

ORDINANCE NO. 23-1001

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE; TITLE 16: LAND DIVISIONS, AND TITLE 17: ZONING OF THE OREGON CITY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, The Housing Choices Code Update proposes amendments to Title 16 (Land Divisions) and Title 17 (Zoning) of the Oregon City Municipal Code in order to permit a greater range of middle housing types, including duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses and cottage clusters in residential zones where single-family detached residential units are permitted; and

WHEREAS, Legislative File: GLUA 22-0002/LEG-22-0001 was remanded back to the Planning Commission for review at the October 24, 2022 Planning Commission Hearing to further discuss additional policy questions not required for inclusion in the June 30th package #1 along with any needed technical revisions; and

WHEREAS, at the January 9, 2023, Hearing, the Planning Commission voted 7-0 to forward a small package of technical revisions to the City Commission and continue the Legislative file to review the remainder of the policy topics.

WHEREAS, the revisions either further reduce the barriers to building middle housing, codify existing driveway spacing policies, or provide clarity to the existing HB 2001 code approach that separates and clearly defines the approval process for small infill middle housing and larger development proposals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF OREGON CITY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City hereby amends the portions of the existing Oregon City Municipal Code Title 16: Land Divisions, And Title 17: Zoning Of The Oregon City Municipal Code; which are attached hereto as Exhibit 'A'.

Section 2. The Commission adopts the "Staff Report and Recommendation for Legislative File: GLUA 22-0002/LEG-22-0001 and the February 3, 2023 staff memorandum.

Section 3. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 4. Effectiveness. This Ordinance shall take effect on March 31, 2023.

Read for the first time at a regular meeting of the City Commission held on the 1st day of March 2023, and the City Commission finally enacted the foregoing Ordinance on the 15th day of March 2023.



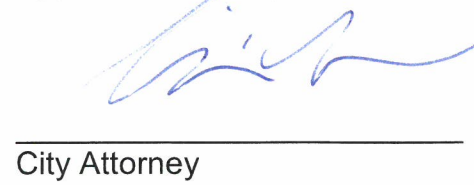
Mayor Denyse C. McGriff

Attested to this 15th day of March 2023:



Jakob Wiley, City Recorder

Approved as to legal sufficiency:



City Attorney

Exhibits:

Exhibit A – Amended Sections of the Oregon City Municipal Code

Oregon City Municipal Code
GLUA 22-0002/LEG 22-00001

Housing Choices Update
February 15, 2023 City Commission
Hearing

Code Amendments Package #2
Technical Revisions
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Ordinance No.23-0001

OCMC 16.12- Minimum Public Improvements and Design Standards for Development
OCMC 16.24- Middle Housing Land Division
OCMC 17.14 - Single-Family Detached and Duplex Residential Design Standards
OCMC 17.16 - Middle Housing Design Standards
OCMC 17.29- MUC Mixed-Use Corridor District
OCMC 17.34 - MUD Mixed-Use Downtown District
OCMC 17.60- Variances



3Chapter 16.12 MINIMUM PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND DESIGN STANDARDS FOR DEVELOPMENT¹

16.12.008 Definitions.

Whenever the words or terms and their derivatives are used in this chapter, they shall have the meaning herein ascribed to them as described in OCMC 17.04, unless the context dictates application of a different meaning.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.010 Purpose and general provisions.

The purpose of this chapter is to identify the standards for development in and adjacent to spaces which benefit the public including right-of-way, access to the right-of-way, public off-street pedestrian and bicycle accessways, and easements. All development shall be in conformance with the policies and design standards established by this chapter and with applicable standards in the city's public facility master plans and city design standards and specifications. In reviewing applications for development, the city engineer shall take into consideration any approved development and the remaining development potential of adjacent properties. All street, water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage and utility plans associated with any development shall be reviewed and approved by the city engineer prior to construction. All streets, driveways or storm drainage connections to another jurisdiction's facility or right-of-way shall be reviewed by the appropriate jurisdiction as a condition of the preliminary plat and when required by law or intergovernmental agreement shall be approved by the appropriate jurisdiction.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.011 Applicability.

- A. Compliance with this chapter is required for all development including land divisions, site plan and design review, master plan, detailed development plan and conditional use applications and all public improvements that are required in conjunction with a land use decision.
- B. Compliance with this chapter is also required for new construction or additions which exceed fifty percent of the existing square footage of all single-family detached residential and middle housing units' living space. Garages, carports, sheds, and porches may not be included in the calculation if these spaces are not living spaces. Accessory dwelling units are not subject to compliance with this chapter. All single-family detached residential and middle housing units shall provide any necessary dedications, easements or agreements as identified in the transportation system plan and this chapter, subject to constitutional limitations. In addition, the street frontage shall be improved to include the following priorities for improvements:
 - 1. Improve street pavement, construct curbs, gutters, sidewalks and planter strips; and
 - 2. Plant street trees.

The cost of compliance with the standards identified in subsections 16.12.011.B.1 and 16.12.011.B.2 is calculated based on the square footage valuation from the state of Oregon Building Codes Division and limited to

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), adopted July 3, 2019, amended Chapter 16.12 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former Chapter 16.12, §§ 16.12.010—16.12.110, pertained to minimum improvements and design standards for land divisions, and derived from Ord. No. 08-1014, adopted July 1, 2009.

ten percent of the total construction costs. The value of the alterations and improvements is based on the total construction costs for a complete project rather than costs of various project component parts subject to individual building permits. The entire proposed construction project cost includes engineering and consulting fees and construction costs. It does not include permit fees, recording fees, or any work associated with drafting or recording dedications or easements.

C. Exemptions. The following are exempt from review by this chapter unless public improvements, driveways, PUEs, or other items regulated by this chapter are proposed:

1. Minor site plan and design review applications.
2. Work within the right-of-way.
3. Lot line adjustments and abandonments.
4. Public capital improvement projects.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.012 Jurisdiction and management of the public rights-of-way.

The city has jurisdiction and exercises regulatory management over all public rights-of-way as defined and outlined within Chapter 12.04 of the Oregon City Municipal Code.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.013 Modifications.

The applicant may request and the review body may consider modification of the standards in this chapter resulting from constitutional limitations restricting the city's ability to require the dedication of property or for any other reason, based upon the criteria listed below and other criteria identified in the standard to be modified. All modifications, except for adjustments approved by the city engineer for tree preservation purposes pursuant to Section 16.12.013.A, shall be processed through a Type II land use application and may require additional evidence from a transportation engineer or others to verify compliance. Compliance with the following criteria is required:

A. Compliance with the following criteria is required:

1. The modification meets the intent of the standard;
2. The modification provides safe and efficient movement of pedestrians, motor vehicles, bicyclists and freight;
3. The modification is consistent with an adopted transportation or utility plan;
4. The modification is complementary with a surrounding street design; or, in the alternative;
5. If a modification is requested for constitutional reasons, the applicant shall demonstrate the constitutional provision or provisions to be avoided by the modification and propose a modification that complies with the state or federal constitution. The City shall be under no obligation to grant a modification in excess of that which is necessary to meet its constitutional obligations.

B. The following modifications shall be processed as a Type I modification by the city engineer using the criteria in OCMC 16.12.13.A:

1. Modifications to driveway location, size, and sharing standards in OCMC 16.12.035;
2. Modifications to sidewalk and planter strips widths and location in OCMC 16.12.016 that preserve existing street trees or trees on private property to ensure compliance with ADA standards.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.014 Administrative provisions.

An applicant shall submit the following items to the city and complete the following tasks prior to proceeding with construction of proposed development plans. These items include the following:

- A. Pre-design meeting;
- B. Final engineering plans, stamped and signed by an Oregon licensed professional engineer;
- C. Stormwater report, stamped and signed by an Oregon licensed professional engineer;
- D. Geotechnical report, stamped and signed by an Oregon licensed professional engineer (if applicable);
- E. Engineer's preliminary and final cost estimates (also may be known as engineer's opinion of probable construction cost);
- F. Plan check and inspection fees (as set by city resolution);
- G. Certificate of liability insurance for city funded public projects contracted by the city (not less than one million dollars single incident and two million dollars aggregate);
- H. Preconstruction meeting notes;
- I. Financial guarantee(s) per OCMC 17.50.140;
- J. Applicable approvals/permits from other agencies or entities;
- K. Developer/engineer agreement for public works improvements.

An applicant shall submit the following additional items to the city and complete the following tasks prior to completing construction of proposed development plans. These items include the following:

- L. Project engineer's certificate of completion;
- M. Stormwater operation and maintenance easement (if applicable);
- N. Deed of dedication (bargain and sale deed);
- O. Recorded plat and/or easements (if applicable);
- P. Recorded non-remonstrance covenant agreement;
- Q. Land division compliance agreement (if applicable);
- R. Permanent stabilization and/or restoration of the impact from the development;
- S. Fulfillment of all conditions of approval;
- T. Payment of all outstanding fees;
- U. Maintenance guarantee(s), per OCMC 17.50.141;
- V. Indemnity agreement (if applicable);
- W. Completed punchlist;
- X. As-built drawings;

Details on individual items required by this subsection can be obtained by contacting public works. Many items, such as the engineer's cost estimate and plan check and inspection fee, maybe be submitted in conjunction with documentation for other infrastructure improvements that are done with the development (such as street, sanitary sewer, and water).

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.015 Street design—Generally.

Development shall be required to provide existing or future connections to adjacent sites through the use of vehicular and pedestrian access easements where applicable. Development shall provide any necessary dedications, easements or agreements as identified in the transportation system plan, trails master plan, and/or parks and recreation master plan and this chapter, subject to constitutional limitations. The location, width and grade of street shall be considered in relation to: Existing and planned streets, topographical conditions, public convenience and safety for all modes of travel, existing and identified future transit routes and pedestrian/bicycle accessways, overlay districts, and the proposed use of land to be served by the streets. The street system shall assure an adequate traffic circulation system with intersection angles, grades, tangents and curves appropriate for the traffic to be carried considering the terrain. To the extent possible, proposed streets shall connect to all existing or approved stub streets that abut the development site. The arrangement of streets shall either:

- A. Provide for the continuation or appropriate projection of existing principal streets in the surrounding area and on adjacent parcels or conform to a plan for the area approved or adopted by the city to meet a particular situation where topographical or other conditions make continuance or conformance to existing streets impractical;
- B. Where necessary to give access to or permit a satisfactory future development of adjoining land, streets shall be extended to the boundary of the development and the resulting dead-end street (stub) may be approved with a temporary turnaround as approved by the city engineer. Notification that the street is planned for future extension shall be posted on the stub street until the street is extended and shall inform the public that the dead-end street may be extended in the future. Access control in accordance with OCMC 16.12.017 shall be required to preserve the objectives of street extensions.
- C. Adequate right-of-way and improvements to streets, pedestrian ways, bike routes and bikeways, and transit facilities shall be provided and be consistent with the city's transportation system plan. Consideration shall be given to the need for street widening and other improvements in the area of the proposed development impacted by traffic generated by the proposed development. This shall include, but not be limited to, improvements to the right-of-way, such as installation of lighting, signalization, turn lanes, median and parking strips, traffic islands, paving, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, bikeways, street drainage facilities and other facilities needed because of anticipated vehicular and pedestrian traffic generation.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.016 Street design.

All development regulated by this chapter shall provide street improvements in compliance with the standards in Table 16.12.016 depending on the street classification set forth in the transportation system plan and the comprehensive plan designation of the adjacent property, unless an alternative plan has been adopted. The table implements the adopted transportation system plan and illustrates the maximum design standards. These standards may be reduced with an alternative street design which may be approved based on the modification criteria in OCMC 16.12.013. The steps for reducing the street design are found in the transportation system plan.

Table 16.12.016
Street Design

To read the table select the road classification as identified in the transportation system plan and the comprehensive plan designation of the adjacent properties to find the maximum design standards for the road cross section. If the comprehensive plan designation for lands on either side of the street differs, the wider right-of-way standard shall apply.

Road Classification	Comprehensive Plan Designation	Right-of-Way Width	Pavement Width	Public Access	Sidewalk	Landscape Strip	Bike Lane	Street Parking	Travel Lanes	Median	
Major Arterial	Mixed Use, Commercial or Public/Quasi Public	116 ft.	94 ft.	0.5 ft.	10.5 ft. sidewalk including 5 ft. x 5 ft. tree wells		6 ft.	8 ft.	(5) 12 ft. Lanes	6 ft.	
		Industrial	120 ft.	88 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	10.5 ft.	6 ft.	N/A	(5) 14 ft. Lanes	6 ft.
		Residential	126 ft.	94 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	10.5 ft.	6 ft.	8 ft.	(5) 12 ft. Lanes	6 ft.
Minor Arterial	Mixed Use, Commercial or Public/Quasi Public	116 ft.	94 ft.	0.5 ft.	10.5 ft. sidewalk including 5 ft. x 5 ft. tree wells		6 ft.	8 ft.	(5) 12 ft. Lanes	6 ft.	
		Industrial	118 ft.	86 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	10.5 ft.	6 ft.	7 ft.	(5) 12 ft. Lanes	N/A
		Residential	100 ft.	68 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	10.5 ft.	6 ft.	7 ft.	(3) 12 ft. Lanes	6 ft.
Collector	Mixed Use, Commercial or Public/Quasi Public	86 ft.	64 ft.	0.5 ft.	10.5 ft. sidewalk including 5 ft. x 5 ft. tree wells		6 ft.	8 ft.	(3) 12 ft. Lanes	N/A	
		Industrial	88 ft.	62 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	7.5 ft.	6 ft.	7 ft.	(3) 12 ft. Lanes	N/A
		Residential	85 ft.	59 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	7.5 ft.	6 ft.	7 ft.	(3) 11 ft. Lanes	N/A

Local	Mixed Use, Commercial or Public/Quasi Public	62 ft.	40 ft.	0.5 ft.	10.5 ft. sidewalk including 5 ft. x 5 ft. tree wells		N/A	8 ft.	(2) 12 ft. Lanes	N/A	
	Industrial	60 ft.	38 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	5.5 ft.	(2) 19 ft. Shared Space			N/A	
	Residential	54 ft.	32 ft.	0.5 ft.	5 ft.	5.5 ft.	(2) 16 ft. Shared Space			N/A	

1. Pavement width includes, bike lane, street parking, travel lanes and median.
 2. Public access, sidewalks, landscape strips, bike lanes and on-street parking are required on both sides of the street in all designations. The right-of-way width and pavement widths identified above include the total street section.
 3. A 0.5 foot curb is included in landscape strip or sidewalk width.
 4. Travel lanes may be through lanes or turn lanes.
 5. The 0.5 foot public access provides access to adjacent public improvements.
 6. Alleys shall have a minimum right-of-way width of twenty feet and a minimum pavement width of sixteen feet. If alleys are provided, garage access shall be provided from the alley.
 7. A raised concrete median or landscape median shall be utilized for roads identified to have access restrictions.
 8. A public utility easement (PUE) shall be provided on both sides of the right-of-way or public access easement on private property as identified in OCMC 16.12.085.
- A. Sidewalks. The applicant shall provide for sidewalks on both sides of all public streets, on any private street if so required by the decision-maker, and in any special pedestrian way within the development. Both sidewalks and curbs are to be constructed to city standards and at widths set forth above, and according to plans and specifications provided by the city engineer. Exceptions to this requirement may be allowed in order to accommodate topography, trees or some similar site constraint. In the case of major or minor arterials, the decision-maker may approve a development without sidewalks where sidewalks are found to be dangerous or otherwise impractical to construct or are not reasonably related to the applicant's development. The decision-maker may require the applicant to provide sidewalks concurrent with the issuance of the initial building permit within the area that is the subject of the development application. Applicants for partitions may be allowed to meet this requirement by providing the city with a financial guarantee per OCMC 16.12.110.
 - B. Pedestrian and Bicycle Accessways Routes. If deemed appropriate to extend pedestrian and bicycle routes, existing or planned, the decision-maker may require the installation of separate pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
 - C. Street Name Signs and Traffic Control Devices. The applicant shall install street signs and traffic control devices as directed by the city engineer. Street name signs and traffic control devices shall be in conformance with all applicable city regulations and standards.
 - D. Street Lights. The applicant shall install street lights which shall be served from an underground source of supply. Street lights shall be in conformance with all city regulations.

