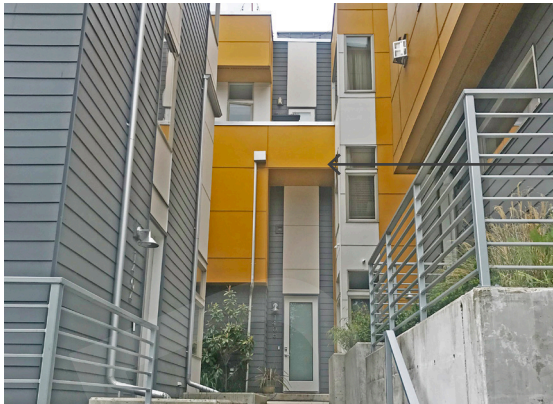
C.1 Visually Lighter Material Above
C.1 Visually Heavy Material Below



C.2 Porch Highlighted with Material Change



C.1 Visually Lighter Material Above
C.1 Visually Heavy Material Below



C.2 Contrasting Color

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20.50.170 BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS

- C. Building Materials
- Materials and colors shall comply with the following:
1. If multiple materials are used in a building façade, the visually heavier materials shall be located below the lighter materials, e.g. brick or stone shall be located below siding materials, unless they are used as architectural features.
 2. Architectural elements, such as trim, shall be of a color that provides contrast to the surrounding, dominant material color(s).
 3. Insubstantial materials, such as fiberglass, and materials such as mirrored glass, and plywood or T-111 siding are prohibited. Uncoated zinc and copper are prohibited.

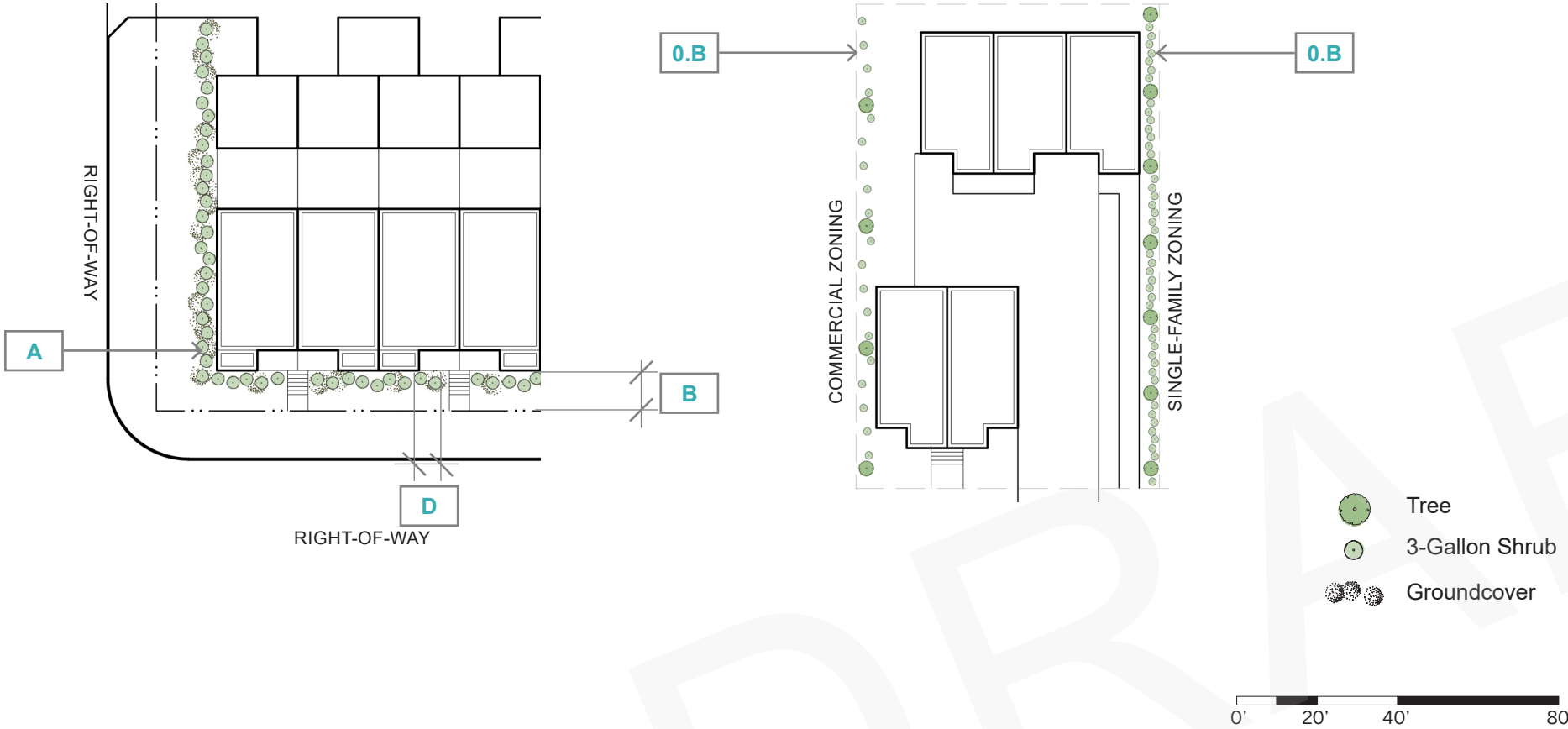
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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.170.C.1	Material Placement	Visually heavier materials shall be located below the lighter materials
20.50.170.C.2	Architectural Element Color	Contrasting Color



