



## Zoning Resolution

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

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# 24-30 - YARD REGULATIONS

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## 24-30 - YARD REGULATIONS

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LAST AMENDED  
12/15/1961

General Provisions

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### 24-31 - Applicability of Yard Regulations

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LAST AMENDED  
3/22/2016

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, #yards# shall be provided as set forth in Sections [24-30](#) (YARD REGULATIONS) and [24-40](#) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR ZONING LOTS DIVIDED BY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), inclusive.

For #zoning lots# with #residential# and #community facility# #uses#, #front yards# shall be provided pursuant to Article II, Chapter 3, where applicable, and #side yards# and #rear yards# shall be provided in accordance with this Chapter. Section [23-463](#) (Maximum aggregate width of street walls) shall apply to #zoning lots# with #residential# and #community facility# #uses#.

For the #residential# portion of a #building# with both #residential# and #community facility# #uses#, the required #residential rear yard# shall be provided at the floor level of the lowest #story# used for #dwelling units#, where any window of such #dwelling units# faces onto such #rear yard#.

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### 24-32 - Level of Yards and Measurement of Yard Width or Depth

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LAST AMENDED  
2/2/2011

In all #Residence Districts#, the level of a #yard# or of a #rear yard equivalent# shall not be higher than #curb level#, except that natural grade level need not 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 [24-33](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

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

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### 24-33 - Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents

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LAST AMENDED  
12/6/2023

In all #Residence Districts#, the obstructions set forth in Section [23-441](#) (General permitted obstruction allowances), as well as the following obstructions shall be permitted when located 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, subject to the requirements set forth in Section [23-442](#) (Additional permitted obstructions);
  - (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) Balconies, unenclosed, subject to the provisions of Section [24-166](#);
  - (2) Any #building# or portion of a #building# used for #community facility# #uses#, including #accessory# parking spaces for bicycles within such #building#, provided that the height of such #building# shall not exceed one #story#, nor in any event 23 feet above #curb level#, and further provided that the area within such #building# dedicated to #accessory# parking spaces for bicycles shall not exceed the area permitted to be excluded from #floor area#, pursuant to Section [25-85](#) (Floor Area Exemption). In addition, decks, parapet walls, roof thickness, skylights, vegetated roofs and weirs, pursuant to Section [24-51](#) (Permitted Obstructions), shall be permitted above such an #accessory building#, or portion thereof. However, the following shall not be permitted obstructions:
    - (i) in all #Residence Districts#, any portion of a #building# containing rooms used for living or sleeping purposes, other than a room in a hospital used for the care or treatment of patients;
    - (ii) in R1, R2, R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1 R4A or R4B Districts, any portion of a #building# used for any #community facility# #use#;
    - (iii) in all #Residence Districts# not listed in paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this Section, beyond 100 feet of a #wide street#, any portion of a #building# used for a #community facility# #use# other than a #school#, house of worship, college or university, or hospital and related facilities;
  - (3) Parking spaces, off-street, #accessory# to a #community facility# #use#, provided that the height of an #accessory building#, or portion of a #building# used for such purposes, shall not exceed 15 feet above #curb level#. However, such #accessory building# or portion of a #building# shall not be a permitted obstruction in R1, R2, R3-1, R3A, R3X, R4-1, R4A or R4B Districts.

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#.

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## 24-34 - Minimum Required Front Yards

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LAST AMENDED  
6/29/2006

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

In the districts indicated, #front yards# shall be provided as set forth in the following table, except that for a #corner lot# in an R1-2 District, one #front yard# may have a depth of 15 feet.

District	#Front Yard# (in feet)
R1	20
R2 R3 R4	15
R5	10
R5D	5*

\* In R5D Districts, the provisions set forth in Section [23-45](#) (Minimum Required Front Yards) shall apply.

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## 24-35 - Minimum Required Side Yards

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LAST AMENDED

12/6/2023

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5

- (a) In the districts indicated, if a #building# containing a #community facility# #use# has an #aggregate width of street walls# equal to 80 feet or less or, for #abutting# #buildings#, if the combined #aggregate width of street walls# of all such #abutting# #buildings# on a #zoning lot# is equal to 80 feet or less, then two #side yards# shall be provided, each with a minimum required width of eight feet. If such #building# or #buildings# have an #aggregate width of street walls# equal to more than 80 feet, two #side yards# shall be provided, each equal to not less than 10 percent of the #aggregate width of street walls#. The provisions of this paragraph (a) shall not apply in R5D Districts. In lieu thereof, the #side yard# regulations set forth in Sections [23-461](#) and [23-462](#), as applicable, shall apply.