- E. Any new street proposed with a pavement width of less than thirty-two feet shall be processed through OCMC 16.12.013 and meet minimum life safety requirements, which may include fire suppression devices as determined by the fire marshal to assure an adequate level of fire and life safety. The modified street shall have no less than a twenty-foot wide unobstructed travel lane.
- F. All development shall include vegetated planter strips that are five feet in width or larger and located between the sidewalk and curb unless otherwise approved pursuant to this chapter. All development shall utilize the vegetated planter strip for the placement of street trees or place street trees in other acceptable locations, as prescribed by OCMC 12.08. Development proposed along a collector, minor arterial, or major arterial roads may place street trees within tree wells within a wider sidewalk in lieu of a planter strip. In addition to street trees per OCMC 12.08, vegetated planter strips shall include ground cover and/or shrubs spaced four feet apart and appropriate for the location. No invasive or nuisance plant species shall be permitted.
- G. Vehicle and pedestrian access easements may serve in lieu of streets when approved by the decision maker and only where dedication of a street is deemed impracticable.
- H. Vehicular and pedestrian easements shall allow for public access and shall comply with all applicable pedestrian access requirements.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.017 Street design—Access control.

- A. A street which is dedicated to end at the boundary of the development or in the case of half-streets dedicated along a boundary shall have an access control granted to the city as a city controlled plat restriction for the purposes of controlling ingress and egress to the property adjacent to the end of the dedicated street. The access control restriction shall exist until such time as a public street is created, by dedication and accepted, extending the street to the adjacent property.
- B. The city may grant a permit for the adjoining owner to access through the access control.
- C. The plat shall contain the following access control language or similar on the face of the map at the end of each street for which access control is required: "Access Control (see plat restrictions)."
- D. Said plats shall also contain the following plat restriction note(s): "Access to (name of street or tract) from adjoining tracts (name of deed document number[s]) shall be controlled by the city of Oregon City by the recording of this plat, as shown. These access controls shall be automatically terminated upon the acceptance of a public road dedication or the recording of a plat extending the street to adjacent property that would access through those access controls."

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.018 Street design—Alignment.

The centerline of streets shall be:

- A. Aligned with existing streets by continuation of the centerlines.
- B. Offset from the centerline by no more than five feet, provided appropriate mitigation, in the judgment of the city engineer, is provided to ensure that the offset intersection will not pose a safety hazard.
- C. Driveways that are at least twenty-four feet wide shall align with existing or planned streets on adjacent sites.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.019 Traffic sight obstructions.

All new streets shall comply with the traffic sight obstructions in Chapter 10.32.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.020 Street design—Intersection angles.

Except where topography requires a lesser angle, streets shall be laid out to intersect at angles as near as possible to right angles. In no case shall the acute angles be less than eighty degrees unless there is a special intersection design. An arterial or collector street intersecting with another street shall have at least one hundred feet of tangent adjacent to the intersection unless topography requires a lesser distance. Other streets, except alleys, shall have at least fifty feet of tangent adjacent to the intersection unless topography requires a lesser distance. All street intersections shall be provided with a minimum curb return radius of twenty-five feet for local streets. Larger radii shall be required for higher street classifications as determined by the city engineer. Additional right-of-way shall be required to accommodate curb returns and sidewalks at intersections. Ordinarily, intersections should not have more than two streets at any one point.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.021 Same—Grades and curves.

Grades and center line radii shall conform to standards approved by the city engineer.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.022 Same—Development abutting arterial or collector street.

Where development abuts or contains an existing or proposed arterial or collector street, the decision maker may require: Access control; screen planting or wall contained in an easement or otherwise protected by a restrictive covenant in a form acceptable to the decision maker along the rear or side property line; or such other treatment it deems necessary to adequately protect residential properties or afford separation of through and local traffic. Reverse frontage lots with suitable depth may also be considered an option for residential property that has arterial frontage. Where access for development abuts and connects for vehicular access to another jurisdiction's facility then authorization by that jurisdiction may be required.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.023 Same—Pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Where deemed necessary to ensure public safety, reduce traffic hazards and promote the welfare of pedestrians, bicyclists and residents of the subject area, the decision maker may require that local streets be so designed as to discourage their use by nonlocal automobile traffic.

The city engineer may require that crosswalks include a large vegetated or sidewalk area which extends into the street pavement as far as practicable to provide safer pedestrian crossing opportunities. These curb extensions can increase the visibility of pedestrians and provide a shorter crosswalk distance as well as encourage motorists to drive slower. The city engineer may approve an alternative design that achieves the same standard for constrained sites.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.024 Same—Half street.

Half streets, while generally not acceptable, may be approved where essential to the development, when in conformance with all other applicable requirements, and where it will not create a safety hazard. When approving half streets, the decision maker shall first determine that it will be practical to require the dedication of the other half of the street when the adjoining property is divided or developed. Where the decision maker approves a half street, the applicant shall construct a half street with at least twenty feet of pavement width and provide signage prohibiting street parking so as to make the half street safe until such time as the other half is constructed. Whenever a half street is adjacent to property capable of being divided or developed, the other half of the street shall be provided and improved when that adjacent property divides or develops. Access control may be required to preserve the objectives of half streets.

When the remainder of an existing half-street improvement is completed it shall include the following items: Dedication of required right-of-way, construction of the remaining portion of the street including pavement, curb and gutter, landscape strip, sidewalk, street trees, lighting and other improvements as required for that particular street. It shall also include at a minimum the pavement replacement to the centerline of the street. Any damage to the existing street shall be repaired in accordance with the city's "Pavement Cut Standards" or as approved by the city engineer.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.025 Same—Cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets.

The city discourages the use of cul-de-sacs and permanent dead-end streets except where construction of a through street is found by the decision maker to be impracticable due to topography or some significant physical constraint such as geologic hazards, wetland, natural or historic resource areas, pre-existing dedicated open space, pre-existing development patterns, arterial access restrictions or similar situation as determined by the decision maker. This section is not intended to preclude the use of curvilinear eyebrow widening of a street where needed.

- A. When permitted, access from new cul-de-sacs and permanent dead-end streets shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five dwelling units.
- B. Cul-de-sacs and permanent dead-end streets shall include pedestrian/bicycle accessways to meet minimum block width standards as prescribed in OCMC 16.12.030.

- C. Cul-de-sacs shall have sufficient radius to provide adequate turn-around for emergency vehicles in accordance with fire district and city adopted street standards.
- D. Permanent dead-end streets shall provide public street right-of-way/easements sufficient to provide a sufficient amount of turn-around space complete with appropriate no-parking signs or markings to accommodate waste disposal, sweepers, emergency and other long vehicles in the form of a hammerhead or other design to be approved by the decision maker.
- E. In the case of dead-end stub streets that will connect to streets on adjacent sites in the future, notification that the street is planned for future extension shall be posted on the stub street until the street is extended and shall inform the public that the dead-end street may be extended in the future. A dead-end street shall include signage or barricade meeting Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.026 Same—Alleys.

Alleys with public access easements on private property shall be provided in the Park Place and South End concept plan areas for the following districts R-5, R-3.5, R-2, MUC-1, MUC-2 and NC zones unless other permanent provisions for private access to off-street parking and loading facilities are approved by the decision maker. All alleys intended to provide access for emergency vehicles shall be a minimum width of twenty feet. The corners of alley intersections shall have a radius of not less than ten feet and shall conform to standards approved by the city engineer. Access easements and maintenance agreements shall be recorded on affected properties.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.027 Same—Off-site street improvements.

During consideration of the preliminary plan for a development, the decision maker shall determine whether existing streets impacted by, adjacent to, or abutting the development meet the applicable design or dimensional requirements. Where such streets fail to meet these requirements, the decision-maker shall require the applicant to make proportional improvements sufficient to achieve conformance with minimum applicable design standards required to serve the proposed development.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.028 Same—Transit.

Streets shall be designed and laid out in a manner that promotes pedestrian and bicycle circulation. The applicant shall coordinate with transit agencies where the application impacts transit streets as identified in OCMC 17.04.1310. Pedestrian/bicycle access ways shall be provided as necessary to minimize the travel distance to transit streets and stops and neighborhood activity centers. The decision maker may require provisions, including easements, for transit facilities along transit streets where a need for bus stops, bus pullouts or other transit facilities within or adjacent to the development has been identified.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.029 Excavations—Restoration of pavement.

Whenever any excavation shall have been made in any pavement or other street improvement on any street or alley in the city for any purpose whatsoever under the permit granted by the engineer, it shall be the duty of the person making the excavation to restore the pavement in accordance with the city of Oregon City Public Works Pavement Cut Standards in effect at the time the permit is granted. The city commission may adopt and modify the city of Oregon City Public Works Pavement Cut Standards by resolution as necessary to implement the requirements of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.030 Blocks—Width.

The width of blocks shall ordinarily be sufficient to allow for two tiers of lots with depths consistent with the type of land use proposed. The length, width and shape of blocks shall take into account the need for adequate building site size, convenient motor vehicle, pedestrian, bicycle and transit access, control of traffic circulation, and limitations imposed by topography and other natural features.

All new streets shall be designed as local streets unless otherwise designated as arterials and collectors in the current adopted transportation system plan. The maximum block spacing between streets is five hundred thirty feet and the minimum block spacing between streets is one hundred fifty feet as measured between the right-of-way centerlines except in zones GI, CI, MUE, I, and WFDD where determining the appropriate street spacing will be determined by the city engineer. If the maximum block size is exceeded, pedestrian accessways shall be provided every three hundred thirty feet. The spacing standards within this section do not apply to alleys.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.031 Street design—Street names.

Except for extensions of existing streets, no street name shall be used which will duplicate or be confused with the name of an existing street. Street names shall conform to the established standards in the city and shall be subject to the approval of the city.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.032 Public off-street pedestrian and bicycle accessways.

Pedestrian/bicycle accessways are intended to provide direct, safe and convenient connections between residential areas, retail and office areas, institutional facilities, industrial parks, transit streets, neighborhood activity centers, rights-of-way, and pedestrian/bicycle accessways which minimize out-of-direction travel, and transit-orientated developments where public street connections for automobiles, bicycles and pedestrians are unavailable. Pedestrian/bicycle accessways are appropriate in areas where public street options are unavailable, impractical or inappropriate. Pedestrian and bicycle accessways are required through private property or as right-of-way connecting development to the right-of-way at intervals not exceeding three hundred thirty feet of frontage; or where the lack of street continuity creates inconvenient or out of direction travel patterns for local pedestrian or bicycle trips.

- A. Entry points shall align with pedestrian crossing points along adjacent streets and with adjacent street intersections.
- B. Accessways shall be free of horizontal obstructions and have a nine foot six inch high vertical clearance to accommodate bicyclists. To safely accommodate both pedestrians and bicycles, accessway right-of-way widths shall be as follows:
 1. Accessways shall have a fifteen-foot wide right-of-way with a seven-foot wide paved surface with a minimum four-foot planter strip on either side.
 2. If an accessway also provides secondary fire access, the right-of-way width shall be at least twenty-four feet wide with a sixteen-foot paved surface between four-foot planter strips on either side.
- C. Accessways shall be direct with at least one end point of the accessway always visible from any point along the accessway. On-street parking shall be prohibited within fifteen feet of the intersection of the accessway with public streets to preserve safe sight distance and promote safety.
- D. To enhance pedestrian and bicycle safety, accessways shall be lighted with pedestrian-scale lighting. Accessway lighting shall be to a minimum level of one-half-foot-candles, a one and one-half foot-candle average, and a maximum to minimum ratio of seven-to-one and shall be oriented not to shine upon adjacent properties. Street lighting shall be provided at both entrances.
- E. Accessways shall comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- F. The planter strips on either side of the accessway shall be landscaped along adjacent property by installation of the following:

1. Either an evergreen hedge screen of thirty to forty-two inches high or shrubs spaced no more than four feet apart on average;
 2. Ground cover covering one hundred percent of the exposed ground. No bark mulch shall be allowed except under the canopy of shrubs and within two feet of the base of trees;
 3. A two-inch minimum caliper tree for every thirty-five feet along the accessway. Trees may be planted on either side of the accessway, provided they are spaced no more than thirty-five feet apart; and
 4. In satisfying the requirements of this section, evergreen plant materials that grow over forty-two inches in height shall be avoided. All plant materials shall be selected from the Oregon City Native Plant List.
- G. Accessways shall be designed to prohibit unauthorized motorized traffic. Curbs and removable, lockable bollards are suggested mechanisms to achieve this.
- H. Accessway surfaces shall be paved with all-weather materials as approved by the city. Pervious materials are encouraged. Accessway surfaces shall be designed to drain stormwater runoff to the side or sides of the accessway. Minimum cross slope shall be two percent.
- I. In parks, greenways or other natural resource areas, accessways may be approved with a five-foot wide gravel path with wooden, brick or concrete edgings.
- J. The decision maker may approve an alternative accessway design due to existing site constraints through the modification process set forth in OCMC 16.12.013.
- K. Ownership, liability and maintenance of accessways. To ensure that all pedestrian/bicycle accessways will be adequately maintained over time, the city engineer shall require one of the following:
1. Dedicate the accessways to the public as public right-of-way prior to the final approval of the development; or
 2. The developer incorporates the accessway into a recorded easement or tract that specifically requires the property owner and future property owners to provide for the ownership, liability and maintenance of the accessway.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.033 Mobility standards.

Development shall demonstrate compliance with intersection mobility standards. When evaluating the performance of the transportation system, the city of Oregon City requires all intersections, except for the facilities identified in subsection E below, to be maintained at or below the following mobility standards during the two-hour peak operating conditions. The first hour has the highest weekday traffic volumes and the second hour is the next highest hour before or after the first hour. Except as provided otherwise below, this may require the installation of mobility improvements as set forth in the transportation system plan (TSP) or as otherwise identified by the city engineer.

