

*Chapter 19.100 – RESIDENTIAL ZONES (RA-5, RC, RR, RE, R-1,1/2 ACRE, R-1-13000, R-1-10500, R-1-8500, R-1-7000, R-3-4000, R-3-3000, R-3-2500, R-3-2000, R-3-1500, R-4)*

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**19.100.040 Residential development standards.**

Tables 19.100.040.A (Residential Development Standards: Single-Family Residential Zones) and 19.100.040.B (Residential Development Standards: Multiple-Family Residential Zones) establish the development standards applicable to all development within the residential zones.

(Ord. 7552 §§ 2, 3, 2021; Ord. 7408 § 1, 2018; Ord. 7331 § 4, 2016; Ord. 7109 § 2, 2010; Ord. 7027 § 1, § 2, 2009; Ord. 6966 § 1, 2007)

Table 19.100.040.A  
Residential Development Standards: Single-family Residential Zones

Development Standards	Single-family Residential Zones								
	RA-5	RC <sup>12</sup>	RR	RE	R-1-1/2 Acre	R-1-1300	R-1-10500	R-1-8500	R-1-7000
Density - Maximum (Dwelling Units per Gross Acre) <sup>1,15, 16</sup>	0.20	0.50 <sup>11</sup>	2.1 <sup>11</sup>	1.0 <sup>11</sup>	2.0 <sup>11</sup>	3.4 <sup>11</sup>	4.1 <sup>11</sup>	5.1 <sup>11</sup>	6.2 <sup>11</sup>
Lot Area - Minimum (Net) <sup>16</sup>	5 Acres <sup>2,9,14</sup>	Varies <sup>2,14</sup>	20,000 sq. ft.	1 Acre	21,780 sq. ft.	13,000 sq. ft.	10,500 sq. ft.	8,500 sq. ft.	7,000 sq. ft.
Lot Width - Minimum <sup>16</sup>	300 ft. <sup>2</sup>	130 ft. <sup>2</sup>	100 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>	130 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>	125 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>	100 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>	90 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>	80 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>	60 ft. <sup>13,14</sup>
Lot Depth - Minimum <sup>16</sup>	500 ft. <sup>2</sup>	100 ft. <sup>2</sup>	150 ft.	150 ft.	150 ft.	110 ft.	110 ft.	100 ft.	100 ft.
Building Height - Maximum <sup>10,15</sup>	35 ft.	20 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft.
Number of Stories - Maximum <sup>15</sup>	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Lot Coverage - Maximum	30%	N/A	30%	30%	30%	30%	35%	35%	40%
Setbacks - Minimum <sup>8</sup>									
A. Front <sup>7</sup>	40 ft. <sup>2</sup>	30 ft. <sup>2,6</sup>	30 ft.	30 ft.	30 ft. <sup>4</sup>	25 ft. <sup>4</sup>	25 ft. <sup>4</sup>	25 ft. <sup>4</sup>	20 ft. <sup>4</sup>

B. Side <sup>5, 16</sup>	20 ft. <sup>2</sup>	25 ft. <sup>2</sup>	20 ft.	25 ft.	20 ft.	15 ft. <sup>3</sup>	10/15 ft. <sup>3</sup>	7.5/12.5 ft. <sup>3</sup>	7.5/10 ft. <sup>3</sup>
C. Rear <sup>5, 16</sup>	25 ft. <sup>2</sup>	25 ft. <sup>2</sup>	100 ft.	30 ft.	35 ft.	30 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.

**Notes:**

1. See Section 19.100.060 A (Additional Density). Gross acreage means streets are included for density purposes. Notwithstanding allowable density on a gross acreage basis, individual lots must meet the minimum lot size requirements exclusive of streets, except in the RA-5 Zone as described in Note 9.
2. Lot width, depth and area; building area; and setback requirements shall be as required as set forth in the Table. However, the zoning standards and requirements of the RC and RA-5 Zones shall not apply to any buildings existing prior to or under construction on November 13, 1979, or to the restoration or rehabilitation of or to any additions to such buildings, provided that the use, restoration, rehabilitation or addition shall conform to the current standards and requirements of the zoning in existence immediately prior to November 13, 1979. Also see Section 19.100.050 A (Lot Area).
3. Where a lot is less than 65 feet in width and was of record prior to November 23, 1956, or was of record prior to the date on which such lot was annexed to the City, the required side yards adjacent to interior side lot lines shall be reduced to five feet.
4. Front setback exceptions: See Section [19.630.040 E \(Permitted projections into required yards for RA-5, RE, RR, and R-1 Zones\)](#). ~~19.100.060 C (Exceptions to Setback Requirements)~~.
5. Side and rear setback exceptions: See Section [19.630.040 E \(Permitted projections into required yards for RA-5, RE, RR, and R-1 Zones\)](#). ~~19.100.060 C (Exceptions to Setback Requirements)~~. The side setback can be applied to either side except that the larger setback is required when a side yard is adjacent to a street.
6. No lot that fronts onto Hawarden Drive within the Hawarden Drive Special Design Area, generally between Anna Street and the Alessandro Arroyo, shall have a front yard depth of less than 50 feet.
7. Where a lot or parcel of land at the junction of two intersecting streets in any residential zone has frontage on each street over 130 feet in length, front yards of the depth required in the appropriate zone shall be required on both frontages. Also see Chapter 19.630 (Yard Requirements and Exceptions).
8. No dwelling shall be located closer than five feet to any retaining wall exceeding two feet in height, unless such retaining wall is an integral part of an approved dwelling.
9. Lot area in the RA-5 Zone is measured to the centerline of the adjoining street or streets; provided, however, individuals may construct one single-family dwelling on a lot of less than five acres existing as of May 15, 1979 and the residence is owner occupied after construction.
10. Refer to Chapter 19.560 (Building Height Measurement) for height measurement and exceptions to height limits.
11. Project density may be greater in a Planned Residential Development (see Chapter 19.780).
12. See Section 19.100.050 (Additional Regulations for the RC Zone).
13. See Section 18.210.080 (Lots) and Article X (Definitions) for exceptions for cul-de-sac lots, knuckle lots, lots on curves and corridor lots.
14. See Section 18.210.030 N.2.a for exception to lot size on private streets if over 20,000 square feet.
15. See Chapter 19.149 - Airport Land Use Compatibility to determine if a project site is subject to Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan requirements.
16. See Chapter 18.085 (Urban Lot Splits) of the Subdivision Code and Chapter 19.443 (Two-Unit Developments) of this Title for density, lot area, lot width, lot depth, side setback and rear setback requirements for residential development pursuant to California Government Code § 65852.21 and § 66411.7.

