

XI. Definitions

In addition to Definitions in Chapter 9 of the City of Fort Worth Zoning Ordinance, the following terms shall have the corresponding interpretations.

Accessory Building: a building that is physically separated from the Principal Building and is subordinate to the Principal Building in terms of size, location, and use.

Accessory Dwelling Unit: a self-contained residential unit in on the same property as a detached or attached single-family building, or multi-unit home which is either attached to the principal building or in a separate structure.

Arcade: is a portion of the main façade of the building that is at or near the Street-Setback Line and a colonnade supports the upper floors of the building. Arcades are intended for buildings with ground floor commercial or retail uses and the arcade may be one or two stories.

Attics/Mezzanines: the interior part of a building contained within a pitched roof structure or a partial story between two main stories of a building.

Auto-Related Sales and Service Uses: are establishments that provide retail sales and services related to automobiles including, but not limited to, cars, tires, batteries, gasoline, etc.

Build-to Zone: the area between the minimum and maximum setbacks within which the principal building’s front and side, in the case of a corner building, façade is to be built.

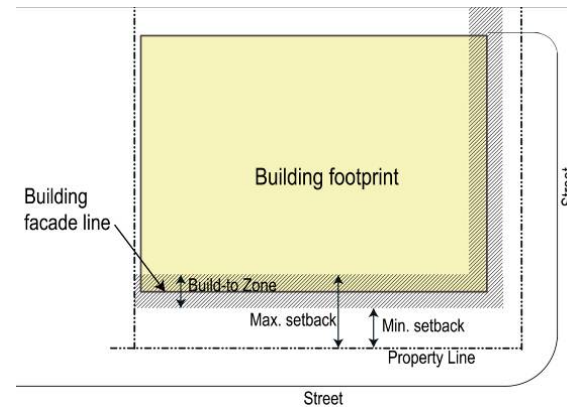
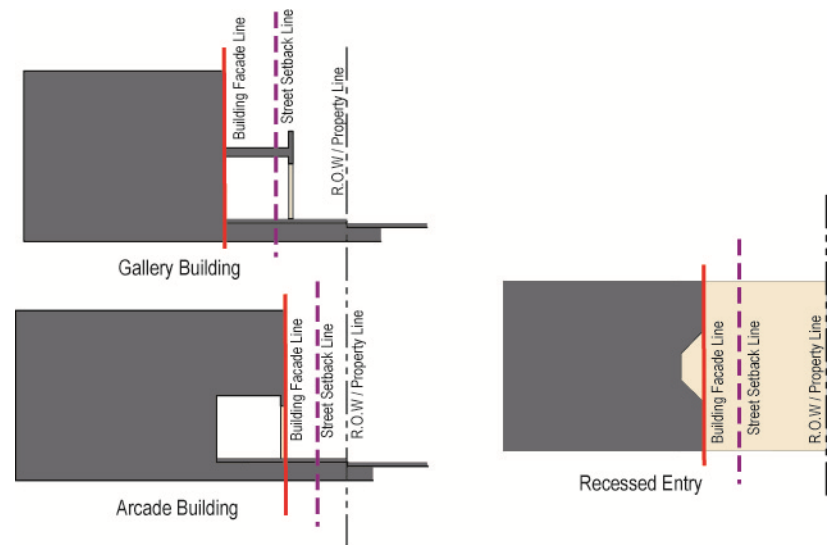


Illustration indicating the location of the build-to zone relative to the minimum and maximum setbacks and the building façade line

Building Façade Line means the vertical plane along a lot where the portion of the building’s front façade closest to the street is actually located



Building Façade Line Illustrations

Building Form Standards: the standards established for each Character Zone that specifies the height, bulk, orientation, and elements for all new construction and redevelopment.

Building Frontage: the percentage of the building’s front façade that is required to be located at the front Build-to Line or Zone as a proportion of the block frontage along that public street. Parks, plazas, squares, improved forecourts, and pedestrian breezeway frontages shall be considered as buildings for the calculation of building frontage.