- A. For intersections within the regional center, the following mobility standards apply:
1. During the first hour, a maximum v/c ratio of 1.10 shall be maintained. For signalized intersections, this standard applies to the intersection as a whole. For unsignalized intersections, this standard applies to movements on the major street. There is no performance standard for the minor street approaches.
 2. During the second hour, a maximum v/c ratio of 0.99 shall be maintained at signalized intersections. For signalized intersections, this standard applies to the intersection as a whole. For unsignalized intersections, this standard applies to movements on the major street. There is no performance standard for the minor street approaches.
 3. Intersections located on the regional center boundary shall be considered within the regional center.
- B. For intersections outside of the regional center but designated on the arterial and throughway network, as defined in the regional transportation plan, the following mobility standards apply:

1. During the first hour, a maximum v/c ratio of 0.99 shall be maintained. For signalized intersections, this standard applies to the intersection as a whole. For unsignalized intersections, this standard applies to movements on the major street. There is no performance standard for the minor street approaches.
 2. During the second hour, a maximum v/c ratio of 0.99 shall be maintained at signalized intersections. For signalized intersections, this standard applies to the intersection as a whole. For unsignalized intersections, this standard applies to movements on the major street. There is no performance standard for the minor street approaches.
- C. For intersections outside the boundaries of the regional center and not designated on the arterial and throughway network, as defined in the regional transportation plan, the following mobility standards apply:
1. For signalized intersections:
 - a. During the first hour, LOS "D" or better will be required for the intersection as a whole and no approach operating at worse than LOS "E" and a v/c ratio not higher than 1.0 for the sum of the critical movements.
 - b. During the second hour, LOS "D" or better will be required for the intersection as a whole and no approach operating at worse than LOS "E" and a v/c ratio not higher than 1.0 for the sum of the critical movements.
 2. For unsignalized intersections outside of the boundaries of the regional center:
 - a. For unsignalized intersections, during the peak hour, all movements serving more than twenty vehicles shall be maintained at LOS "E" or better. LOS "F" will be tolerated at movements serving no more than twenty vehicles during the peak hour.
- D. For the intersection of OR 213 and Beaver Creek Road, the following mobility standards apply:
1. During the first, second and third hours, a maximum v/c ratio of 1.00 shall be maintained. Calculation of the maximum v/c ratio will be based on an average annual weekday peak hour.
- E. Until the city adopts new performance measures that identify alternative mobility targets, the city shall exempt proposed development that is permitted, either conditionally, outright, or through detailed development master plan approval, from compliance with the above-referenced mobility standards for the following state-owned facilities:

I-205/OR 99E Interchange.

State intersections located within or on the regional center boundaries.

1. In the case of conceptual development approval for a master plan that impacts the above referenced intersections:
 - a. The form of mitigation will be determined at the time of the detailed development plan review for subsequent phases utilizing the code in place at the time the detailed development plan is submitted; and
 - b. Only those trips approved by a detailed development plan review are vested.
2. Development which does not comply with the mobility standards for the intersections identified in OCMC 16.12.033 shall provide for the improvements identified in the transportation system plan (TSP) in an effort to improve intersection mobility as necessary to offset the impact caused by development. Where required by other provisions of the code, the applicant shall provide a traffic impact study that includes an assessment of the development's impact on the intersections identified in this exemption and shall construct the intersection improvements listed in the TSP or required by the code.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.035 Driveways.

- A. All new development, redevelopment, and capital improvement projects shall meet the minimum driveway spacing standards identified in Table 16.12.035.A. Minor site plan and design review do not follow these standards unless a request is made to modify the driveway.

Table 16.12.035.A

Minimum Driveway Spacing Standards

Street Functional Classification	Minimum Driveway Spacing Standards	Distance
Major Arterial Streets	Minimum distance from a street corner to a driveway and between driveways for all uses other than detached single- family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and townhouses	175 feet
Minor Arterial Streets	Minimum distance from a street corner to a driveway and between driveways for all uses other than detached single-family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and townhouses	175 feet
Collector Streets	Minimum distance from a street corner to a driveway and between driveways for all uses other than detached single family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and townhouses	100 feet
Local Streets	Minimum distance from a street corner to a driveway and between driveways for all uses other than detached single family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and townhouses.	25 feet

1. When driveways are shared (combined), the minimum driveway spacing shall be 20 feet.
 2. All driveways, except for shared driveways, shall be placed a minimum of 5 feet from the property line.
 3. The distance from a street corner to a driveway is measured along the right-of-way from the edge of the intersection (on the same side of the road) right-of-way to the nearest portion of the driveway and the distance between driveways is measured at the nearest portions of the driveway at the right-of-way.
- B. All detached single-family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and townhouses shall have driveways which meet the minimum distance from a street corner standard except when the lot size is smaller than the minimum distance required. When minimum distance cannot be met due to lot size or due to the location of an overlay district, the driveway shall be located as far away from the intersection as possible, but no more than 5 feet to the neighboring property line, as approved by the city engineer.
- C. Nonresidential or multi-family residential use driveways that generate high traffic volumes as determined by a traffic analysis shall be treated as intersections and shall adhere to requirements of OCMC 16.12.020.
- D. For any detached single-family dwellings, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, and townhouses or property

developed with an ADU with multiple frontages, only one driveway is allowed per street frontage classified as a local street and in no case shall more than two driveways (one per frontage), unless otherwise approved by the city engineer.

1. Two driveways shall never be granted for any property with only one frontage on a local road for any single-family detached residential property or property that contains an ADU unless required by Clackamas Fire District No. 1.
- E. Cluster housing properties may be granted more than one driveway per property and per frontage meeting the spacing standards. Driveways should be combined whenever possible to limit the number of driveways per property.
 1. Middle housing properties with only one building may be allowed one driveway for every two units, provided that spacing standards and/or driveway width requirements are met.
 2. Middle housing properties with more than one structure shall meet the cluster housing standards.
- F. Townhouses shall have one driveway approach for every two dwelling units (round up for townhouse structures with an odd number of dwellings).
- G. Driveways on collectors or arterials shall be provided in such a way that no backing of a vehicle will occur from the driveway to the collector or arterial.
- H. When a property fronts multiple roads, access shall be provided from and limited to the road with the lowest classification in the transportation system plan to minimize points of access to arterials and collectors. Access shall not be provided on arterial or collector roads unless there is no other alternative. At the discretion of the city engineer, properties fronting a collector or arterial road may be allowed a second driveway, for the creation of a circulation pattern that eliminates reverse maneuvers for vehicles exiting a property if applied for and granted through procedures in OCMC 16.12.013. All lots proposed with a driveway and lot orientation on a collector or minor arterial shall combine driveways into one joint access per two or more lots unless the city engineer determines that:
 1. No driveway access may be allowed since the driveway(s) would cause a significant traffic safety hazard; or
 2. Allowing a single driveway access per lot will not cause a significant traffic safety hazard.
- I. All driveway approaches shall be limited to the dimensions identified in Table 16.12.035.D.

Table 16.12.035.D

**Driveway Approach Size
Standards**

Property Use	Minimum Driveway Approach Width		Maximum Driveway Approach Width
Single-Family Detached and Duplexes	10 feet		24 feet
Townhouses	10 feet		24 feet
Triplexes, Quadplexes and Cottage Clusters	10 feet		36 feet
Multi-Family	18 feet		30 feet
Commercial, Industrial, Office, Institutional, Mixed Use, and/or Nonresidential	One-Way 12 feet	Two-Way 20 feet	40 feet

1. Shared driveways for middle housing structures shall be minimum 18 feet and maximum 36

- feet except when section J.4.a applies.
2. Driveway widths shall match the width of the driveway approach where the driveway meets sidewalk or property line but may be widened onsite (for example between the property line and the entrance to a garage). Groups of more than four parking spaces shall be so located and served by driveways so that their use will not require backing movements or other maneuvering within a street right-of-way other than an alley. J. The city engineer reserves the right to require a reduction in the number and size of driveway approaches as far as practicable for any of the following purposes:
1. To provide adequate space for on-street parking;
 2. To facilitate street tree planting requirements;
 3. To assure pedestrian and vehicular safety by limiting vehicular access points; and
 4. To assure that adequate sight distance requirements are met.
 - a. Where the decision maker determines any of these situations exist or may occur due to the approval of a proposed development for non-residential uses or attached or multi-family housing, a shared driveway shall be required and limited to twenty-four feet in width adjacent to the sidewalk or property line.

K. For all driveways, the following standards apply:

2. Each new or redeveloped curb cut shall have an approved concrete approach or asphalted street connection where there is no concrete curb and a minimum hard surface for at least ten feet back into the property as measured from the current edge of sidewalk or street pavement to provide for controlling gravel tracking onto the public street. The hard surface may be concrete, asphalt, or other surface approved by the city engineer.
3. Any driveway approach built within public right-of-way shall be built and permitted per city requirements as approved by the city engineer.
4. No driveway with a slope of greater than fifteen percent shall be permitted without approval of the city engineer.

L. Exceptions. The city engineer reserves the right to waive these standards or not allow driveway access, if the driveway(s) would cause a significant traffic safety hazard. Narrower or wider driveway widths may be considered where field conditions preclude use of recommended widths. When larger vehicles and trucks will be the predominant users of a particular driveway, turning templates may be utilized to develop a driveway width that can safely and expeditiously accommodate the prevalent type of ingress and egress traffic.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.065 Building site—Grading.

Grading of building sites shall conform to the state of Oregon Structural Specialty Code, Title 18, any approved grading plan and any approved residential lot grading plan in accordance with the requirements of OCMC 13.12, 15.48, 16.12 and the public works stormwater and grading design standards, and the erosion control requirements of OCMC 17.47.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.085 Easements.

The following shall govern the location, improvement and layout of easements:

- A. Utilities. Utility easements shall be required where necessary as determined by the city engineer. Insofar as practicable, easements shall be continuous and aligned from block-to-block within the development and with adjoining subdivisions or partitions.
1. Specific public utility easements for water, sanitary or storm drainage shall be provided based on approved final engineering plans conforming to the requirements found within the applicable design standards.
 2. Conveyance of public utility easements for gas, electric, telecommunication, and fiberoptic shall be required where necessary as determined by the city engineer. The city engineer will require the easement unless it is found that the utility can be placed in a different location or can be placed in a smaller easement than what is required. The easement shall be located adjacent to all public rights-of-way or public access easements within private property. In the event that the provision of a public utility easement would create a conflict with achieving compliance with another part of the code, the location and width may be adjusted by the city engineer.
 - a. The easement shall be ten feet in the R-10, R-8, R-6, R-5, R-3.5, R-2, GI, and CI zones.
 - b. The easement shall be a minimum of five feet in the NC, HC, I, C, MUC-1, MUC-2, MUE, MUD, and WFDD zones.
 - i. The applicant shall obtain a written determination from all utilities that the minimum five-foot PUE coupled with use of a minimum of a five-foot area under the public sidewalk or parkway area is sufficient to serve the development. Where the minimum width is deemed inadequate, a modification shall be required.
 - c. An applicant may seek a modification to the public utility easement dedication requirement using OCMC 16.12.013.
- B. Unusual Facilities. Easements for unusual facilities such as high voltage electric transmission lines, drainage channels and stormwater detention facilities shall be adequately sized for their intended purpose, including any necessary maintenance roads. These easements shall be shown to scale on the preliminary and final plats or maps. If the easement is for drainage channels, stormwater detention facilities or related purposes, the easement shall comply with the requirements of the public works stormwater and grading design standards.
- C. Watercourses. Where a development is traversed or bounded by a watercourse, drainageway, channel or stream, a stormwater easement or drainage right-of-way shall be provided which conforms substantially to the line of such watercourse, drainageway, channel or stream and is of a sufficient width to allow construction, maintenance and control for the purpose as required by the responsible agency. For those subdivisions or partitions which are bounded by a stream of established recreational value, setbacks or easements may be required to prevent impacts to the water resource or to accommodate pedestrian or bicycle paths.
- D. Access. When easements are used to provide vehicular access to lots within a development, the construction standards, but not necessarily width standards, for the easement shall meet city specifications. The minimum width of the easement shall be twenty feet. The easements shall be improved and recorded by the applicant and inspected by the city engineer. Access easements may also provide for utility placement.
- E. Resource Protection. Easements or other protective measures may also be required as the community development director deems necessary to ensure compliance with applicable review criteria protecting any unusual significant natural feature or features of historic significance.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.090 Minimum improvements—Procedures.

In addition to other requirements, improvements installed by the applicant either as a requirement of these or other regulations, or at the applicant's option, shall conform to the requirements of this title and be designed to city specifications and standards as set out in the city's facility master plan and public works stormwater and grading design standards. The improvements shall be installed in accordance with the following procedure:

- A. Improvement work shall not commence until construction plans have been reviewed and approved by the city engineer and to the extent that improvements are located in county or state right-of-way, they shall be approved by the responsible authority. To the extent necessary for evaluation of the proposal, the plans may be required before approval of the preliminary plat of a subdivision or partition. Expenses incurred thereby shall be borne by the applicant and paid for prior to final plan review.
- B. Improvements shall be constructed under the inspection and approval of the city engineer. Expenses incurred thereby shall be borne by the applicant and paid prior to final approval. Where required by the city engineer or other city decision-maker, the applicant's project engineer also shall inspect construction.
- C. Erosion control or resource protection facilities or measures are required to be installed in accordance with the requirements of OCMC 17.47, 17.49 and the public works erosion and sediment control standards.
- D. Underground utilities, waterlines, sanitary sewers and storm drains installed in streets shall be constructed prior to the surfacing of the streets. Stubs for service connections for underground utilities, such as, storm, water and sanitary sewer shall be placed beyond the ten-foot wide public utility easement within private property as defined in OCMC 16.12.85.A.2.
- E. As-built construction plans and digital copies of as-built drawings shall be filed with the city engineer upon completion of the improvements.
- F. The city engineer may regulate the hours of construction and access routes for construction equipment to minimize impacts on adjoining residences or neighborhoods.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.095 Same—Public facilities and services.

The following minimum improvements shall be required of all applicants for a development, unless the decision-maker determines that any such improvement is not proportional to the impact imposed on the city's public systems and facilities:

- A. Transportation System. Applicants and all subsequent lot owners shall be responsible for improving the city's planned level of service on all public streets, including alleys within the development and those portions of public streets adjacent to but only partially within development. Applicants are responsible for designing and providing adequate vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access to their developments and for accommodating future access to neighboring undeveloped properties that are suitably zoned for future development. Storm drainage facilities shall be installed and connected to off-site natural or man-made drainageways. Upon completion of the street improvement survey, the applicant shall reestablish and protect monuments of the type required by ORS 92.060 in monument boxes with covers at every public street intersection and all points of curvature and points of tangency of their center line, and at such other points as directed by the city engineer.
- B. Stormwater Drainage System. Applicants shall design and install drainage facilities within a development and shall connect the development's drainage system to the appropriate downstream storm drainage system as a minimum requirement for providing services to the applicant's development. The applicant shall obtain county or state approval when appropriate. Applicants are

responsible for extending the appropriate storm drainage system to the development site and for providing for the connection of upgradient properties to that system. The applicant shall design the drainage facilities in accordance with city drainage master plan requirements, OCMC 13.12 and the public works stormwater and grading design standards.

- C. Sanitary Sewer System. The applicant shall design and install a sanitary sewer system to serve all lots or parcels within a development in accordance with the city's sanitary sewer design standards, and shall connect those lots or parcels to the city's sanitary sewer system, except where connection is required to the county sanitary sewer system as approved by the county. Applicants are responsible for extending the city's sanitary sewer system to the development site and through the applicant's property to allow for the future connection of neighboring undeveloped properties that are suitably zoned for future development. The applicant shall obtain all required permits and approvals from all affected jurisdictions prior to final approval and prior to commencement of construction. Design shall be approved by the city engineer before construction begins.
- D. Water System. The applicant shall design and install a water system to serve all lots or parcels within a development in accordance with the city public works water system design standards, and shall connect those lots or parcels to the city's water system. Applicants are responsible for extending the city's water system to the development site and through the applicant's property to allow for the future connection of neighboring undeveloped properties that are suitably zoned for future development.
- E. Street Trees. Refer to OCMC 12.08, Street Trees.
- F. Bench Marks. At least one bench mark shall be located within the subdivision boundaries using datum plane specified by the city engineer.
- G. Other Utilities. The applicant shall make all necessary arrangements with utility companies or other affected parties for the installation of underground lines and facilities. All new utilities shall be placed underground unless the respective franchise agreements allow otherwise or unless it is physically or technically impossible to comply with applicable standards. Existing electrical lines and other wires, including but not limited to telecommunication, street lighting and fiberoptic, shall be relocated underground.
 - 1. Exemptions to relocation of existing overhead utilities to underground for property development as follows (Only one exemption criteria is required to be exempt from this requirement):
 - a. No transmission or feeder lines shall be relocated underground unless approved by the city engineer.
 - b. Properties with less than one acre of land area shall not be required to relocate existing overhead utilities unless required by the franchise utility.
 - c. Properties with less than two hundred feet of frontage on any individual roadway shall not be required to relocate existing overhead utilities unless required by the franchise utility.
 - d. Land divisions with five or fewer subdivided lots shall not be required to relocate existing overhead utilities unless required by the franchise utility.
 - 2. The exemptions in G.1. do not apply if properties within the same block were required to relocate the overhead utilities within the past ten years. In those cases, the existing overhead utilities shall be relocated underground.
 - 3. When any franchise utility (electric, gas, telecommunication, fiberoptic, street lighting or similar utility) is installed along an existing or new roadway, the utility shall be installed within the existing or proposed public utility easement unless it is physically or technically impossible.
 - 4. These requirements do not apply to work by a franchise utility for improvement, repair, alteration or addition to their existing systems.

