

SECTION 7 SR - SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

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### 701 Intent (Amended 8/11/09)

To provide areas for a variety of housing types, designed in a manner to create livable space in the urban setting, that is protected from incompatible land uses and hazardous conditions, and buffered from commercial/industrial uses. The density shall not exceed 4.36 dwellings per acre. Adequate facilities, such as roads, water and sanitation, fire protection, emergency service, and public utilities shall be available to serve these areas. Growth should occur in a phased and contiguous manner to save on the costly, premature extension of basic infrastructure.

Development within this district should be designed to create neighborhoods in terms of scale and identity and as service units with adequate schools, parks, and convenience retail; pedestrian, bicycle, and automobile circulation that includes connections between neighborhoods and community facilities; and to preserve open space and promote a design that is sensitive to the natural land features in accordance with the intent of the Douglas County Comprehensive Master Plan, as amended.

The SR zone district is characterized by a variety of housing types within a range of affordability, including housing for the elderly, handicapped and other special populations, and other accessory uses which enhance the basic elements of a balanced residential area, such as, schools, parks, playgrounds, and neighborhood recreational facilities. Development or use of land in this district is permitted only in accordance with the provisions herein. Land disturbance activities may require permit(s).

### 702 Principal Uses

On lots that conform to the minimum lot area, the following uses are allowed by right:  
(Amended 5/14/03)

#### 702.1 Community Uses:

- Church - maximum seating capacity of 350 in main worship area (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*)
- Fire station - no on-site training (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*)
- Library - (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*)
- Open space/trails
- Park/playground
- Recreation facility - neighborhood (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*)
- Recreation facility - private (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*) (*Amended 9/9/08*)
- School - public/private kindergarten through 12th grade (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27 for private school; location and extent required for public school per Section 32*)

- Sheriff substation – no training or detention (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*)

702.02 Construction office - temporary (*refer to Section 22*)

702.03 Residence

- Principal - 1 single-family dwelling or 1 group home per lot (*excluding mobile home*) (*group homes must be separated by a distance of 750'*)
- Temporary (*refer to Section 22*)

702.04 Sales office - temporary (*refer to Section 22*)

702.05 Utility service facility (*Site Improvement Plan required per Section 27*)

### 703 Accessory Uses

The following shall be allowed only when a principal use has been established on the lot.

703.01 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) – one per lot, except as restricted by a Rural Site Plan, subdivision plat, or other similar land use approval.

703.0~~24~~ Accessory uses and buildings

703.0~~23~~ Animals (*refer to Section 24*)

703.0~~34~~ Day-care home - small

703.0~~45~~ Garage - private:

- For lots less than 1 acre in size – a maximum of 1 detached garage of no more than 1,000 sq. ft. in area is permitted.
- For lots 1 acre or greater in size – a maximum of 2 detached garages is permitted. The total detached garage area shall not exceed 3,000 sq. ft. per lot.  
(*Amended 3/8/22*)

703.0~~56~~ Home occupation - Class 1 (*refer to Section 23*)

703.0~~67~~ In-home elder care (*Amended 3/28/01*)

703.0~~78~~ Satellite receiving dish

### 704 Uses Permitted ~~b~~By Special Review (*Amended 6/22/05*)

The following uses are permitted, upon the approval of the Board, in accordance with Section 21, Use ~~b~~By Special Review ~~and Section 27 Site Improvement Plan~~ of this Resolution.

- 704.01 Church - greater than 350 seating capacity in main worship area
- 704.02 Day-care center/preschool, or day-care home - large
- 704.03 Golf course legally established as a Use by Special Review prior to June 22, 2005 (*Amended 2/12/19*)
- 704.04 Recreation facility - community
- 704.05 Utility - major facility

705 Maximum Gross Density

The gross density shall not exceed 4.36 dwellings/acre and may be less due to required infrastructure or dedication, or environmental constraints.

706 Minimum Lot Area: 9,000 sq. ft.

Calculation of the minimum lot area is exclusive of open space, County-dedicated land or rights-of-way.

A minimum lot area of greater than 0.5 acres is required for a detached accessory dwelling unit (ADU).

707 Water and Sanitation

All uses shall be served by a central water and sanitation facility.

708 Utilities

All public utility distribution lines shall be placed underground.

709 Land Dedication

A portion of the gross site area shall be dedicated to Douglas County for public use, or cash in-lieu-of land as required by the Douglas County Subdivision Resolution.

710 Street Standards

Construction of paved streets in accordance with the Douglas County Roadway Design and Construction Standards, the Douglas County Storm Drainage Design and Technical Criteria manual, and other applicable County regulations.

