

CHAPTER 1336

R-9, R-15 and R-29 Multiple Family Dwelling Districts

These Multiple-Family Dwelling districts allow for multiple family uses in varying densities, have pedestrian scale and are located in close proximity to major activity and employment centers, on transit routes, or in transitional areas.

CROSS REFERENCES

Zoning and planning in home rules cities - MCLA 117.4i

Regulation of location of trades, buildings and uses by local authorities - MCLA 125.581

Regulation of buildings; authority to zone - MCLA 125.582

Regulation of congested areas - MCLA 125.583

Uses of land or structures not conforming to ordinances; powers of legislative bodies; acquisition of property - MCLA 125.583a

Signs in residential districts - B & H 1476.06, 1476.10 and 1476.27

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1336.01 USES ALLOWED.

The following uses of land and buildings, together with accessory uses, are allowed in the Multiple Family districts:

- Adult foster care family home and small group home;
- Art galleries in non-residential buildings built prior to October 16, 2003, provided they are located on an arterial or collector street and provided the building is not expanded other than for barrier free access requirements;
- Athletic fields;
- Boat houses if they are an accessory use, if they are designed for housing a boat, if provisions are made for routing of any boardwalk, and if proper State and federal permits are obtained;
- Coffee houses and family or fine food restaurants in non-residential buildings built prior to October 16, 2003, provided they are located on an arterial or collector street and provided the building is not expanded other than for barrier free access requirements;
- Community Gardens;
- Dwellings, single family;
- Dwellings, two-family;
- Dwellings, multiple family;
- Essential services;
- Golf courses;
- Home occupations subject to the following conditions:
 - (1) A home occupation shall be conducted within the dwelling which is the bona fide

residence of the principal practitioner of the occupation, or in a building accessory to such dwelling.

- (2) All business activity and storage shall take place within the interior of the dwelling and/or accessory building.
 - (3) No alteration to the exterior of the residential dwelling, accessory building or yard that alters the residential character of the premises is permissible.
 - (4) The home occupation shall not generate vehicular traffic beyond eight trip-ends per day.
 - (5) Only off-street parking facilities customary for a residential use and located on the premises may be used.
 - (6) No vehicles used in the conduct of the occupation may be parked, kept or otherwise be present on the premises, other than such as are customarily used for domestic or household purposes.
 - (7) Home occupations shall be conducted solely by persons residing at the residence and no more than two such persons shall be employed in the home occupation. If the residence is located on an arterial or collector street, one non-resident employee at one time is also allowed in addition to two resident employees.
 - (8) Any sign identifying the occupation must conform to the regulations of the Traverse City Code Chapter 1476, *Signs*.
 - (9) No sale or rental of goods is allowed on the premises, except as secondary and incidental to the furnishing of a service.
 - (10) Instruction in crafts and fine arts are recognized as allowable home occupations if they meet the above conditions.
 - (11) The use shall not generate noise, vibration or odors detectible beyond the property line.
- Medical Marihuana Cultivation on a Parcel containing one Single Family Dwelling meeting the following requirements:
 - (1) No more than the maximum number of plants one (1) person may cultivate under the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act shall be cultivated per Parcel;
 - (2) The Medical Marihuana Cultivation shall comply at all times with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the General Rules of the Michigan Department of Community Health, as they may be amended from time to time;
 - (3) All medical marihuana plants cultivated shall be contained within a fully enclosed locked facility inaccessible on all sides and equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by the Primary Caregiver or Qualifying Patient cultivating the plants;
 - (4) Cultivation shall be conducted so as not to create unreasonable dust, glare, noise, odors, or light spillage beyond the Parcel and shall not be visible from an adjoining public way;
 - (5) The Principal Use of the Parcel shall be a Dwelling and shall be in actual use as such.
 - (6) No transfer of Medical Marihuana to Qualifying Patients other than Qualifying Patients residing on the Parcel shall occur.
 - (7) No alteration to the exterior of the residential dwelling, accessory building or yard that alters the residential character of the premises is permissible.
 - (8) No vehicles used in cultivation may be parked, kept or otherwise be present on

the Parcel, other than such as are customarily used for domestic or household purposes.