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (b) In the districts indicated, no #side yards# are required. However, if any open area extending along a #side lot line# is provided at any level, it shall be at least eight feet wide. The allowances for permitted obstructions in any #yard# or #rear yard equivalent# set forth in Section [24-33](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents) shall be permitted in such open areas.

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## 24-351 - Special provisions applying along district boundaries

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LAST AMENDED

2/2/2011

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, if the boundary of an adjoining R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District coincides with a #side lot line# of a #zoning lot#, a #side yard# at least eight feet wide shall be provided along such boundary within the districts indicated.

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## 24-36 - Minimum Required Rear Yards

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LAST AMENDED

4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, a #rear yard# with a depth of not less than 30 feet shall be provided at every #rear lot line# on any #zoning lot# except as otherwise provided in Sections [24-37](#) (Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots), [24-38](#) (Special Provisions for Through Lots) or [24-39](#) (Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards). #Rear yards# shall also be provided along portions of #side lot lines# as set forth in Section [24-361](#) (Beyond one hundred feet of a street line).

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## 24-361 - Beyond one hundred feet of a street line

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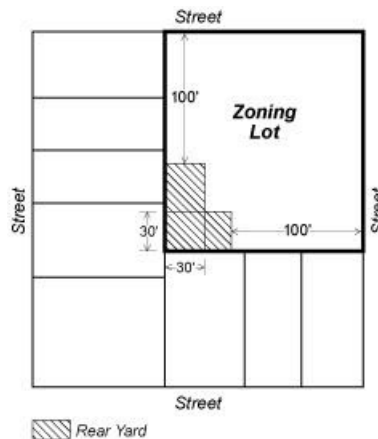
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4/30/2008

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

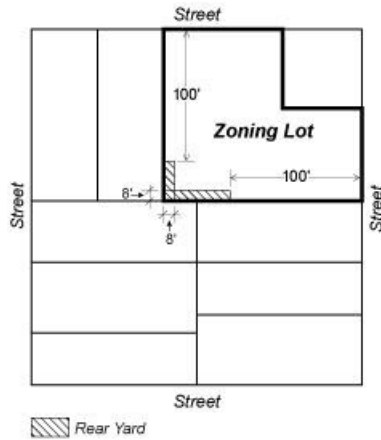
In all districts, as indicated, for #corner lots#, and for #zoning lots# that are bounded by two or more #streets# that are neither #corner lots# nor #through lots#, the portion of a #side lot line# beyond 100 feet of the #street line# that it intersects shall be considered a #rear lot line# and the following rules shall apply along such #rear lot line#:

- (a) In all districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 30 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



## CORNER LOT

- (b) In R1 through R5 Districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of eight feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



**ZONING LOT BOUNDED BY TWO OR MORE STREETS (NEITHER A CORNER LOT NOR A THROUGH LOT)**

- (c) In R6 through R10 Districts, no #rear yard# shall be required where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.

**24-37 - Special Provisions for Shallow Interior Lots**

LAST AMENDED  
2/20/1964

R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, if an #interior lot# consists entirely of a tract of land:

- (a) which 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
- (b) which is less than 70 feet deep at any point;

the depth of a required #rear yard# for such #interior lot# may be reduced by one foot for each foot by which the maximum depth of such #zoning lot# is less than 70 feet. On any #interior lot# with a maximum depth of 50 feet or less, the minimum depth of a required #rear yard# shall be 10 feet.

**24-38 - Special Provisions for Through Lots**

LAST AMENDED  
6/29/1994

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the regulations of this Section shall apply to all #through lots#. In the case of a #zoning lot# occupying an entire #block#, no #rear yard# or #rear yard equivalent# shall be required.

**24-381 - Excepted through lots**

LAST AMENDED  
3/22/2016

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

- (a) In all districts, as indicated, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply to any #through lots# that extend less than 110 feet in maximum depth from #street# to #street#.

R5D R6A R6B R7A R7B R7D R7X R8A R8B R8X R9A R9D R9X R10A R10X

- (b) In the districts indicated, for all #buildings# and for #Quality Housing buildings# in other R6, R7, R8, R9 and R10 Districts, no #rear yard# regulations shall apply to any #zoning lot# that includes a #through lot# portion which is contiguous on one side to two #corner lot# portions, and such #zoning lot# occupies the entire #block# frontage of a #street#.

