

Supplemental Information

- Map 120-1 Civic and Neighborhood Corridors
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**General**

**33.120.010 Purpose**

The multi-dwelling zones are intended to preserve land for urban housing and to provide opportunities for multi-dwelling housing.

- A. Use regulations.** The use regulations are intended to create and maintain higher density residential neighborhoods. At the same time, they allow for institutional, limited commercial, and other nonresidential uses, but not to such an extent as to sacrifice the overall residential neighborhood character of the multi-dwelling zones and their intended role as places for housing.
- B. Development standards.** The six multi-dwelling zones are distinguished primarily by their allowed scale and development standards. The development standards work together to create desirable residential areas by promoting aesthetically pleasing environments, safety, privacy, energy conservation, and recreational opportunities. The development standards generally assure that new development will be compatible with the City’s character and contribute to the intended characteristics of each zone. At the same time, the standards allow for flexibility for new development. In addition, the regulations provide certainty to property owners, developers, and neighbors about the limits of what is allowed. The development standards are generally written for development on flat, regularly shaped lots. Other situations are addressed through special standards or exceptions.

**33.120.020 List of the Multi-Dwelling Zones**

The full and short names of the multi-dwelling residential zones and their map symbols are listed below. When this Title refers to the multi-dwelling zones, it is referring to the six zones listed here. When this Title refers to the residential zones or R zones, it is referring to both the single-dwelling zones in Chapter 33.110 and the multi-dwelling zones in this chapter.

Full Name	Short Name/Map Symbol
Residential Multi-Dwelling 1	RM1
Residential Multi-Dwelling 2	RM2
Residential Multi-Dwelling 3	RM3
Residential Multi-Dwelling 4	RM4
Central Residential	RX
Residential Manufactured Dwelling Park	RMP

**33.120.030 Characteristics Of The Zones**

- A. RM1 zone.** The RM1 zone is a low-scale multi-dwelling zone that is generally applied in locations intended to provide a transition in scale to single-dwelling residential areas, such as the edges of mixed-use centers and civic corridors, and along or near neighborhood corridors. Allowed housing is characterized by one to three story buildings that relate to the patterns of residential neighborhoods, but at a somewhat larger scale and building coverage than allowed in the single-dwelling zones. The major types of new development

will be duplexes, triplexes, rowhouses, courtyard housing, small apartment buildings, and other relatively small-scale multi-dwelling and small-lot housing types that are compatible with the characteristics of Portland's residential neighborhoods.

- B. RM2 zone.** The RM2 zone is a medium-scale multi-dwelling zone that is generally applied in and around a variety of centers and corridors that are well-served by transit. Allowed housing is characterized by buildings of up to three or four stories with a higher percentage of building coverage than in the RM1 zone, while still providing opportunities for landscaping and outdoor spaces that integrate with residential neighborhood characteristics. The major types of new housing development will be a diverse range of multi-dwelling structures and other compact housing that contribute to the intended urban scale of centers and corridors, while providing transitions in scale and characteristics to lower-scale residential neighborhoods.
- C. RM3 zone.** The RM3 zone is a medium to high density multi-dwelling zone applied near the Central City, and in centers, station areas, and along civic corridors that are served by frequent transit and are close to commercial services. It is intended for compact, urban development with a high percentage of building coverage and a strong building orientation to the pedestrian environment of streets. This zone is intended for areas where the established residential character includes landscaped front setbacks. Allowed housing is characterized by mid-rise buildings up to six stories tall. The Design overlay zone is applied to this zone.
- D. RM4 zone.** The RM4 zone is a high density, urban-scale multi-dwelling zone applied near the Central City, and in town centers, station areas, and along civic corridors that are served by frequent transit and are close to commercial services. It is intended to be an intensely urban zone with a high percentage of building coverage and a strong building orientation to the pedestrian environment of streets, with buildings located close to sidewalks with little or no front setback. This is a mid-rise to high-rise zone with buildings of up to seven or more stories. The Design overlay zone is applied to this zone.
- E. RX zone.** The RX zone is a high density multi-dwelling zone that allows the greatest intensity of development scale in the residential zones. The zone is applied within Portland's most intensely urban areas, specifically the Central City and the Gateway Regional Center. Allowed housing development is characterized by large buildings with a very high percentage of building coverage. The major types of new housing development will be mid-rise and high-rise multi-dwelling structures, often with allowed retail, institutional, or other service oriented uses. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented, with buildings that contribute to an urban environment with a strong street edge of buildings located close to sidewalks. The Design overlay zone is applied to this zone.
- F. RMP zone.** The RMP zone is a low-scale multi-dwelling zone that allows manufactured dwelling parks. Allowed density may be up to 29 units per acre. Allowed housing is manufactured dwellings that are assembled off-site. Units are generally surrounded by vehicle circulation systems, pedestrian pathways and open area, often resulting in lower building coverage than other multi-dwelling zones. Development is compatible with low- and medium-density single-dwelling development and multi-dwelling development. Generally, RMP zoning will be applied on large sites.