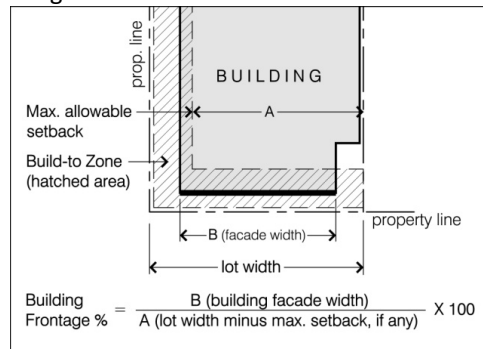


Image showing how a lot’s building frontage is calculated.

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA): is the official document issued by the Development Services Director, and for certain cases, is issued after recommendation by the UDC, authorizing proposed work to buildings within the District.

Character Zone means an area within Trinity Lakes that creates a distinct urban form different from other areas within the development. Character Zones are identified in the Regulating Plan.

Civic/Open Space: a publicly accessible open space in the form of parks, courtyards, forecourts, plazas, greens, pocket parks, playgrounds, etc. They may be privately or publicly owned. For all residential uses, privately accessible open spaces such as

courtyards, porches, and balconies may also be considered as Civic/Open Space for the purposes of this ordinance.

Green – a civic/open space intended for unstructured recreation, spatially defined by landscaping rather than building frontages.

Park – a civic/open space that is a natural preserve available for unstructured recreation.

Plaza – a primarily hardscaped, civic/open space with formal landscaping, available for civic purposes and commercial activities. A plaza shall be spatially defined by buildings.

Playground – a civic/open space designed and equipped for children’s recreation. A playground may be fenced and may include an open shelter. Playgrounds may be located within residential areas and may be placed within a block. They may be included in other civic/open spaces.

Paseo: is a civic space dedicated for pedestrian movement located between blocks, buildings or along alleys. Paseos may terminate public streets within the TLDC.



Image of a typical paseo

Commercial or Mixed Use Building means a building in which the ground floor of the building is built to commercial ready standards and any of the floors are occupied by non-residential or residential uses.

Commercial Ready means space constructed at a minimum ground floor height as established in each character zone which may be used for noncommercial uses and can be converted into retail/commercial use. Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a retail/commercial use in a Commercial-Ready space, the space must comply with all building and construction codes for that use. The intent of Commercial-Ready space is to provide the flexibility of occupying a space in accordance with market demand and allowing the use in such space to change to retail/commercial uses accordingly.

Community Garden is a small to medium size garden cultivated by members of an area for small scale agricultural uses for the benefit of the same people. It may consist of individually tended plots on a shared parcel or may be communal (everyone shares a single plot).



Images of community gardens

Comprehensive Plan: City of Fort Worth Comprehensive Plan that establishes the blueprint for the long-term growth and development of the City.

Courtyard is a landscaped open space in the center of the block with no street frontage, surrounded by walls or buildings on all sides. It shall be large enough to allow for public activities and have sunlight during midday. It should be designed to connect to adjacent buildings or to the public sidewalk through a pedestrian passage.



Images of Courtyards

Encroachment: any structural or non-structural element such as a sign, awning, canopy, terrace, or balcony, that breaks the plane of a vertical or horizontal regulatory limit, extending into a Setback, into the Public R-O-W, or above a height limit.

Forecourt is similar to a Courtyard, however, it is located in the front of a building such that the forecourt is surrounded on two or three sides by wings of the building.



Image of a forecourt

Gallery: is an extension of the main façade of the building that is at or near the front property line and the gallery may overlap the public sidewalk.

Institutional Uses: are uses that are related to non-profit organizations dedicated to religious or social functions.

J-Swing is a home with a driveway that loads from the primary street and swings into the side of the home to enter the garage. Two of these homes side-by-side, should have a shared driveway or a curb-cut to driveways and have garages facing each other.



Images of a home with a J-Swing Garage from the front and side of home.

Live-Work Unit means a mixed use building type with a dwelling unit that is also used for work purposes, provided that the ‘work’ component is restricted to the uses of professional office, artist’s workshop, studio, or other similar uses and is located on the street level and constructed as separate units under a condominium regime or as a single unit. The ‘work’ component is usually located on the ground floor which is built to Commercial Ready standards. The ‘live’ component may be located on the street level (behind the work component) or any other level of the

building. Live-work unit is distinguished from a home occupation otherwise defined by this ordinance in that the work use is not required to be incidental to the dwelling unit, non-resident employees may be present on the premises and customers may be served on site.

