

3.4-9. "ZH-A" zero lot line home district.

Purpose. The ZH-A zero lot line home district is intended for development of detached single-family residences on compact lots having one side building setback reduced to zero feet, also commonly referred to as "zero lot line", and having a minimum lot size of four thousand (4,000) square feet. The following regulations shall apply in all "ZH-A" districts:

(a) *Authorized uses.* Uses permitted by right shall be those set forth in the Land Use Matrix in Section 4 of this Chapter. The allowed uses in the district, which are intended to be identical with those listed in the Land Use Matrix, are as follows

(1) *Uses permitted by right:*

Residential uses:

Accessory building/structure
Accessory dwelling (one accessory dwelling per lot, no kitchen)
Community home (see definition)
Family home adult care
Family home child care
Home Occupation (Sec. 5.5)
Single family industrialized housing (Sec. 5.8)
Zero lot line / patio homes

Non-residential uses:

Barns and farm equipment storage (related to agricultural uses)
Church/place of religious assembly
Community building (associated with residential uses)
Contractor's temporary on-site construction office (with permit from Building Official; Sec. 5.10)
Farms, general (crops) (see Chapter 6, Municipal Code and Sec. 5.9)
Farms, general (livestock/ranch) (see Chapter 6, Municipal Code and Sec. 5.9)
Golf course, public or private
Governmental building or use with no outside storage
Park and/or playground (public or private)
Recreation buildings (public)
School, K-12 (public or private)
Water storage (surface, underground or overhead), water wells and pumping stations that are part of a public or municipal system

(2) *Conflict.* In the event of conflict between the uses listed in the Land Use Matrix and those listed in Subsection (1), the uses listed in this subsection shall be deemed those authorized in the district.

(b) *Maximum height, minimum area and setback requirements:*

(1) *Height.* 35 feet.

(2) *Front building setback.* A minimum front yard of 10 feet shall be provided to the front of the house. If front entry garages/carports are provided, a minimum front yard of 20 feet shall be provided to the garage/carport.

(3) *Side building setback.* There shall be no side building setback required on one side of the lot and a minimum of 10 feet in the opposite side yard. If the side of the lot abuts any other residential zoning district, that side building setback shall have a minimum depth of 10 feet. The dwelling on the "no side building setback required" side may be off-set from the property line by no more than one foot. However, a provision can be made for 5 foot setbacks on both sides if it meets all applicable building codes.

(4) *Corner lots.* Buildings on corner lots shall provide a minimum exterior side building setback of ten feet. If entry to a garage/carport is provided on the exterior side a minimum yard of 20 feet shall be provided to the garage/carport.

(5) *Rear building setbacks.* If rear entry garages/carports are provided from an alley, the rear building setback shall have a minimum depth of 20 feet. If no alley is provided and garage/carport entries

are from the front, the rear building setback shall have a minimum depth of 10 feet. If the rear of the lots abuts any other residential zoning district, the rear building setback shall have a minimum depth of 20 feet.

(6) *Width of lot.* 40 feet.

(7) *Lot area.* 4,000 square feet.

(8) *Lot depth.* 100 feet.

(c) *Other requirements:*

- (1) *Minimum area zoned.* Not less than three lots with common side lot lines will be zoned for zero lot line homes. When facing on the same street within the same block, mixing of ZH structures and other residential structures will not be allowed. However, this does not preclude other residential uses on one side of a street with ZH uses on the opposite side of the street within the same block or different blocks.
- (2) *Zero lot line wall.* No door or window openings shall be built into the side wall facing the zero lot line except those that are more than three feet from the property line and screened by a masonry wall at least eight feet in height so that the opening(s) is not visible from the adjoining property. (See Illustration 3, “ZH-A” district)
- (3) *Overhang.* Eaves and gutters may overhang the zero lot line side of the lot by no more than 18 inches. If there is an overhang over the lot line, a gutter is required such that roof runoff shall not be deposited over the lot line onto adjoining property.
- (4) *Maintenance, drainage and overhang easement.* A maintenance, drainage and overhang easement of five feet shall be provided on each lot that is adjacent to a lot with a zero setback allowance. This easement shall be for the purpose of maintaining the wall and foundation that is adjacent to one side property line to provide for proper maintenance and drainage.
- (5) *Parking.* There shall be at least two off-street parking spaces for each zero lot line home. See Section 5.1 for other permitted uses’ parking.