LANDSCAPE STANDARDS

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20.50.485 Front façade landscaping, single-family attached use – Standards.

- A. The portion of the building adjacent to rights-of-way shall have landscaping along the building façade. Foundation landscaping shall abut the building (while allowing the necessary space for growth) and shall be used or installed in such a manner so as to screen mechanical equipment attached to or adjacent to the building, provide direction to and enhance entrances and pedestrian pathways, and provide visual breaks along building facades.
- B. Landscaping shall be provided at a width of at least 50 percent of the required front yard setback. If a property has a required setback of zero (0) feet, it is exempt from this requirement. The width of required landscaping for properties with frontage on 145th Street or 185th Street shall be calculated by subtracting the amount of right-of-way dedication easement.
- C. Foundation plantings may be comprised of trees, shrubs, accent plants, ornamental grasses, and ground cover in any combination; provided that no more than 50 percent of the total required landscaping area consists of ground cover.
- D. At least one (1) three-gallon shrub for every three (3) lineal feet of foundation shall be provided.
- E. Shrubs shall be a mix of deciduous and evergreens.
- F. When calculating the minimum number of required plants, the linear distance of openings for doors entering the building shall be excluded.

20.50.490 Landscaping along interior lot line – Standards.

- A. Type I landscaping in a width determined by the requirement shall be included in all nonresidential development along any portion adjacent to single-family and multifamily residential zones or development. All other nonresidential development adjacent to other nonresidential development shall use Type II landscaping within the required setback. If the setback is zero feet then no landscaping is required.
- B. Multifamily development shall use Type I landscaping when adjacent to single-family residential zones and Type II landscaping when adjacent to multifamily residential and commercial zoning within the required yard setback. Single-family attached and mixed single-family developments shall use Type I landscaping when adjacent to R-4 or R-6 zoning, and Type II landscaping when adjacent to all other zoning districts. Single-family attached and mixed single-family developments that have a shared access drive with an abutting property are exempt from this requirement on the side with the shared access drive.
- C. A 20-foot width of Type I landscaping shall be provided for institutional and public facility development adjacent to single-family residential zones. Portions of the development that are unlit playgrounds, playfields, and parks are excluded.
- D. Parking lots shall be screened from single-family residential uses by a fence, wall, plants or combination to block vehicle headlights.

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CODE REFERENCE	STANDARD	QUALIFIER
20.50.485.A	Landscaping Adjacent to Right-of-way	Landscaping along the building façade.
20.50.485.B	Minimum Landscaping Width	50% of required setback
20.50.485.C	Foundation Plantings	Trees, shrubs, accent plants, ornamental grasses, and ground cover in any combination
20.50.485.D	Three-gallon Shrub Placement	At least one (1) three-gallon shrub for every three (3) lineal feet of foundation
20.50.490.B	Landscaping Adjacent to Single-family residential zone	Type I Landscaping Required
20.50.490.B	Landscaping Adjacent to multifamily residential and commercial zoning	Type II Landscaping Required