



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole

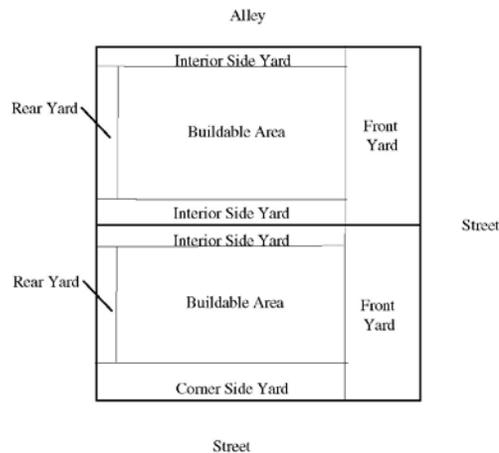
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SUBJECT: Text amendment- refuse storage containers

An ordinance was introduced to the City Council on October 31, 2014, amending Chapter 535 related to Zoning Code: *Regulations of General Applicability* to allow flexibility in regulations governing placement of containers for household refuse. This ordinance was introduced by Council Member Bender.

Containers for the removal of household refuse are currently allowed as permitted encroachments the required rear yard. Outside of the required rear yard, said containers are required to comply with all applicable setbacks. The Department of Public Works Division of Solid Waste and Recycling has made modifications to their residential waste collection program over the last few years to expand the services provided. The Solid Waste and Recycling program now includes garbage collection, single-sort recycling, yard waste collection and residential organics collection. The expanded program may result in up to four refuse storage containers for a residential use. To accommodate the space needed for these additional containers, the subject text amendment would allow refuse storage containers as a permitted encroachment in the interior side yard of residential uses. Containers in the interior side yard would need to be located in the rear forty (40) feet or rear twenty (20) percent of the lot, whichever is greater, and shall be located behind the rear wall of the principal structure on the adjacent property to the rear.



In terms of process, CPED-Planning staff has met to discuss the proposed ordinance language. Staff is consulting a variety of sources to help inform the proposed ordinance language, including but not limited to zoning regulations and best practices from peer cities. Adoption of the zoning code amendment is anticipated in March 2015. The draft ordinance language has been attached for review.

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**AN ORDINANCE
OF THE
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

By Bender

Amending Title 20, Chapter 535 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Regulations of General Applicability.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 535.80 of the above-titled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

535.80. Screening of refuse and recycling storage containers. Refuse, and recycling storage, and compost containers shall be enclosed on all four (4) sides by screening compatible with the principal structure not less than two (2) feet higher than the refuse container or shall be otherwise effectively screened from the street, adjacent residential uses located in a residence or office residence district and adjacent permitted or conditional residential uses. Single and two-family dwellings and multiple-family dwellings of three (3) and four (4) units shall not be governed by this provision.

Section 2. That Table 535-1 of the above-titled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

Table 535-1 Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards

Type of Obstruction	Front or Corner Side Yard	Interior Side Yard	Rear Yard
Containers for the removal of household refuse, subject to the provisions of Chapter 244, Housing Maintenance Code. <u>In a required interior side yard, such containers shall be located in the rear forty (40) feet or rear twenty (20) percent of the lot, whichever is greater, and shall be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the habitable portion of any dwelling on the adjoining lot.</u>		P	P