Living Fence: shall be a Street Screen composed of landscaping in the form of vegetation.

Manor Home shall be a large home that is designed to appear as a large home from the exterior, but functions as a multi-unit building on the interior.

Patio is an outdoor space for dining or recreation that adjoins a residence and is often paved. It may also be a roofless inner courtyard within a residence, typically found in Spanish and Spanish-style dwellings.



Image of a patio

Playgrounds are open spaces designed and equipped for the recreation of children. These playgrounds should serve as quiet, safe places -- protected from the street and typically located where children do not have to cross major to access. Playgrounds may be fenced. An open shelter, play structures or interactive art and fountains may be included with landscaping between. Shaded areas and seating shall be provided. Playground equipment and design must be reviewed and approved by the City prior to installation. A larger playground may be incorporated into the park, whereas a more intimate playground may be incorporated into the green.



Images of playgrounds

Private Open Space Amenity shall be any other private open space that could include a pool (swimming, lap pool, spa area), play courts (basket ball), or picnic areas with shade structures.

Regulating Plan: is a Zoning Map that shows the character zones and street type designations applicable to Trinity Lakes subject to the standards in this Ordinance.

Residential Building means a building type that is built to accommodate only residential uses on all floors of the building such as townhomes, apartment buildings, duplexes, etc.

Retail Sales: Retail establishments are the final step in the distribution of merchandise. They are organized to sell in small quantities to many customers. Establishments in stores operate as fixed point-of-sale locations, which are designed to attract walk-in customers. Retail establishments often have displays of merchandise and sell to the general public for personal or household consumption, though they may also serve businesses and institutions. Some establishments may further provide after-sales services, such as repair and installation. Included in, but not limited to this category, are durable consumer goods sales and service, consumer goods, other grocery, food, specialty food, beverage, dairy, etc, and health and personal services.

Roof terraces are flat areas on top of a building which are accessible for use as a recreation space for the residents and users of the building.



Image of a roof terrace

Service Uses: This is a category for limited personal service establishments which offer a range of personal services that include (but not limited to) clothing alterations, shoe repair, dry cleaners, laundry, health and beauty spas, tanning and nail salons, hair care, etc.

Sign, Building Blade: is a pedestrian-oriented sign that is affixed perpendicular to the corner of a building or along the front façade of a building above the ground floor to provide identification for the whole building.



Image of a Building Blade Sign

Sign, Tenant Blade: is a smaller pedestrian-oriented sign that is affixed perpendicular to the building façade under a canopy or awning or immediately over a tenant space and provides identification for individual tenants within a building.



Image of a Tenant Blade Signs

Sign, Freestanding: shall include both permanent and temporary signs placed within a building’s front yard. Freestanding signs may be Pole or Monument Signs.

Sign, Marquee: is a sign structure placed over the entrance to a theatre or other public gathering venue. It has signage stating either the name of the establishment or, in the case of theatres or other public venues, the name of the event, artist, and other details of the event appearing at that venue. The marquee is often identifiable by a surrounding cache of light bulbs, usually yellow or white, that flash intermittently or as chasing lights. Marquee signs may often be combined with Building Blade signs.



Image of a Marquee sign with a Building Blade Sign

Sign, Monument: is any freestanding sign which is connected to the ground and which has no clear space for the full width of the sign between the bottom of the sign and the surface of the ground. A monument sign may include a sign face and sign structure, and may also include a sign base and sign cap.



Image of a Monument Sign

Sign, Sandwich Board: is a portable sign consisting of two panels of equal size, which are hinged at the top or one panel with a support and placed on the ground or pavement so as to be self-supporting.



Images of sandwich board signs.

Street Screen: a freestanding wall or living fence built along the frontage line or in line with the building façade along the street. It may mask a parking lot or a loading/service area from view or provide privacy to a side yard and/or strengthen the spatial

definition of the public realm. Street screens shall not exceed 4 feet in height.



Image of a combination masonry and living street screen

Street Setback Line: means the imaginary line located at the outside edge of the sidewalk and measured from the center line of the street from which all build-to lines and build-to zones are measured from.