



**Planning Commission  
Staff Report  
Ordinance Amendment  
Hearing Date: June 22, 2016**

**ITEM 1a\*** Provo City Community Development Department requests an Ordinance Amendment to Section 14.06.020 Definitions and Section 14.10 One-Family Residential, regarding yard definitions and required widths and setbacks for corner lots. **City-Wide Impact.** 16-0008OA, Brian Maxfield, 801-852-6429

<p>Applicant: Community Development Department Staff Coordinator: Brian Maxfield</p> <p>Property Owner: N/A Parcel ID#: N/A Current General Plan Designation: N/A Current Zone: City Wide Acreage: N/A Number of Properties: N/A</p> <p>*Council Action Required: Yes</p> <p>Related Application(s): None</p> <p><b><u>ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS</u></b></p> <p>1. <b>Recommend Denial</b> of the proposed ordinance amendment. <i>This would be a change from the Staff recommendation; the Planning Commission should state new findings.</i></p> <p>2. <b>Continue</b> to the July 27, 2016 Planning Commission meeting to allow further input and consideration.</p>	<p><b><u>Current Legal Use:</u></b> See the attached current wording and proposed revisions.</p> <p><b><u>Relevant History:</u></b> The current definition of a front lot line in regards to corner lots was adopted in August 2013.</p> <p><b><u>Neighborhood Issues:</u></b> None reported to staff.</p> <p><b><u>Summary of Key Issues:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Need for Amendments.</li><li>2. Anticipated effect on future and existing development.</li></ol> <p><b><u>Staff Recommendation:</u></b> <b>Recommend Approval</b> of the proposed ordinance amendments to Section 14.06.020 Definitions and Section 14.10 One-Family Residential, regarding yard definitions and required widths and setbacks for corner lots.</p>
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## OVERVIEW

This item was presented and discussed at the May 25, 2016 Planning Commission. At that meeting, no particular concerns regarding the changes in definitions nor the proposed changes for corner lots was expressed by the Planning Commission. For better clarity, staff has slightly revised some wording regarding the definitions and the text. These revisions will be presented at the Planning Commission study session on June 22, 2016, prior to the public hearing for this item. The attached exhibits reflect those revisions.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- Currently, the front lot line for a corner lot is determined by the street faced by the front door.
- A rear lot line is located opposite the front lot line.
- The properties adjacent to the corner lot have a side yard adjoining the corner lot.

## STAFF ANALYSIS

Provo City Code Section 14.02.020(2) sets forth the following guidelines for consideration of ordinance text amendments:

*Before recommending an amendment to this Title, the Planning Commission shall determine whether such amendment is in the interest of the public, and is consistent with the goals and policies of the Provo City General Plan. The following guidelines shall be used to determine consistency with the General Plan:*

(a) Public purpose for the amendment in question.

The proposed amendment addresses limitations on the development and redevelopment of corner lots, through eliminating unnecessary development restrictions.

(b) Confirmation that the public purpose is best served by the amendment in question.

General Plan – Objective 13.4.3 Promote strategies in selected areas to allow more citizens to qualify for a home purchase, to ensure affordable housing, and to increase owner occupancy rates in Provo, including but not limited to: .... **Flexible development standards for rehabilitation of one-family homes** ....

(c) Compatibility of the proposed amendment with General Plan policies, goals, and objectives.

See “(b)” above.

(d) Consistency of the proposed amendment with the General Plan's "timing and sequencing" provisions on changes of use, insofar as they are articulated.

The amendment would cause no conflict.

(e) Potential of the proposed amendment to hinder or obstruct attainment of the General Plan's articulated policies.

The amendment would not hinder nor obstruct attainment of the General Plan's articulated policies.

(f) Adverse impacts on adjacent land owners.

One of the goals of the amendment is to reduce or eliminate current adverse impacts from an adjoining property.

(g) Verification of correctness in the original zoning or General Plan for the area in question.

Does not apply to an ordinance amendment.

(h) In cases where a conflict arises between the General Plan Map and General Plan Policies, precedence shall be given to the Plan Policies.

Does not apply to an ordinance amendment.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

Staff believes the proposed amendments for corner lots would better address the reasonable development and redevelopment of corner lots, without any significant impact to adjacent properties.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission forward a positive recommendation to the Municipal Council regarding the proposed amendments to Section 14.06.020 Definitions and Section 14.10 One-Family Residential, regarding yard definitions and required widths and setbacks for corner lots.

