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DIV. 2C.1. LOT SIZE

SEC. 2C.1.1. LOT AREA

The amount of land area within the boundaries of a lot.

A. Intent

To ensure that newly established lots are consistent in size with surrounding lots.

B. Applicability

1. Lot area requirements do not apply to lots established before the effective date of this Zoning Code unless otherwise vested (see Vesting Tentative Tract Maps Sec. 11.2.2. and Government Code Section 66412.6 and 66412.7).

2. Multiple parcels can be grouped together as a lot for the purpose of development when a Lot Tie Affidavit is filed and approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

C. Standards

No lot may have an area less than the minimum established by Form District (Part 2B).

D. Measurement

1. Lot area is measured as the total area within the boundary of a lot measured horizontally.

2. Lot area includes portions of a lot allocated for required easements.

3. Lot area includes all portions of a lot allocated to dedications of land (for example, additional right-of-way and required street corner dedications), except when such dedications occur during the subdivision process.
E. Relief

1. A reduction in required lot size of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. A reduction in required lot size may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEC. 2C.1.2. LOT WIDTH

The length of primary street lot lines bounding a lot.

A. **Intent**

To ensure that newly established lots are consistent in width with surrounding lots.

B. **Applicability**

1. Lot width requirements do not apply to lots established before the effective date of this Zoning Code unless otherwise vested (see Vesting Tentative Tract Maps Sec. 11.2.2. and Government Code Section 66412.6 and 66412.7).

2. Multiple parcels can be grouped together as a lot for the purpose of development when a Lot Tie Affidavit is filed and approved by the Department of Building and Safety.

C. **Standards**

No lot may have a width less than the minimum listed by Form District (Part 2B).

D. **Measurement**

1. Lot width is measured following the geometry of all primary street lot lines that bound the lot.

2. Where a lot has two primary street lot lines facing different streets, both primary street lot lines shall meet the minimum lot width.

E. **Relief**

1. A reduction in required lot width of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. A reduction in required lot width may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
DIV. 2C.2. COVERAGE

SEC. 2C.2.1. BUILDING COVERAGE

The area of a lot covered by buildings or structures.

A. Intent

To preserve open area on a lot by limiting the amount of buildings or structures that can cover a lot.

B. Applicability

Building coverage requirements apply to all buildings and structures on a lot unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.2.1.D (Exceptions).

C. Standards

No lot may be covered with buildings or structures for an area greater than that listed by Form District.

D. Measurement

1. Building coverage is measured by dividing the cumulative area of all buildings and structures on the lot by the lot area.

\[
\text{Building Coverage} = \frac{\text{Cumulative Area}}{\text{Total Site Area}}
\]

2. Building or structure area is measured as the footprint of all buildings and structures more than 6 feet in height on the lot. For buildings, the area is measured from the outside face of the exterior wall of each building.
E. Exceptions

1. Architectural details and roof projections that project 30 inches or less measured perpendicular from the exterior wall of a building are not included in the calculation of building or structure area.

2. Structures less than 6 feet in height, measured from adjacent grade are not included in the calculation of structure area.

3. Flatwork is not included in the calculation of building coverage.

4. For one- or two-unit uses in an RL Use District, a maximum of 400 square feet per lot is exempt from the calculation of building or structure area provided the building or structure is:
   a. Used for parking;
   b. Detached from the primary building or structure a minimum of 10 feet; and
   c. Located a minimum of 40 feet from a primary street lot line.

F. Relief

1. Increased building coverage of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. Increased building coverage may be requested or as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SECTION 2C.2.2. BUILDING SETBACKS

The area on a lot not intended for buildings and structures, includes primary street setbacks, side street setbacks, side setbacks, rear setbacks, alley setbacks, and special lot line setbacks.

A. Intent

To provide open areas on the lot and help reduce the impact of buildings or structures on abutting sidewalks or neighboring developments.

B. Applicability

Building setback requirements apply to all buildings and structures on a lot unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.2.2.E (Exceptions).

C. Standards

All buildings and structures on the lot shall be located on or behind a minimum building setback, except where allowed in Sec. 2C.2.2.E. (Exceptions).

