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4.1 PURPOSE STATEMENTS

A. R-1 Single-Family Residential District

The R-1 Single-Family Residential District is intended to preserve and protect the unique character of Oak Park's existing estate-type lots improved with single-family dwellings, many of which have historic or architectural significance. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-1 District.

B. R-2 Single-Family Residential District

The R-2 Single-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate Oak Park's low-density residential neighborhoods, characterized by single-family dwellings on large lots. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-2 District.

C. R-3-50 Single-Family Residential District

The R-3-50 Single-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate various neighborhoods within Oak Park characterized by single-family dwellings located on moderate-sized lots a minimum of 5,000 square feet or greater in area. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-3-50 District.

D. R-3-35 Single-Family Residential District

The R-3-35 Single-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate various neighborhoods within Oak Park characterized by single-family dwellings that exhibit characteristics and dimensional attributes similar to those in the R-3-50 district, but are located on lots that are a minimum of 3,500 square feet or greater in area. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-3-35 District.

E. R-4 Single-Family Residential District

The R-4 Single-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate various neighborhoods within Oak Park characterized by small single-family dwellings located on urban-sized lots. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-4 District.

F. R-5 Two-Family Residential District

The R-5 Two-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate a neighborhood environment characterized by a mixture of small single-family dwellings and two-family dwellings on urban to moderate-sized lots. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-5 District.

G. R-6 Multi-Family Residential District

The R-6 Multi-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate a neighborhood environment characterized by a mixture of housing types including single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, and low density townhouses and multifamily dwellings. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-6 District.

H. R-7 Multi-Family Residential District

The R-7 Multi-Family Residential District is intended to accommodate a neighborhood environment characterized by a mixture of housing types including single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, and moderate density townhouses and multi-family dwellings. Limited non-residential uses that are compatible with surrounding residential neighborhoods may be permitted in the R-7 District.

4.2 USES

Article 8 lists permitted and special principal uses and temporary uses for the residential districts.

4.3 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

Table 4-1: Residential Districts Dimensional Standards establishes the dimensional standards for the residential districts. These regulations apply to all uses within each district unless a different standard is listed for a specific use.

4.4 GENERAL STANDARDS OF APPLICABILITY

A. Design Standards

Detached single-family and multi-family dwellings, as well as any non-residential development within the residential districts, must meet the design standards of Article 7.

B. Site Development Standards

See Article 9 for additional on-site development standards and requirements, such as exterior lighting, accessory structures and uses, fences and walls, and permitted encroachments.

C. Off-Street Parking and Loading

See Article 10 for off-street parking and loading standards and requirements.

D. Landscape

See Article 11 for landscape, buffering, and screening standards and requirements.

| Table 4-1: Residential Districts Dimensional Standards | | | | | | |
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| Residential Districts | R-1 | R-2 | R-3-50 | R-3-35 | | |
| Bulk Standards | | | | | | |
| Minimum Lot Area | 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | SF: 6,200 sq.ft. Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | SF: 5,000 sq.ft. Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | SF: 3,500 sq.ft. Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | | |
| Minimum Lot Width | 50' Park/Playground: None | 50' Park/Playground: None | 40' Non-Residential: 50' Park/Playground: None | 35' Non-Residential: 50' Park/Playground: None | | |
| Maximum Building Height | 30' Non-Residential: 30' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 30' | 30' Non-Residential: 30' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 30' | 30' Non-Residential: 30' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 30' | 30' Non-Residential: 30' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 30' | | |
| Maximum Building Coverage | 35% | 35% | 40% | 50% | | |
| Maximum Impervious Surface | 50% Non-Residential: 70% | 50% Non-Residential: 70% | 50% Non-Residential: 70% | 60% Non-Residential: 70% | | |
| Required Setbacks | | | | | | |
| Minimum Front Setback | 30' or average of front setback of abutting structures In no event shall this regulation require a front yard of more than 60' | 30' or average of front setback of abutting structures In no event shall this regulation require a front yard of more than 60' | 20' or average of front setback of abutting structures In no event shall this regulation require a front yard of more than 50' | 20' or average of front setback of abutting structures In no event shall this regulation require a front yard of more than 50' | | |
| Minimum Interior Side Setback | 6' | 6' | 5' | 5' | | |
| Minimum Corner Side Setback | 9' Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 35', but in no case may be less than 6' | 9' Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 35', but in no case may be less than 6' | 8' Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 32', but in no case may be less than 5' | 8' Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 32', but in no case may be less than 5' | | |
| Minimum Reverse Corner Side Setback - SF & 2F Only | 9', or ½ of the sum of 9' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse comer side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse comer side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 35', but in no case may be less than 6' | 9', or ½ of the sum of 9' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse comer side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 35', but in no case may be less than 6' | 8', or ½ of the sum of 8' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse comer side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse comer side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 32', but in no case may be less than 5' | 8', or ½ of the sum of 8' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse corner side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 32', but in no case may be less than 5' | | |
| Minimum Rear Setback | 35' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | 35' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | 30' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | 30' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | | |

