Lander's Zoning Code was originally adopted in 1978. Like many communities around Wyoming, outdated zoning codes have not kept up with the rapid increase in housing needs, resulting in unaffordable housing situations for many residents. To address these common struggles, the Wyoming Business Council funded a 2019-20 Community Builders Housing Study and Code Review. This study suggested changes such as allowing accessory dwelling units and reducing minimum lot sizes.

In 2022, the City of Lander acted on these findings by making the following updates to the city code:

- Updating definitions to match the National Building Codes
- Reducing minimum lot sizes in all zones
- Adding safety spacing requirements for manufactured home parks to match the National Building Codes
- Adjusting restrictions on accessory storage structures

In 2023, Governor Gordon's Task Force on Housing Opportunity collaborated with the Harvard Growth Lab to further address statewide housing issues. The Harvard study proposed measures such as reducing lot sizes, relaxing building height restrictions, reconsidering parking regulations, easing density regulations, and increasing public infrastructure investment to tackle housing challenges.

Despite Lander's desirability and previous actions to update the code, the pace of housing development has lagged, posing a threat of pricing out locals. The proposed changes herein aim to take a holistic approach to residential zoning code changes and incorporate more of the researched findings from around the state.





The following is an overview of proposed changes to the zoning code. For the full version of the current code, please visit the City's website. https://lander.municipalcodeonline.com/

PROPOSED CHANGE	R1	R2	R3	R5	RMED	AG	COMMERCIAL
Reduce lot widths to allow for smaller lots.		Х	Χ	Х	Х		Х
Reduce building setback requirements to allow a larger buildable area on lots.	Х	X	X	Х	Х		X
Reduce off-street parking to one spot per unit.		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	
Remove maximum lot coverage to allow for more buildable area on lots.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х		
Adjust the number of multifamily dwellings allowed on a lot.		Х	Х				
Increase the number of residential structures allowed per lot.		Х	Х	Х	Х		
Increase the maximum height of structures.	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Allow short-term rentals by permit. (This is an addition to the 2020 changes that allow short term rentals in all residential zones.)					Х	X	Х
Restrict accessory buildings (temporary and permanent storage structure) to 2 per lot.	Х	Х					
Allow RV campgrounds by permit (RV campgrounds continue to be permitted in R-3).						Х	

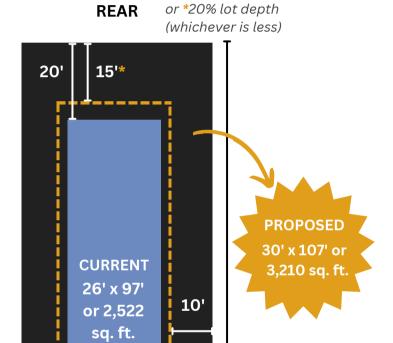


PLANNING COMMISSION **2024 PROPOSED TITLE 4 CHANGES** R-1 SINGLE FAMILY

ALLOWABLE BUILDABLE SPACE







12'

NUMBER ALLOWED PER LOT

Units			
Current	Proposed		
1	1		
Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
1	1		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
Allowed	2		



150' **SIDE**

HEIGHT ALLOWANCES

Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
30 feet	30 feet 35 feet		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			

FRONT

50'

28'

33'



PLANNING COMMISSION **2024 PROPOSED TITLE 4 CHANGES R-2 LOW DENSITY**

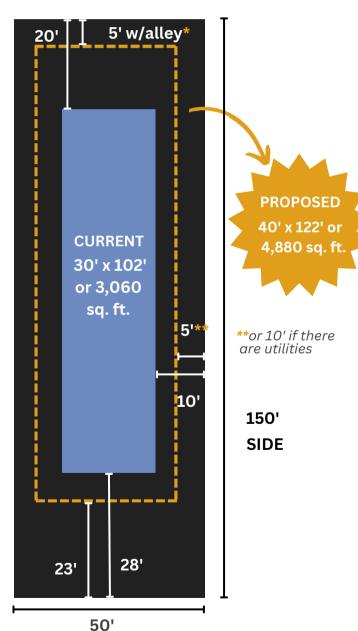
ALLOWABLE BUILDABLE SPACE

Current

Proposed

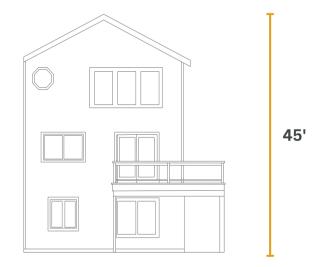
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REAR