D. Measurement

All building setbacks are measured perpendicular to the applicable lot line:

1. A primary street setback is measured from the primary street lot line.
2. A side street setback is measured from the side street lot line.
3. A side setback is measured from the side lot line.
4. A rear setback is measured from the rear lot line.

   a. For the purpose of measuring rear setback on triangular or gore-shaped lots, the rear lot line is determined based on a line 10 feet wide, parallel to the primary street lot line that intersects two lot lines at its endpoints.

   b. Where the primary street lot line is not straight, the rear lot line must be parallel to a line connecting the end points of the primary street lot line.
5. A alley setback is measured from the alley lot line.

6. A special setback is measured from the special lot line.

E. Exceptions

The following are allowed to encroach beyond the building setback as listed below:

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See Sec. 14.1.5. (Horizontal Encroachments)
F. Relief

1. A reduction in required setback of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments) provided the resulting setback is at least 3 feet.

2. A setback reduction may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
DIV. 2C.3. AMENITY

SEC. 2C.3.1. LOT AMENITY SPACE

An area on a lot that is designated to be used for active or passive recreation, including common open space, private open space, pedestrian amenity space and privately-owned public space.

A. Intent

To provide adequate recreation and open space areas for residents and tenants, and to ensure such spaces are accessible, useable and safe.

B. Applicability

1. Lot amenity space requirements apply to all portions of a lot.

2. If the lot amenity space requirement results in less than 400 square feet, no lot amenity space is required.

C. Standards

1. The cumulative area of lot amenity space provided on a lot shall not be less than that listed by Form District.

2. Required lot amenity space shall be outdoors and meet the design standards in Sec. 2C.3.3.A. (Outdoor Amenity Space).

3. A maximum of 25% of the total required lot amenity space can be private provided it meets the design standards in Sec. 2C.3.3.E. (Pedestrian Amenity Space).

4. All required lot amenity space that is not private shall be readily accessible to all tenants and meet the design standards in Sec. 2C.3.3.B. (Common Outdoor Amenity Space).

D. Measurement

1. Lot amenity space is a percentage calculated by dividing the cumulative area of all lot amenity spaces by the lot area.

2. The minimum required lot amenity space is calculated by multiplying the minimum percentage listed in the Form District by the lot area.
3. Outdoor amenity space area meeting Sec. 2C.3.3.F. (Privately-Owned Public Space) counts as 1.25 square feet for every 1 square foot of required outdoor amenity space area.

E. Relief

1. A reduction in required lot amenity space of 10% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. A reduction in required lot amenity space may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

SEC. 2C.3.2. RESIDENTIAL AMENITY SPACE

An area which is designed and intended to be used by occupants of dwelling units for recreational, domestic, or vocational purposes.

A. Intent

To provide opportunities for residential amenities through shared facilities, activating outdoor areas and common indoor areas.

B. Applicability

Residential amenity space requirements apply to all applications including 5 or more dwelling units on a lot.

C. Standards

1. The cumulative area of residential amenity space provided on a lot shall not be less than that listed by Form District.

2. At least 75% of the required residential amenity space shall be outdoors and meet the design standards of either Sec. 2C.3.3.B. (Common Outdoor Space) or Sec. 2C.3.3.C. (Private Outdoor Amenity Space).

3. A maximum of 65 square feet per dwelling unit of required residential amenity space may be private provided it meets the design standards in Sec. 2C.3.3.C. (Private Outdoor Amenity Space).

4. No more than 50% of the total required residential amenity space may be private.

5. All required residential amenity space that is not private shall be readily accessible to all residential tenants and meet the design standards in either Sec. 2C.3.3.B. (Common Outdoor Amenity Space) or Sec. 2C.3.3.D. (Common Indoor Amenity Space).
D. Measurement

1. Residential amenity space is a percentage calculated by dividing the cumulative area of all residential amenity spaces by the total floor area allocated to dwelling units.

2. The minimum required residential amenity space is calculated by multiplying the total floor area allocated to dwelling units by the minimum percentage listed in Form District.

3. All lot amenity space provided may be credited towards the residential amenity space requirement.

4. Residential amenity space meeting Sec. 2C.3.3.F. (Privately-Owned Public Space) counts at a rate of 1.25 square feet for every 1 square foot of privately owned public space provided.

E. Relief

1. A reduction in required residential amenity space of 10% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. A reduction in required residential amenity space may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

SEC. 2C.3.3. AMENITY DESIGN STANDARDS
A. Outdoor Amenity Space

1. General
   a. Where an outdoor amenity space is enclosed, it cannot be covered. Where the outdoor amenity space is covered, it cannot be enclosed.
   b. Outdoor amenity space that is covered shall have a minimum clear height of 1.5 times the depth of the covered area.
   c. Outdoor amenity space located above the ground story may be required to set back from the roof edge - see LAMC Sec. 57.317 (Rooftop Gardens and Landscaped Roofs).

