### ORDINANCE NO. 16-18( )

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, ZONING, ARTICLE I, GENERAL PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE II, BASIC REGULATIONS, OF THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE, VIRGINIA

BE IT ORDAINED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Albemarle, Virginia, that Chapter 18, Zoning, Article I, General Provisions, and Article II, Basic Regulations, is hereby amended and reordained as follows:

## By Amending:

Sec. 3.1	Definitions
Sec. 4.19	Setbacks and stepbacks in residential districts
Sec. 4.20	Setbacks and stepbacks in conventional commercial and industrial districts

# Chapter 18. Zoning

#### **Article I. General Provisions**

#### Sec. 3.1 Definitions

*Infill:* As used in section 4.19, when forty percent (40%) or more, in the aggregate, of the residentially zoned lots fronting on a street are developed within five hundred (500) feet in both directions of the subject lot having less than one hundred twenty (120) feet of frontage on the same street at the time that it is developed, where neither the subdivision plat nor the site plan that created the lot or depicted its development, or both, is or are no longer valid under chapter 14 and this chapter, as applicable. (Added 6-3-15)

## **Article II. Basic Regulations**

#### Sec. 4.19 Setbacks and stepbacks in residential districts

The following shall apply within the R-1, R-2, R-4, R-6, R-10, and R-15, PRD, and PUD districts:

Infill: Setbacks	
Front-Minimum	Closest setback of an existing structure within 500 feet in each direction along street fronted
Front-Maximum	None
Garage-Minimum	Front loading garage: 18 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way Side loading garage: Closest setback of an existing structure within 500 feet in each direction along street fronted
Garage-Maximum	None
Side-Minimum	10 feet, unless the building shares a common wall; provided that in the R-10 and R-15 districts if the abutting lot is zoned residential other than R-10 and R-15, Rural Areas, or the Monticello Historic district, any dwelling unit that exceeds 35 feet in height shall be set back 10 feet plus one foot for each foot the dwelling unit exceeds 35 feet in height

Side-Maximum	None		
Rear-Minimum	20 feet		
Rear- Maximum	None		
Infill: Stepbacks			
Front	Floors above 40 feet or the third story, whichever is less, shall be stepped back a minimum of 15 feet		
Side and Rear	None		
Non-Infill: Setbacks			
Front-Minimum	5 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way		
Front-Maximum	In the R-1 and R-2 districts: None In the R-4, R-6, R-10, and R-15 districts: 25 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way; none, on any lot including a corner lot, abutting a principal arterial highway		
Garage-Minimum	Front loading garage: 18 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way Side loading garage: 5 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way		
Garage-Maximum	None		
Side-Minimum	None; see Non-Infill Building Separation		
Side-Maximum	None		
Rear-Minimum	20 feet		
Rear- Maximum	None		
Non-Infill:Building			
Separation			
Minimum	10 feet, unless the building shares a common wall; provided that in the R-10 and R-15 districts if the abutting lot is zoned residential other than R-10 and R-15, rural areas, or the Monticello Historic district, any building that exceeds 35 feet in height shall be separated from any other building by 10 feet plus one foot for each foot the building exceeds 35 feet in height		
Side-Maximum	None		
Non-Infill: Stepbacks			
Front	Floors above 40 feet or the third story, whichever is less, shall be stepped back a minimum of 15 feet		
Side and Rear	None		

<sup>1.</sup> Whether a site is an infill or non-infill development, and the minimum and maximum setback, shall be determined by the zoning administrator as an official determination provided to the owner.

