

**ARTICLE IX  
MOBILE HOME PARKS**

**901 Applicability**

All mobile home parks as defined in Article II shall conform with the provisions of this section. These standards shall be required for mobile home parks in which lots will be leased or rented. Mobile home lots which will be sold shall conform to minimum standards established for conventional residential developments as stipulated in this Ordinance.

**902 Procedures and Standards**

A mobile home park or expansion of a mobile home park shall be considered a land development as defined by this Ordinance and the application for the development of a mobile home park shall be processed in accord with all the procedures established by this Ordinance for major subdivisions and land developments.

**903 Minimum Park Size**

A minimum parcel size of four (4) acres shall be required for mobile home parks and all lands proposed for a mobile home park shall be contiguous.

**904 Density; Project Design Process and Procedure**

904.1 Lot Size; Density

A. Lot Size

Each mobile home lot shall have a minimum area of five thousand (5,000) square feet for exclusive use of the occupants of the mobile home placed upon the lot. Minimum lot widths shall be fifty (50) feet. Lot area shall be measured exclusive of any rights-of-way. For purposes of this Ordinance, public rights-of-way mean all easements or other rights-of-way that are open for free and easy use by other lot occupants and/or the general public.

B. Density

The number of mobile home lots shall not exceed an overall density of six (6) per acre of useable land area as determined in accord with §904.2.

904.2 Project Design Process and Procedure

A. Subdivision and Land Development - Mobile home parks shall be considered major subdivisions and land developments.

B. Design Process and Procedure - All mobile home parks shall be designed and processed in accord with the requirements for Open Land Developments contained in §801.4 of this Ordinance.

C. Site Plan - A proposed site plan showing all necessary information to include at a minimum, location of all buildings and improvements including roads, parking areas, planting strips, signs, overall grading plan with storm drainage facilities, water supply and distribution systems, sewage treatment and collection systems and the specific areas provided as open space pursuant to the requirements of this Ordinance. Building layouts, floor plans and profiles shall also be provided indicating building dimensions, numbers, and sizes, common ownership or use areas, lighting and such other information as shall be required to determine compliance with the design standards contained herein and any other building standards which may be applicable. Setbacks from property lines, improvements, and other buildings shall also be specifically shown.

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D. Open Space - Open space area shall be preserved to the maximum extent possible in accord with a schedule or plan, and proposed agreement(s) either with the local municipality, County or a property owners' association, for the purpose of preserving the open space in the same manner as required for land conservation residential development in §801.5 and §801.10, and §507 of this Ordinance.

**904.3 Lot Demarcation**

All mobile home park lots shall be specifically shown on the plans submitted, and the corners of each site shall be marked on the site with markers meeting the requirements of §604.2 of this Ordinance.

**905 Design Standards**

In addition to the other applicable standards contained in this Ordinance the design standards in this §905 shall apply to all mobile home parks.

**905.1 Location**

A. Flood plain

A mobile home park shall not be located within a one hundred (100) year Flood plain area as defined by the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

B. Nuisances

The site of any proposed mobile home park shall be free from adverse influence by swamps, marshes, garbage or rubbish disposal areas or other potential breeding places for insects or rodents, and shall not be subject to any hazard or nuisance, such as excessive noise, vibration, smoke, toxic matter, radiation, heat, odor or glare.

C. Slopes

The average natural slope of the area of the site intended for development of mobile home lots shall not exceed twelve (12) percent.

**905.2 Mobile Home Placement**

Each mobile home lot shall be improved to provide a permanent foundation for the placement and tie-down of the mobile home, thereby securing the structure against uplift, sliding, rotation and overturning. The foundation shall extend below frost line and shall be either a solid perimeter of masonry or piers; or in lieu thereof, a slab properly constructed of poured concrete.

A. Stability

The mobile home site shall not heave, shift or settle unevenly under the weight of the mobile home, due to frost action, inadequate drainage, vibration or other forces acting on the superstructure.

B. Anchors

The mobile home site shall be provided with anchors and tie-downs, such as cast-in-place concrete "deadmen", eyelets imbedded in concrete foundations or runways, screw augers, arrowhead anchors, or other devices securing the stability of the mobile home. Anchors and tie-downs shall be placed at each corner of the mobile home site with two (2) additional evenly spaced on each side of the mobile home, and each shall be made of corrosion resistant materials and shall be able to sustain a minimum tensile strength of four thousand eight hundred (4,800) pounds.

C. Skirting

All mobile homes shall be enclosed from the bottom of the mobile home to the ground or paving using industry approved fire resistant skirting material with sufficient ventilation to inhibit decay and deterioration of the mobile home.