- H. Oversizing of Facilities. All facilities and improvements shall be designed to city standards as set out in the city's facility master plan, public works design standards, or other city ordinances or regulations. Compliance with facility design standards shall be addressed during final engineering. A development may be required to modify or replace existing offsite systems if necessary to provide adequate public facilities. The city may require oversizing of facilities to meet standards in the city's facility master plan or to allow for orderly and efficient development. Where oversizing is required, the applicant may request reimbursement from the city for oversizing based on the city's reimbursement policy and funds available, or provide for recovery of costs from intervening properties as they develop.
- I. Erosion Control Plan—Mitigation. The applicant shall be responsible for complying with all applicable provisions of OCMC 17.47 with regard to erosion control.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.100 Same—Road standards and requirements.

- A. The creation of a public street and the resultant separate land parcels shall be in conformance with requirements for subdivisions or partitions and the applicable street design standards of this chapter. However, the decision-maker may approve the creation of a public street to be established by deed without full compliance with the regulations applicable to subdivisions or partitions where any of the following conditions exist:
 - 1. The establishment of the public street is initiated by the city commission and is declared essential for the purpose of general traffic circulation and the partitioning of land is an incidental effect rather than the primary objective of the street;
 - 2. The tract in which the street is to be dedicated is within an isolated ownership either not over one acre or of such size and characteristics as to make it impossible to develop building sites for more than three dwelling units.
- B. For any public street created pursuant to subsection A of this section, a copy of a preliminary plan and the proposed deed shall be submitted to the community development director and city engineer at least ten days prior to any public hearing scheduled for the matter. The plan, deed and any additional information the applicant may submit shall be reviewed by the decision-maker and, if not in conflict with the standards of Title 16 and Title 17, may be approved with appropriate conditions.
- C. The design and construction of public streets shall be per the standards found in this chapter and the most recent version of any city design and construction standards.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

16.12.105 Same—Timing requirements.

- A. Prior to applying for final plat approval, the applicant shall either complete construction of all public improvements required as part of the preliminary plat approval or guarantee the construction of those improvements. Whichever option the applicant elects shall be in accordance with OCMC 17.50.140.
- B. Construction. The applicant shall construct the public improvements according to approved final engineering plans and all applicable requirements of this code, and under the supervision of the city engineer. Under this option, the improvement shall be complete and accepted by the city engineer prior to final plat approval.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.110 Public improvements—Financial guarantees.

- A. To ensure construction of required public improvements, the applicant shall provide the city with a performance guarantee in accordance with OCMC 17.50.140.
- B. After satisfactory completion of required public improvements and facilities, all public improvements not constructed by the city, shall be maintained and under warranty provided by the property owner or developer constructing the facilities until the city accepts the improvements at the end of the warranty period as prescribed in OCMC 17.50.141.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.120 Waiver of remonstrance.

The review authority may require a property owner to sign a waiver of remonstrance against the formation of and participation in a local improvement district where it deems such a waiver necessary to provide needed improvements reasonably related to the impacts created by the proposed development. To ensure compliance with this chapter, the review authority may require an applicant to sign or accept a legal and enforceable covenant, contract, dedication, easement, performance guarantee, or other document, which shall be approved in form by the city attorney.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

16.12.125 Violation—Penalty.

Any act or omission in violation of this chapter shall be deemed a nuisance. Violation of any provision of this chapter is subject to the code enforcement procedures of OCMC 1.16, 1.20 and 1.24.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

Chapter 16.24 EXPEDITED AND MIDDLE HOUSING LAND DIVISIONS

16.24.010 Purpose and applicability.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of the expedited and middle housing land division process is to implement requirements in ORS 197.360 to 197.380 for expedited land divisions in residential districts, and 2021 Oregon Laws Ch. 103 (S.B. 458) regarding middle housing land divisions.
- B. Expedited Land Division Applicability. The procedures of this chapter are applicable to partitions and subdivisions within residential zoning districts as provided in ORS 197.365.
- C. Middle Housing Land Division Applicability. The procedures of this chapter are applicable to the following middle housing projects, or proposed middle housing projects, on an existing lot:
 - 1. A duplex.
 - 2. A triplex.
 - 3. A quadplex.
 - 4. A townhouse project (four units or fewer).
 - 5. A cottage cluster.

16.24.020 Expedited review.

- A. Expedited and middle housing land divisions are reviewed under a Type II procedure except as provided in this Chapter. Where the provisions of this Chapter conflict with the Type II procedures in OCMC 17.50, the procedures of this Chapter will prevail.
- B. Expedited and middle housing land divisions are not subject to pre-application conference requirements in OCMC 17.50.050.
- C. Expedited and middle housing land divisions are not a land use decision or limited land use decision under ORS 197.015.

16.24.030 Submittal requirements.

- A. An application for an expedited land division or middle housing land division is subject to the completeness review and one hundred and twenty-day rule requirements of OCMC 17.50.070 except as follows:
 - 1. The timeline for the completeness check in OCMC 17.50.070.A is twenty-one days, rather than thirty days.
 - 2. The notice of decision must be provided to the applicant and parties entitled to receive notice under OCMC 17.50.130.C within sixty-three days of a completed application.
- B. Mailed notice of an application for an expedited land division or middle housing land division must be provided in the same manner as for a Type II decision, as specified OCMC 17.50.090.A, to the following persons:
 - 1. The applicant.
 - 2. Owners of record of property, as shown on the most recent property tax assessment roll, located within one-hundred feet of the property that is the subject of the notice.
 - 3. Any state agency, other local government, or special district responsible for providing public facilities or services to the development area.

- C. A notice of decision must be provided to the applicant and to all parties who received notice of the application. The notice of decision must include:
 - 1. A written determination of compliance or non-compliance with the criteria of approval in OCMC 16.24.040 for an expedited land division or OCMC 16.24.050 for a middle housing land division.
 - 2. An explanation of the right to appeal the community development director's decision to a city-appointed hearings referee, as provided in ORS 197.375.

16.24.040 Criteria of approval – expedited land division.

- A. The community development director will approve or deny an application for expedited land division within sixty-three days of receiving a complete application, based on whether it satisfies the applicable criteria of approval. The community development director may approve the land division with conditions to ensure the application meets the applicable land use regulations.
- B. The land subject to the application is within the R-10, R-8, R-6, R-5, R-3.5 and R-2 districts.
- C. The land will be used solely for residential uses, including recreational or open space uses that are accessory to residential use.
- D. The land division does not provide for dwellings or accessory buildings to be located in the following areas:
 - 1. The Willamette River Greenway Overlay District;
 - 2. The Historic Overlay District;
 - 3. The Natural Resources Overlay District.
- E. The land division satisfies the minimum public improvement and design standards for development in OCMC 16.12.
- F. The land division satisfies the following development standards contained in this code or in an applicable Master Plan:
 - 1. Applicable lot dimensional standards;
 - 2. Applicable standards that regulate the physical characteristics of permitted uses, such as building design standards;
 - 3. Applicable standards in this code for transportation, sewer, water, drainage and other facilities or services necessary for the proposed development, including but not limited to right-of-way standards, facility dimensions and on-site and off-site improvements.
- G. The land division will result in development that either:
 - 1. Creates enough lots to allow building residential units at 80 percent or more of the maximum net density permitted by the zoning designation of the site; or
 - 2. Will be sold or rented to households with incomes below 120 percent of the median family income for Clackamas County.

16.24.050 Criteria of approval – middle housing land division.

- A. The community development director will approve a tentative plan for middle housing land division based on whether it satisfies the following criteria of approval:
 - 1. The application provides for the development of middle housing in compliance with the Oregon residential specialty code and land use regulations applicable to the original lot allowed under ORS 197.758 (5).
 - 2. Separate utilities are provided for each dwelling unit.

3. The applicant provides for easements necessary for each dwelling unit on the plan for:
 - i. Locating, accessing, replacing and servicing all utilities;
 - ii. Pedestrian access from each dwelling unit to a private or public road;
 - iii. Any common use areas or shared building elements;
 - iv. Any dedicated driveways or parking; and
 - v. Any dedicated common area;
4. The applicant proposes exactly one dwelling unit on each resulting lot, except for lots, parcels or tracts used as common areas.
5. The applicant demonstrates that buildings or structures on a resulting lot will comply with applicable building codes provisions relating to new property lines and, notwithstanding the creation of new lots, that structures or buildings located on the newly created lots will comply with the Oregon residential specialty code.
6. The original lot dedicated and improved the abutting street right of way sufficient to comply with minimum right of way and improvement standards of OCMC 16.12, or dedication and/or improvements of the abutting street right of way are proposed that meet the standards of OCMC 16.12.
7. The type of middle housing developed on the original lot shall not be altered by a middle housing land division. For example, cottage cluster units within a cottage cluster do not become single-family detached residential units after a middle housing land division.

16.24.060 Conditions of approval - expedited and middle housing land division.

- A. The community development director may add conditions of approval of a tentative plan for a middle housing land division or expedited land division as necessary to comply with the applicable criteria of approval. Conditions may include but are not limited to the following:
- B. A condition to prohibit the further division of the resulting lots or parcels.
- C. A condition to require that a notation appear on the final plat indicating that the approval was given under Section 2 of Senate Bill 458 (2021) as a middle housing land division.
- D. A condition to require recording of easements required by the tentative plan on a form acceptable to the City, as determined by the City Attorney.

16.24.070. Final plat for expedited and middle housing land division.

- A. An expedited land division or middle housing land division is subject to the final plat standards and procedures as specified in OCMC 16.08.100 to 16.08.105, except as specifically provided otherwise in this section.
- B. A notice of middle housing land division for each middle housing lot shall be recorded with the county recorder that states:
 1. The middle housing lot may not be further divided.
 2. No more than one unit of middle housing may be developed on each middle housing lot.
 3. The dwelling developed on the middle housing lot is a unit of middle housing and is not a single family detached residential unit, or any other housing type.
- C. A final plat is not required prior to issuance of building permits for middle housing proposed with a middle housing land division.

- D. A middle housing land division tentative plan is void if and only if a final plat is not approved within three years of the tentative approval. Expiration of expedited land division tentative plans shall comply with the provisions of OCMC 17.50.200.

16.24.080 Appeals.

The procedures in OCMC 17.50.190 do not apply to appeals of an expedited land division or middle housing land division. Any appeal of an expedited land division or middle housing land division must be as provided in ORS 197.375. The Approval Authority for any appeal of an expedited land division or middle housing land division is a city-appointed hearings referee.

Chapter 17.14 SINGLE-FAMILY DETACHED AND DUPLEX RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS

17.14.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide standards for single-family detached residential units and duplexes which are intended to:

- A. Enhance Oregon City through the creation of attractively designed housing and streetscapes.
- B. Ensure that there is a physical and visual connection between the living area of the residence and the street.
- C. Improve public safety by providing "eyes on the street".
- D. Promote community interaction by designing the public way, front yards and open spaces so that they are attractive and inviting for neighbors to interact.
- E. Prevent garages from obscuring or dominating the primary facade of the house.
- F. Provide clear and objective standards for good design at reasonable costs and with multiple options for design variety.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.020 Applicability.

This chapter applies to all street-facing facades of all single-family detached residential units and duplexes, referred to herein as "residences," including manufactured homes not within a manufactured home park.

- A. New single-family detached residential units and duplexes or new garages or expansions of an existing garage on properties with this use require compliance with OCMC 17.14.030 through 17.14.050, OCMC 17.21 or OCMC 17.22 if applicable, as well as OCMC 17.14.080 and 17.14.090.
- B. Residences on a flag lot with a pole length of one hundred feet or greater are exempt from OCMC 17.14.030—17.14.050.
- C. Compliance with minimum public improvements standards in OCMC Chapter 16.12 is required.
- D. The creation of a duplex through conversion of an existing single-family detached residential unit is exempt from the standards of this chapter.

For the purpose of this chapter, garages are defined as structures, or portions thereof, used or designed to be used for the parking of vehicles, including carports. For purposes of this section, garages do not include detached accessory dwelling units which are not part of a detached garage. The garage width shall be measured based on the foremost four feet of the interior garage walls or carport cover.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.025 Review process.

Applications are processed as a Type I minor site plan and design review per OCMC 17.62.035 concurrently with a building permit application. Modifications to these standards are processed as a Type II administrative variance or may be requested as part of a concurrent Type II, III or IV land use application.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.030 Residential design options.

- A. A residence with no garage, a garage not on a street-facing façade, or a detached garage shall provide five of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A on the front facade of the structure.
- B. A residence with a front-facing garage where the structure is less than twenty-four feet wide may be permitted if:
 - 1. The garage is no more than twelve feet wide and;
 - 2. The garage does not extend closer to the street than the furthest forward living space on the street-facing facade;
 - 3. Six of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A are included on the front facade of the structure; and
 - 4. One of the following is provided:
 - a. Interior living area above the garage is provided. The living area shall be set back no more than four feet from the street-facing garage wall; or
 - b. A covered balcony above the garage is provided. The covered balcony shall be at least the same length as the street-facing garage wall, at least six feet deep and accessible from the interior living area of the dwelling unit;
- C. A residence with a garage that extends up to fifty percent of the length of the street-facing facade and is not closer to the street than the furthest forward living space on the street-facing facade may be permitted if:
 - 1. Six of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A are included on the front facade of the structure.
- D. A residence with a garage that extends up to sixty percent of the length of the street-facing facade and is recessed two feet or more from the furthest forward living space on the street-facing facade may be permitted if:
 - 1. Seven of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A are included on the front facade of the structure.
- E. A residence with a garage that extends up to sixty percent of the length of the street-facing facade may extend up to four feet in front of the furthest forward living space on the street-facing facade may be permitted if:
 - 1. Eight of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A are included on the front facade of the structure; and
 - 2. One of the options in OCMC 17.14.040.B is provided on the front facade of the structure.
- F. A residence with a garage that extends up to fifty percent of the length of the street-facing facade may extend up to eight feet in front of the furthest forward living space on the street-facing facade if:
 - 1. Nine of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A are included on the front facade of the structure; and
 - 2. One of the options in OCMC 17.14.040.B is provided on the front facade of the structure.
- G. A residence with a garage that is side-oriented to the front lot line may extend up to thirty-two feet in front of the furthest forward living space on the street-facing facade if:
 - 1. Windows occupy a minimum of fifteen percent of the lineal length of the street-facing wall of the garage; and
 - 2. Six of the residential design elements in OCMC 17.14.040.A are included on the front facade of the structure.
 - 3. The garage wall does not exceed sixty percent of the length of the street-facing façade.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.035 Corner lots and through lots.

- A. Residences on corner lots and through lots shall comply with one of the options in OCMC 17.14.030 for the front of the home
- B. The other street-facing side of the residence on a corner lot or through lot shall include the following:
 - 1. Windows and doors for a minimum of fifteen percent of the lineal length of the ground floor facade;
 - 2. Minimum four-inch window trim; and
 - 3. Three additional residential design elements selected from OCMC 17.14.040.A.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.040 Residential design elements.

