

## ARTICLE K

### Accessory Uses and Structures; Fences and Hedges; Home Occupations

#### SEC. 13-1-140 ACCESSORY USES OR STRUCTURES.

- (a) **Principal Use to be Present.** An accessory use or structure in any zoning district shall not be established prior to the principal use or structure being present or under construction. Any accessory use or structure shall conform to the applicable regulations of the district in which it is located, except as specifically otherwise provided.
- (b) **Placement Restrictions – Residential District.** An accessory use or structure in a residential district may be established subject to the following regulations:
  - (1) Accessory Building Number Limits. In any residential district, in addition to the principal building, a detached garage or attached garage and one (1) additional accessory building may be placed on a lot.
  - (2) Accessory Building Size Limits. Garages and other detached accessory buildings shall be less than fifteen (15) feet in height.
  - (3) Attached Accessory Buildings. All accessory buildings which are attached to the principal building shall comply with the yard requirements of the principal building.
  - (4) Detached Accessory Buildings. No detached accessory building shall occupy any portion of the required front or side yard, and no detached accessory building shall occupy more than thirty percent (30%) of the required rear yard or be located within three (3) feet of any other accessory building or lot line nor five (5) feet to any alley line. An accessory building shall not be nearer than ten (10) feet to the principal structure unless the applicable building code regulations in regard to one (1) hour fire-resistive construction are complied with. In no event can the accessory uses or structures be forward of the front line of the principal structure.
- (c) **Use Restrictions – Residential District.** Accessory uses or structures in residential districts shall not involve the conduct of any business, trade or industry except for home occupations as defined herein and shall not be occupied as a dwelling unit.
- (d) **Placement Restrictions – Nonresidential Districts.** An accessory use or structure in a business or manufacturing district may be established in the rear yard or side yard and shall not be nearer than three (3) feet to any side or rear lot line.
- (e) **Reversed Corner Lots.** When an accessory structure is located on the rear of a reversed corner lot, it shall not be located beyond the front yard required on the adjacent interior lot to the rear, nor nearer than three (3) feet to the side line of the adjacent structure.
- (f) **Landscaping and Decorative Uses.** Accessory structures and vegetation used for landscaping and decorating may be placed in any required yard area. Permitted structures and vegetation include flag poles, ornamental light standards, lawn furniture, sun dials, bird baths, trees, shrubs and flowers and gardens.
- (g) **Temporary Uses.** Temporary accessory uses such as real estate sale field offices or shelters for materials and equipment being used in the construction of the permanent structure may be permitted by the Zoning Administrator.

- (h) **Garages in Embankments in Front Yards.** Where the mean natural grade of a front yard is more than eight (8) feet above the curb level, a private garage may be erected within the front yard, provided as follows:
  - (1) That such private garage shall be located not less than five (5) feet from the front lot line;
  - (2) That the floor level of such private garage shall be not more than one (1) foot above the curb level; and
  - (3) That at least one-half (1/2) the height of such private garage shall be below the mean grade of the front yard.
- (i) **Outdoor Lighting.** Outdoor lighting installations shall not be permitted closer than three (3) feet to an abutting property line and, where not specifically otherwise regulated, shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height and shall be adequately shielded or hooded so that no excessive glare or illumination is cast upon the adjoining properties.
- (j) **Lawn Accessories.** Walks, drives, paved terraces and purely decorative garden accessories such as pools, fountains, statuary, flag poles, etc., shall be permitted in setback areas but not closer than three (3) feet to an abutting property line other than a street line.
- (k) **Retaining Walls.** Retaining walls may be permitted anywhere on the lot, provided, however, that no individual wall shall exceed six (6) feet in height, and a terrace of at least three (3) feet in width shall be provided between any series of such walls and provided further that along a street frontage no such wall shall be closer than three (3) feet to the property line.