NUMBER ALLOWED PER LOT

Units			
Current	Proposed		
No limit	4		
Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
1	2		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
Allowed	2		



HEIGHT ALLOWANCES

Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
30 feet	45 feet		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
20 feet	30 feet		

FRONT



PLANNING COMMISSION **2024 PROPOSED TITLE 4 CHANGES** R-3 MEDIUM DENSITY

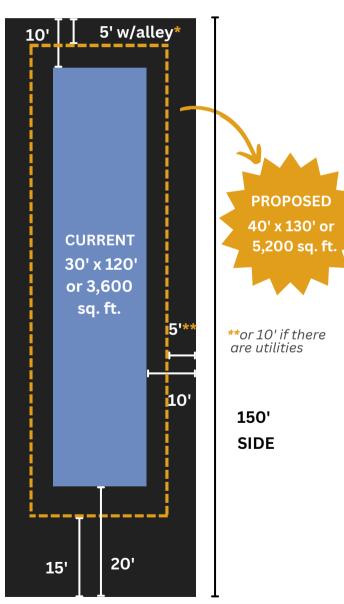
ALLOWABLE BUILDABLE SPACE



Proposed

or *15' w/out alley or 10' if there are utilities

REAR



NUMBER ALLOWED PER LOT

Units			
Current	Proposed		
4	6		
Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
2	3		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
Allowed	Allowed		



HEIGHT ALLOWANCES

Residential Structures			
Proposed			
45 feet			
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Proposed			
30 feet			

FRONT

50'



PLANNING COMMISSION **2024 PROPOSED TITLE 4 CHANGES R-5 HIGH DENSITY**

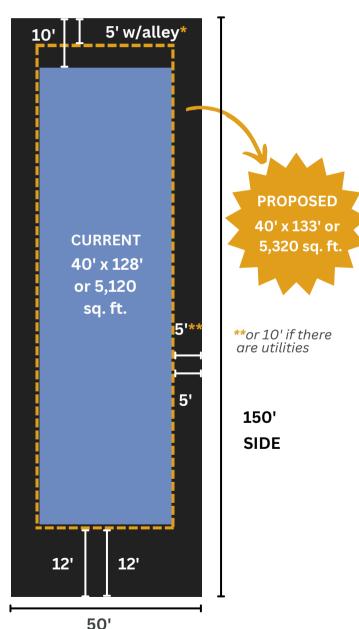
ALLOWABLE BUILDABLE SPACE

Current Proposed

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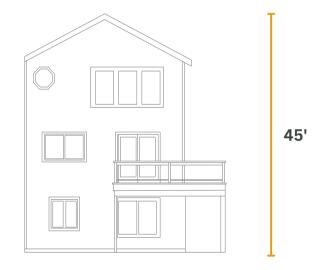
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FRONT



NUMBER ALLOWED PER LOT

Units			
Current	Proposed		
No limit	No limit		
Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
2	No limit		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
Allowed	Allowed		



HEIGHT ALLOWANCES

Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
3 stories	45 feet		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
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Current	Proposed		



ALLOWABLE BUILDABLE SPACE

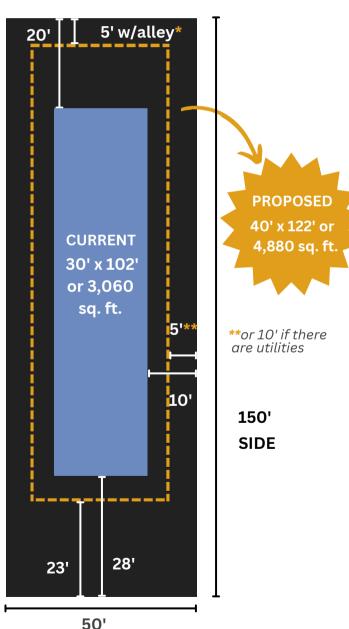
Current



Proposed

or *15' w/out alley or 10' if there are utilities

REAR



NUMBER ALLOWED PER LOT

Units			
Current	Proposed		
No limit	No limit		
Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
1	2		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
Allowed	Allowed		



HEIGHT ALLOWANCES

Residential Structures			
Current	Proposed		
30 feet	40 feet		
Accessory Structures (detached garages, sheds)			
Current	Proposed		
Guireit	Proposed		



