

## **CHAPTER 3.3 LOW DENSITY (RS-6) ZONE**

### **Section 3.3.10 - PURPOSE**

This is the primary zone that implements the Low Density Residential Comprehensive Plan designation, which allows from two to six dwelling units per acre. The RS-6 Zone is intended to accommodate a broad range of lot sizes and varied Housing Types within the established density range. This variety is consistent with Comprehensive Plan policies that support comprehensive neighborhoods and affordable housing.

The RS-6 Zone also permits smaller lots than generally allowed in the RS-3.5 and RS-5 zones, and encourages greater efficiencies in the provision of streets, utilities, and usable Green Area.

The RS-6 Zone shall be applied to all lands zoned RS-6 as of the adoption of this Code. Additionally, the RS-6 Zone applies to single-family residential areas that are unplatted, greater than one acre in size, and that were zoned RS-5 at the time of adoption of this Code. With the exception of properties indicated on the Comprehensive Plan Map as being eligible for the RS-1 (Extra-low Density) Residential Zone, all Low Density Residential lands shall be zoned RS-6 (Low Density) Residential upon their annexation.

### **Section 3.3.20 - PERMITTED USES**

#### **3.3.20.01 - Ministerial Development**

##### **a. Primary Uses Permitted Outright**

1. Residential Use Types -
  - a) Family
  - b) Group Residential - 12 or fewer persons
  - c) Group Residential/Group Care - 12 or fewer persons
  - d) Residential Care Facilities - 12 or fewer persons
2. Residential Building Types -
  - a) Single Detached

- b) Single Detached - Zero Lot Line
- c) Single Attached - Zero Lot Line, two units
- d) Attached - Townhouse, three to five units
- e) Duplex
- f) Multi-dwelling - Triplex and Fourplex only

3. Civic Use Types -

- a) Community Recreation
- b) Postal Services - Customer
- c) Public Safety Services

**b. Accessory Uses Permitted Outright**

- 1. Accessory Dwelling Units subject to provisions in Section 4.9.40 of Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions
- 2. Colocated/attached Wireless Telecommunication Facilities on nonresidential structures that do not increase the height of the existing structures, subject to the standards in Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions
- 3. Essential Services
- 4. Day Care, Family, as defined in Chapter 1.6 - Definitions
- 5. Home Business, as defined in Chapter 1.6 - Definitions
- 6. Horticulture - personal use
- 7. Model Dwelling Units
- 8. Other development customarily incidental to the Primary Uses in accordance with Chapter 4.3 - Accessory Development Regulations
- 9. Sports and Recreation - personal use

10. Tree, Row, and Field Crops - personal use

### **3.3.20.02 - Special Development**

**Conditional Development** - Subject to review in accordance with Chapter 2.3 - Conditional Development and all other applicable provisions of this Code.

- a. Colocated/attached Wireless Telecommunication Facilities on nonresidential structures that increase the height of the existing structures, subject to the standards in Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions
- b. Day Care, Commercial Facility, as defined in Chapter 1.6 - Definitions
- c. Cultural Exhibits and Library Services
- d. Freestanding Wireless Telecommunication Facilities, subject to the standards in Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions
- e. Funeral and Interment Services - Interring and Cemeteries
- f. Group Residential - more than 12 persons
- g. Group Residential/Group Care - more than 12 persons
- h. Lodges, Fraternal and Civic Assembly
- i. Major Services and Utilities
- j. Minor Utilities subject to standards in Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions
- k. Participant Sports and Recreation - Indoor and Outdoor
- l. Religious Assembly
- m. Residential Care Facilities - more than 12 persons
- n. Schools

### 3.3.20.03 - General Development

**Plan Compatibility Review** - Subject to review in accordance with Chapter 2.13 - Plan Compatibility Review and other applicable provisions of this Code.

Projections such as chimneys, spires, domes, and towers not used for human occupancy and exceeding 20 ft. over the height of the structure or 40 ft. in height, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 4.9.50 of Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions. Note: Flagpoles are subject to height requirements in Section 4.7.70.b of Chapter 4.7 - Sign Regulations.

