

DENVER ZONING CODE

**Effective Date
June 25, 2010**

Restated in its Entirety on July 6, 2015

As Amended Through July 10, 2015

2. All Other Applicable Standards -- Modification Allowed

All of the provisions of the underlying Zone District shall be in full force and effect, unless such provisions are specifically varied by the provisions of the applicable design overlay Zone District, in which case the standard in the design overlay Zone District shall apply.

9.4.5.3 Design Overlay Districts Established

The following Design Overlay Districts are established:

DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT NAME	ZONING MAP DESIGNATOR
Uptown	DO-1
Washington Street	DO-2
Lafayette Street	DO-3
Side Interior Setback	DO-4
South Sloan's Lake	DO-5

9.4.5.4 Effect of Approval

A. Official Map Designator

Each Design Overlay District shall be shown on the official map by an "DO-" designator and an appropriate number placed after the underlying Zone District designation.

B. Limitation on Permit Issuance

No zoning permit for development or a use within an Design Overlay District shall be issued by the City unless the development or use meets the standards set forth in this Section, as applicable, and the applicable approved Rules and Regulations.

9.4.5.5 Uptown Design Overlay District (DO-1)

A. Creation

1. There is hereby created an design overlay district designated as the Uptown Design Overlay District.
2. As applied on the Official Zoning Map to properties retaining underlying Zone District designations pursuant to Former Chapter 59, DO-1 Uptown Design Overlay District's standards shall not be applicable until such properties are rezoned (through an Official Map Amendment) to an underlying Zone District pursuant to this Code.

B. Lower Floor Building Design

All new structures and all structures renovated where (1) the renovation is valued at more than 50 percent of the replacement cost of the existing building excluding land costs, and (2) the renovation includes alterations to the exterior of the building other than restoration of original design features with original materials, shall be subject to the design standards set forth below; provided, however, that if property is a designated historic structure, or is a contributing structure in a designated historic district, such property shall not be subject to the design standards and design review procedures set forth below.

1. Lower Floor Design Standards

All new structures and all renovated structures, where the renovation meets the requirements set forth in this Section 9.4.5.5.B, shall be subject to rules and regulations establishing design standards applicable to the lower eighty (80) feet of the building, unless the applicant elects to participate in the design review process set forth in Section 9.4.5.5.B.2 below. Rules and regulations establishing design standards shall be prepared by Community Planning and Development and adopted by the Planning Board. The design standards are intended to promote consistent, continuous and active street front-

C. Height and Upper Story Setback Building Form Standard

1. The maximum building height shall be 60 feet
2. There shall be an upper story building setback that shall prevent any portion of a building on the eastern 55 feet of lots 20 through 36, Block 27, Park Avenue Addition to Denver; to be in excess of 36 feet high
 - a. Terraces at the level of the upper story setback may extend no closer than 35 feet to the eastern lot lines
 - b. Unwalled balconies in the upper story building setback may extend no closer than 45 feet to the eastern lot lines
 - c. Flush mounted solar panels may encroach any distance into the upper story setback space.
3. There shall be an upper story building setback that shall prevent any portion of a building on lots 2 and 3, Block 27, Park Avenue Addition to Denver; to be in excess of 36 feet high
 - a. Terraces at the level of the upper story setback may extend no closer than 30 feet to the southern lot lines
 - b. Unwalled balconies in the upper story building setback may extend no closer than 40 feet to the southern lot lines.
 - c. Flush mounted solar panels may encroach any distance into the upper story setback space.
4. There shall be an upper story building setback that shall prevent any portion of a building on the southern 25 feet of the eastern 55 feet of lot 37, Block 27, Park Avenue Addition to Denver; to be in excess of 36 feet high.
 - a. Terraces at the level of the upper story setback may extend no closer than 35 feet to the eastern lot lines
 - b. Unwalled balconies in the upper story building setback may extend no closer than 45 feet to the eastern lot lines.
 - c. Flush mounted solar panels may encroach any distance into the upper story setback space.

9.4.5.8 Side Interior Setback Design Overlay (DO-4)

A. Creation

There is hereby created a Design Overlay District designated as the Side Interior Setback Design Overlay (DO-4).

B. Intent

To require side interior setbacks that are consistent with the established character of neighborhoods containing structures with narrow side interior setbacks.

C. Applicability

This Overlay applies only to those areas designated as DO-4 on the Official Zone Map.

D. Primary Building Form Standards Applicable to Urban House, Duplex and Tandem House Building Forms

1. Side Interior Setbacks

- a. For zone lots greater than 30 feet and up to 40 feet in width, the minimum side interior setback shall be 3 feet.

E. Accessory Building Form Standards Applicable to Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit

Building Form Only

1. Side Interior Setbacks

- a. The minimum side interior setback shall be 0 feet.
- b. Side interior setbacks less than 5 feet may be subject to more restrictive building and fire code review.

9.4.5.9 South Sloan's Lake Design Overlay (DO-5)

A. Creation

There is hereby created a Design Overlay District designated as the South Sloan's Lake Design Overlay District (DO-5). This applies only to those areas that are mapped DO-5.

B. Intent

To apply additional building height limitations that create a transition down in height from new higher-intensity development to surrounding lower-intensity residential neighborhoods and uses, and Sloan's Lake Park.

C. Primary Buildings - Maximum Height

1. Stuart Street - West 17th Avenue to West 16th Avenue

a. Applicability

This Section 9.4.5.9.C.1's standards shall apply on the east side of Stuart Street, only for that portion of Stuart Street between West 17th Avenue and West 16th Avenue.

b. Maximum Primary Building Height

The maximum height of primary structures located within 80 feet of the Stuart Street zone lot line shall be 3 stories and 45 feet. See Figure 9.4-6.

c. Height Exceptions

The height exceptions listed in Section 7.3.7.1 of this Code, as applicable to a "C-MX-3 Zone District" and "All C-Zone Districts", shall apply. In addition, Exterior Balconies are allowed as a height exception, subject to the following limitations:

- i. If Exterior Balconies (or any portion thereof) are provided that are located above the maximum allowed height of 3 stories and 45 feet, they shall be located a minimum of 72 feet from the zone lot line abutting Stuart Street. Such projection shall be measured perpendicular to the zone lot line abutting Stuart Street. See Figure 9.4-11.
- ii. No portion of the Exterior Balcony allowed under this height exception shall exceed the maximum height in feet otherwise allowed in an applicable underlying zone district.