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**905.3 Soil and Ground Cover**

All areas of a mobile home park disturbed during the development process and not covered by improvements shall be stabilized and protected with such vegetative growth as necessary to prevent soil erosion and the emanation of dust during dry weather. Such vegetation shall be maintained by the park owner in such condition as to provide continued soil protection. The requirements of §606 of this Ordinance shall apply to all mobile home parks.

**905.4 Storm Water/Drainage**

Mobile home parks shall be designed to insure that all surface water is drained in a safe and efficient manner away from mobile home sites. The requirements of §605 of this Ordinance shall apply to all mobile home parks. Wastewater from any plumbing fixture or sanitary sewer line shall not be deposited upon the ground surface or into any storm water control facility in any part of a mobile home park.

**905.5 Setbacks, Buffer Strips and Screening**

**A. Mobile Home Setbacks**

All mobile homes, and any accessory structures attached thereto, shall meet the following setbacks as measured from the lot lines designated in accord with §904.3:

Front setback - 20 feet // Side setback - 15 feet // Rear setback - 15 feet

**B. Accessory Structures**

Accessory structures, including but not limited to, garages, car ports, porches, decks, tool sheds and patios shall meet the setbacks established by §905.5 for mobile homes. All unattached accessory structures shall be separated from the mobile home by a minimum of ten (10) feet. Garages shall not be permitted.

**C. Buffers**

A buffer area shall be provided around the mobile home park. No mobile home lot shall be located closer than fifty (50) feet to any public road right-of-way or closer than seventy-five (75) feet to any other exterior property line.

**D. Screening**

The Planning Commission may require screening such as fences or plant materials along the property boundary line separating the park and any adjacent use. Plantings shall provide an effective screen to a height of five (5) feet at the time of planting and an effective screen to a height of eight (8) feet within five (5) years. These buffer strips shall be properly maintained by the owner at all times.

**E. Parking Area Setback**

There shall be a minimum distance of thirty (30) feet between the adjoining pavement of a park street or common parking area and other common areas and structures.

**905.6 Streets, Parking and Access**

**A. Streets**

Mobile home park streets shall be provided, designed and constructed in accord with §603 for minor streets.

**B. Parking**

Parking shall not be permitted on roads or drives within the mobile home park, but shall be restricted to designated parking areas either at each mobile home site or at a common location. Off-street parking for two (2) motor vehicles shall be provided at each mobile home lot and off-street, common parking

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areas for additional vehicles of park occupants and guests shall be provided at a rate not less than one (1) space per five (5) mobile home lots. These spaces shall be improved to a grade not greater than eight percent (8%) and shall be stabilized with a minimum six (6) inches depth of select material approved by the Planning Commission.

**C. Access**

There shall generally be at least two (2) points of ingress and/or egress in each mobile home park from any one (1) public right-of-way (emergency accesses excepted) and all driveways to individual units along a public right-of-way shall front on an interior access drive. The requirement for two (2) points may be waived by the Planning Commission for reason of topography, parcel configuration or other factor deemed valid by the Planning Commission. Accesses shall be separated by at least one hundred-fifty (150) feet where they intersect with a public street. Access intersections with a public road shall be designed to safely permit the entry and exit of mobile homes.

**D. Lot Frontage**

Mobile home sites and parking spaces shall have direct access to and frontage on the interior park street system. Mobile home sites and parking spaces shall not front or have access directly to public roads or streets or to private roads or streets passing through the mobile home park and providing access to other parcels or developments.

**E. Illumination**

All mobile home parks shall be furnished with lighting standards so spaced and equipped with luminaries placed at such mounting heights as will provide adequate levels of illumination for the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles at night. Lighting shall comply with §707.3 of this Ordinance.

**905.7 Walks**

**A. General Requirements**

All parks shall be provided with safe, convenient, all-season pedestrian access of adequate width for intended use, durable and convenient to maintain, between individual mobile homes, the park streets and all community facilities provided for park residents. Sudden changes in alignment and gradient shall be avoided. Walkways shall be provided with a durable, dust and mud-free surface.

**B. Common Walk System**

Where pedestrian traffic is concentrated, and a common walk system is provided, such common walks shall have a minimum width of four (4) feet.

**C. Individual Walks**

All mobile home lots shall be connected to common walks, or to streets, or to driveways or parking spaces connecting to a paved street. Such individual walks shall have a minimum width of two (2) feet.

**905.8 Utilities**

**A. Water Supply**

Mobile home parks shall be served by a community water supply system in accord with §607 of this Ordinance; and connections shall be made to each mobile home lot. No well shall be located on an individual mobile home lot.