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## 24-382 - Required rear yard equivalents

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LAST AMENDED

3/22/2016

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, 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:

- (a) an open area with a minimum depth of 60 feet midway (or within five feet of being midway) between the two #street lines# upon which such #through lot# fronts;
- (b) two open areas, each adjoining and extending along the full length of a #street line#, and each with a minimum depth of 30 feet measured from such #street line#, except the depth of such required open area along one #street line# may be decreased, provided that:
- (1) a corresponding increase in the depth of the open area along the other #street line# is made; and
  - (2) any required front setback areas are maintained; or
- (c) an open area adjoining and extending along the full length of each #side lot line#, with a minimum width of 30 feet measured from each such #side lot line#.

However, in R5D, R6A, R6B, R7A, R7B, R7D, R7X, R8A, R8B, R8X, R9A, R9D, R9X, R10A and R10X Districts, and for #Quality Housing buildings# in other R6 through R10 Districts on any #through lot# at least 180 feet in depth from #street# to #street#, a #rear yard equivalent# shall be provided only as set forth in paragraph (a) of this Section.

Any such #rear yard equivalent# shall be unobstructed from its lowest level to the sky, except as provided in Section [24-33](#) (Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards or Rear Yard Equivalents).

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## 24-39 - Other Special Provisions for Rear Yards

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LAST AMENDED

12/15/1961

R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In all districts, as indicated, the #rear yard# requirements set forth in Section [24-36](#) (Minimum Required Rear Yards) shall be modified, as set forth in this Section, inclusive.

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## 24-391 - Within one hundred feet of corners

LAST AMENDED

4/30/2008

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of the point of intersection of two #street lines# intersecting at an angle of 135 degrees or less.

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## 24-392 - Along short dimension of block

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LAST AMENDED

4/30/2008

R6 R7 R8 R9 R10

In the districts indicated, whenever a #front lot line# of a #zoning lot# coincides with all or part of a #street line# measuring less than 230 feet in length between two intersecting #streets#, no #rear yard# shall be required within 100 feet of such #front lot line#.

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## 24-393 - For zoning lots with multiple rear lot lines

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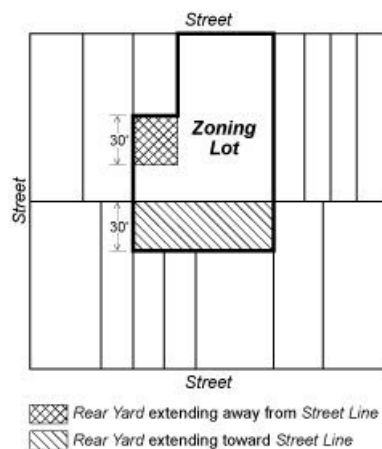
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4/30/2008

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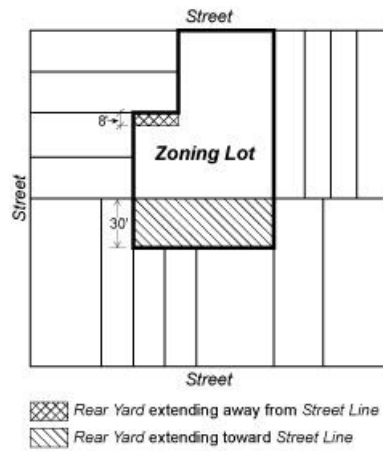
In all districts, as indicated, for #zoning lots# with multiple #rear lot lines#, if a #rear yard# extends from a #rear lot line# away from the #street line# which is used to determine such #rear lot line#, the following rules shall apply along such #rear lot line#:

- (a) In all districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of 30 feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #rear lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.



- (b) In R1 through R5 Districts, a #rear yard# with a minimum depth of eight feet shall be provided where such #rear lot line# coincides with a #side lot line# of an adjoining #zoning lot#.





- (c) In R6 through R10 Districts, no rear yard shall be required where such rear lot line coincides with a side lot line of an adjoining zoning lot.
- (d) In all districts, for portions of through lots that have multiple rear lot lines and such portions are not subject to interior lot regulations, the street line bounding the zoning lot closest to such rear lot line shall be used to determine compliance with this Section.