- A. The residential design elements listed below shall be provided as required in OCMC 17.14.030 above.
 - 1. The design of the residence includes dormers, which are projecting structures built out from a sloping roof housing a vertical window;
 - 2. The roof design utilizes a:
 - a. Gable, which is a roof sloping downward in two parts from a central ridge, so as to form a gable at each end; or
 - b. Hip, which is a roof having sloping ends and sides meeting at an inclined projecting angle.
 - 3. The building facade includes two or more offsets of sixteen inches or greater;
 - 4. A roof overhang of sixteen inches or greater;
 - 5. A recessed entry that is at least two feet behind the furthest forward living space on the ground floor, and a minimum of eight feet wide;
 - 6. A minimum sixty square-foot covered front porch that is at least five feet deep or a minimum forty square-foot covered porch with railings that is at least five feet deep and elevated entirely a minimum of eighteen inches;
 - 7. A bay window that extends a minimum of twelve inches outward from the main wall of a building and forming a bay or alcove in a room within;
 - 8. Windows and main entrance doors that occupy a minimum of fifteen percent of the lineal length of the front facade (not including the roof and excluding any windows in a garage door);
 - 9. Window trim (minimum four inches);
 - 10. Window grids on all street facing windows (excluding any windows in the garage door or front door).
 - 11. Windows on all elevations include a minimum of four-inch trim (worth two elements);
 - 12. Windows on all of the elevations are wood, clad wood, or fiberglass (worth two elements);
 - 13. Windows on all of the elevations are recessed a minimum of two inches from the facade (worth two elements);
 - 14. A balcony that projects a minimum of one foot from the wall of the building and is enclosed by a railing or parapet;
 - 15. Shakes, shingles, brick, stone or other similar decorative materials shall occupy a minimum of sixty square feet of the street facade;
 - 16. All garage doors are a maximum nine feet wide;

17. All garage doors wider than nine feet are designed to resemble two smaller garage doors;
 18. There are a minimum of two windows in each garage door;
 19. A third garage door is recessed a minimum of two feet;
 20. A window over the garage door that is a minimum of twelve square feet with window trim (minimum four inches);
 21. The living space of the dwelling is within five feet of the front yard setback; or
 22. The driveway is composed entirely of pervious pavers or porous pavement.
- B. If the garage projects in front of the furthest forward living space on the street facing facade, one of the residential design elements 1 or 2 below, shall be provided in addition to the residential design elements required in OCMC 17.14.040.A. Residential design elements utilized in OCMC 17.14.040.B can be additionally utilized in OCMC 17.14.040.A.
1. A minimum sixty square-foot covered front porch that is at least five feet deep; or a minimum forty square-foot covered porch with railings that is at least five feet deep and elevated entirely a minimum of eighteen inches.
 2. The garage is part of a two-level facade. The second level facade shall have a window (minimum twelve square feet) with window trim (minimum four inches).

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.050 Main entrances.

- A. The main entrance for each single-family detached residential unit, and the main entrance for at least one unit in a duplex shall:
1. Be located on a façade that faces a street; or
 2. Open onto a covered porch on a street-facing facade that is at least sixty square feet with a minimum depth of five feet.
- B. The main entrance of one or more dwelling units on a flag lot shall face either the front lot line or the side lot line adjoining the flag pole.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.060 Detached duplexes

- A. Duplexes consisting of two detached dwelling units are permitted provided that one dwelling unit on the lot is an existing dwelling unit that received final inspection at least five years ago.
- B. In the case of a duplex with detached dwelling units, each street-facing façade that is can bee seen from the street shall meet the standards in OCMC 17.14.030.

17.14.080 Residential lot tree requirements.

The intent of this section is to encourage the retention of trees, minimize the impact of tree loss during development and ensure a sustainable tree canopy in Oregon City at the time of construction. Though not required, the use of large native and heritage tree species is recommended as detailed in this section. In no case shall any plant listed as a nuisance, invasive or problematic species on any regionally accepted plant list be used.

- A. Tree Requirement. All single-family detached residential units and middle housing developments shall comply with the requirements of this section. This requirement may be met using one or any combination of the three options below (tree preservation, tree planting, or tree fund). Table 17.14.080.A identifies the minimum number of inches of tree diameter per lot that shall be preserved, planted or paid into the tree fund. Adjustments from this section are prohibited. The applicant shall submit a residential tree plan for Options 1 and 2 demonstrating compliance with the requirements of this section.

Table 17.14.080.A
Tree Requirements

Lot Size (square feet)	Tree Diameter Inches Required to be Protected, Planted or Paid into Tree Fund
0—4,999	4"
5,000—7,999	6"
8,000—9,999	8"
10,000—14,999	10"
15,000 +	12"

1. Tree Preservation. The size of existing trees to be preserved shall be measured as diameter at breast height (DBH).
 - a. This standard shall be met using trees that are located on the lot. When this option is used, a tree preservation plan is required.
 - b. Trees to be preserved may be located anywhere on the lot, and shall be a minimum of two inches' caliper DBH.
 - c. Large Native or Heritage Tree Incentive. If a tree is preserved that is selected from the list in Table 17.14.080.A.2, the diameter of the tree may be doubled when demonstrating compliance with the minimum tree requirements indicated in Table 17.14.080.A. For example, an Oregon White Oak with a two-inch caliper at DBH may count as a tree diameter of four inches.
2. Tree Planting. All planted trees shall measure a minimum two-inch caliper at six inches above the root crown. When this option is used, a tree planting plan is required.
 - a. Trees may be planted anywhere on the lot as space permits.
 - b. Large Native or Heritage Tree Incentive. If a tree is planted that is selected from the list in Table 17.14.080.A.2, the diameter of the tree may be doubled when demonstrating compliance with the minimum tree requirements indicated in Table 17.14.080.A. For example, an Oregon White Oak with a two-inch caliper at six inches above the root crown may count as a tree diameter of four inches.

Table 17.14.080.A.2
Large Native and Heritage Tree List

Common Name	Scientific Name
Oregon White Oak	Quercus garryana
Pacific willow	Salix lucida spp. lasiandra

Western red cedar	Thuja plicata
Western hemlock	Tsuga heterophylla
Northern Red Oak	Quercus rubra
Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa
Bigleaf Maple	Acer macrophyllum
Grand Fir	Abies grandis
Douglas Fir	Pseudotsuga menziesii
American Elm hybrids (disease resistant)	Ulmus spp.
Western yew	Taxus brevifolia

3. Tree Fund. This option may be used where site characteristics or construction preferences do not support the preservation or planting options identified above. The community development director may approve this option in-lieu-of or in addition to requirements of Option 1 and/or 2 above. The community development director may approve the payment of cash-in-lieu into a dedicated fund for the remainder of trees that cannot be replanted in the manner described above. The large native or heritage tree incentive does not apply when using this option to calculate the number of required inches.
- The cash-in-lieu payment per tree shall utilize the adopted fee schedule when calculating the total tree fund payment.
 - The amount to be paid to the tree fund shall be calculated by subtracting the total inches of trees preserved and planted per subsection 1 and 2 above from the minimum tree diameter inches required in Table 17.14.080.A, dividing the sum by two inches and multiplying the remainder by the adopted fee from the Oregon City fee schedule. For example:

Lot Size	a. Tree Requirement per Table 17.14.080.A (inches)	b. Trees Preserved (inches)	c. Trees Planted (inches)	d. To be mitigated (inches) a.—b.—c.	Number of trees owed to tree fund. d./2" minimum caliper tree
10,000—14,999	10"	2"	4"	4"	2

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.14.090 Street trees.

All new single-family detached residential units and middle housing developments, or additions of twenty-five percent or more of the existing square footage of the residence (including the living space and garage(s)) shall install one street tree in accordance with OCMC 12.08 if there is not at least one existing street tree for every thirty-five feet of property frontage.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

Chapter 17.16 MIDDLE HOUSING DESIGN STANDARDS

17.16.010 Purpose.

The intention of these standards is to promote quality middle housing developments that include - physical and visual connection between units and the street, enhance the streetscape with attractive and varied front facades, minimize the prominence of garages and off-street parking areas, and promote compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.16.020 Applicability.

The standards of this chapter apply to townhouses, triplexes, quadplexes, and cottage clusters in any zone. The applications are processed as a Type I minor site plan and design review per OCMC 17.62.035 concurrently with a building permit application.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.16.025 Review process.

Applications are processed as a Type I minor site plan and design review per OCMC 17.62.035 concurrently with a building permit application. Modifications to these standards are processed as a Type II administrative variance or may be requested as part of a concurrent Type II, III or IV land use application.

17.16.030 Townhouse design standards.

- A. Townhouses shall meet the dimensional and density standards of the underlying zoning district.
- B. Each townhouse shall comply with the residential design options in OCMC 17.14.030. For purposes of applying the standards in OCMC 17.14.030, the garage width shall be measured based on the foremost four feet of the interior garage walls.
- C. No more than six consecutive townhouses that share a common wall are allowed.
- D. The main entrance of each townhouse must:
 - 1. Be within eight feet of the longest street-facing wall of the dwelling unit, if the lot has public street frontage; and
 - 2. Either:
 - a. Face the street (see Figure 17.16.030.D.1);
 - b. Be at an angle of up to forty five degrees from the street (see Figure 17.16.030.D.2);
 - c. Face a common open space or private access or driveway that is abutted by dwellings on at least two sides (see Figure 17.16.030.D.3); or
 - d. Open onto a porch that is at least twenty five square feet in area, and that has at least one entrance facing the street or have a roof (see Figure 17.16.030.D.4).

Figure 17.16.030.D.1

Main Entrance Facing the Street

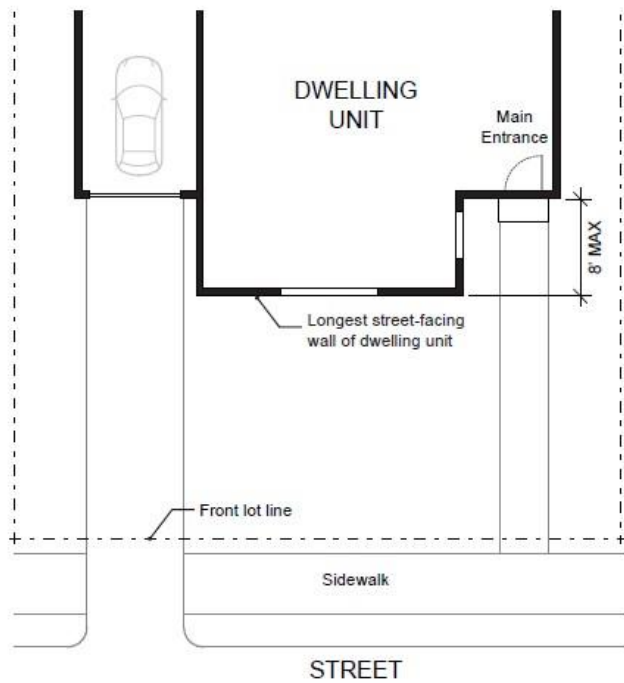


Figure 17.16.030.D.2
Main Entrance at Forty Five Degree Angle from the Street

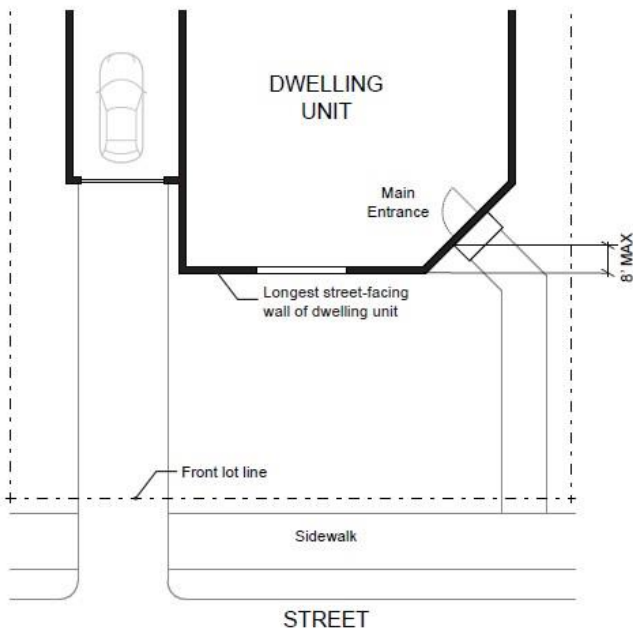


Figure 17.16.030.D.3
Main Entrance Facing Common Open Space

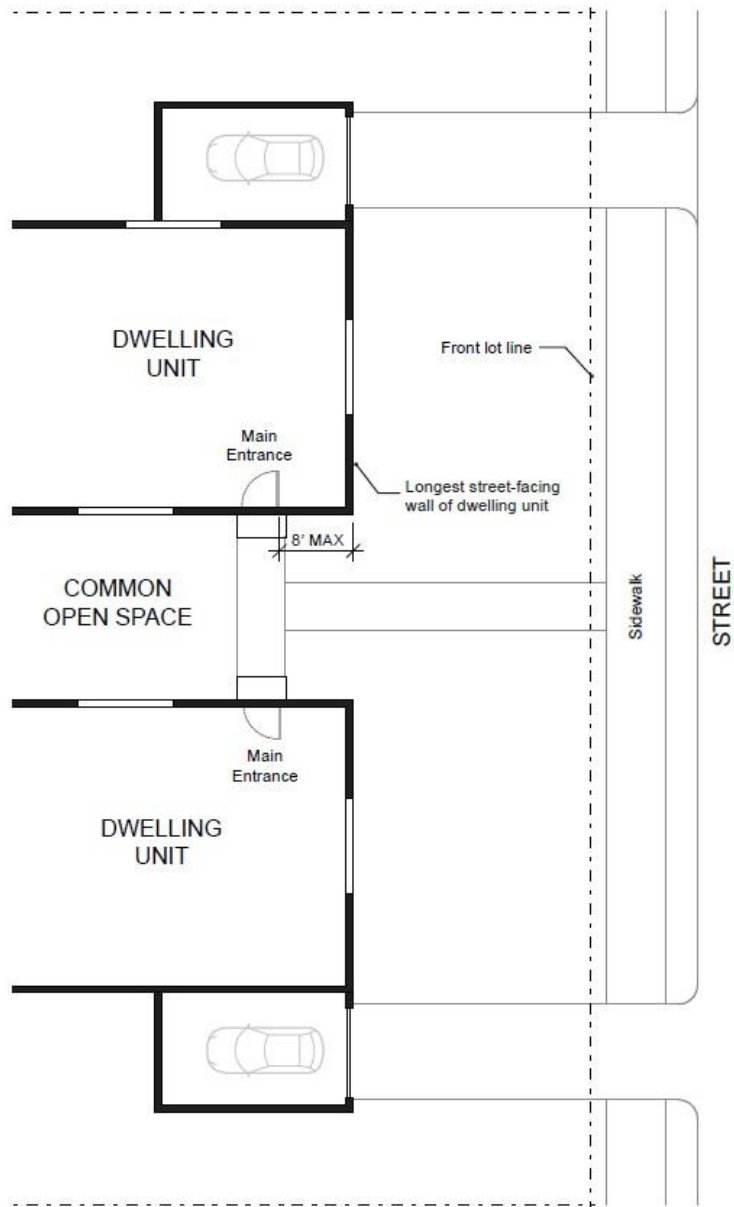
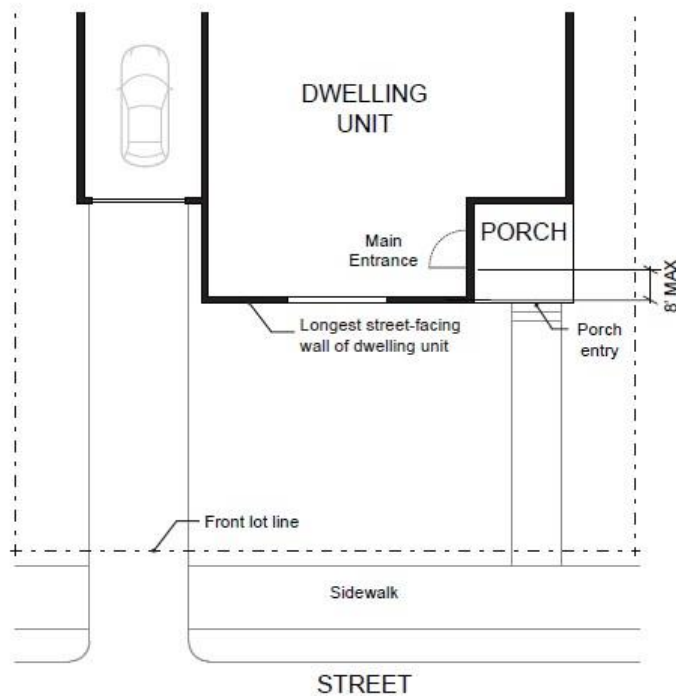


Figure 17.16.030.D.4
Main Entrance Opening onto a Porch



- E. Driveway access and parking shall comply with OCMC 17.16.040.
- F. Townhouses shall comply with the residential lot tree requirements in OCMC 17.14.080 and the street tree requirements in OCMC 17.14.090.