| | Table 4-1: Residential Districts Dimensional Standards | | | | | |
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| Residential Districts | R-4 | R-5 | R-6 | R-7 | | |
| Bulk Standards | T | | | | | |
| Minimum Lot Area | SF: 3,500 sq.ft. Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | SF: 3,500 sq.ft. 2F: 5,000 sq.ft. Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | SF: 3,500 sq.ft. 2F: 5,000 sq.ft. TH & MF: 5,000 sq.ft. + 900 sq.ft. for each du after first 2 du Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | SF: 3,500 sq.ft. 2F: 5,000 sq.ft. TH & MF: 5,000 sq.ft. + 700 sq.ft. for each du after first 2 du Non-Residential: 10,000 sq.ft. Park/Playground: None | | |
| Minimum Lot Width | 30' Non-Residential: 50' Park/Playground: None | SF: 35' 2F: 50' Non-Residential: 50' Park/Playground: None | SF: 35' 2F: 50' TH & MF: 60' Non-Residential: 50' Park/Playground: None | SF: 35' 2F, TH & MF: 50' Non-Residential: 50' Park/Playground: None | | |
| Maximum Building Height | 30' Non-Residential: 30' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 30' | 35' Non-Residential: 35' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 35' | 35' Non-Residential: 35' but may go to 45' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 35' | 45' Non-Residential: 45' but may go to 55' if building set back 1 additional foot from each required setback for each additional 2 feet of building height above 45' | | |
| Maximum Building Coverage | 60% | SF: 40% 2F: 50% | SF: 40% 2F: 50% TH & MF: 60% | SF: 40% 2F: 50% TH & MF: 70% | | |
| Maximum Impervious Surface | 60% Non-Residential: 70% | SF: 65% 2F: 70% Non-Residential: 70% | SF: 65% 2F: 70% TH & MF: 75% Non-Residential: 75% | SF: 65% 2F: 70% TH & MF: 80% Non-Residential: 80% | | |
| Required Setbacks | | | | | | |
| Minimum Front Setback | 20' or average of front setback of abutting structures In no event shall this regulation require a front yard of more than 50' | 20' or average of front setback of abutting structures In no event shall this regulation require a front yard of more than 50' | 20' | 15' | | |
| Minimum Interior Side Setback | 5' | 5' | Lots 50' or less in width: 5' Lots greater than 50' in width: 10% of lot width, or 10', whichever is less | Lots 50' or less in width: 5' Lots greater than 50' in width: 10% of lot width, or 10', whichever is less | | |
| Minimum Corner Side Setback | 8' Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 30', but in no case may be less than 5' | 8' Required comer side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 30', but in no case may be less than 5' | Lots 50' or less in width: 8' Lots greater than 50' in width: 15% of lot width, or 15', whichever is less Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 25', but in no case may be less than 5' | Lots 50' or less in width: 8' Lots greater than 50' in width: 15% of lot width, or 15', whichever is less Required corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 25', but in no case may be less than 5' | | |
| Minimum Reverse Corner Side Setback - SF & 2F Only | 8', or ½ of the sum of 8' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse comer side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse comer side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 30', but in no case may be | 8', or ½ of the sum of 8' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse corner side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 30', but in no case may be | 8', or ½ of the sum of 8' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse comer side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse comer side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 25', but in no case may be less | 8', or ½ of the sum of 8' plus the existing front setback of the lot whose front lot line is substantially a continuation of the reverse corner side lot line, whichever is greater Required reverse corner side setback may be reduced to maintain a buildable width of 25', but in no case may be less | | |
| Minimum Rear Setback | less than 5' 25' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | less than 5' 25' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | than 5' 25' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | than 5' 25' or 20% of lot depth, whichever is less | | |