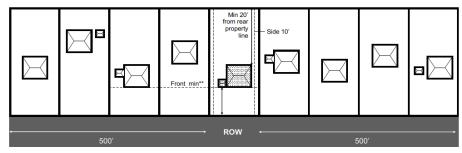
- 2. Any minimum setback and any minimum building separation for a side yard, may be reduced by special exception.
- 3. The maximum front setback for a non-infill development shall be increased to the depth necessary to avoid existing utilities, significant existing vegetation steep slopes, perennial and intermittent streams, stream buffers, public spaces and public plazas shown as such on an approved site plan or subdivision plat, to satisfy a condition of a certificate of appropriateness, and in circumstances where there are multiple dwellings on the same lot and prevailing development patterns.
- 4. The maximum front setback for a non-infill development may be increased by special exception to accommodate low impact design, unique parking or circulation plans, or a unique target market design.
- 5. The minimum 15 foot stepback may be reduced by special exception.
- 6. Notwithstanding section 4.6.3, the front setbacks in the districts subject to this section shall be measured from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way.
- 7. On any site subject to proffered conditions accepted in conjunction with a zoning map amendment establishing minimum or maximum setbacks or stepbacks, the proffered setbacks or stepbacks shall apply.

#### **Figures**

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Figure 1

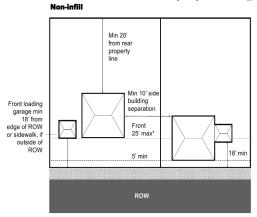
Conventional Residential Districts, Infill\* Example



- \* Infill ≥ 40% of residentially zoned frontage developed within 500' of subject lot (frontage ≤ 120')
- $^{\star\star}$  Front loading garage min 18' from edge of ROW or sidewalk, if outside of ROW

Figure 2

Conventional Residential Districts (except R-1 and R-2),



\* No maximum front setback in R1 & R2 districts & along principal arterials

Figure 3

#### Conventional Residential Districts Front Stepback (side view)

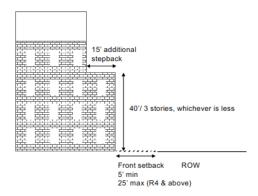
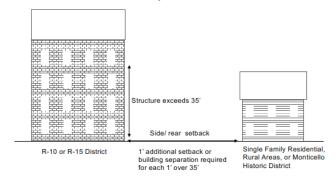


Figure 4

Conventional Residential Districts (R-10 or R-15 only) Abutting Single Family Residential, Rural Areas, or Monticello Historic Districts, Side & Rear Setback



State law reference – Va. Code § 15.2-2280

(Ord. 15-18(4), 6-3-15)

# Sec. 4.20 Setbacks and stepbacks in conventional commercial and industrial districts

Setbacks and stepbacks shall be provided as follows:

a. *Conventional commercial districts*. The following shall apply within the C-1, CO, and HC districts:

Setbacks	
Front-Minimum	10 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way; for off-street parking or loading spaces, 10 feet from any public street right-of-way
Front-Maximum	30 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way, provided that this maximum setback shall not apply to any structure existing on June 3, 2015 and to any structure depicted on an approved final site plan that is valid on June 3, 2015 as having a front setback greater than 30 feet; none, on any lot, including a corner lot, abutting a principal arterial highway
Side and Rear- Minimum	If the abutting lot is zoned residential, rural areas, or the Monticello Historic district: (i) no portion of any structure, excluding signs, shall be located closer than 50 feet from the

	district boundary; and (ii) no off-street parking or loading space shall be located close than 20 feet to the district boundary.	
	If the abutting lot is zoned commercial or industrial, any primary structure shall be constructed and separated in accordance with the current edition of the Building Code.	
Side and Rear- Maximum	None	
Stepbacks		
Front	Floors above 40 feet or the third story, whichever is less, shall be stepped back a minimum of 15 feet	
Side and Rear	None	

- 1. The maximum front setback shall be increased to the depth necessary to avoid existing utilities, significant existing vegetation, steep slopes, perennial and intermittent streams, stream buffers, public spaces and public <u>plazas</u> shown as such on an approved site plan or subdivision plat, to satisfy a condition of a certificate of appropriateness, and in circumstances where there are multiple buildings on the same lot and prevailing development patterns.
- 2. The maximum front setback may be increased by special exception to accommodate low impact design, unique parking or circulation plans, or a unique target market design.
- 3. Any minimum setback may be reduced by special exception.
- 4. The minimum 15 foot stepback may be reduced by special exception.
- 5. Notwithstanding section 4.6.3, the front setbacks in the districts subject to this subsection shall be measured from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way.
- 6. On any site subject to proffered conditions accepted in conjunction with a zoning map amendment establishing minimum or maximum setbacks or stepbacks, the proffered setbacks or stepbacks shall apply.

