

SECTION 203 - R-3 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

203 STATEMENT OF INTENT

The R-3 District is composed of high-density residential uses and open area where similar development appears likely to occur. The standards for this district are designed to stabilize and protect the character of the area so designated and create areas for apartment and townhouse construction, along with appropriate living environments. These areas are located close to employment, shopping, and other community facilities. Development is limited to high-density residential uses of various types, plus selected additional uses, such as schools, parks, churches, and certain public facilities.

203.1 USES PERMITTED BY RIGHT

Only one use and its accessory buildings and/or uses may be erected on any lot or parcel of land in the R-3 Residential District.

- (a) Single-family dwellings.
- (b) Two-family dwellings.
- (c) Schools.
- (d) Churches.
- (e) Parks and playgrounds.
- (f) Home occupations.
- (g) Public, semi-public, or governmental buildings.
- (h) Off-street parking for permitted uses in the district as set forth in Section 305.
- (i) Accessory buildings and Temporary Family Health Care Structures permitted as defined; however, garages or other accessory structures, such as carports, porches, and stoops, attached to the main building, shall be considered part of the main building. Accessory buildings may be located in a rear yard area, but shall not be located closer than five (5) feet from any property line or to any other structure.
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- (j) Public utilities: poles, lines, distribution transformers, booster and relay stations, pipes, meters, and other facilities necessary for the provision and maintenance of public utilities, including water and sewage systems.
- (k) Signs as set forth in Section 307.
- (l) Travel trailers, which shall not be stored within the front setback area and which shall be prohibited from occupancy.
- (m) Fences as set forth in Section 303.
- (n) Rooming houses.
- (o) Boarding houses.
- (p) Tourist homes.

203.2 USES PERMITTED BY SPECIAL PERMIT

- (a) Nursing and/or convalescent homes as set forth in Section 311.
- (b) Professional offices as set forth in Section 312.
- (c) Townhouses as set forth in Section 309.
- (d) Apartments as set forth in Section 310.
- (e) Conversion of a structure originally intended and designed for occupancy as a single-family dwelling into a structure with two or more dwellings.

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- (f) Day care centers. **(10/94)**
- (g) Barber and beauty shops. **(5/95)**
- (h) Furniture and automobile upholstery businesses. **(4/99)**
- (i) Banks and financial institutions with drive-through facilities. **(8/07)**

203.3 AREA REGULATIONS

- (a) The minimum lot area shall be eight thousand (8,000) square feet for freestanding one- or two-family detached structures. Each unit in a two-family structure arranged side by side shall be given four thousand (4,000) square feet of lot area.
- (b) The minimum lot area for the conversion of structures to a larger number of dwelling units shall be eight thousand (8,000) square feet for the first two dwelling units and two thousand (2,000) square feet for each additional dwelling unit above two.
- (c) The minimum lot areas for townhouses and apartments are set forth in Section 309 and 310 respectively.
- (d) The minimum lot area for other permitted uses shall be eight thousand (8,000) square feet or as otherwise specified herein. Accessory uses may be located on the same lot as the principal use without increased lot size.

203.4 SETBACK REGULATIONS

Structures shall be located thirty (30) feet or more from any street right-of-way fifty (50) feet or greater in width **(5/94)**, or forty-five (45) feet or more from the center of any street right-of-way less than fifty (50) feet in width.

203.5 FRONTAGE REGULATIONS

The minimum width at the setback line shall be seventy-five (75) feet.

203.6 YARD REGULATIONS

- (a) Side - Each side yard shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet.
- (b) Rear - The minimum rear yard shall be twenty-five (25) feet.

203.7 LOT COVERAGE

Any structure or structures shall not occupy more than 40 percent of the total area of the lot.

203.8 OPEN SPACE

Each dwelling created when a structure is converted to a larger number of units shall be provided with six hundred (600) square feet of usable open space per dwelling unit. Such space shall be exclusive of areas devoted to streets, alleys, and parking.

203.9 HEIGHT REGULATIONS

- (a) Buildings may be erected up to three (3) stories, but not to exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height.
- (b) A public or semi-public building such as a school, church, or library may be erected to a height of sixty (60) feet from grade provided that required front, side,

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and rear yards shall be increased one (1) foot for each foot in height over thirty-five (35) feet.

- (c) Church spires, belfries, cupolas, municipal water towers, chimneys, flues, flagpoles, television antennae and radio aerials are exempt. Parapet walls may be up to four (4) feet above the height of the building on which the walls rest.
- (d) Accessory buildings over one story in height shall be at least ten (10) feet from any lot line. All accessory buildings shall be less than the main building in height.

203.10 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR CORNER LOTS

- (a) Of the two sides of a corner lot fronting on streets, the shortest shall be deemed to be the front.
- (b) Each corner lot shall have a minimum width at the setback line of eighty-five (85) feet.