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**19.100.060 Additional regulations for the RA-5, RE, RC, RR and R-1 Zones.**

- A. *Additional density.* In the RE, RC, RR and R-1 zones and where consistent with the applicable General Plan land use designation the typical project density may be increased according to the regulations set forth in the Planned Residential Development Permit (PRD) process (Chapter 19.780 - Planned Residential Development Permit).

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- B. *Conversion of existing dwelling unit to an accessory structure.* In the RE, RA-5, RR and R-1 zones, one entirely new single-family dwelling may be constructed upon a lot where there already exists not more than one single-family dwelling, provided that:
1. At the time of issuance of a building permit for the new dwelling, the property owner/applicant also obtains a building permit to make alterations to the existing dwelling as are required by the City to reduce the character of use of the existing dwelling to a lawful accessory building, or the owner/applicant obtains a building moving permit to remove the existing dwelling from the lot;
  2. The owner of the lot executes and delivers to the City a written agreement in a form approved by the City to make the required alterations or to remove the existing dwelling concurrently with or immediately after the construction and completion of the new dwelling, together with a faithful performance surety bond or other security, in the form approved by the City and in the amount of 100 percent of the amount of the cost of such alterations or removal, as estimated by the City; and
  3. The Building Official determines that the requirements of Section 19.100.040 (Residential Development Standards) and Building Code and Fire Prevention Code will be complied with.

~~C. — Exceptions to setback requirements.~~

- ~~1. — Front porches and balconies. In the R-1 Zones, front porches that are open except for an overhead covering and have no habitable space above may encroach into the front setback up to a maximum of six feet.~~
- ~~2. — Flexible yard setbacks.~~
  - ~~a. — In the R-1 Zones, on local streets only, where the residential structure has the garage set back ten or more feet from the required front yard setback, the habitable portion of the residential structure may extend into the front setback up to a maximum of five feet.~~
  - ~~b. — In conjunction with the consideration of a tentative tract or parcel map in the R-1-7000 Zone, interior side yard setbacks may be reduced to five feet provided a minimum distance of 15 feet is maintained between adjacent dwellings.~~
  - ~~c. — In the R-1 Zones, portions of the dwelling may encroach up to ten feet into the required rear yard setback provided that the encroachment does not exceed 500 square feet in total area.~~
- ~~1. — Additions to established dwellings. For lawfully established dwellings that do not conform to the side yards required in the RC, RR, RE and R-1 Zones additions may be constructed within such required side yards if such additions are located not closer to the side lot line than the existing dwelling; provided, that in no case shall such additions be located closer than five feet to interior side lot lines or ten feet to street side lot lines.~~
- ~~2. Garage in the R-1-7000 Zone. In the R-1-7000 Zone, a garage that is an integral part of the main dwelling may be located not closer than five feet to any interior side lot line.~~

3C. *Setbacks for RR Zoned Properties less than 20,000 square feet in area.* For legally created parcels within the RR Zone which are less than 20,000 square feet in area, the following setbacks shall be provided and supersede those listed in Table 19.100.040.A as follows:

- 1a. For lots less than 8,500 square feet in area, the R-1-7000 standards apply.
  - 2b. For lots greater than 8,500 square feet in area, but less than 10,500 square feet in area, the R-1-8500 standards apply.
  - 3e. For lots greater than 10,500 square feet in area, but less than 13,000 square feet in area, the R-1-10500 standards apply.
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4d. For lots greater than 13,000 square feet in area, but less than 20,000 square feet in area, the R-1-13000 standards apply.

D. [See also 19.630.040 – Permitted projections into required yards for additional exceptions to the setback requirements.](#)

(Ord. 7592 § 2(Exh. B), 2022; Ord. 7552 § 4, 2021; Ord. 7331 § 4, 2016; Ord. 6966 § 1, 2007)