2. Encroachments
   a. Only the following structures may encroach into an outdoor amenity space:

   **ALLOWED HORIZONTAL ENCROACHMENTS**

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   b. Allowed encroachments shall cumulatively cover no more than 20% of any individual outdoor amenity space.
c. No allowed encroachment shall have a clear height of less than 8 feet, measured from the finished ground surface of the outdoor amenity space.

B. **Common Outdoor Amenity Space**

1. Common outdoor amenity space shall meet Sec. 2C.3.3.A. (*Outdoor Amenity Space*).

2. Common outdoor amenity space shall have a minimum area of 400 square feet and have no horizontal dimension less than 15 feet, measured perpendicular to any boundary of the space.

3. Building facades adjacent to common outdoor amenity space shall have a minimum transparency of 15% for each story. For measurement of transparency see Sec. 3C.5. (*Transparency*).

4. At-grade, a minimum of 25% of the surface area of the common outdoor amenity space shall be planted area.

5. Above-grade, a minimum of 15% of the surface area of the common outdoor amenity space shall be planted area.

6. For every 400 square feet of common outdoor amenity space, 2 seats shall be provided. Seats may be permanent or movable. Two linear feet of bench or seat wall are counted as 1 seat.
C. Pedestrian Amenity Space

[See Div. 3C.2. (Build-To) for additional provisions related to pedestrian amenity spaces].

1. Pedestrian amenity space shall meet Sec. 2C.3.3.B. (Common Outdoor Amenity Space) or Sec. 2C.3.3.C. (Private Outdoor Amenity Space).

2. Pedestrian amenity space shall abut, and be directly accessible from, a public sidewalk or public way. The space shall not be separated from the public sidewalk or public access way by any structure or landscaping, with the exception of an A1 or A2 front yard privacy barrier - see Sec. 4C.3.7.A. (Front Yard Privacy Screens).

3. Building facades adjacent to a pedestrian amenity space shall meet the applicable Frontage District standards - see Article 3 (Frontage).

4. All non-planted areas shall be located within the allowed ground floor elevation range (Sec. 3C.7.2.) listed by Form District - see Part 2B (Form Districts).

5. Mechanical and utility equipment shall not be located within a pedestrian amenity space, or between a pedestrian amenity space and the adjacent building facade.

6. All mechanical exhaust outlets shall be located a minimum horizontal distance of 10 feet and a minimum vertical distance of 15 feet from a pedestrian amenity space.

7. The following lighting standards are required in any pedestrian amenity space.
   a. A minimum average horizontal illumination of .75 footcandles.
   c. Luminaires shall be mounted no more than 10 feet above the finished floor or finished surface of the pedestrian amenity space.

D. Privately-Owned Public Space

1. Privately-owned public space shall meet Sec. 2C.3.3.E. (Pedestrian Amenity Space).

2. Privately-owned public space shall be made permanently available to the general public, at no cost, between the hours of 5:00 AM and 10:30 PM daily.

3. Signs shall be posted at every public entrance to the space in accordance with the Privately Owned Public Space Sign Standards as established by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sec. 13.3.5. (Policy Action). Standards include, but are not limited to the following:
   a. Minimum sign dimension, no less than 16 inches by 20 inches;
   b. Sign location requirements;
   c. Required posting of the hours of operation; and
   d. Mandatory language regarding public access.
4. Privately-Owned Public Space may be eligible for credits towards the fee and dedication requirements outlined in Div. 10.4 (Park Fee and Land Dedication).

E. Relief

1. A deviation from any amenity space dimensional standard of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. A deviation from any amenity space standard may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

F. Private Outdoor Amenity Space

1. Private outdoor amenity space shall meet Sec. 2C.3.3.A. (Outdoor Amenity Space).

2. Private outdoor amenity space shall abut, and be directly accessible from, the assigned unit or units.

3. Unenclosed private outdoor amenity space shall have a minimum area of 50 square feet, and have no horizontal dimension less than 5 feet, measured perpendicular to any boundary of the space.

4. Enclosed private outdoor amenity space shall have no horizontal dimension less than 8 feet, measured perpendicular to any boundary of the space.
G. Common Indoor Amenity Space

1. Common indoor amenity space can be covered and enclosed.

2. Common indoor amenity space shall have a minimum area of 400 square feet and no horizontal dimension less than 10 feet when measured perpendicular from any boundary of the open space.

