



MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 22, 2016
TO: Planning Commission 
FROM: John Swiecki, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Commissioner-initiated discussion of standards for home sizes/lot coverage/floor area ratio- Central Brisbane

At the September 8, 2016 meeting, the Commission directed that this item be formally agendaized for discussion. Relevant City regulations are attached for reference purposes.

R-1 Residential District

17.06.040 - Development regulations.

The following development regulations shall apply to any lot in the R-1 district:

A. Lot Area.

1. The minimum area of any lot shall be five thousand (5,000) square feet.
2. A single-family dwelling may be constructed on a lot of record with an area of less than five thousand (5,000) square feet, subject to the provisions of this chapter and the limitations set forth in Section 17.32.100.

B. Density of Development. Not more than one dwelling unit shall be located on each lot in the R-1 district, except for a secondary dwelling unit authorized by a use permit granted pursuant to Chapter 17.43 of this title.

C. Lot Dimensions. The minimum dimensions of any lot shall be as follows:

| Width | Depth |
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| 50 feet | 100 feet |

D. Setbacks. The minimum required setbacks for any lot shall be as follows:

1. Front setback: Fifteen (15) feet, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Where the lot has a slope of fifteen percent (15%) or greater, the minimum front setback may be reduced to ten (10) feet.
 - b. Where fifty percent (50%) or more of the lots of record in a block have been improved with single-family dwellings, the minimum front setback may be the average distance of the front outside wall of the single-family structures from the front lot line, if less than fifteen (15) feet.
2. Side setback: Five (5) feet, with the exception that a lot having a width of less than fifty (50) feet may have a side setback reduced to ten percent (10%) of the lot width, but in no event less than three (3) feet or the minimum setback required by the Uniform Building Code, whichever is greater.
3. Rear setback: Ten (10) feet.

E. Lot Coverage. The maximum coverage by all structures on any lot shall be forty percent (40%).

F. Floor Area Ratio. The maximum floor area ratio for all buildings on a lot shall be 0.72. Where the size of the lot is three thousand seven hundred (3,700) square feet or less, one covered parking space designed to accommodate a full-size automobile shall be excluded from the calculation of floor area ratio; provided, however, such exclusion shall not exceed a total area of two hundred (200) square feet.

G. Height of Structures.

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (G)(2) of this section, the maximum height of any structure shall be as follows:
 - a. Twenty-eight (28) feet, for lots having a slope of less than twenty percent (20%); or
 - b. Thirty (30) feet, for lots having a slope of twenty percent (20%) or more.
2. For a distance of fifteen (15) feet from the front lot line, the height of any structure shall not exceed twenty (20) feet as measured from finish grade; provided, however, garages may be constructed to a height of fifteen (15) feet above the elevation of the center of the adjacent street when permitted by Section 17.32.070 of this title and so long as the total

height of the garage and any permitted living area underneath does not exceed thirty (30) feet from finish grade.

- H. Articulation Requirements. Unless exempted, outside walls that are greater in size than twenty (20) feet in width and twenty (20) feet in height shall have a cumulative area of articulation as follows:
1. Front outside wall: Thirty percent (30%) articulation.
 2. Side outside walls:
 - a. Interior side outside wall: No articulation requirement.
 - b. Exterior side outside wall: Where the structure is located on a lot having an average width of forty (40) feet or greater, the articulation requirement for the exterior side outside wall shall be twenty percent (20%). No articulation shall be required for the exterior side outside wall of structures located on lots having an average width of less than forty (40) feet.
 3. Rear outside wall: Thirty percent (30%) articulation.
 4. Exemptions: Single story two (2) car garages and accessory structures not exceeding a floor area of one hundred twenty (120) square feet shall be exempted from all articulation requirements.
- I. Landscaping Requirements.
1. Front Setback. A minimum of fifteen percent (15%) of the front setback area shall be landscaped where the lot has a front lot line of thirty (30) feet or greater.
 2. Downslope Lots. The rear of any newly constructed main structure on a downslope lot shall be screened with trees and shrubs in accordance with a landscape plan approved by the planning director.
 3. Irrigated Landscapes. New and rehabilitated, irrigated landscapes are subject to the provisions of the water conservation in landscaping ordinance (refer to Chapter 15.70) or the latest state provisions, whichever is more effective in conserving water.
- J. Nonconforming Residential Structures and Uses. Nonconforming residential structures and nonconforming residential uses, as defined in Section 17.02.560, may be repaired, restored, reconstructed, enlarged or expanded in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 17.38 and 17.34 of this title.
- K. Recycling Area Requirements. For new subdivisions containing an area where solid waste is collected and loaded in a location which serves five or more living units, adequate, accessible and convenient areas for depositing, collecting and loading recyclable materials in receptacles shall be provided to serve the needs of the living units which utilize the area. This requirement shall also apply to all institutional buildings and City facilities (including buildings, structures, and outdoor recreation areas owned by the city) where solid waste is collected and loaded. The area shall be located and fully enclosed so as to adequately protect neighboring uses from adverse impacts such as noise, odor, vectors, wind-blown litter or glare. The area shall be designed to prevent storm water run-on to the area and runoff from the area, and roofs shall be designed to drain away from neighboring properties. A sign clearly identifying all recycling and solid waste collection and loading areas and the materials accepted therein shall be posted adjacent to all points of direct access to the area.

(Ord. 485 § 1, 2004; Ord. 463 § 6(part), 2002).

(Ord. No. 548, § 1, 11-1-10; Ord. No. 556, § 6, 2-22-11; Ord. No. 607, § 2, 4-7-16)