- Medical Marihuana Cultivation on a Parcel containing a more than one Single Family Dwelling, a Two Family Dwelling, or a Multiple Family Dwelling meeting the following requirements:
 - (1) No more than 12 Medical Marihuana plants shall be cultivated per Dwelling Unit;
 - (2) The Medical Marihuana Cultivation shall comply at all times with the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act and the General Rules of the Michigan Department of Community Health, as they may be amended from time to time;
 - (3) All medical marihuana plants cultivated shall be contained within a fully enclosed locked facility inaccessible on all sides and equipped with locks or other security devices that permit access only by the Primary Caregiver or Qualifying Patient cultivating the plants;
 - (4) Cultivation shall be conducted so as not to create unreasonable dust, glare, noise, odors, or light spillage beyond the dwelling unit and shall not be visible from an adjoining public way;
 - (5) The Principal Use of the Dwelling Unit shall be a Dwelling and shall be in actual use as such.
 - (6) No transfer of Medical Marihuana to Qualifying Patients other than Qualifying Patients residing within the Dwelling Unit shall occur.
 - (7) No alteration to the exterior of the residential dwelling, accessory building or yard that alters the residential character of the premises is permissible.
 - (8) No vehicles used in cultivation may be parked, kept or otherwise be present on the Parcel, other than such as are customarily used for domestic or household purposes.
- Offices in nonresidential buildings built prior to [the date of this ordinance] provided they are located on an arterial or collector street and provided the building is not expanded except as necessary to meet barrier free access requirements;
- Parks;
- Playgrounds;
- Private clubs, lodges, fraternities or sororities, if located on an arterial or collector street;
- Rooming houses;
- Tourist homes maintaining a City tourist home license;
- Other similar uses as approved by the Planning Commission if such uses will generate similar traffic and parking, are compatible with adjacent land uses, and will not generate excessive noise, lighting, fumes or other nuisances.

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99. Ord. 611. Passed 10-6-03. Ord. 693. Passed 12-19-05. Ord. 842 Passed 8-3-09. Ord. 877. Passed 8-16-10. Ord. 896. Passed 12-6-10.)

1336.02 USES ALLOWED BY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT.

The following uses of land and buildings, together with accessory uses, are allowed in the Multiple Family districts if a special land use permit is issued according to the standards of this Code:

- Essential services buildings;
- Group day care homes;
- Places of worship;

- Residential care & treatment facilities;
- Schools;
- Theaters, live, and performance art centers.

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99. Ord. 676. Passed 05-02-05.)

1336.03 LOT, DENSITY AND IMPERVIOUS SURFACE PROVISIONS.

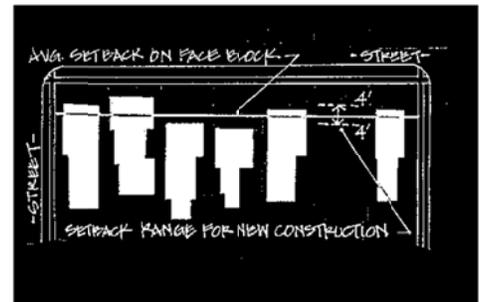
	<u>Lot width (min.)</u>	<u>Lot area (min.)</u>	<u>Density (maximum)</u>	<u>Impervious surface</u>
R-9:	50 feet	7,500 sq. feet	9/dwelling unit/acre	35% maximum
R-15:	50 feet	7,500 sq. feet	15/dwelling unit/acre	40% maximum
R-29:	50 feet	7,500 sq. feet	29 dwelling unit/acre	50% maximum

1336.04 SETBACKS.

(a) **Front setbacks:**

Building: Within 4 feet of the average setback of principal buildings on the same side of the street in the same face block, but no closer than 6 feet from the front property line.

Parking area: To the side or rear of the principal building and set back a distance at least equal to the principal building or 25 feet, whichever is greater. For through lots, parking may be provided streetward of the principal building on the street that carries less traffic, but in no case closer than 25 feet from the front property line.



(b) **Side setbacks (minimum):**

Building:

One side: 6 feet

Aggregate: 14 feet; for structures above grade on lots or tracts of land on Grand Traverse Bay, the side setback is the greater of 30% of the lot width or 14 feet.

Parking area: If contiguous to an R-district, a minimum of 10 feet. Otherwise, 5 feet. If shared parking is developed, these setbacks would affect only the perimeter of the combined parcels.

(c) **Rear setbacks:**

Building: 25 feet

Parking area: 5 feet, except 20 feet if abutting, adjacent to or across an alley from an R-District.

(d) **Corner lots and through lots** shall have a front setback on each street.

(e) **Water setbacks:** 50 feet inland from the ordinary high water mark of Grand Traverse Bay and Boardman Lake and 25 feet from the ordinary high water mark of Boardman River. Where the dock line is established by City ordinance, it shall be measured inland from the dock line.