3. Common indoor amenity space shall include amenities for residents.
DIV. 2C.4.  FLOOR AREA RATIO & HEIGHT

SEC. 2C.4.1. FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR)

Floor area ratio (FAR) is the measurement of a building's floor area in relation to the size of the lot that the building is located on.

A. Intent

To regulate the bulk and massing of a buildings on a lot.

B. Applicability

Floor area ratio standards apply to all portions of a lot and buildings and structures located on a lot provided it counts as floor area Sec. 14.1.7. (Floor Area).

C. Standards

1. Base

A lot cannot exceed the maximum base floor area ratio without meeting Article 9 (Public Benefit System).

2. Bonus

A lot may exceed the base floor area ratio according to the maximum bonus floor area ratio as allowed in Article 9 (Public Benefit System).

D. Measurement

1. Floor area ratio is calculated by dividing the floor area on a lot by the lot area.

2. Generally, floor area is calculated as the sum of all interior floor space for each story of a building. For the measurement of floor area see Sec. 14.1.7. (Floor Area).

3. For the purpose of calculating FAR, portions of a lot designated for private streets may be counted as lot. For measuring lot area see Sec. 2C.1.1. (Lot Area).

4. In this Chapter (1A), lot area is the same as buildable area referred to in Section 104 (e) (Floor Area Restriction) of the City of Los Angeles Charter.

5. The Downtown Community Plan Implementation Overlay (CPIO) may define and measure buildable area differently than is outlined in this Section for the purpose of calculating the maximum floor area using bonus FAR.

E. Relief

1. For Form Districts that do not include a bonus FAR, an increased FAR of no more than 10% may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. An increased FAR may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEC. 2C.4.2. HEIGHT IN FEET

The maximum height in feet of a building or structure.

A. Intent

To provide adequate light and air, safety, and to protect the character of an area and the interests of the general public.

B. Applicability

Building height in feet requirements apply to all buildings and structures on a lot where the Form District includes a height in feet standard unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.4.3.E (Exceptions).

C. Standards

1. Base

A building or structure cannot exceed the maximum base height in feet without meeting Article 9 (Community Benefits Program).

2. Bonus

A building or structure may exceed the maximum base height in feet according to the maximum height in feet as allowed in Article 9 (Community Benefits Program).
D. Measurement

1. Maximum height in feet is measured as the vertical distance from grade plane (Sec. 14.1.9.) to the top of the roof structure. One or more grade plane module may be established for each building as shown below. See also Sec. 14.1.9.2. (Grade Plane Module).

2. Regardless of established grade plane, buildings shall also comply with ground floor elevation standards in Frontage.
E. Exceptions

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F. Relief

1. Increased building height in feet of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. Increased vertical encroachments of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

3. Increased building height in feet or vertical encroachments may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEÇ. 2C.4.3. HEIGHT IN STORIES

The allowed height of a building measured in stories.

A. Intent

To provide adequate light and air, safety, and to protect the character of an area and the interests of the general public. Intended to help provide a variety in building heights and to help ensure that story heights are not reduced to fit within a maximum height in feet.

B. Applicability

Building height in stories requirements apply to all buildings and structures on a lot where the Form District includes a height in stories standard unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.4.3.E (Exceptions).

C. Standards

1. Base

A building cannot exceed the maximum base height in stories without meeting Article 9 (Community Benefits Program).

2. Bonus

A building may exceed the maximum base height in stories according to the maximum height in stories as allowed in Article 9 (Community Benefits Program).
D. Measurement

1. The maximum height in stories is measured as the number of stories above the ground floor elevation for each module of the building as shown below. See also Sec. 14.1.9.2. (Grade Plane Module).

2. For determining ground story see Sec. 14.1.10. (Ground Story Determination).
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### F. Relief

An increase in maximum height in stories may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEC. 2C.4.4. MINIMUM HEIGHT IN STORIES

The minimum height in stories of a building.

A. Intent

To provide a method of establishing a minimum level of intensity on a lot, and ensure that lots are not underdeveloped.

B. Applicability

Minimum height in stories requirements apply to all buildings on a lot where the Form District includes a minimum height in stories standard.

C. Standards

At least some portion of the lot shall contain floor area within a story according to the minimum story height.