## 14.06.020. Definitions

**"Frontage"** means all of that property abutting on one (1) side of a street and lying between the two (2) nearest intersecting or intercepting streets, or between a street and a waterway, end of a dead end street, or political subdivision boundary, measured along street line. An intercepting street shall determine only the length of frontage along the side of the street which it intercepts.

**"Lot-corner"** means a lot situated at the intersection of two (2) or more streets, which street shall have angle of intersection of not more than one hundred thirty-five (135) degrees.

**"Lot coverage"** means the total horizontal area of a lot, parcel, or building site covered by any building or occupied structure which extends above the surface of the ground level and including any covered automobile parking spaces. Covered patios, covered walkways, and covered recreation areas shall not be considered as lot coverage provided that said areas are not more than fifty percent (50%) enclosed.

**"Lot depth"** means the horizontal length of a straight line connecting the bisecting points of the front and the rear lot lines.

**"Lot-flag"** or **"flag lot"** means an interior lot which does not meet minimum street frontage requirements and which has as part of the lot an access strip (the "flag pole") at least twenty (20) feet wide abutting a public street and connecting the main body of the lot (the "flag") to the street.

**"Lot-interior"** or **"Interior lot"** means a lot other than a corner lot.

**"Lot-irregular"** means a lot which is not rectangular in shape.

**"Lot line-front"** means, except where otherwise specifically noted within this Title:

(a) for interior lots: the property line adjacent to the street;

(b) for corner lots developed as:

(i) single-family detached lots: the property line along the street frontage on the same side of the dwelling as the front door.

(ii) other than single-family detached lots: the property line bordering the street frontage with the smallest dimension.

**"Lot line-rear"** or **"Rear lot line"** means the recorded lot line most distant from and generally opposite the front lot line. For regular lots, the term "generally opposite" means the lot line which is parallel to the front lot line. For irregular lots, the term "generally opposite" means a lot line which (i) does not adjoin the front lot line, (ii) is located to the rear of the lot, and (iii) is more or less parallel to any portion of the front lot line, except that in the case of an interior triangular or pie-shaped lot, it shall mean a straight line ten (10) feet in length which is:

(a) parallel to the front lot line or its chord, and

(b) intersects the two (2) other lot lines at points most distant from the front lot line. Each lot shall be deemed to have one (1) rear lot line.

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**"Lot width"** means the distance across a lot or parcel of property measured at the interior edge of the required front yard along a line parallel to the front lot line, or parallel to a straight line connecting the ends of an arc which constitutes the front lot line.

**"Yard"** means a space on a lot or parcel, unoccupied and unobstructed by a building or structure from the finish grade upwards except as otherwise provided in this Title.

**"Yard-front"** or **"front yard"** means an open, unoccupied landscaped yard extending across the full width of a lot or parcel, having at no point a depth of less than the minimum required horizontal distance between the front lot line, or its tangent, and the closest permissible location of the main building. Said distance shall be measured by a line at right angles to the front lot line, or its tangent.

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**"Yard-side"** or **"side yard"** means a yard between the main building and the side lot line extending from the required front yard, or the front lot line where no front yard is required, to the required rear yard, or the rear lot line where no rear yard is required; the width of which side yard shall be measured horizontally from, and at right angles to, the nearest point on the side lot line towards the closest permissible location of the main building.

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28 **staff") connecting the buildable portion of the lot to the street frontage.**

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42 **are adjacent to the access strip, the lot line most parallel to the front door of the dwelling.**

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1 **Amendments relating to Corner Lots**

2 **REDLINE VERSION**

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4 **14.10.040. Lot Width.**

5 (1) Each lot or parcel of land in the R1 zone, except corner lots, shall have an width of not less than the following for the  
6 subzone in which said lot or parcel of land is situated:

- R1.6 sixty (60) feet
- R1.7 seventy (70) feet
- R1.8 eighty (80) feet
- R1.9 eighty-five (85) feet
- R1.10 ninety (90) feet
- R1.15 ninety-five (95) feet
- R1.20 one hundred (100) feet

7 (2) Each corner lot or parcel in the R1 zone shall ~~be ten (10) feet wider than the minimum required for interior lots in the~~  
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9 **whichever is less.**

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12 **14.10.080. Yard Requirements.**

13 The following minimum yard requirements shall apply in the R1 zone: (Note: All setbacks are measured from the property line.)

14 (3) Side-**Street** Yard - Corner Lots. On corner lots, the ~~side~~ yard contiguous to the **side**-street shall not be less than twenty  
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R1.8	eighty (80) feet
R1.9	eighty-five (85) feet
R1.10	ninety (90) feet
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