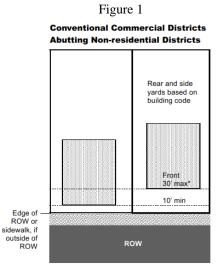
# b. *Conventional industrial districts*. The following shall apply within the LI and HI districts:

Setbacks					
Front-Minimum	10 feet from the right-of-way or the exterior edge of the sidewalk if the sidewalk is outside of the right-of-way; for off-street parking or loading spaces, 10 feet from any public street right-of-way				
Front-Maximum	None				
Side and Rear- Minimum	In the LI district, if the abutting lot is zoned residential, rural areas, or the Monticello Historic district: (i) no portion of any structure, excluding signs, shall be located closer than 50 feet from the district boundary; and (ii) no portion of any off-street parking space shall be located closer than 30 feet from the district boundary.				
	In the HI district, if the abutting lot is zoned residential, rural areas, or the Monticello Historic district: (i) no portion of any structure, excluding signs, shall be located closer than 100 feet from the district boundary; and (ii) no portion of any off-street parking space shall be located closer than 30 feet from the district boundary.				
	If the abutting lot is zoned commercial or industrial, any primary structure shall be constructed and separated in accordance with the current edition of the Building Code.				
Side and Rear- Maximum	None				
Stepbacks					
Front	Floors above 40 feet or the third story, whichever is less, shall be stepped back a minimum of 15 feet				
Side and Rear	None				

- 1. Any maximum front setback may be increased by special exception.
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\* No maximum front setback along principal arterials

 $Figure \ 2 \\$  Conventional Commercial Districts Abutting Residential or Rural Areas Districts

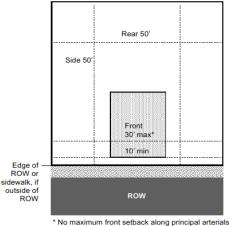
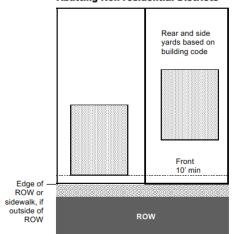


Figure 3

#### Conventional Industrial Districts Abutting Non-residential Districts



 $Figure \ 4 \\$  Conventional Industrial Districts Abutting Residential or Rural Areas Districts

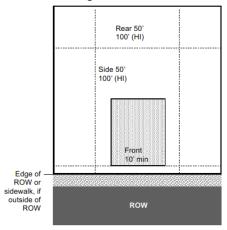


Figure 5

## Conventional Commercial Districts, Front Stepback (side view)

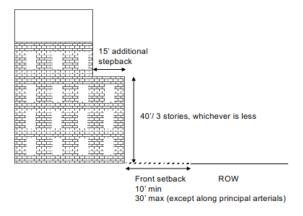
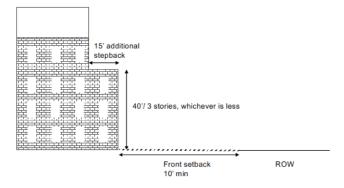


Figure 6

#### Conventional Industrial Districts, Front Stepback (side view)



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adopted by the	Board	of Super	ertify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct ovisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote deeting held on	1.0
			Clerk, Board of County Supervisors	
	Aye	<u>Nay</u>		
Mr. Dill				
Ms. Mallek				
Ms. McKeel				
Ms. Palmer				
Mr. Randolph				
Mr. Sheffield				