### Section 3.3.30 - RS-6 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

**Table 3.3-1**

		<b>Standard</b>
<b>a.</b>	Minimum Density	2 units per acre for existing platted lots as of December 31, 2006; however, all new Residential Subdivisions and Planned Developments in this zone shall achieve a minimum density of 4 dwelling units per acre.
<b>b.</b>	Maximum Density	6 units per acre
<b>c.</b>	Minimum Lot Area	Developments greater than 5 acres in size in this zone shall provide a minimum of 10 percent of the residential lots within the range of 2,500 - 3,500 sq. ft. Remaining lots within the development shall achieve the minimum lot sizes listed below:
	1. Single Detached	3,500 sq. ft.
	2. Single Attached	2,500 sq. ft.
	3. Duplex (or other configuration of building types resulting in two units)	5,000 sq. ft.
	4. Triplex (or other configuration of building types resulting in three units)	7,500 sq. ft.
	5. Fourplex (or other configuration of building types resulting in four units)	10,000 sq. ft.
<b>d.</b>	Minimum Lot Width	
	1. Single Detached with alley access to garage	40 ft.
	2. Single Detached with street access to garage	50 ft.
	3. Single Attached	25 ft.
	4. Duplex (or other configuration of building types resulting in two units)	50 ft.
	5. Triplex (or other configuration of building types resulting in three units)	75 ft.
	6. Fourplex (or other configuration of building types resulting in four units)	100 ft.

		<b>Standard</b>
<b>e.</b>	<p><b>Setbacks</b></p> <p>1. Front yard</p> <p>2. Rear yard</p> <p>3. Side yard</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) Single Detached</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">b) Single Attached and Zero Lot Line Detached</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">c) Duplex, Triplex and Fourplex</p> <p>4. Corner lot</p> <p>See also "k," and "l," below.</p>	<p>10 ft. minimum; 25 ft. maximum Also, unenclosed porches may encroach into front yards, provided that a minimum front yard of 5 ft. is maintained.</p> <p>5 ft. minimum and each lot must have a minimum 15 ft. usable yard either on the side or rear of the dwelling.</p> <p>5 ft. minimum each side yard</p> <p>0 ft. one side; 8 ft. minimum on opposite side<sup>1</sup></p> <p>10 ft. minimum each side</p> <p>Also, interior attached townhouses exempt from interior side yard setbacks.</p> <p>10 ft. minimum on side abutting the street. Vision clearance areas in accordance with Section 4.1.40.c of Chapter 4.1 - Parking, Loading, and Access Requirements.</p>
<b>f.</b>	<p><b>Minimum Garage/Carport Setbacks</b></p> <p>1. Garage/carport entrance parallel to street</p> <p>2. Garage/carport entrance sideways/perpendicular to street</p> <p>See also "k," and "l," below.</p>	<p>19 ft.</p> <p>10 ft.</p> <p>Setbacks from alleys in accordance with Section 4.0.60.j of Chapter 4.0 - Improvements Required with Development.</p> <p>Garages/carports are also subject to the provisions in Chapter 4.10 - Pedestrian Oriented Design Standards.</p>

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For Detached Zero Lot Line dwelling units, prior to Building Permit approval, the applicant shall submit a recorded easement between the subject property and abutting lot next to the yard having the zero setback. This easement shall be sufficient to guarantee rights for maintenance purposes of structures and yard, but in no case shall it be less than five ft. in width.

	<b>Standard</b>
<p><b>g.</b> Minimum Setbacks and Buffering from Actively Farmed Open Space-Agricultural (OS-AG) Land</p> <p>See also “k,” and “l,” below.</p>	<p>When residential development is proposed abutting Actively Farmed OS-AG Land, a minimum 50 ft.-wide continuous plant or plant/berm buffer is required. It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide this buffer.</p> <p>The minimum setback for lands adjacent to Actively Farmed OS-AG Land is 100 ft. Any intervening right-of-way may be included in the 100-ft. setback measurement.</p> <p>Structures that existed on December 31, 2006, and that would fall within the 100-ft setback from Actively Farmed OS-AG Land shall not be considered as non-conforming structures and no additional buffering is required to maintain the existing development.</p>
<p><b>h.</b> Maximum Structure Height</p>	<p>30 ft., not to exceed a solar envelope approved under Chapter 2.18 - Solar Access Permits or Chapter 4.6 - Solar Access</p>
<p><b>i.</b> Maximum Lot Coverage</p>	<p>60 percent of lot area maximum; interior attached townhouses exempt from this provision</p>
<p><b>j.</b> Off-street Parking</p>	<p>See Chapter 4.1 - Parking, Loading, and Access Requirements</p>
<p><b>k.</b> Outdoor Components Associated with Heat Pumps and Similar Equipment for Residential Structures</p>	<p>Shall not be placed within any required setback area.</p> <p>When located outside a setback area, but within five to 10 ft. of a property line, such equipment shall be screened on all sides with a solid fence or wall at least one ft. higher than the equipment.</p> <p>When located outside a setback area, but greater than 10 ft. from a property line, such equipment requires no screening.</p>
<p><b>l.</b> Outdoor Components Associated with Heat Pumps and Similar Equipment for Nonresidential Structures</p>	<p>Shall be in accordance with Chapter 4.2 - Landscaping, Buffering, Screening, and Lighting.</p>
<p><b>m.</b> Minimum Assured Development Area (MADA)</p>	<p>See Chapter 4.11 - Minimum Assured Development Area (MADA).</p>
<p><b>n.</b> Special Flood Hazard Areas</p>	<p>See Chapter 2.11 - Floodplain Development Permit and Chapter 4.5 - Floodplain Provisions .</p>
<p><b>o.</b> Significant Vegetation</p>	<p>See Chapter 4.2 - Landscaping, Buffering, Screening, and Lighting and Chapter 4.12 - Significant Vegetation Protection Provisions.</p>
<p><b>p.</b> Riparian Corridors &amp; Locally Protected Wetlands</p>	<p>See Chapter 4.13 - Riparian Corridor and Wetland Provisions.</p>