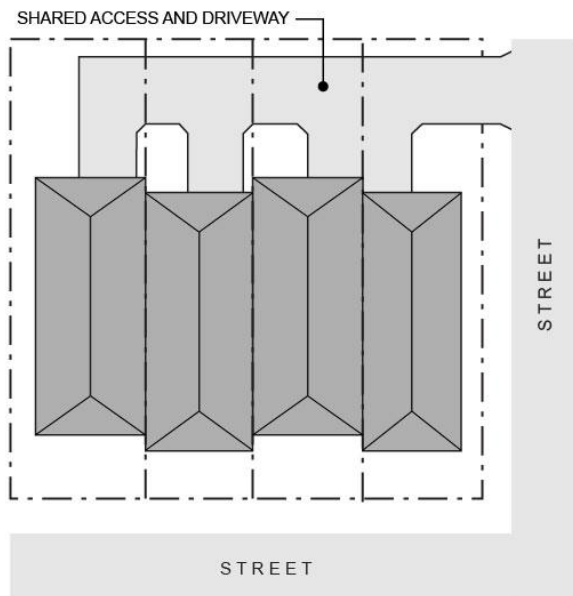
(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.16.040 Townhouse driveway access and parking.

- A. Where townhouses have frontage on a public street, garages on the front façade of a townhouse, off-street parking areas in the front yard, and driveway accesses in front of a townhouse are permitted in compliance with the following standards (see Figure 17.16.030.E.1):
 - 1. All driveways shall comply with OCMC 16.12.035.
 - 2. Outdoor on-site parking and maneuvering areas shall not exceed twelve feet wide on any lot; ~~and~~
 - a. For two abutting lots in the same townhouse project, driveways are encouraged to be paired and abut along the lot line to create one shared driveway approach ~~meeting all other standards of~~ OCMC 16.12.035.
 - 3. The garage width shall not exceed twelve feet.
 - 4. Each townhouse lot shall have a street frontage on a local street.
- B. Garages not on the front façade and townhouses which do not include off-street parking in the front yard are permitted in compliance with the following standards. The following driveway access and parking standards may also be voluntarily utilized for townhouses that could otherwise meet the standards in OCMC 17.16.040.A:

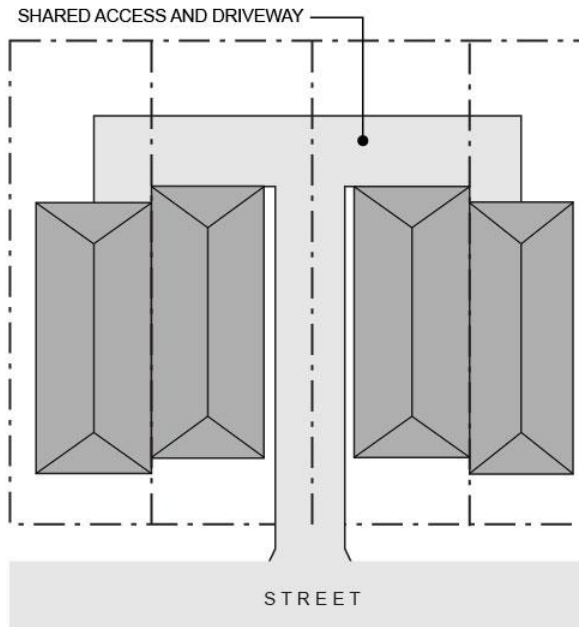
1. Off-street parking areas shall be accessed on the back façade or located in the rear yard. No off-street parking shall be allowed in the front yard or side yard.
2. Development that includes a corner lot shall take access from a single driveway on the side of the corner lot. The city engineer may alter this requirement based on street classifications, access spacing, or other provisions. See Figure 17.16.040.B.2.

Figure 17.16.040.B.2
Development with Corner Lot Access



3. Development that does not include a corner lot shall consolidate access for all lots into a single driveway. The access and driveway are not allowed in the area directly between the front façade and front lot line of any of the single-family attached dwellings. See Figure 17.16.040.B.3.

Figure 17.16.040.B.3
Development with Consolidated Access



4. A development that includes consolidated access or shared driveways shall record access easements to allow normal vehicular access and emergency access.
 - C. Developments served by an alley providing access to the rear yard are exempt from compliance with OCMC 17.16.040.A and 17.16.040.B.
 - D. Driveways shall comply with the standards of OCMC 16.12.035.
- (Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.16.060 Triplex and quadplex development requirements.

- A. Triplexes and quadplexes shall meet the dimensional and density standards of the underlying zoning district.
- B. Each triplex or quadplex shall comply with the residential design options in OCMC 17.14.030. For purposes of applying the standards in OCMC 17.14.030, the width of any garage(s) shall be measured based on the foremost four feet of the interior walls of the garage(s).
- C. At least one main entrance for each triplex or quadplex structure must:
 1. Be within eight feet of the longest street-facing wall of the dwelling unit, if the lot has public street frontage; and
 2. Either:
 - a. Face the street (see Figure 17.16.030.D.1);
 - b. Be at an angle of up to forty-five degrees from the street (see Figure 17.16.030.D.2);
 - c. Face a common open space or private access or driveway that is abutted by dwellings on at least two sides (see Figure 17.16.030.D.3); or
 - d. Open onto a porch that is at least twenty five square feet in area, and that has at least one entrance facing the street or have a roof (see Figure 17.16.030.D.4).

- D. In residential zones, garages on the front façade and off-street parking areas in the front yard, are permitted in compliance with the following standards:
 - 1. Outdoor on-site parking and maneuvering areas shall not exceed a total of forty feet wide or fifty percent of the lot frontage, whichever is less; and
 - 2. The combined width of all garages shall not exceed forty feet or fifty percent of the lot frontage, whichever is less.
- E. In mixed-use and commercial zones, parking aisles or areas shall be located behind the building façade that is closest to the street, below buildings, or on one or both sides of buildings, except where the following conditions exist:
 - 1. The site does not abut a collector or arterial street (i.e. the site abuts a local street);
 - 2. The site is not a corner lot; and
 - 3. There is an existing topographic constraint that precludes locating the parking area in conformance with this standard.
- F. Triplexes and quadplexes shall comply with the residential lot tree requirements in OCMC 17.14.080 and the street tree requirements in OCMC 17.14.090.
- G. The creation of a triplex or quadplex through conversion of an existing single-family detached residential unit is exempt from the standards of this section.

(Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.16.065 Detached triplexes

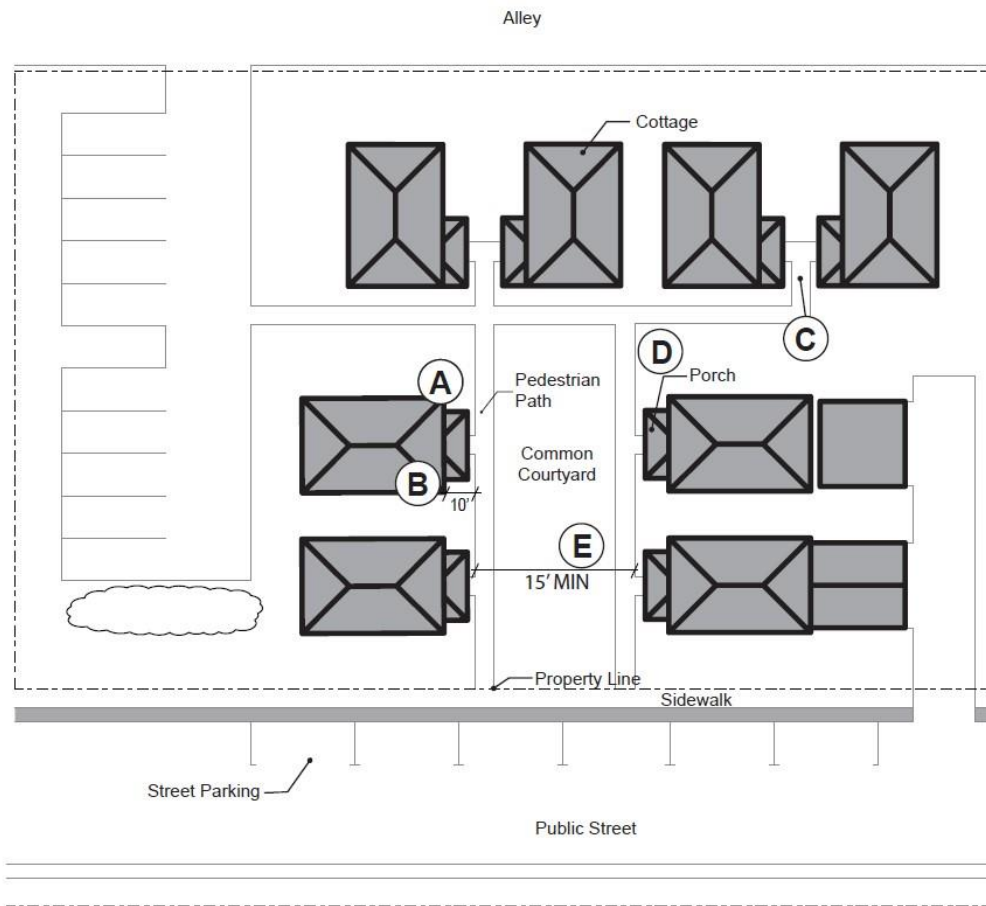
- A. Triplexes consisting of three detached dwelling units, or one detached and two attached dwelling units, are permitted provided that one dwelling unit on the lot is an existing dwelling unit that received final inspection at least five years ago.
- B. In the case of a triplex with detached dwelling units, each street-facing façade that is not separated from the street property line by a dwelling shall meet the standards in OCMC 17.14.030.
- C. Any detached dwelling unit that is not separated from the street property line by a dwelling along more than 50 percent of its street-facing façade shall provide at least one main entrance meeting the standards of OCMC 17.16.060.C.

17.16.070 Cottage clusters.

- A. Intent.
 - 1. To provide a variety of housing types that respond to changing household sizes and ages, including but not limited to retirees, small families, and single-person households.
 - 2. To encourage creation of more usable open space for residents of the development through flexibility in density and lot standards.
 - 3. To ensure that the overall size and visual impact of the cluster development be comparable to standard residential development, by balancing bulk and mass of individual residential units with allowed intensity of units.
 - 4. To provide centrally located and functional common open space that fosters a sense of community and a sense of openness in cluster housing developments.
 - 5. To ensure minimal visual impact from vehicular use and storage areas for residents of the cluster housing development as well as adjacent properties.

- B. Density Standards. Cottage clusters shall meet the density standards of the underlying zoning district.
- C. Dimensional Standards. Cottage clusters shall meet the dimensional standards of the underlying zoning district and the following standards.
 - 1. Maximum building footprint: Nine hundred square feet per cottage cluster unit.
 - 2. Maximum average gross floor area: One thousand square feet per cottage cluster unit.
 - 3. Maximum gross floor area: One thousand five hundred square feet per cottage cluster unit.
 - 4. Setbacks for accessory buildings shall comply with OCMC 17.54.010.
 - 5. Minimum distance separating cottage cluster units (excluding attached dwellings and accessory structures): Ten feet.
 - 6. Cottage clusters shall contain a minimum of four and a maximum of twelve cottage cluster units per cluster to encourage a sense of community among the residents. A development site may contain more than one cluster, however only one cluster of up to twelve units per lot is eligible to utilize the middle housing land division process in OCMC 16.24.
- D. Cottage Orientation. Cottages must be clustered around a common courtyard, meaning they abut the associated common courtyard or are directly connected to it by a pedestrian path, and must meet the following standards (see Figure 17.16.070.D):
 - 1. Each cottage cluster unit within a cluster must either abut the common courtyard or must be directly connected to it by a pedestrian path.
 - 2. A minimum of fifty percent of cottage cluster units within a cluster must be oriented to the common courtyard and must:
 - a. Have a main entrance facing the common courtyard;
 - b. Be within ten feet from the common courtyard, measured from the façade of the cottage to the nearest edge of the common courtyard; and
 - c. Be connected to the common courtyard by a pedestrian path.
 - 3. Cottages within twenty feet of a street property line may have their entrances facing the street.
 - 4. Cottages not facing the common courtyard or the street must have their main entrances facing a pedestrian path that is directly connected to the common courtyard.

Figure 17.16.070.D
Cottage Cluster Orientation and Common Courtyard Standards



- (A)** A minimum of 50% of cottages must be oriented to the common courtyard.
- (B)** Cottages oriented to the common courtyard must be within 10 feet of the courtyard.
- (C)** Cottages must be connected to the common courtyard by a pedestrian path.
- (D)** Cottages must abut the courtyard on at least two sides of the courtyard.
- (E)** The common courtyard must be at least 15 feet wide at its narrowest width.

