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Study Session: Zoning Code Update



City Council Meeting

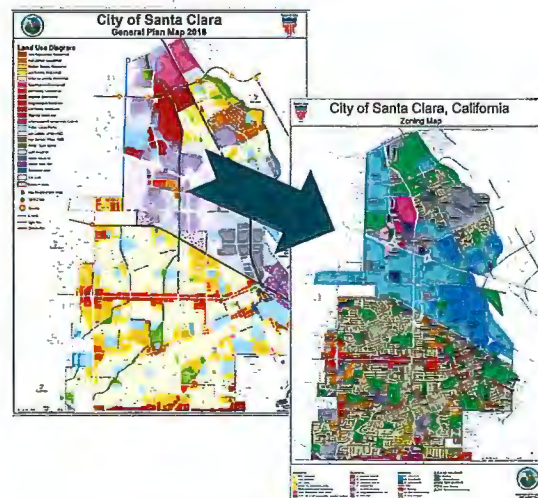
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Goals for the Update

- Modernize document
 - Format & Style
 - Word Choices
- Align districts with General Plan
- Fix known problems
- Provide consistency
- Incorporate stakeholder input



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POST MEETING MATERIAL



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Study Session Purpose – Council Discussion and Input

- New Zoning Districts
- Refinements to single-family districts
- Streamlined Procedures
- Code changes to encourage placemaking



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Upcoming Study Sessions

- **September 3** – Safe Parking, Assisted Living
- **October 8** – Criteria for occupancy limits in single-family residential districts



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New Zoning Districts

- High-Density Residential
- Mixed-use Commercial corridors
- Office and Industrial
- Public/Quasi-public
- El Camino Real



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Modifications to Single-Family Regulations

- Codify 2nd story side setbacks
- Add setback exceptions for design elements such as covered porches
- Add allowances to continue legal non-conforming side setbacks
- Allow 2-story Accessory Dwelling Units
- Remove limits on additions to single-family houses



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Single-Family 2nd Floor – Existing Guidelines

1. Area not to be more than 66% of the first floor area
2. Set back of 5' from the front wall of the first floor, and 3-5' from the side and rear

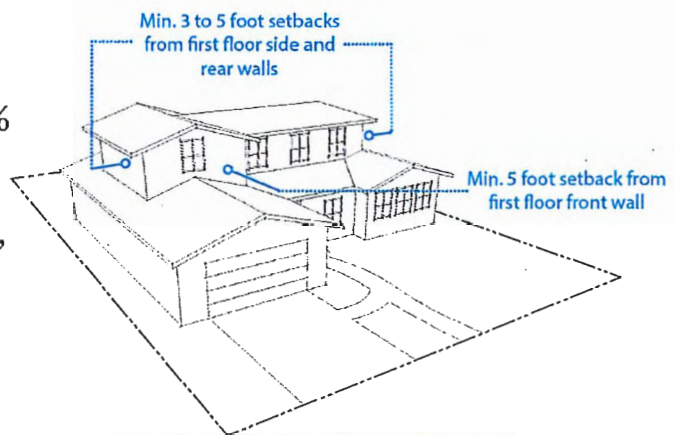


Figure 2.4 - Second-story addition setbacks are measured from first floor walls planes.



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Single-Family 2nd Floor – Proposed Regulations

1. One-story elements up to 14' tall subject to a five-foot setback
2. Side yard setbacks = $\frac{1}{2}$ the height of the proposed second story elements
3. Front and rear setbacks to follow the existing Design Guidelines



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Single-Family 2nd Floor – Proposed Regulations

Example:

One-story elements up to 14' tall
subject to a five-foot side setback



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Single-Family 2nd Floor – Proposed Regulations

Example:

If the property owner is proposing
a 24 feet tall element, the second
story side yard setback
requirement would be 12 feet for
the second story elements





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Single-Family – Porch Regulations

Existing:

Open uncovered porches less than 3 feet in height may project to within three feet of any side lot line and 6 feet into the required front yard



Proposed:

Allow a 6 foot encroachment into the required front setback for covered porches



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Single-Family – Non-conforming Setbacks

Existing:

New additions to residences need to meet the current setbacks regardless of the existing nonconforming setbacks

Proposed:

Allow homeowners to match the existing nonconforming side setback down to a minimum of 3 feet for one-story additions to the rear of the house

Helpful for properties in the Old Quad as many properties have narrow lots and existing residences do not meet existing side yard setback standards



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Single-Family – Accessory Dwelling Unit Standards

	Size	Height (Feet)	Height (Stories)
Existing Standard	Attached: 50% of living area of main dwelling (up to 1,200 sq. ft.)	Attached: 25 ft.	Attached: 2 stories (lots greater than 6,000 sq. ft.)
	Detached: 1,200 sq. ft.	Detached: 14 ft.	Detached: 1 story
Proposed Standard	Attached: No change	Attached: 25 ft.	Attached: No Change
	Detached: No change	Detached: Equal to Height of Primary Structure	Detached: 2 stories with a minimum 10 ft rear yard setback and 6 ft interior side yard setback for the 2nd story



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Single-Family – Accessory Dwelling Unit Materials & Roof Forms

Existing:

Roof, siding, and windows must be consistent with the roof slope, materials and design of the main dwelling unit. Additional regulations apply to attached second-story accessory units.

Proposed:

Exterior materials and cladding do not need to be consistent with the primary structure for detached ADUs for historic houses.



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Single-Family – Parking Requirements for Older Structures

Existing:

All additions require residences to conform to 2-car parking requirement

Proposed:

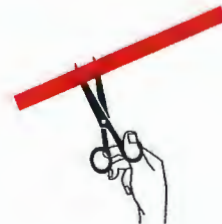
Remove two-car garage requirement for additions of 500 sq. ft. or more to single-family homes with an existing one-car garage



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Simplified Procedures

- Single Appeal to City Council for all projects
- Architectural Committee process change (to be heard by Planning Commission August 14)
- Creation of the Minor Use Permit process





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Simplified Procedures for Placemaking

- Streamline live entertainment permits
- Streamline Special Permits for events
- Increase amount of outdoor seating allowed by right



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Summary of Outreach (to date)

- Stakeholder meetings
- Public meetings
- Old Quad neighborhood outreach
- Online Survey (500+ responses)



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Single Family Regulations – Front Porch Requirements

Stockton: *Covered and unenclosed* porches located at the same level as the entrance floor of the structure, covered and unenclosed patios, outside stairways and balconies, landings, and fire escapes that are not enclosed, can encroach to the front, rear and side yard setbacks up to four (4) feet

Palo Alto: *Uncovered* porches (less than 30 inches above grade), patios, decks, and landings are permitted to project three (3) feet into the side yard and six (6) feet into the front and rear yard.