1. Individual water-riser pipes shall be located within the confined area of each mobile home lot at a vertical position to decrease the susceptibility to freezing.
  2. The water-riser pipe shall have a minimum inside diameter of one-half (0.5) inch and terminate not less than four (4) inches above the ground surface, and shall be provided with a cap when a mobile home does not occupy the site.
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3. Adequate provision shall be made to prevent freezing of service lines, valves and riser pipes and to protect risers from heaving and thawing actions of ground during freezing weather. Surface drainage shall be diverted away from the riser pipe.
4. A shut-off valve below the frost line shall be provided near the water-riser pipe on each mobile home lot. Underground stop-and-waste valves are prohibited unless their type of manufacture and installation are approved by the Planning Commission.

**B. Sewage Disposal**

Mobile home parks shall be served by a community sewage disposal system in accord with §607 of this Ordinance; and connections shall be made to each mobile home lot and any other wastewater producing facilities in the mobile home park. No sewage disposal system shall be located on an individual mobile home lot.

1. Individual sewer-riser pipes, not less than three (3) inches in diameter shall be located within the confined area of the mobile home lot so that the sewer connection shall be at a vertical position.
2. The sewer connection shall have an nominal inside diameter of not less than three (3) inches and the slope of any portion thereof shall be at least one-fourth (0.25) inch per foot. All joints shall be watertight.
3. All materials used for sewer connections shall be semi-rigid, corrosive resistant, non-absorbent and durable. The inner surface shall be smooth.
4. Provision shall be made for plugging the sewer riser pipe when a mobile home does not occupy the lot. Surface drainage shall be diverted away from the riser. The rim of the riser pipe shall extend not less than one-half (0.5) inch above ground elevation.

**C. Electric, Telephone and Cable T.V.**

All mobile home lots in proposed mobile home parks shall be provided with underground electric, telephone and T.V. cable (if available) service. These service systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with local service company specifications regulating such systems.

**D. Central Fuel System**

Any central fuel supply systems and/or central fuel storage facilities shall be installed in accord with generally accepted design and construction practice and in accord with all applicable utility, state and federal regulations.

**E. Individual Fuel Supply Systems**

All gas, fuel oil or other fuel supplies serving individual mobile homes shall be installed and maintained in accord with all applicable requirements of the fuel provider and any local, state or federal regulations.

**905.9 Refuse Disposal**

The storage, collection and disposal of trash and refuse shall be so managed as to create no health hazards or air pollution. All trash and refuse shall be screened from public view on three sides. Containers shall be provided in sufficient number and capacity to properly store all refuse as required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Trash and refuse shall be collected and disposed of at a facility approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as frequently as may be necessary to insure that the containers shall not overflow. Refuse disposal shall be in accordance with the County's Solid Waste Plan.

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**905.10 Recreation Area**

In all parks designed to accommodate ten (10) or more mobile homes, there shall be one or more recreation areas that are easily accessible to all park residents. The size of such recreation areas shall be based on a minimum of five-thousand (5,000) square feet per area, with the total recreation area to be not less than ten (10) percent of the total area of the mobile home park. Recreation areas shall be located so as to be free of traffic hazards, and shall where the topography permits, be centrally located.

**905.11 Landscaping and Outdoor Living Requirements**

**A. Landscaping**

Screen planting shall be provided adequate to effectively screen objectionable views within a reasonable time; views to be screened including laundry drying yards, garbage and trash collection stations, non-residential uses, and rear yards of adjacent properties. Other plantings shall be adequate in size, quantity, and character to provide an attractive setting for the mobile homes and other improvements, to provide adequate privacy and pleasant outlooks for living units, to minimize reflected glare and to afford summer shade. An overall landscaping plan shall be submitted by the developer for approval by the Planning Commission. All landscaping and associated vegetation shall be maintained in a good and healthy condition.

**B. Private Area**

Private outdoor living and service space shall be provided for each mobile home and shall be partially paved or otherwise surfaced to provide a durable, mud and dust-free surface. The minimum area shall be not less than three hundred (300) square feet with the smallest dimension of fifteen (15) feet. The paved area shall be not less than one hundred (100) square feet with the smallest dimension of ten (10) feet.

**906 Non-Residential Uses**

No part of any park shall be used for non-residential purposes, except such uses that are required for the direct servicing and well-being of park residents and for the management and maintenance of the park. Neighborhood commercial uses, not visible from any public road right-of-way such as grocery stores designed to serve the needs of the park residents may be permitted. These shall not include automobile service stations or other highway-oriented uses.

**907 Removal of Mobile Homes**

No mobile home in a mobile home park shall be removed from the lot without the owner thereof first obtaining a permit as may be required by any local or state requirements.

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