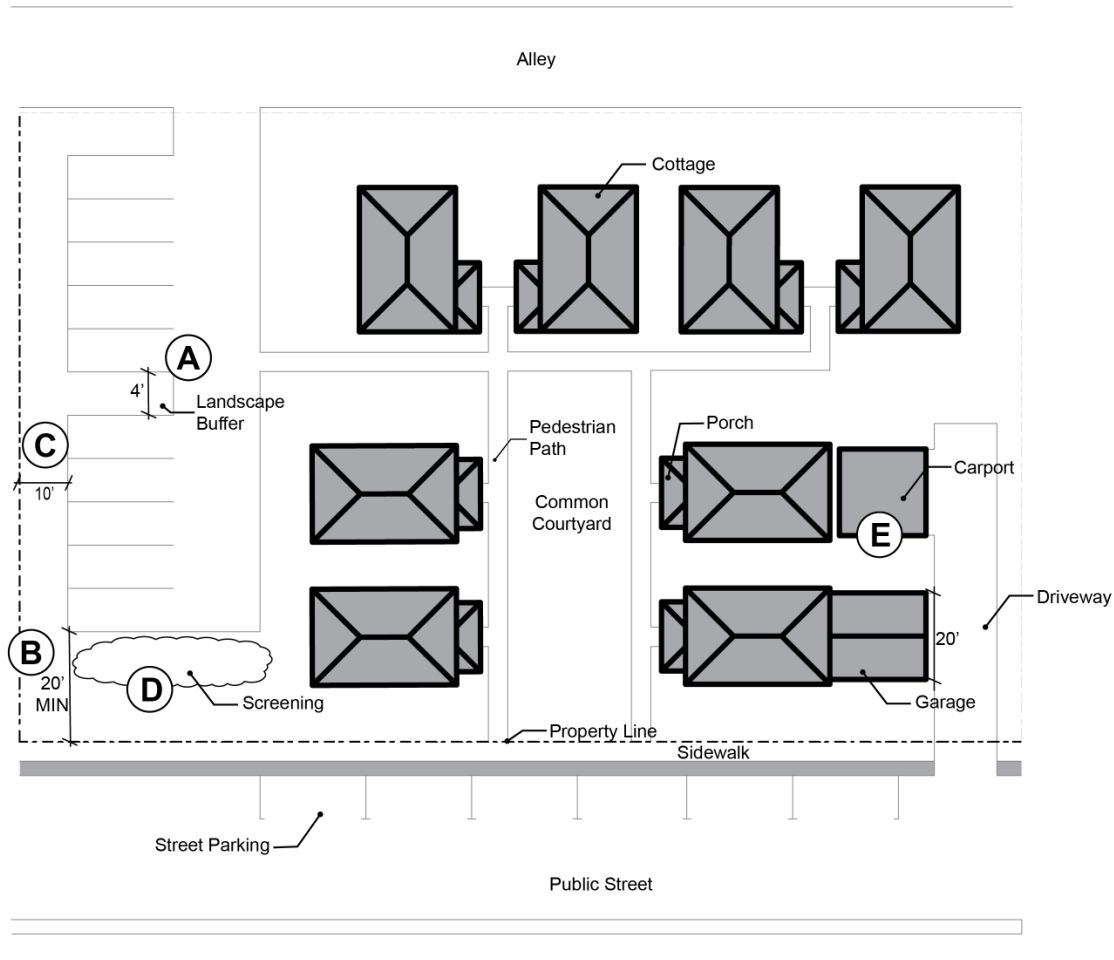
E. Common Courtyard Design Standards.

1. Each cottage cluster must share a common courtyard in order to provide a sense of openness and community of residents.

1. The required minimum common courtyard is one hundred fifty square feet per cottage cluster unit;
2. Common courtyards must meet the following standards (see Figure 17.16.070.D):
 - a. The common courtyard must be a single compact, contiguous, central open space that:
 - i. For clusters of 4-6 units: has a minimum dimension of fifteen feet.
 - ii. For clusters of 7-12 units: has a minimum dimension of twenty-five feet.
 - iii. Abuts at least fifty percent of the cottage cluster units in the cottage cluster
 - b. The common courtyard shall be developed with a mix of landscaping and lawn area, recreational amenities, hard-surfaced pedestrian paths, and/or paved courtyard area. Impervious elements of the common open space shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the total common courtyard area.
 - c. Pedestrian paths must be included in a common courtyard. Paths that are contiguous to a courtyard shall count toward the courtyard's minimum dimension and area. Parking areas, required setbacks, and driveways do not qualify as part of a common courtyard.
- F. Pedestrian Access. An accessible, hard-surfaced pedestrian path that is a minimum of four feet wide must be provided that connects the main entrance of each cottage cluster unit to the following:
 1. The common courtyard;
 2. Shared parking areas;
 3. Community buildings; and
 4. Sidewalks in public rights-of-way abutting the site or rights-of-way if there are no sidewalks.
- G. Community Buildings. Cottage clusters may include community buildings for the shared use of residents that provide space for accessory uses such as community meeting rooms, guest housing, exercise rooms, day care, or community eating areas. Community buildings must meet the following standards:
 1. A cottage cluster is permitted one community building, which shall count towards the maximum one thousand square feet average floor area limitation,
 2. A community building that meets the definition of a dwelling unit must meet the maximum nine hundred square foot building footprint limitation that applies to cottage dwelling units, unless a covenant is recorded against the property stating that the structure is not a legal dwelling unit and will not be used as a primary dwelling.
- H. Dwelling Types.
 1. In the R-10, R-8 and R-6 zones: In addition to detached cottage cluster units groups of up to two units attached together are permitted in a cottage cluster
 2. In the R-5 and R-3.5 zones: In addition to detached cottage cluster units, groups of up to four units attached together are permitted in a cottage cluster.
 3. In the R-2 zone: In addition to detached cottage cluster units, groups of up to six units attached together, are permitted in a cottage cluster
 4. Accessory dwelling units are not permitted as part of a cottage cluster.
- I. Each cottage cluster unit within twenty feet of a street property line shall comply with the residential design options in OCMC 17.14.030.
- J. Parking shall be provided pursuant to the following requirements (see Figure 17.16.070.J):
 1. Parking shall be provided at a ratio of one parking space per dwelling unit minimum and 2.5 spaces per dwelling unit maximum.

2. All parking shall be located on-site and shall not include shared parking or on-street spaces as allowed by OCMC 17.52.020.B.
3. Landscaping, fencing, or walls at least three feet tall shall separate parking areas and parking structures from common courtyards and public streets.
4. Parking shall be located in clusters of not more than five adjoining spaces (except where parking areas are adjacent to an alley).
5. Parking clusters shall be separated by a landscaping planter that is a minimum of four feet in width.
6. Parking spaces and vehicle maneuvering areas are prohibited:
 - a. In the front, interior or and side yard setback areas.
 - b. Within twenty feet of any street property line or within ten feet of any other property line, except alley property lines.
 - c. Between a street property line (excluding an alley) and the front façade of cottages located closest to the street property line.
7. Drive aisles and access driveways are allowed in the side or rear yard setback, and within ten feet of other property lines.
8. Detached parking structures/garages shall be six hundred square feet or less if shared by more than one cottage cluster unit, or four hundred square feet or less if exclusively used by a single cottage cluster unit. Such detached parking structures/garages shall not be counted as part of the allowed average or maximum gross floor area or building footprint of the cottage cluster units.
9. Garages may be attached to cottage cluster units. Such garages shall not abut common open spaces, shall have garage doors of ten feet or less in width shall not exceed two hundred square feet of gross floor area. The gross floor area of the garage shall not count towards the allowed average or maximum gross floor area or building footprint of the cottage cluster unit.
10. Driveways shall comply with OCMC 16.12.035.

Figure 17.16.070.J
Cottage Cluster Parking Design Standards



- (A)** Parking allowed in clusters of up to 5 spaces. Clusters separated by minimum 4 feet of landscaping.
- (B)** No parking or vehicle area within 20 feet from street property line (except alley).
- (C)** No parking within 10 feet from other property lines (except alley). Driveways and drive aisles permitted within 10 feet.
- (D)** Screening required between clustered parking areas or parking structures and public streets or common courtyards.
- (E)** Garages and carports must not abut common courtyards. Garage doors for individual garages must not exceed 20 feet in width.

K. Fences.

1. All fences shall be no more than forty-two inches in height, except that fences within one foot of the side or rear property line and outside of the front setback area may be no more than six feet in height.
2. Chain link fences shall not be allowed.

- L. Existing Dwelling Unit On-Site. One existing single-family detached residential unit incorporated into a cottage cluster-that does not meet the requirements of this section is permitted to remain on a site developed for cottage cluster-and shall be considered a unit in the development. The size of the existing single-family detached residential unit may exceed the maximum building footprint and maximum gross floor area, and shall not be part of the average gross floor area calculations. The existing single-family detached residential unit shall be excluded from the calculation of orientation toward the common courtyard. Modifications or additions to the existing dwelling unit not consistent with the provisions of this section shall not be permitted.

17.16.080 Sufficient infrastructure.

- A. For all triplexes, quadplexes, townhouses and cottage clusters in residential zones, the city shall work with the applicant to ensure that sufficient infrastructure will be provided, or can be provided, to include:
 - 1. Connection to a public wastewater system capable of meeting established service levels.
 - 2. Connection to a public water system capable of meeting established service levels.
 - 3. Access via public or private streets meeting adopted emergency vehicle access standards to a city's public street system.
 - 4. Storm drainage facilities capable of meeting established service levels for storm drainage.

Chapter 17.29 MUC MIXED-USE CORRIDOR DISTRICT

17.29.010 Designated.

The mixed-use corridor (MUC) district is designed to apply along selected sections of transportation corridors such as Molalla Avenue, 7th Street, Beavercreek Road, and along Warner-Milne Road. Land uses are characterized by high-volume establishments such as retail, service, office, multi-family residential, lodging, recreation and meeting facilities, or a similar use as defined by the community development director. A mix of high-density residential, office, and small-scale retail uses are encouraged in this district. Moderate density (MUC-1) and high density (MUC-2) options are available within the MUC zoning district. The area along 7th Street is an example of MUC-1, and the area along Warner-Milne Road is an example of MUC-2.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.29.020 Permitted uses—MUC-1 and MUC-2.

- A. Banquet, conference facilities and meeting rooms.
- B. Bed and breakfast/boarding houses, hotels, motels, and other lodging facilities.
- C. Child care centers and/or nursery schools.
- D. Indoor entertainment centers and arcades.
- E. Health and fitness clubs.
- F. Medical and dental clinics, outpatient; infirmary services.
- G. Museums, libraries and cultural facilities.
- H. Offices, including finance, insurance, real estate and government.
- I. Outdoor markets, such as produce stands, craft markets and farmers markets that are operated on the weekends and after six p.m. during the weekday.
- J. Postal services.
- K. Parks, playgrounds, playfields and community or neighborhood centers.
- L. Repair shops, for radio and television, office equipment, bicycles, electronic equipment, shoes and small appliances and equipment.
- M. Multi-family residential, triplexes and quadplexes.
- N. One or two dwelling units in conjunction with a nonresidential use, provided that the residential use occupies no more than fifty percent of the total square footage of the development.
- O. Restaurants, eating and drinking establishments without a drive-through.
- P. Services, including personal, professional, educational and financial services; laundry and dry-cleaning.
- Q. Retail trade, including grocery, hardware and gift shops, bakeries, delicatessens, florists, pharmacies, specialty stores, marijuana, and similar, provided the maximum footprint for a standalone building with a single store or multiple buildings with the same business does not exceed sixty thousand square feet.
- R. Seasonal sales.
- S. Residential care facilities, assisted living facilities; nursing homes and group homes for over fifteen patients licensed by the state.

- T. Studios and galleries, including dance, art, photography, music and other arts.
- U. Utilities: Basic and linear facilities, such as water, sewer, power, telephone, cable, electrical and natural gas lines, not including major facilities such as sewage and water treatment plants, pump stations, water tanks, telephone exchanges and cell towers.
- V. Veterinary clinics or pet hospitals, pet day care.
- W. Home occupations.
- X. Research and development activities.
- Y. Temporary real estate offices in model dwellings located on and limited to sales of real estate on a single piece of platted property upon which new residential buildings are being constructed.
- Z. Transportation facilities.
- AA. Live/work dwellings.
- BB. Accessory dwelling unit in conjunction with a legally established non-conforming single-family dwelling.
- CC. Duplex.
- DD. After-hours public parking.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 13-1003, § 1(Exh. 1), 7-17-2013; Ord. No. 13-1017, § 1(Exh. 1), 4-16-2014; Ord. No. 16-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 10-19-2016, ballot 11-8-2016; Ord. No. 18-1005, § 1(Exh. A), 5-2-2018; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.29.030 Conditional uses—MUC-1 and MUC-2 zones.

The following uses are permitted in this district when authorized and in accordance with the process and standards contained in OCMC 17.56:

- A. Drive-through facilities;
- B. Emergency service facilities (police and fire), excluding correctional facilities;
- C. Gas stations;
- D. Outdoor markets that do not meet the criteria of OCMC 17.29.020.I;
- E. Public utilities and services including sub-stations (such as buildings, plants and other structures);
- F. Public and/or private educational or training facilities;
- G. Religious institutions;
- H. Retail trade, including gift shops, bakeries, delicatessens, florists, pharmacies, specialty stores and any other use permitted in the neighborhood, historic or limited commercial districts that have a footprint for a standalone building with a single store in excess of sixty thousand square feet in the MUC-1 or MUC-2 zone;
- I. Hospitals;
- J. Parking not in conjunction with a primary use on private property, excluding after-hours public parking;
- K. Passenger terminals, excluding bus stops;
- L. Shelters.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.29.040 Prohibited uses in the MUC-1 and MUC-2 zones.

The following uses are prohibited in the MUC district:

- A. Distributing, wholesaling and warehousing;
- B. Outdoor storage;
- C. Outdoor sales that are not ancillary to a permitted use on the same or abutting property under the same ownership;
- D. Correctional facilities;
- E. Heavy equipment service, repair, sales, storage or rentals (including but not limited to construction equipment and machinery and farming equipment);
- F. Kennels;
- G. Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle sales and incidental service;
- H. Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle repair/service;
- I. Self-service storage facilities;
- J. Marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, research, testing, and laboratories;
- K. Mobile food units, except with a special event permit.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 13-1017, § 1(Exh. 1), 4-16-2014; Ord. No. 16-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 10-19-2016, ballot 11-8-2016; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.29.050 Dimensional standards—MUC-1.

- A. Minimum lot areas: None.
 - B. Maximum building height: Forty feet or three stories, whichever is less.
 - C. Minimum required setbacks if not abutting a residential zone: None.
 - D. Minimum required interior and rear yard setbacks if abutting a residential zone: Twenty feet, plus one foot additional yard setback for every one foot of building height over thirty-five feet.
 - E. Maximum allowed setbacks.
 - 1. Front yard: Five feet.
 - 2. Interior side yard: None.
 - 3. Corner side setback abutting street: Thirty feet.
 - 4. Rear yard: None.
- Public utility easements may supersede the minimum setback. Maximum setback may be increased per OCMC 17.62.055.D.
- F. Maximum lot coverage of the building and parking lot: Eighty percent.
 - G. Minimum required landscaping (including landscaping within a parking lot): Twenty percent.
 - H. Residential minimum net density of 17.4 units per acre, except that no minimum net density shall apply to residential uses proposed above nonresidential uses in a mixed-use configuration or to live/work dwellings.
 - I. Standalone residential development of fewer than five units are exempt from maximum setbacks and minimum density requirements of the underlying zone.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

17.29.060 Dimensional standards—MUC-2.

- A. Minimum lot area: None.
- B. Minimum floor area ratio: 0.25.
- C. Minimum building height: Twenty-five feet or two stories except for accessory structures or buildings under one thousand square feet.
- D. Maximum building height: Sixty feet.
- E. Minimum required setbacks if not abutting a residential zone: None.
- F. Minimum required interior and rear yard setbacks if abutting a residential zone: Twenty feet, plus one foot additional yard setback for every two feet of building height over thirty-five feet.
- G. Maximum Allowed Setbacks.
 - 1. Front yard: Five feet.
 - 2. Interior side yard: None.
 - 3. Corner side yard abutting street: Twenty feet.
 - 4. Rear yard: None.
- H. Maximum site coverage of building and parking lot: Ninety percent.
- I. Minimum landscaping requirement (including parking lot): Ten percent.
- J. Residential minimum net density of 17.4 units per acre, except that no minimum net density shall apply to residential uses proposed above nonresidential uses in a mixed-use configuration or to live/work dwellings.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.29.070 Floor area ratio (FAR).

Floor area ratios are a tool for regulating the intensity of development. Minimum FARs help to achieve more intensive forms of building development in areas appropriate for larger-scale buildings and higher residential densities.

