## Chapter 17.14

#### MR—MULTI-HOUSEHOLDFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

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### 17.14.010 Purpose.

The purpose of an MR district is to: implement the comprehensive plan and to provide land for families and individuals households desiring to live in an environment of higher density multi-family dwellings residential development with proximity to mass transit, shopping and service facilities.

Statutory Reference: ORS Ch. 197, Ch. 227

History: Ord. 1131 §2 (Part), 1990.

### 17.14.020 Uses allowed outright.

In an MR zoning district, the following uses and their accessory uses are allowed outright:

- (1) <u>Duplex</u> Two family dwellings.
- (2) Triplex Multi-family dwellings.
- (3) Quadplex
- (4) Townhouse
- (5) Cottage Cluster
- (6) Multi-household dwellings

Statutory Reference: ORS Ch. 197, Ch. 227

History: Ord. 1131 §2 (Part), 1990; Ord. 1323 §1 (Part), 2002.

## 17.14.030 Accessory uses allowed.

Accessory uses shall comply with all the requirements of this zoning district, except as this section allows to the contrary. All accessory structures shall be subject to GMC Chapter 17.54 (clear vision). The following accessory uses shall be allowed in an MR Zoning district:

- (1) <u>Buildings.</u> Garages and carports, storage and other buildings, as follows:
  - (a) Either the side, except a street side, or rear setback may be reduced to zero for one accessory structure provided such structure:
    - (A) Is detached from other buildings;
    - (B) Does not exceed a height of one (1) story; and
    - (C) Does not exceed a floor area of four hundred-fifty (450) square feet;
  - (b) A wall of rated, fire-resistive construction may be required by the Oregon Structural Specialty Code or its successor.

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- (c) When more than one accessory structure is present including a portable storage container as defined in Chapter 5.22, a setback does not apply to the portable storage container.
- (2) <u>Courtyards</u>, <u>Patios and Decks</u>. The minimum side, except street side, and rear setbacks for uncovered courtyards, patios and decks in excess of thirty inches (30") in height shall be five feet (5'). The minimum front and street side setbacks for such courtyards, patios and decks shall be fifteen feet (15'). No setback shall be required for uncovered courtyards, patios and decks thirty inches (30") or less in height. When calculating the height of a courtyard, patio or deck, railings and benches shall be excluded from the calculation.
- (3) <u>Fences and Walls.</u> The following standards shall apply to fences and walls of all types whether open, solid, wood, metal, masonry or other material.
  - (a) When located between the front lot line and the front building line, fences and walls shall not exceed three feet (3') in height;
  - (b) Fences and walls not subject to Subsection (3)(a) of this Section shall not exceed six feet (6') in height;
  - (c) An exception may be granted to the maximum fence or wall height standards pursuant to review of an application for conditional use; alteration, expansion or change of use of a nonconforming use; or design review and when an exception is found necessary to provide adequate screening for the use.
- (4) <u>Storage</u>. Storage of boats, trailers, pickup campers, coaches, motorhomes and similar recreation equipment. Occupancy of such equipment is subject to a temporary permit under GMC Chapter 15.28 (temporary dwellings).
- (5) <u>Swimming Pools</u>, <u>Ponds and Hot Tubs</u>. The minimum side, street side and rear setbacks for swimming pools, ponds and hot tubs shall be three feet (3'). The minimum front setback for ponds no greater than five feet (5') wide and no more than two feet (2') deep shall be three feet (3').
- (6) <u>Home Occupations</u>. Home occupations shall be subject to GMC Chapter 17.78 (home occupations).

Statutory Reference: ORS Ch. 197, Ch. 227

History: Ord. 1131 §2 (Part), 1990; Ord. 1171 §1(F), 1993; Ord. 1323 §1, 2002; Ord. 1392 § 4, 2007.

#### 17.14.040 Conditional uses allowed.

In an MR zoning district, the following uses and their accessory uses are allowed subject to GMC Chapter 17.70 (conditional uses):

- (1) <u>Detached</u> Single-<u>household</u> family dwelling.
- (2) Church and associated buildings and structures.
- (3) Community center, day care center, meeting hall.
- (4) Mobile home park.
- (5) Nursing homes and homes for the aged.
- (6) School and associated structures and facilities.
- (7) Utility facility provided no outside storage is involved.
- (8) Local commercial uses listed under GMC Section 17.16.020 (uses permitted outright).
- (9) Foster homes.
- (10) Group homes.
- (11) Planned unit development.

Statutory Reference: ORS Ch. 197, Ch. 227

History: Ord. 1131 §2, 1990; Ord. 1323 §1 (Part), 2002.