711 Parking Standards - Refer to Section 28 for non-residential parking standards  
(Amended 4/24/02)

The minimum off-street parking spaces required: 2 spaces per dwelling

Unlicensed, operable vehicles parked outside shall be concealed by a solid fence, berm, vegetative barrier, or a combination thereof. Inoperable vehicles are prohibited.

712 Minimum Setbacks  
(Amended 3/8/22)

Lot Size	Setback From:			
	Street	Side Lot Line	Rear Lot Line	115 KV or greater power line
0.50 ac. or less	Regional or major arterial: 100' Other: 20'	5'	15'	100'
Greater than 0.5 acres and less than 1.0 acre	Regional or major arterial: 100' Other: 25'	10'	20'* Accessory: 15'	100'
1.0 acre or greater	Regional or major arterial: 100' Other: 25'	15'	25'* Accessory: 15'	100'

\*Schools and buildings within recreation areas shall be set back 50'

The setback is measured from the lot line to the wall of the structure horizontally and perpendicular to the lot line. (See illustration in the Definition section.) The setback from the POWER LINE is measured from the closest edge of the easement to the structure.

713 Encroachments

- 713.01 A cornice, canopy, eave, fireplace, wing wall or similar architectural feature may extend 3 feet into a required setback.
- 713.02 A covered or uncovered deck or porch may extend 6 feet into a required setback, except for a side setback. (Amended 3/8/22)
- 713.03 Foundation anchoring and foundation repair systems may be located within a required setback. (Amended 3/8/22)
- 713.04 A building permit shall not be issued for any structure which is to be located within an easement unless written approval by the easement holder(s) is provided.
- 713.05 Utility distribution lines and related equipment commonly located along property lines may be located within a required setback. A neighborhood substation or gas regulator/meter station shall meet the required setbacks.
- 713.06 Structures that do not require building permits may encroach into a rear setback. Any encroachment into an easement requires permission from the easement holder.
- 713.07 A garage directly accessed from an alley may encroach into a rear setback. Any encroachment into an easement requires permission from the easement holder. (Amended 6/14/06)

## 714 Building Height

Maximum building height:

- principal building: 35 feet
- accessory building: 20 feet

The maximum building height shall not apply to belfries, cupolas, penthouses or domes not used for human occupancy, roof-mounted church spires, chimneys, skylights, ventilators, water tanks, silos, parapet walls, cornices, antennas, utility poles and necessary mechanical appurtenances usually carried above the roof level.

714.01 The maximum height of a roof-mounted church spire/steeple shall not exceed 1.62 times the height of the church measured from the lowest finished floor to the roof peak. The height of the roof-mounted spire shall be measured from the top of the spire to the finished floor of the lowest walkout level of the church. *(refer to Section 36 building height definition - spire height calculation)*

714.02 The height of an antenna shall be no greater than the distance to the nearest lot line. *(refer to Section 27A for cell sites and Section 21 for telecommunication facilities)*

## 715 Fencing Standards

715.01 Fences, walls, or hedges shall not be erected in the public right-of-way, but shall be allowed within the setbacks, on private land. A building permit is required for any retaining wall greater than 4 feet in height or any fence or wall greater than 6 feet in height, or as required by the Building Code, as amended and adopted by Douglas County. *(Amended 12/18/12)*

715.02 Solid fences, walls, or hedges shall not exceed 6 feet in height and shall not exceed 4 feet in height when located in the required setback from a street.

715.03 Fences constructed of woven wire or ornamental iron which are a minimum of 80% open may be constructed with no height limitation; however, a building permit is required for any fence greater than 6 feet in height, or as required by the Building Code, as amended and adopted by Douglas County. *(Amended 12/18/12)*

715.04 Fences, walls, or hedges shall be erected and maintained in a manner which does not obstruct the vision of automobile traffic on the adjacent streets, rights-of-way, or driveways in accordance with the Douglas County Roadway Design and Construction Standards manual.

- 715.05 Fences, walls or hedges shall be maintained in good structural or living condition. The landowner is responsible for the repair or removal of a fence, wall or hedge, which constitutes a safety hazard, by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, or which constitutes a zoning violation.
- 715.06 Swimming pools shall be enclosed by a fence or wall that meets or exceeds the requirements of the Building Code, as amended and adopted by Douglas County. *(Amended 12/18/12)*
- 715.07 Sound barrier walls, when constructed by a landowner other than the Colorado Department of Transportation adjacent to a street, shall be designed in accordance with the State Department of Transportation criteria and approved by the Site Improvement Plan Referral Board.
- 715.08 Barbed, electrically charged, concertina, or razor wire is prohibited.
- 716 Sign Standards - Refer to Section 29 of this Resolution
- 717 Lighting Standards - Refer to Section 30 of this Resolution



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