	<b>Standard</b>
<b>q.</b> Landscaping	See Section 3.3.40, below, and Chapter 4.2 - Landscaping, Buffering, Screening, and Lighting.
<b>r.</b> Required Green Area and Private Outdoor Space	See Section 3.3.40, below.
<b>s.</b> Landslide Hazards and Hillsides	See Chapter 4.14 - Landslide Hazard and Hillside Development Provisions.

### **Section 3.3.40 - GREEN AREA REQUIREMENTS**

- a.** A minimum of 40 percent of the gross lot area, and a minimum of 20 percent for center-unit townhouses on interior lots, shall be retained and improved or maintained as permanent Green Area, as defined in Chapter 1.6 - Definitions. A minimum of 15 percent of the gross lot area and a minimum of 10 percent for center-unit townhouses on interior lots, shall consist of vegetation consisting of landscaping or naturally preserved vegetation.
- b.** Landscaping within the required Green Area shall be permanently maintained in accordance with Chapter 4.2 - Landscaping, Buffering, Screening, and Lighting and shall primarily consist of ground cover, ferns, trees, shrubs, or other living plants with sufficient irrigation to properly maintain all vegetation. Drought-tolerant plant materials are encouraged. Design elements such as internal sidewalks, pedestrian seating areas, fountains, pools, sculptures, planters, and similar amenities may also be placed within the permanent Green Areas.
- c.** Within the required Green Area for single-family dwellings (attached and detached) and duplexes, a Private Outdoor Space equal to at least 10 percent of the total lot area per dwelling unit shall be designed to be viewable and accessed by the interior space via doors and windows. Within the required Green Area for multi-dwellings, a Private Outdoor Space equal to at least 48 sq. ft. per dwelling unit shall be designed to be viewable and accessed by the interior space via doors and windows. These Private Outdoor Space requirements may be met by providing private side or rear yard areas, patios, and/or balconies for dwelling units.

### **Section 3.3.50 - MIX OF HOUSING TYPES**

A mix of permitted Housing Types is encouraged in the RS-6 Zone and shall be required for larger development projects in the zone. To promote such a mix, developments greater than five acres in size shall comply with the variety of Housing Types requirements outlined in Chapter 4.9 - Additional Provisions.

### **Section 3.3.60 - COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 4.10 - PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED DESIGN STANDARDS**

The requirements in Chapter 4.10 - Pedestrian Oriented Design Standards shall apply to the following types of development in the RS-6 Zone:

- a.** All new buildings or structures for which a valid permit application has been submitted after December 31, 2006;
- b.** Developments subject to Conditional Development and/or Planned Development approval, as required by a Condition(s) of Approval(s); and
- c.** Independent or cumulative expansion of a nonresidential structure in existence and in compliance with the Code on December 31, 2006, or constructed after December 31, 2006 pursuant to a valid Conceptual or Detailed Development Plan approved on or before December 31, 2006, shall comply with the pedestrian requirements of Chapter 4.10 - Pedestrian Oriented Design Standards as outlined in Section 4.10.70.01.

### **Section 3.3.70 - VARIATIONS**

Except as limited by provisions within the chapters listed in Section 3.3.30 “m” through “q,” and “s,” variations from development and design standards, such as the standards in this Chapter and in other chapters of this Code addressing parking, landscaping, public improvements, and Pedestrian Oriented Design Standards, may be allowed through the processes outlined in Chapter 2.5 - Planned Development and Chapter 2.12 - Lot Development Option.