Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Zohran K. Mamdani, Mayor

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Sideya Sherman, Chair

43-20 - YARD REGULATIONS

File generated by https://zr.planning.nyc.gov on 10/30/2026

43-20 - YARD REGULATIONS

LAST AMENDED
1/28/1971

43-21 - Definitions

LAST AMENDED
11/19/1987

Words in italics are defined in Section 12-10 or, if applicable exclusively to this Section, in this Section.

43-22 - Level of Yards

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

In all #Manufacturing Districts#, the level of a #yard# or of a #rear yard equivalent# shall not be higher than #curb level#. However, this Section shall not be construed to require that natural grade level be disturbed in order to comply with this requirement.

No #building or other structure# shall be erected above ground level in any required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# except as otherwise provided in Section 43-23 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

43-23 - Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

In all #Manufacturing Districts#, the obstructions set forth in Sections 23-311 (Permitted obstructions in all yards, courts and open areas) and 23-341 (Permitted obstructions in required rear yards or rear yard equivalents), as well as the following obstructions shall be permitted within a required #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(a) In any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(1) Fences;

(2) Parking spaces for automobiles or bicycles, off-street, open, #accessory#;

(3) #Energy infrastructure equipment# and #accessory# mechanical equipment, provided that the height of all equipment shall not exceed a height of 23 feet above #curb level#;

(4) Steps;

(5) Walls, not exceeding eight feet in height and not roofed or part of a #building#.

(b) In any #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent#:

(1) Any #building# or portion of a #building# used for any permitted #use#, except that any portion of a #building# containing rooms used for living or sleeping purposes (other than a room in a hospital used for the care and treatment of patients, or #joint living-work quarters for artists#) shall not be a permitted obstruction, and provided that the height of such #building# shall not exceed one #story#, excluding

#basement#, nor in any event 23 feet above #curb level#. However, in M Districts with an A suffix, the height of such obstruction shall be modified so that such #building# shall not exceed two #stories#, excluding #basements#, nor in any event 30 feet above #curb level#. In addition, in all districts, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs, and weirs, shall be permitted upon such #building#, or portion thereof, pursuant to Section 43-42 (Permitted Obstructions);

(2) Parking spaces for automobiles or bicycles, off-street, #accessory#, provided that the height of an #accessory# #building# used for such purposes and located in a required #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall not exceed 23 feet above #curb level#; or

(3) Solar energy systems affixed to solar canopies and located over parking spaces associated with #public parking lots#, automobile rental establishments, or commercial or public utility vehicle parking facilities, as permitted, provided that the height shall not exceed 15 feet above the level of the adjoining grade.

However, no portion of a #rear yard equivalent# which is also a required #front yard# or required #side yard# may contain any obstructions not permitted in such #front yard# or #side yard#.

43-24 - Measurement of Yard Width or Depth

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

In all #Manufacturing Districts#, the width or depth of a #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be measured perpendicular to #lot lines#.

43-25 - Minimum Required Side Yards

LAST AMENDED
12/15/1961

M1 M2 M3

In all districts, as indicated, no #side yards# are required. However, if an open area extending along a #side lot line# is provided, it shall be at least eight feet wide.

43-26 - Minimum Required Rear Yards

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

M1 M2 M3

In all districts, other than districts with an A suffix, a #rear yard# with a depth of not less than 20 feet shall be provided at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot# except as otherwise provided in Sections 43-27 (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots), 43-28 (Special Provisions for Through Lots) or 43-31 (Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards). #Rear yards# shall also be provided along portions of #side lot lines# as set forth in Section 43-261 (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line).