D. Measurement

For measurement of minimum height in stories see Sec. 2C.4.3. (Height in Stories)

E. Relief

1. A reduction in minimum height in stories of 1 story may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. Reduced minimum height in stories may be requested only as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
DIV. 2C.5. UPPER-STORY BULK

SEC. 2C.5.1. BULK PLANE

A series of planes that limit the allowable volume of space a building or structure can occupy.

A. Intent

To push taller buildings and structures towards the center of a lot and reduce looming impacts on neighboring properties, promoting privacy and solar access.

B. Applicability

Bulk plane requirements apply to all buildings and structures on a lot.

C. Standards

All buildings and structures shall fit entirely within the bulk plane, no encroachments are allowed. For encroachments into the maximum height in feet see Sec. 2C.4.2.E. (Exceptions).

D. Measurement

A bulk plane is measured vertically from all applicable lot line setbacks upwards to the origin height. Above the bulk plane origin height, the plane slopes inward at the angle specified by the bulk plane angle.

1. Origin Height

The origin height is measured vertically from the minimum setback. Where no minimum setback is required, the origin height is measured vertically from the lot line.

2. Angle

The angle of elevation is measured upward, where 0° would prohibit any height above the origin height and 90° allows continuous vertical height from a minimum setback to the maximum height allowed.
E. **Exceptions**

Encroachments into the bulk plane are not allowed. For encroachments into the maximum height in feet see Sec. 2C.4.2.E (Exceptions).

F. **Relief**

1. Increased bulk plane origin height of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments) or as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

2. Increased bulk plane angle may be requested only as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEC. 2C.5.2. STREET STEP-BACK

A step-like recess in the massing of a building that requires that upper stories to pushed back from the lower stories from the street.

A. Intent

To reduce the perceived bulk and mass of a building along facades facing public ways, ensuring a height along the street that is appropriate to its neighboring context, while allowing for additional building height.

B. Applicability

Street step-back requirements apply to all buildings or structures on a lot that face a frontage lot line unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.5.2.E (Exceptions).

C. Standards

The following standards shall be met for a minimum of 85% of the building length:

1. All stories above the maximum stories without street step-back shall be stepped back from the street-facing facade by at least the minimum street step-back depth.

2. No building or structure can extend into a minimum street step-back depth, except where allowed in Sec. 2C.5.2.E. (Exceptions).

3. Buildings having a height less than the maximum stories without street step-back are not required to provide a street step-back.

4. Where a street step-back is required, no less than 2 stories without street step-back shall be provided.
D. Measurement

1. Stories Without Street Step-back

Stories without street step-back is measured according to Sec. 2C.4.3. (Height in Stories).

2. Street Step-back Depth

The minimum street step-back depth is measured as the horizontal distance from the outermost edge of the building facade to the outermost edge of the facade of the stepped back stories.

E. Exceptions

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# ALLOWED VERTICAL ENCROACHMENTS

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## Unenclosed Structures
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## F. Relief

1. A reduced street step-back depth of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments) or as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

2. Increased stories without street step-back may be requested only as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEC. 2C.5.3. HEIGHT TRANSITION

A reduction in the maximum height of building for a limited depth along shared lot lines.

A. Intent

To prevent looming impacts and reduce the perceived bulk and mass of buildings from neighboring lots, while allowing for additional building height.

B. Applicability

Height transition requirements apply to all buildings or structures on a lot that face an alley or common lot line unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.5.3.E (Exceptions).

C. Standards

1. All stories above the maximum stories without a height transition shall be setback from the from the applicable lot line by at least the minimum height transition depth.

2. If the entire building is set back from the applicable lot line by at least the minimum height transition depth, the facade may continue to the maximum allowed height without a setting back.

3. No building or structure can extend into a minimum height transition depth, except where allowed in Sec. 2C.5.3.E. (Exceptions).

D. Measurement

1. Stories Without Height Transition

Stories without height transition is measured according to Sec. 2C.4.3. (Height in Stories).

2. Height Transition Depth

The minimum height transition depth is measured as the horizontal distance from the applicable lot line to the outer facade of stories above the maximum stories without height transition.

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2. A reduced height transition depth may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

3. Increased stories without height transition may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
DIV. 2C.6. BUILDING MASS

SEC. 2C.6.1. BUILDING WIDTH

The maximum allowed width of any building or collection of buildings on a lot.

A. Intent

1. To promote fine-grained patterns of development and prevent long buildings that are significantly out of context with traditional patterns, by breaking wide buildings into multiple, clearly distinguished building widths.