(f) **Storage** of a boat, motor home, camper, utility trailer or other recreational vehicle or equipment is limited to the rear yard only. Storage means parking the vehicle or equipment in an area unused for the purpose for which it was designed for a period of 30 consecutive days or more.

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99.)

1336.05 ENCROACHMENTS INTO THE SETBACKS.

No encroachments into required setbacks are allowed except:

- (a) **Eaves, chimneys, sills, belt courses, cornices and ornamental features** not to exceed 18 inches are permitted to extend within the setbacks.
- (b) **Terraces, patios, decks, uncovered and unenclosed porches** and other ornamental features which do not extend more than 30 inches above grade at the nearest side property line may project into a required side setback provided these projections are no closer than 2 feet from the subject side property line.
- (c) **An unenclosed balcony, porch or deck** may project into a rear setback for a distance not exceeding 10 feet.
- (d) **An unenclosed balcony or porch** may project into a front setback not more than 8 feet from the exterior building line, but not closer than 6 feet from the front right of way line.

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99.)

1336.06 BUILDING HEIGHT.

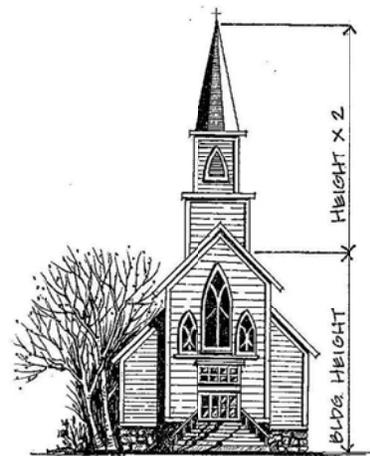
- (a) **Building height:** Maximum 40 feet.

- (b) **Exceptions:**

Steeple and towers may be erected to a height not exceeding twice the height of the attached building.

Parapet walls may be erected as necessary to screen rooftop equipment if the wall extends around the perimeter of the building and incorporates the exterior building materials similar to those of the main building.

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99. Ord. 728. Passed 3-19-07.)



1336.07 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

The following are requirements for accessory buildings in the multiple family districts:

- (a) In order to minimize visibility from public or private street, accessory buildings shall be screened by the principal building(s), the site topography or other natural features of the property.
- (b) Accessory buildings shall not exceed 20 feet in height.
- (c) Accessory buildings shall be located no closer than 5 feet to any side or rear property line, except a boat house up to 250 square feet gross floor area may be built to the water's edge.
- (d) Accessory buildings over 200 square feet in gross floor area, shall be constructed using building materials, design elements and roof pitches substantially similar to the principal building(s).

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99. Ord. 526. Passed 3-19-01. Ord. 637. Passed 4-5-04.)

1336.08 PARKING, LOADING AND DRIVEWAYS.

Minimum parking space requirements for single family dwellings are 1 per dwelling unit. Additional requirements for parking, loading and driveways are contained in Chapter 1374.

Any residential building or driveway constructed after the effective date of this zoning code which has access to a maintained alley shall not have access to a street nor shall a parking area

be located in the front yard.

For parcels having alley access, the parking of a boat, motor home, camper, utility trailer or other recreational vehicle is limited to the rear yard.

Any parking area for single or two family residential use shall, at a minimum, be surfaced and the area clearly defined with gravel, crushed stone, concrete, asphalt, brick or equal material, and be maintained substantially free of dust, mud and standing water.

Parking for motor vehicles shall occur only on a surface permitted by this code.

In addition, athletic fields may provide up to 50% of the required number of organized parking on an area developed in turf grasses. Grassed parking areas are considered as providing one parking space for every 350 square feet of continuous turf-covered area. All grassed parking areas shall be maintained in a healthy, vigorous growing condition and shall not be used more than 12 times per calendar year. When use requires more frequent parking, an impervious surface or approved pervious hard surface parking area shall be developed.

(Ord. 476. Passed 7-6-99. Ord. 761. Passed 7-2-07.)

1336.09 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS.

To preserve and reinforce the development patterns of the Multiple Family Dwelling District the following special requirements shall apply:

- (a) In the Boardman and Central Neighborhood Historic Districts, attached garages for parcels with alley access shall be prohibited.
- (b) In the Boardman and Central Neighborhood Historic Districts, the distance between dwellings and accessory buildings greater than 200 square feet that have alley access shall not be less than 30 feet. The 30 foot separation between dwellings and accessory buildings can be reduced to 20 feet if it is determined to be impractical by the Planning Director.

(Ord. 976. Passed 7-1-13)