- A. The minimum floor area ratios contained in OCMC 17.29.050 and 17.29.060 apply to all nonresidential and mixed-use building development, except standalone commercial buildings less than ten thousand square feet in floor area.
- B. Required minimum FARs shall be calculated on a project-by-project basis and may include multiple contiguous blocks. In mixed-use developments, residential floor space will be included in the calculations of floor area ratio to determine conformance with minimum FARs.
- C. An individual phase of a project shall be permitted to develop below the required minimum floor area ratio provided the applicant demonstrates, through covenants applied to the remainder of the site or project or through other binding legal mechanism, that the required density for the project will be achieved at project build out.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.29.080 Additional standards for Thimble Creek Concept Plan Area.

- A. Applicability. This section applies to all development in the MUC-2 district within the Thimble Creek Concept Plan Area.
- B. Relationship of Standards. These standards apply in addition to and supersede the standards of the MUC-2 zone within the Thimble Creek Concept Plan Area. In the event of a conflict, the standards of this section control.
- C. Uses.
 - 1. Light industrial uses limited to the design, light manufacturing, processing, assembly, packaging, fabrication and treatment of products made from previously prepared or semi-finished materials are permitted.
 - 2. The following permitted uses, alone or in combination, shall not exceed twenty percent of the total gross floor area of all of the other permitted and conditional uses within the development site. The total gross floor area of two or more buildings may be used, even if the buildings are not all on the same parcel or owned by the same property owner, as long as they are part of the net developable portion of contiguous mixed-use corridor zoned lands.
 - a. Restaurants, eating and drinking establishments;
 - b. Services, including personal, professional, educational and financial services; laundry and dry-cleaning;
 - c. Retail trade, including grocery, hardware and gift shops, bakeries, delicatessens, florists, pharmacies, specialty stores, marijuana, and similar, provided the maximum footprint for a standalone building with a single store does not exceed twenty thousand square feet; and
 - d. Grocery stores provided the maximum footprint for a standalone building does not exceed forty thousand square feet.
 - 3. Drive-throughs are prohibited.
 - 4. Gas stations are prohibited.
 - 5. Bed and breakfast and other lodging facilities for up to ten guests per night are a conditional use.
 - 6. Tax Lot 00800, located on Clackamas County Map #32E10C has a special provision to allow the multifamily residential use permitted as of July 31, 2020 as a permitted use. This property may only maintain and expand the current use.
- D. Dimensional Standards.
 - 1. Minimum floor area ratio (FAR) shall be 0.35.
 - 2. Maximum allowed setback for corner side yard abutting street shall be five feet.
- E. Residential Uses. All residential uses, except live/work units, are limited to upper stories only, and may only be proposed as part of a single development application incorporating nonresidential uses allowed in the MUC-2 district on the ground floor.

(Ord. No. 21-1006, § 1(Exh. A), 7-1-2020)

Chapter 17.34 MUD MIXED-USE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT

17.34.010 Designated.

The mixed-use downtown (MUD) district is designed to apply within the traditional downtown core along Main Street and includes the "north-end" area, generally between 5th Street and Abernethy Street, and some of the area bordering McLoughlin Boulevard. Land uses are characterized by high-volume establishments constructed at the human scale such as retail, service, office, multi-family residential, lodging or similar as defined by the community development director. A mix of high-density residential, office and retail uses are encouraged in this district, with retail and service uses on the ground floor and office and residential uses on the upper floors. The emphasis is on those uses that encourage pedestrian and transit use. This district includes a downtown design district overlay for the historic downtown area. Retail and service uses on the ground floor and office and residential uses on the upper floors are encouraged in this district. The design standards for this sub-district require a continuous storefront façade featuring streetscape amenities to enhance the active and attractive pedestrian environment.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.34.020 Permitted uses.

Permitted uses in the MUD district are defined as:

- A. Banquet, conference facilities and meeting rooms;
- B. Bed and breakfast/boarding houses, hotels, motels, and other lodging facilities;
- C. Child care centers and/or nursery schools;
- D. Indoor entertainment centers and arcades;
- E. Health and fitness clubs;
- F. Medical and dental clinics, outpatient; infirmary services;
- G. Museums, libraries and cultural facilities;
- H. Offices, including finance, insurance, real estate and government;
- I. Outdoor markets, such as produce stands, craft markets and farmers markets that are operated on the weekends and after six p.m. during the weekday;
- J. Postal services;
- K. Repair shops, for radio and television, office equipment, bicycles, electronic equipment, shoes and small appliances and equipment;
- L. Multi-family residential, triplexes and quadplexes;
- M. One or two units in conjunction with a nonresidential use provided that the residential use occupies no more than fifty percent of the total square footage of the development;
- N. Restaurants, eating and drinking establishments without a drive-through;
- O. Services, including personal, professional, educational and financial services; laundry and dry-cleaning;
- P. Retail trade, including grocery, hardware and gift shops, bakeries, delicatessens, florists, pharmacies, specialty stores provided the maximum footprint of a freestanding building with a single store does not exceed sixty thousand square feet (a freestanding building over sixty thousand square feet is allowed as long as the building contains multiple stores);

- Q. Seasonal sales;
- R. Residential care facilities, assisted living facilities; nursing homes and group homes for over fifteen patients licensed by the state;
- S. Studios and galleries, including dance, art, photography, music and other arts;
- T. Utilities: Basic and linear facilities, such as water, sewer, power, telephone, cable, electrical and natural gas lines, not including major facilities such as sewage and water treatment plants, pump stations, water tanks, telephone exchanges and cell towers;
- U. Veterinary clinics or pet hospitals, pet day care;
- V. Home occupations;
- W. Research and development activities;
- X. Temporary real estate offices in model dwellings located on and limited to sales of real estate on a single piece of platted property upon which new residential buildings are being constructed;
- Y. Transportation facilities;
- Z. Live/work dwellings;
- AA. After-hours public parking;
- BB. Marinas;
- CC. Religious institutions;
- DD. Mobile food units outside of the downtown design district.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.34.030 Conditional uses.

The following uses are permitted in this district when authorized and in accordance with the process and standards contained in OCMC 17.56:

- A. Drive-through facilities;
- B. Emergency services;
- C. Hospitals;
- D. Outdoor markets that do not meet the criteria of OCMC 17.34.020.I;
- E. Parks, playgrounds, play fields and community or neighborhood centers;
- F. Parking structures and lots not in conjunction with a primary use on private property, excluding after-hours public parking;
- G. Retail trade, including grocery, hardware and gift shops, bakeries, delicatessens, florists, pharmacies and specialty stores in a freestanding building with a single store exceeding a foot print of sixty thousand square feet;
- H. Public facilities such as sewage and water treatment plants, water towers and recycling and resource recovery centers;
- I. Public utilities and services such as pump stations and sub-stations;
- J. Distributing, wholesaling and warehousing;
- K. Gas stations;

- L. Public and or private educational or training facilities;
- M. Stadiums and arenas;
- N. Passenger terminals (water, auto, bus, train), excluding bus stops;
- O. Recycling center and/or solid waste facility;
- P. Shelters, except within the downtown design district.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.34.040 Prohibited uses.

The following uses are prohibited in the MUD district:

- A. Kennels;
- B. Outdoor storage and sales, not including outdoor markets allowed in OCMC 17.34.030;
- C. Self-service storage;
- D. Single-family detached residential units, townhouses and duplexes;
- E. Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle repair/service;
- F. Motor vehicle and recreational vehicle sales and incidental service;
- G. Heavy equipment service, repair, sales, storage or rental (including but not limited to construction equipment and machinery and farming equipment);
- H. Marijuana production, processing, wholesaling, research, testing, and laboratories;
- I. Mobile food units within the downtown design district unless a special event has been issued.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 16-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 10-19-2016, ballot 11-8-2016; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.34.050 Pre-existing industrial uses.

Tax lot 5400 located at Clackamas County Tax Assessors Map #22E20DD, Tax Lots 100 and two hundred located on Clackamas County Tax Assessors Map #22E30DD and Tax Lot 700 located on Clackamas County Tax Assessors Map #22E29CB have special provisions for industrial uses. These properties may maintain and expand their industrial uses on existing tax lots. A change in use is allowed as long as there is no greater impact on the area than the existing use.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.34.060 Mixed-use downtown dimensional standards—For properties located outside of the downtown design district.

- A. Minimum lot area: None.
- B. Minimum floor area ratio: 0.30.
- C. Minimum building height: Twenty-five feet or two stories except for accessory structures or buildings under one thousand square feet.
- D. Maximum building height: Seventy-five feet, except for the following location where the maximum building height shall be forty-five feet:

1. Properties between Main Street and McLoughlin Boulevard and 11th and 16th streets;
 2. Property within five hundred feet of the End of the Oregon Trail Center property; or
 3. Property abutting single-family detached or attached units.
- E. Minimum required setbacks, if not abutting a residential zone: None.
- F. Minimum required interior side yard and rear yard setback if abutting a residential zone: Fifteen feet, plus one additional foot in yard setback for every two feet in height over thirty-five feet.
- G. Maximum Allowed Setbacks.
1. Front yard: Twenty feet.
 2. Interior side yard: No maximum.
 3. Corner side yard abutting street: Twenty feet.
 4. Rear yard: No maximum.
 5. Rear yard abutting street: Twenty feet.
- H. Maximum site coverage including the building and parking lot: Ninety percent.
- I. Minimum landscape requirement (including parking lot): Ten percent.
- J. Residential minimum net density of 17.4 units per acre, except that no minimum net density shall apply to residential uses proposed above nonresidential uses in a vertical mixed-use configuration or to live/work dwellings.
- K. Standalone residential development of fewer than five units are exempt from maximum setbacks of the underlying zone.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

17.34.070 Mixed-use downtown dimensional standards—For properties located within the downtown design district.

- A. Minimum lot area: None.
- B. Minimum floor area ratio: 0.5.
- C. Minimum building height: Twenty-five feet or two stories except for accessory structures or buildings under one thousand square feet.
- D. Maximum building height: Fifty-eight feet.
- E. Minimum required setbacks, if not abutting a residential zone: None.
- F. Minimum required interior and rear yard setback if abutting a residential zone: Twenty feet, plus one foot additional yard setback for every three feet in building height over thirty-five feet.
- G. Maximum Allowed Setbacks.
1. Front yard setback: Ten feet.
 2. Interior side yard setback: No maximum.
 3. Corner side yard setback abutting street: Ten feet.
 4. Rear yard setback: No maximum.
 5. Rear yard setback abutting street: Ten feet.

Public utility easements may supersede the minimum setback. Maximum setback may be increased per OCMC 17.62.055.D.

- H. Maximum site coverage of the building and parking lot: Ninety-five percent.
- I. Minimum landscape requirement (including parking lot): Five percent.
- J. Residential minimum net density of 17.4 units per acre, except that no minimum net density shall apply to residential uses proposed above nonresidential uses in a vertical mixed-use configuration or to live/work dwellings.
- K. Standalone residential development of fewer than five units are exempt from maximum setbacks of the underlying zone.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 13-1003, § 1(Exh. 1), 7-17-2013; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019; Ord. No. 21-1007, § 1(Exh. A), 4-21-2021)

17.34.080 Explanation of certain standards.

- A. Floor Area Ratio (FAR).
 - 1. Purpose. Floor area ratios are a tool for regulating the intensity of development. Minimum FARs help to achieve more intensive forms of building development in areas appropriate for larger-scale buildings and higher residential densities.
 - 2. Standards.
 - a. The minimum floor area ratios contained in OCMC 17.34.060 and 17.34.070 apply to all nonresidential and mixed-use building developments.
 - b. Required minimum FARs shall be calculated on a project-by-project basis and may include multiple contiguous blocks. In mixed-use developments, residential floor space will be included in the calculations of floor area ratio to determine conformance with minimum FARs.
 - c. An individual phase of a project shall be permitted to develop below the required minimum floor area ratio provided the applicant demonstrates, through covenants applied to the remainder of the site or project or through other binding legal mechanism, that the required density for the project will be achieved at project build out.
- B. Building Height.
 - 1. Purpose.
 - a. The Masonic Hall is currently the tallest building in downtown Oregon City, with a height of fifty-eight feet measured from Main Street. The maximum building height limit of fifty-eight feet will ensure that no new building will be taller than the Masonic Hall.
 - b. A minimum two-story (twenty-five feet) building height is established for the downtown design district overlay sub-district to ensure that the traditional building scale for the downtown area is maintained.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019; Ord. No. 19-1008, § 1(Exh. A), 12-18-2019)

Chapter 17.60 VARIANCES¹

17.60.010 Authority.

According to procedures set forth in OCMC 17.60.030, the planning commission or the community development director may authorize variances from the requirements of this title. In granting a variance, the planning commission or community development director may attach conditions to protect the best interests of the surrounding property or neighborhood and otherwise achieve the purposes of this title. No variances shall be granted to allow the use of property for a purpose not authorized within the zone in which the proposed use would be located.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019)

17.60.020 Variances—Procedures.

- A. A request for a variance shall be initiated by a property owner or authorized agent by filing an application with the city recorder. The application shall be accompanied by a site plan, drawn to scale, showing the dimensions and arrangement of the proposed development. When relevant to the request, building plans may also be required. The application shall note the zoning requirement and the extent of the variance requested. Procedures shall thereafter be held under Chapter 17.50. In addition, the procedures set forth in subsection D of this section shall apply when applicable.
- B. A nonrefundable filing fee, as listed in OCMC 17.50.080, shall accompany the application for a variance to defray the costs.
- C. Before the planning commission may act on a variance, it shall hold a public hearing thereon following procedures as established in Chapter 17.50. A variance shall address the criteria identified in OCMC 17.60.030, Variances—Grounds.
- D. Minor variances, as defined in subsection E of this section, shall be processed as a Type II decision, shall be reviewed pursuant to the requirements in OCMC 17.50.030.B, and shall address the criteria identified in OCMC 17.60.030, Variance—Grounds.
- E. For the purposes of this section, minor variances shall be defined as follows:
 - 1. Variances to setback and yard requirements to allow additions to existing buildings so that the additions follow existing building lines;
 - 2. Variances to width, depth and frontage requirements of up to twenty percent;
 - 3. Variances to residential yard/setback requirements of up to twenty-five percent;
 - 4. Variances to nonresidential yard/setback requirements of up to ten percent;
 - 5. Variances to lot area requirements of up to five percent;

¹Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 08-1014, adopted July 1, 2009, repealed Chapter 17.60 in its entirety and enacted new provisions to read as herein set out. Prior to amendment, Chapter 17.60 pertained to similar subject matter. See Ordinance Disposition List for derivation.

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6. Variance to lot coverage requirements of up to twenty-five percent;
 7. Variances to the minimum required parking stalls of up to five percent; and
 8. Variances to the floor area requirements and minimum required building height in the mixed-use districts.
 9. Variances to design and/or architectural standards for single-family dwellings, duplexes, townhomes, accessory dwelling units, triplex, quadplexes, and cluster housing in OCMC 17.14, 17.16, 17.20, 17.21, and 17.22.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019)

17.60.030 Variance—Grounds.

A variance may be granted only in the event that all of the following conditions exist:

- A. That the variance from the requirements is not likely to cause substantial damage to adjacent properties by reducing light, air, safe access or other desirable or necessary qualities otherwise protected by this title;
- B. That the request is the minimum variance that would alleviate the hardship;
- C. Granting the variance will equal or exceed the purpose of the regulation to be modified.
- D. Any impacts resulting from the adjustment are mitigated;
- E. No practical alternatives have been identified which would accomplish the same purpose and not require a variance; and
- F. The variance conforms to the comprehensive plan and the intent of the ordinance being varied.

(Ord. No. 08-1014, §§ 1—3(Exhs. 1—3), 7-1-2009; Ord. No. 18-1009, § 1(Exh. A), 7-3-2019)