## 17.14.050 Dimensional standards.

Except as provided in GMC Chapter 17.38 (planned unit development), Chapter 17.72 (variances) and Chapter 17.76 (exceptions), the following dimensional standards shall apply in an MR zoning district:

Minimum Lot Area		
Detached single household	<u>5,000 sf</u>	
<u>Duplex</u>	3,000 sf ± 1,000 sf per dwelling unit	
<u>Triplex</u>	3,000 sf + 1,000 sf per dwelling unit	
Quadplex	3,000 sf + 1,000 sf per dwelling unit	
Townhouse	3,000 sf + 1,000 sf per dwelling unit	
Cottage Cluster	3,000 sf + 1,000 sf per dwelling unit	
Multi-household dwellings	3,000 sf + 1,000 sf per dwelling unit	
Other uses	5,000 sf	Or as established by the Planning Commission, as provided by GMC Chapter 17.70 (Conditional Uses).
Minimum Setbacks		
Front Setback	20 ft	Architectural features such as cornices, eaves, gutters, chimneys
Side Setback	5 ft	and flues may project a maximum of two feet into a required setback area
Street Side Setback	20 ft	Townhouse projects are allowed a
Rear Setback	15 ft	zero-foot side setback for lot lines where Townhouse units are attached.
		Cottage Cluster minimum setbacks can be reduced to 5 feet, if there is more than 150 square feet per dwelling unit of common open space provided, as define in Section 17.12.065(2).
Maximum Building Height	35 ft	Vertical projections such as chimneys, spires, domes, elevator shaft housings, towers, aerials,

		flagpoles and similar objects not used for human occupancy are not subject to building height limitations of this subsection.
Minimum Vegetation	At least 20% of the total area of the lot	must be left or planted in trees, shrubs, grass, etc.
Minimum Density		
	80% of the maximum number of units allowed under GMC Subsection 17.14.050(1) Minimum Lot Area.	In no case shall the minimum density exceed thirty (30) units per net acre.  Exception. Where an existing two-family or multi-family development is being altered or expanded, it shall not be required to comply with the minimum density standard provided the alteration or expansion does not result in a net loss of units.  Mobile home parks shall provide a minimum density of eight (8) units per net acre.
Maximum Density	<u>None</u>	

### (1) Lot area:

- (a) For a single family dwelling, the minimum lot area shall be five thousand (5,000) square feet;
- (b) For a two-family or multi-family dwelling, the minimum lot area three thousand square (3,000) feet. plusone thousand (1,000) square feet per dwelling unit;
- (c) For other uses, the lot area shall be a minimum of five thousand (5,000) square feet or as established by the Planning Commission as provided in GMC Chapter 17.70 (conditional uses).
- (2) Setback Requirements:
  - (a) A front setback shall be a minimum of twenty feet (20').
  - (b) A side setback shall be a minimum of five feet (5');
  - (c) A rear setback shall be a minimum of fifteen feet (15');
  - (d) A street side setback, shall be a minimum of twenty feet (20').;
  - (e) Architectural features such as cornices, eaves, gutters, chimneys and flues may project a maximum of two-feet (2') into a required setback area;
- (3) <u>Building Height.</u> Maximum building height shall be thirty five feet (35'). Vertical projections such as chimneys, spires, domes, elevator shaft housings, towers, aerials, flagpoles and similar objects not used for human occupancy are not subject to building height limitations of this Section.
- (4) <u>Minimum Vegetation</u>. The minimum area that must be left or planted in trees, shrubs, grass, etc., shall be at least twenty percent (20%) of the total area of the lot.

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(51) All PUDs with residential uses must include a mix of two or more middle housing types for a minimum of 25% of the total dwelling units proposed

Exceptions in Case of Large Scale PUD. The dimensional standards of this section may be modified by the Planning Commission in the case of a plan and program for a large-scale planned unit development, providing modifications are not detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare and providing the Planning Commission determines there is provision for adequate public spaces and improvements for circulation, recreation, light, air and service needs of the developed tract and its relation to adjacent areas and for such covenants or other legal provisions as will assure conformity to the achievement of the plan.

## (6) Minimum Density.

- (a) Developments of two family or multi <u>household</u>family dwellings shall provide a minimum density of eighty percent (80%) of the maximum number of units allowed under GMC Subsection 17.14.050(1). In no case shall the minimum density of any residential dwelling units exceed thirty (30) units per net acre.
- (b) Exception. Where an existing <u>middle housing development</u> two-family or multi-<u>household</u>family development is being altered or expanded, it shall not be required to comply with the minimum density standard provided the alteration or expansion does not result in a net loss of units.
- (c) Mobile home parks shall provide a minimum density of eight (8) units per net acre.

Statutory Reference: ORS Ch. 197, Ch. 227

History: Ord. 1131 §2, 1990; Ord. 1289 §1, 2000; Ord. 1323 §1, 2002.

# 17.14.055 Cottage Cluster Standards.

The following dimensional standard apply to cottage clusters development in the R-5 zone. Where conflicts arise between the standards within this section and elsewhere in the code, the standards of this section will supersede.

## (1) Dimensional Standards

- (a) Minimum Lot Size and Dimensions. Cottage clusters shall meet the minimum lot area that apply to detached single family dwellings in the R-5 zone.
- (b) Setbacks and Building Separation.
  - (A) Setbacks. Cottage clusters shall meet the minimum setback standards:
    - Front setbacks: 10 feet
    - Side setbacks: 5 feet
    - Rear setbacks: 10 feet
  - (B) Building Separation. Cottages shall be separated by a minimum distance of six (6) feet. The minimum distance between all other structures, including accessory structures, shall be in accordance with building code requirements.
- (c) Average Unit Size. The maximum average floor area for a cottage cluster is 1,400 square feet per dwelling unit. Community buildings shall be included in the average floor area calculation for a cottage cluster.

