

## OMC 18.04.080 Residential districts' development standards (Excerpt)

### H. Setbacks.

1. Measurement. The required setback area shall be measured from the outermost edge of the building foundation to the closest point on the applicable lot line.
2. Reduced Front Yard Setbacks. Front yard setbacks in the R-4, R 4-8, R 6-12, MR 7-13 and MR 10-18 districts may be reduced to a minimum of ten (10) feet under the following conditions:
  - a. When garage or parking lot access is from the rear of the lot;
  - b. When the garage is located at least ten (10) feet behind the front facade of the primary structure on the lot; or
  - c. When the driveway will be aligned to provide at least a twenty (20) foot long parking space between the sidewalk edge (closest to lot) and the garage. (See Chapter [18.100](#) Design Review and Chapter [18.175](#) Infill and Other Residential.)
  - d. Such setback reductions shall not be allowed where they would result in a setback of fifty (50) percent or less than the setback of an existing dwelling on an abutting lot fronting on the same



street.

**FIGURE 4-3**

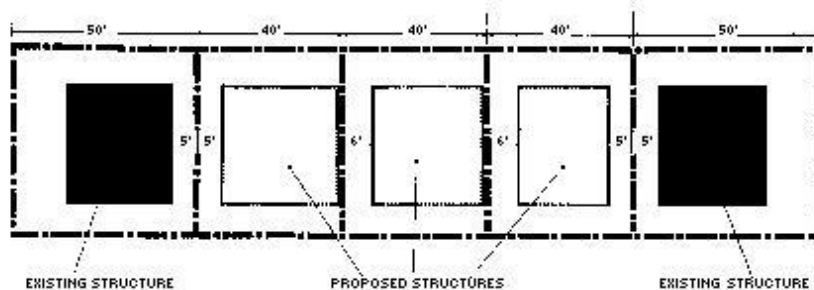
3. Rear Yard Setbacks. See Section [18.04.080\(H\)\(5\)](#), Encroachments into Setbacks, Section [18.04.080\(D\)\(2\)](#), Transitional Lots, and Table 4.04.

4. Side Yard Setbacks.

a. Reduced side yard setbacks. Except for the R-4CB district, a side yard building setback shall not be required for a lot served by an alley (such alley must be open, improved and accessible, not solely a right-of-way) provided it meets the following conditions:

i. Provision for reduced or zero setbacks shall specifically appear upon the face of a final short or long plat. Such plat shall provide that the minimum distance between residences will be six (6) feet. If the distance between a proposed dwelling and a property line is less than three (3) feet, the applicant shall provide evidence of a maintenance easement, at least three (3) feet in width, which provides sufficient access for the owner of the dwelling to maintain the applicable exterior wall and roof of the dwelling. (Except as expressly provided, any reduced side yard provision appearing on a final plat shall withstand later amendments of this Title and shall be considered conforming.)

ii. Side yard setbacks shall not be less than five (5) feet along a property line adjoining a lot which is not developed or approved for reduced setbacks (e.g., a conventional lot with two (2) five (5) foot wide side yard setbacks). Side yard setbacks shall not be less than ten (10) feet along property lines which abut a public rights-of-way.



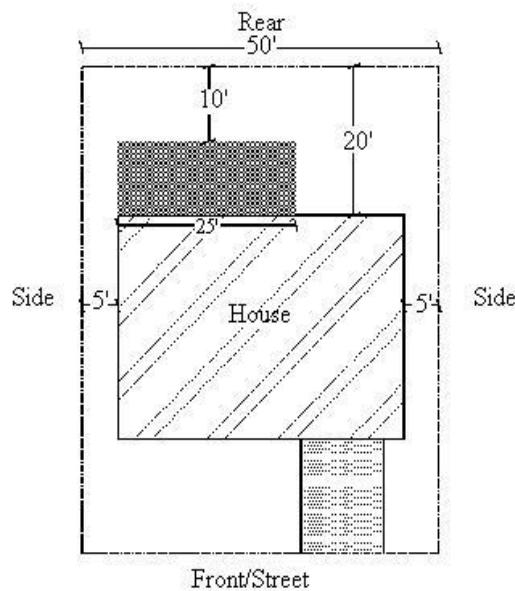
**ZERO LOT LINE**

**FIGURE 4-4**

b. The minimum side yard setback from bikepaths and walkways shall comply with the side yard setback from the lot line as specified for the district in Table 4.04.

5. Encroachment Into Setbacks. The buildings and projections listed below shall be allowed outside of utility, access or other easements. See [18.04.080\(H\)\(5\)](#) for additional exceptions.

- a. Except for Accessory Dwelling Units, any accessory structures may be located in a required rear yard and/or in the rear twenty (20) feet of a required interior side yard; however, if a garage entrance faces a rear or side property line, it shall be setback at least ten (10) feet from that property line. Accessory dwelling units may not encroach into required side yard setbacks. Accessory dwelling units may encroach into rear yards however, if the rear yard does not abut an alley, the accessory unit must be set back ten (10) feet from the rear property line. Further, any garage attached to any accessory dwelling unit shall conform with this Section.
- b. Up to fifty (50) percent of a rear yards width may be occupied by a dwelling (primary residence or ADU) provided that the structure (foundation) is located at least ten (10) feet from the rear property line. For purposes of this section the rear yards width shall be measured in a straight line between the side property lines at the point of intersection with the rear property line.



**Figure 4-4a**

- c. Townhouse garages may share a common rear property line provided that access for interior lots is from a single common driveway to not more than one public street entrance.