2. To encourage larger projects to provide open space for pedestrians and recreation.

B. Applicability

1. Building width requirements apply to all frontage lot line-facing buildings or structures on a lot.

2. Building width requirements apply only to portions of buildings or structures located above the ground floor elevation.

3. Building width requirements do not apply to exceptions listed in Sec. 2C.6.3.F (Exceptions).

C. Standards

1. No applicable building or collection of buildings shall be wider than the maximum building width.

2. Any building on a corner lot, located within the build-to range area of overlap is allowed to exceed the maximum building width by a maximum of 40 feet along both primary and side street lot lines.

3. In order to establish buildings on a lot as separate buildings for the purpose of measuring building width, a building break meeting the standards in Sec. 2C.2.6.1.E. (Building Break) shall be provided between the structures.

D. Measurement

Building width is measured horizontally and parallel to each street lot line from one end of an applicable building or collection of buildings to the opposite end.
E. Building Break

1. Standards

   a. All buildings and collections of buildings shall be separated by at least the minimum building break dimension in order to establish them as separate buildings for the purpose of measuring building width.

   b. No building or structure shall encroach into the building break, except where allowed in Sec. 2C.6.2.F. (Exceptions).

2. Measurement

   Building break is measured perpendicularly from all applicable building faces vertically and horizontally.
F. **Exceptions**

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2. **Building Break Open Space Alternative**

As an alternative to a building break, a street-facing open space meeting the following standards shall be used to establish buildings or collections of buildings as separate buildings for the purpose of measuring building width:

a. Open space width shall be at least 2 times the minimum building break dimension listed in Form, measured parallel to the applicable street lot line.

b. Open space width shall not be greater than the maximum building width, measured parallel to the applicable street lot line.

c. Open space depth shall be at least 5 times the minimum building break dimension listed in Form, measured perpendicular to the applicable street lot line.

d. A minimum of 75% the open space area shall meet the design standards for Sec. 2C.3.3.E. *(Pedestrian Amenity Space)*.

e. Any portion of the open space may count toward lot amenity space (Sec. 2C.3.1.) and residential amenity space (Sec. 2C.3.2.) provided it meets all applicable standards.
G. Relief

1. Increased building width of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

2. Increased building width may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).

3. Reduced building break of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).

4. Reduced building break may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance).
SEC. 2C.6.2. FACADE WIDTH

The width of a street-facing building facade that is uninterrupted by a facade break.

A. Intent

To add visual interest and reduce the perceived horizontal scale of facades along public ways by limiting the length of uninterrupted facades and breaking wide facades into multiple, clearly-distinguished facade widths, encouraging large projects to provide areas for pedestrians away from the clear path of the public sidewalk.

B. Applicability

Facade width requirements apply to all buildings or structures on a lot that both face a frontage lot line and are located within 30 feet of the frontage lot line unless listed as an exception in Sec. 2C.5.3.E (Exceptions).

C. Standards

1. When a Form District limits facade width, no building facade shall be wider than the maximum facade width indicated by the Form District.

2. In order to establish facades as separate facades for the purpose of facade width, a facade break meeting the standards of Sec. 2C.6.2.E. (Facade Break) shall be provided.

D. Measurement

Facade width is measured horizontally, parallel to street lot lines, from the edge of each street-facing facade to the opposite edge of the facade.
SEC. 2C.6.3. FACADE BREAK

The minimum recess required to establish a building width as separate facades for the purpose of measuring facade width.

1. **Standards**
   a. A facade break width shall be at least 0.5 the minimum building break.
   b. A facade break width shall not be greater than the maximum facade width.
   c. A facade break depth shall be at least 0.25 the minimum building break.
   d. No structure or equipment shall encroach into a facade break, except where allowed in Sec. 2C.6.2.F. (Exceptions).

2. **Measurement**
   a. Facade break width is measured horizontally, parallel to street lot lines.
   b. Facade break depth is measured horizontally, perpendicular to street lot lines.

A. **Exceptions**

   Roof projections may encroach into a facade break a maximum of 2.5 feet in depth, measured from the facade break-facing building face.

B. **Relief**

   1. Increased maximum facade width or reduction in minimum facade break of 20% or less may be requested in accordance with Sec. 13.7.2 (Adjustments).
   2. Deviation from maximum facade width and minimum facade break may be requested as a variance in accordance with Sec. 13.7.3 (Variance)