#### (d) Off-Street Parking.

(A) Required Off-Street Parking. The minimum number of required off-street parking spaces for a cottage cluster project is zero (0) spaces per unit with a floor area less than 1,000 square feet and one (1) space per unit with a floor area of 1,000 square feet or more. Spaces may be provided for individual cottages or in shared parking clusters. A credit for on-street parking shall be granted for some or all of the required off-street parking as provided in subsection (b).

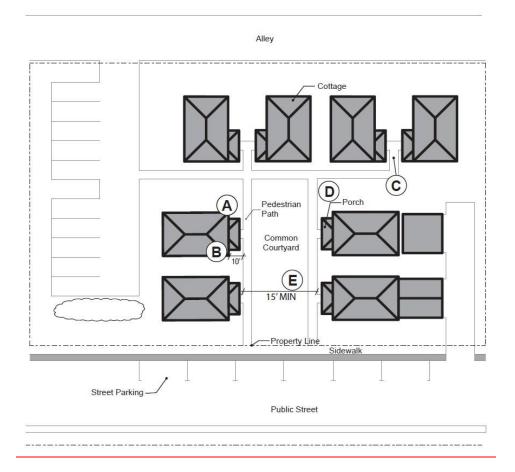
- (B) On-Street Credit. If on-street parking spaces meet all the standards in subsections (i)-(iv) below, they shall be counted toward the minimum off-street parking requirement.
  - (i) The space must be abutting the subject site;
  - (ii) The space must be in a location where on-street parking is allowed by the jurisdiction;
  - (iii). The space must be a minimum of 22 feet long; and
  - (iv) The space must not obstruct a required sight distance area.

## (2) Design Standards

The following design standards apply to cottage clusters development in the MR zone. Where conflicts arise between the standards within this section and elsewhere in the code, the standards of this section will supersede.

- (a) Cottage Orientation. Cottages must be clustered or abut around a common courtyard or are directly connected to it by a pedestrian path, and must meet the following standards (see Figure 1):
  - (A) Each cottage within a cluster must either abut the common courtyard or must be directly connected to it by a pedestrian path that is at least 4 ft wide.
  - (B) A minimum of 50 percent of cottages within a cluster must be oriented to the common courtyard and must:
    - (i) Have a main entrance facing the common courtyard;
    - (ii) Be within 10 feet from the common courtyard, measured from the façade of the cottage to the nearest edge of the common courtyard; and
    - (iii) Be connected to the common courtyard by a pedestrian path.
  - (C) Cottages within 20 feet of a street property line may have their entrances facing the street.
  - (D) 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 1. Cottage Cluster Orientation and Common Courtyard Standards



- (b) Common Courtyard Design Standards. Each cottage cluster must share a common courtyard in order to provide a sense of openness and community of residents. Common courtyards must meet the following standards:
  - (A) The common courtyard must be a single, contiguous piece.
  - (B) The common courtyard must contain a minimum of 150 square feet per cottage within the associated cluster.
  - (C) The common courtyard must be a minimum of 15 feet wide at its narrowest dimension.
  - (D) The common courtyard shall be developed with a mix of landscaping, lawn area, pedestrian paths, and/or paved courtyard area, and may also include recreational amenities. Impervious elements of the common courtyard shall not exceed 75 percent of the total common courtyard area.
  - (E) 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.

# (c) Pedestrian Access.

- (A) An accessible pedestrian path that is at least 4 feet wide must be provided that connects the main entrance of each cottage to one or all the following:
  - (i) The common courtyard;
  - (ii) Shared parking areas;

- (iii) Community buildings; and
- (iv) Sidewalks in public rights-of-way abutting the site or rights-of-way if there are no sidewalks.
- (B) The pedestrian path must be hard-surfaced and a minimum of four (4) feet wide.
- (d) Parking location and access.
  - (A) Off-street parking spaces and vehicle maneuvering areas shall not be located:
    - Within of 20 feet from any street property line, except alley property lines;
    - Between a street property line and the front façade of cottages located closest to the street property line. This standard does not apply to alleys.
  - (B) Off-street parking spaces shall not be located within 10 feet of any other property line, except alley property lines. Driveways and drive aisles are permitted within 10 feet of other property lines.
  - (C) Clustered parking. Off-street parking may be arranged in clusters and separated from common spaces by at least four (4) feet of landscaping.
- (e) Screening. Landscaping, fencing, or walls at least three feet tall shall separate clustered parking areas and parking structures from common courtyards and public streets.
- (f) Garages and carports.
  - (A) Garages and carports (whether shared or individual) must not abut common courtyards.
  - (B) Individual attached garages up to 200 square feet shall be exempted from the calculation of maximum building footprint for cottages.
  - (C) Individual detached garages must not exceed 400 square feet in floor area.
  - (D) Garage doors for attached and detached individual garages must not exceed 20 feet in width.