

## Items in Front Yards Discussion

Existing Hilshire Village Ordinance Language:

02:Y-01 **Yard**: "Yard" shall mean an open, unoccupied space, other than a **court\***, unobstructed from the ground to the sky by any building or structure, except where specifically provided by this code, on the lot on which a building is situated.

*Chapter 12 Planning & Zoning, Exhibit "A"*

*\*I believe the term "court" in this context refers to a courtyard*

02:Y-02 **Yard, front**: "Front yard" shall mean a yard extending across the lot front between the right of way line of the street of address and the support foundation of the building (front line of building) including extension therefrom to the side property lines, not including porches, steps, or other minor extensions of the dwelling.

*Chapter 12 Planning & Zoning, Exhibit "A"*

**Accessory structure** shall mean structures which are on the same parcel of property as the principal structure and the use of which is incidental to the use of the principal structure (such as garages and storage sheds).

*Chapter 3 Building and Construction, Sec 3.301 - Definitions*

(3) **Structure** means anything constructed or erected with a fixed, permanent location on the ground or attached to something having a fixed, permanent location on the ground.

*Chapter 10 Traffic Control, Sec 10.605 Parking on Unsurfaced Areas*

Existing language regarding lighting (commercial area)

*Chapter 12 – Planning & Zoning, Exhibit "A", 13.4.9 Lighting Plan (Business Operating Requirements)*

- Lighting shall not be more than twenty (20) feet high, except decorative holiday lights that are used not more than forty-five (45) days out of any three-hundred-sixty-five-day period, and all lighting shall be directed away from any residentially zoned area.
- Lighting shall be shielded and shall not spill over across property lines to residential properties.

Language for Discussion and Consideration:

**Yard, rear**: "Rear yard" shall mean the area between a front building line and a rear lot line, including extension therefrom to the side property lines.

**Courtyard, Court**: an unroofed area that is completely or mostly enclosed by the walls of a building

### **Playground Equipment**

- basketball goals
  - mobile goals vs permanently cemented goals
  - allowed to be placed at the edge of a residential driveway for use within the boundaries of the lot
  - if facing the street, allowed to be in the right-of-way?
    - ROW could be anywhere from 5 to 29 feet from the edge of the pavement depending on the street
  - special considerations for a cul-de-sac?

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- batting cages
  - Consider a maximum height of fourteen (14) feet for any playground equipment located within the side or rear setbacks of a rear yard
  - Also consider: No lighting shall be affixed to the play equipment or mounted as part of the facility that is more than twenty (20) feet high. Lighting shall be shielded and shall not spill over across property lines to residential properties.
- obstacle slacklines
  - Consider attachment to trees and freestanding framing
- playscapes, playhouses, and treehouses
  - Classified as an accessory building/structure?
  - If allowed in the rear yard, height, and lighting restrictions?
- soccer goals
- swing sets
  - Can we delineate between a swing set and “leisure type” furniture or single-person swings such as:
    - hanging and A-frame bench swings
    - swings hanging from trees (handmade and saucer swings)
    - tire swings
- trampolines

### Temporary Play/Playground Equipment

- Consider “permanent” after 7 consecutive days
- inflatable bounce houses and other rental play equipment
  - Temporary playground equipment that is erected and removed within seven (7) days shall be allowed to be placed in a front yard so as not to encroach on the City’s right-of-way or any easement.
- Lawn game sets

### Miscellaneous items to consider:

- Animal Kennels
- Mechanical equipment such as:
  - central air-conditioning units
  - heat pumps
  - solar collecting equipment
  - pool equipment
  - satellite dishes
  - backup generators

Suggestion: Mechanical equipment in existence at the time of the ordinance adoption shall be permitted to remain until the equipment is non-functional or is replaced.