

# Residential (conventional single family)

## SECTION 4.4 "RSF" RESIDENTIAL. SINGLE FAMILY

### 4.4.1 DISTRICTS AND INTENT

The "RSF" Residential, Single Family category includes three (3) zoning districts: RSF-1, RSF-2, and RSF-3. It is the intent of these districts to provide for single family areas of low to medium density together with public and semi-public buildings and facilities and accessory structures as may be desirable and compatible with such development, as well as surrounding development. Non-residential uses in these districts may be subject to restrictions and requirements necessary to preserve and protect the single family residential character of these districts. Variation among the RSF-1, RSF-2, and RSF-3 districts is in requirements for lot area, width, and certain yards.

### 4.4.2 PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Single family dwellings.
2. Public parks and recreational areas.
3. Homes of six (6) or fewer residents which otherwise meet the definition of "community residential home" in RSF-1 and RSF-2. (See Section 4.13)
4. Community residential homes in RSF-3 (See Section 4.13)

### 4.4.3 PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES

1. Uses and structures which:
  - a. Are customarily accessory and clearly incidental and subordinate to permitted or permissible uses and structures.
  - b. Are located on the same lot as the permitted or permissible principal use or structure, or on a contiguous lot in the same ownership.
  - c. Are not of a nature likely to attract visitors in larger numbers than would normally be expected in a residential neighborhood.
  - d. Do not involve operations or structures not in keeping with the character of single family residential development.
2. Examples of permitted accessory uses and structures include: a.

Private garages.

- b. Private swimming pools.
- c. Non-commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.
- d. On-site signs (see Section 4.13).

#### 4.4.4- PROHIBITED USES AND STRUCTURES

Trade or service establishments or storage in connection with such establishments, storage or overnight parking of commercial or industrial vehicles in excess of one (1) ton capacity, storage of building materials (except in connection with active construction activities on the premises), new mobile homes except as permitted in Section 4.13, signs except as specifically permitted, the keeping of horses, cows, swine, sheep, goats, or poultry, and any use or structure not specifically, provisionally, or by reasonable implication permitted herein or permissible as a special exception.

#### 4.4-5 SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS

(see Articles 12 and 13)

- 1. Public (see Section 4.13) or private schools offering curricula comparable to that of public schools.
- 2. Churches and other houses of worship.
- 3. Golf courses, country clubs, and racquet and tennis clubs.
- 4. Cemeteries and mausoleums.
- 5. Private clubs and lodges.
- 6. Parks maintained by any private association of persons residing in the district.
- 7. Public buildings and facilities in keeping with the character and requirements of the district, except those otherwise specified (see Section 4.13)
- 8. Home occupations (see Section 4.13).
- 9. Child care centers, provided:
  - a. No outdoor play activities shall be conducted before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m.
  - b. Provision is made for areas for offstreet pick-up and drop-off of children.

10. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries.

Note: All uses permitted as special exceptions, herein, are subject to an intensity of less than or equal to 1.0 floor area ratio.

4.4.6 MINIMUM LOT REQUIREMENTS (area, width) 1.

Single family dwellings:

RSF-1: Minimum lot area; 20,000 sq. ft.  
Minimum lot width; 100 ft.

RSF-2: Minimum lot area; 10,000 sq. ft.  
Minimum lot width; 85 ft.

Note: RSF-2 districts shall only be permitted where community potable water systems and sanitary sewer systems are available and accessible.

RSF-3: Minimum lot area; 7,500 sq. ft.  
Minimum lot width; 75 ft.

Note: RSF-3 districts shall only be permitted where community potable water systems and sanitary sewer systems are available and accessible.

3- Other permitted or permissible uses and structures:

None, except as needed to meet all other requirements herein set out.

4.4.7 MINIMUM YARD REQUIREMENTS (depth of front and back yard, width of side yards) (See Section 4.13 for right-of-way setback requirements . )

1. Single family dwellings:

RSF-1: Front; 30 ft.  
Side; 15 ft. for each side yard. Rear;  
15 ft.

RSF-2: Front; 25 ft.  
Side; 10 ft. for each side yard. Rear; 15  
ft.

RSF-3: Front; 20 ft.  
Side; 10 ft. for each side yard. Rear; 15  
ft.

2. Public and private schools, child care centers, churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, and other all permitted or permissible uses unless otherwise specified:

Front; 35 ft.  
Side; 25 ft. for each side yard.  
Rear; 35 ft.

3. Wetland protection shall be provided by a minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer from wetlands to improved areas, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The location of any structure, other than permitted docks, piers, or walkways elevated on pilings shall be prohibited;
  - b. The clearing of natural vegetation shall be prohibited, except for a minimum amount associated with the installation of the permitted docks, piers or walkways;
  - c. Residential improvements shall be prohibited; and
  - d. Resource-based recreational activities may be permitted within the buffer area.
4. Perennial rivers, streams and creeks protection shall be provided by a minimum thirty-five (35) foot natural buffer from perennial rivers, streams and creeks subject to following conditions:
  - a. Residential improvements shall be prohibited.
  - b. Agriculture, silviculture, and resource-based recreational activities may be permitted within the buffer area subject to best management practices.

4.4.8 MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF STRUCTURES: NO PORTION SHALL EXCEED: (see Section 4.13 for exceptions)

Thirty-five (35) feet.

4.4.9 MAXIMUM. LOT COVERAGE BY ALL BUILDINGS

1. Single family dwellings, including their accessory buildings: forty (40/6) percent.
2. Other permitted buildings in connection with permitted or permissible uses, including their accessory buildings: thirty-five (35/0) percent.

4.4.10 MINIMUM LANDSCAPED BUFFERING REQUIREMENTS (see Section 4.13)

1. Churches, other houses of worship, private clubs and lodges, child care centers, commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries, public buildings (but not public schools): where erected or expanded on land abutting a residential district the proposed use shall provide a landscaped buffer which shall not be less than ten (10) ft. in width along the affected rear and/or side yards as the case may be.
2. All other permitted or permissible uses (unless otherwise specified):

None, except as necessary to meet other requirements set out herein.

4.4.11 MINIMUM OFFSTREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS  
(see Section 4.13)

1. Each residential dwelling unit: two (2) spaces.
2. Elementary and junior high schools: two (2) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus one (1) space for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
3. Senior high school: four (4) spaces for each classroom or office room, plus two (2) spaces for each three (3) seats in any auditorium or gymnasium.
4. Churches or other houses of worship: one (1) space for each six (6) permanent seats in the main auditorium.
5. Public buildings and facilities (unless otherwise specified): one (1) space for each two hundred (200) sq. ft. of floor area.
6. Private clubs and lodges: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) sq. ft. of floor area.
7. Childcare centers: one (1) space for each three hundred (300) sq. ft. of floor area devoted to child care activities.
8. Commercial greenhouses and plant nurseries: one (1) space for each one hundred fifty (150) sq. ft. of non-storage floor area.
9. For other special exceptions as specified herein: to be determined by findings in the particular case.