

19.22.030 Residential architecture and attached garages.

E. Porches, Stoops, Decks, and Patios.

1. Definitions.

- a. Covered Patio means a single-story shade structure covering a patio or deck area consisting of a solid or open roof and structural supports, attached to or detached from the primary dwelling. Covered patios must serve exclusively for recreational purposes, never used as a carport, garage, storage room, or habitable living space.
- b. Patio Screen is a structure or material used to protect a recreational area from sun, insects, wind, or visual intrusion. A patio screen differs from a window covering in that it is exposed to outdoor elements like heat or cold.

2. Porches and stoops.

- a. Architecture of the primary pedestrian entrances must include cover from the elements. Eave overhang alone does not constitute cover.
- b. Steps used to access front porches or stoops must be complimentary to the primary structure through the use of coordination materials or architectural elements.
- c. Stairs with open risers are not permitted on front porches or stoops.

3. Decks and patios.

- a. Uncovered wood decks and raised concrete patios not over twenty-four inches above grade at any point may be permitted within eighteen feet of the rear property line and five feet of the side property line.
- b. Roof structures covering decks or patios are permitted within the rear setback provided that the structure:
 - i. Remains open on three sides and may not be enclosed in any way;
 - ii. Does not come within eighteen feet of the rear property line;
 - iii. Does not encroach more than two feet into the side yard setbacks of the underlying zone; and,
 - iv. The addition does not exceed the permitted lot coverage.
 - v. Safety railings may enclose a patio or deck on all three sides. Railings are limited to a maximum height of 42 inches measured from the patio floor to the top of the railing.
- c. Patio screening that is attached to the patio structure may include insect screens, sunshades, and windscreens that:
 - i. Are not structurally framed in or sealed;
 - ii. Are not load bearing;
 - iii. Do not include rigid framed window or doors of any kind;

- iv. Are easily removable.
 - v. Utilize materials that are air permeable to allow for ventilation of the space.
- d. Freestanding deck or patio privacy screening or fencing which is located more than 6 feet from the property line and not attached to the primary structure, may be up to eighty-four inches in height above the lowest grade. Privacy screening of a deck or patio which is located on a property line is subject to maximum fence height of six feet above grade.

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