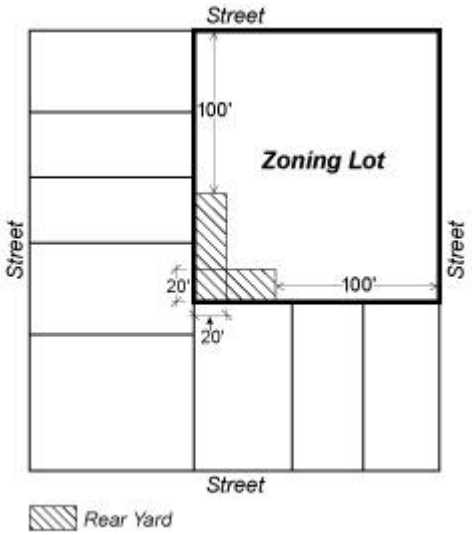
For districts with an A suffix, the provisions of Section 43-262 shall apply. However, such provisions shall be modified by the provisions of 43-27 (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots), 43-28 or 43-31.

43-261 - Beyond one hundred feet of a street line

LAST AMENDED
4/30/2008

M1 M2 M3

In all districts, as indicated, for #corner lots#, and for #zoning lots# that are bounded by two or more #streets# that are neither #corner lots# or #through lots#, the portion of a #side lot line# beyond 100 feet of the #street line# that it intersects shall be considered a #rear lot line# and a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 20 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



CORNER LOT
(33-261.1, 43-261.1)



ZONING LOT BOUNDED BYTWO OR MORE STREETS
(NEITHER A CORNER LOT NOR A THROUGH LOT)
(33-261.2, 43-261.2)

43-262 - Minimum rear yards for Manufacturing Districts with an A suffix

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

In Manufacturing Districts with an A suffix, a #rear yard# shall be provided at the minimum depth set forth in the table below for the applicable height above the #base plane#, at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot#.

REQUIRED DEPTH OF REAR YARD

Height above #base plane#	Required depth
Below 65 feet	10
Above 65 feet	15

Above 125 feet	20

In addition, where a portion of a #side lot line# beyond 100 feet of the #street line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#, such #side lot line# shall be considered a #rear lot line# and a #rear yard# shall be required with a minimum depth in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

43-27 - Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

M1 M2 M3

(a) For districts without an A suffix

In all districts, other than districts with an A suffix, if an #interior lot#:

(1) was owned separately and individually from all other adjoining tracts of land, both on December 15, 1961, and on the date of application for a building permit; and

(2) is less than 70 feet deep;

the depth of a required #rear yard# for such #interior lot# may be reduced by one foot for each two feet by which the maximum depth of a #zoning lot# is less than 70 feet. No #rear yard# is required on any #interior lot# with a maximum depth of less than 50 feet.

(b) For districts with an A suffix

For districts with an A suffix, if an #interior lot#, or portion thereof, has a depth of less than 95 feet at any point, and such shallow condition was in existence on December 15, 1961, the depth of a required #rear yard#, or portion thereof, may be reduced by six inches for each foot by which the depth of such #zoning lot# is less than 95 feet. No #rear yard# is required on any such #interior lot#, or portion thereof, with a maximum depth of less than 50 feet.

43-28 - Special Provisions for Through Lots

LAST AMENDED
6/6/2024

M1 M2 M3

(a) In all districts, other than districts with an A suffix, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply on any #through lot# which extends less than 110 feet in maximum #lot depth# from #street# to #street#. However, on any #through lot# 110 feet or more in maximum depth from #street# to #street#, one of the following #rear yard equivalents# shall be provided, except that in the case of a #zoning lot# occupying an entire #block#, no #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be required:

(1) an open area with a minimum #lot depth# of 40 feet midway (or within five feet of being midway) between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts;

(2) two open areas, each adjoining and extending along the full length of the #street line#, and each with a minimum depth of 20 feet measured from such #street line#; or

(3) an open area adjoining and extending along the full length of each #side lot line#, with a minimum width of 20 feet measured from each such #side lot line#.

Any such #rear yard equivalent# shall be unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky, except as provided in Section 43-23 (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

(b) For districts with an A suffix

For districts with an A suffix, no #rear yard equivalent# shall be required on any #through lot# or #through lot# portion of a #zoning lot#.

43-29 - Special Provisions Applying Along Railroad Right-of-way

LAST AMENDED
12/5/2024

M1 M2 M3

In all districts, as indicated, along such portion of a #rear lot line# which coincides with a boundary of a #railroad right-of-way#, no #rear yard# shall be required.