

**15.1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R1) ZONE**

*Explanatory Note: The R1 Zone applies to low density residential areas. It represents the predominant residential lot size in the City of Hamilton. The intent of the R1 Zone is to permit a range of low density residential housing types to meet the needs of the residents of the city.*

No person shall erect, or use any building in whole or in part, or use any land in whole or in part, within a Low Density Residential (R1) Zone for any purpose other than one or more of the following uses or uses accessory thereto. Such erection or use shall also comply with the prescribed regulations:

**15.1.1 PERMITTED USES**

Child Care Centre  
 Community Garden  
 Duplex Dwelling  
 Educational Establishment  
 Fourplex Dwelling  
 Lodging House  
 Residential Care Facility  
 Retirement Home  
 Semi-Detached Dwelling  
 Single Detached Dwelling  
 Street Townhouse Dwelling  
 Triplex Dwelling  
 Urban Farm

(By-law No. 24-051, April 10, 2024)

(By-law No. 25-155, August 06, 2025)

(By-law No. 25-229, December 10, 2025)

**15.1.1.1 PROHIBITED USES**

Educational Establishment consisting of a College or University

(By-law No. 25-229, December 10, 2025)

**15.1.2 REGULATIONS**

**15.1.2.1 SINGLE DETACHED,  
 DUPLEX DWELLING,  
 TRIPLEX DWELLING, Child  
 Care Centre,  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ESTABLISHMENT,  
 LODGING HOUSE,  
 RESIDENTIAL CARE  
 FACILITY AND  
 RETIREMENT HOME  
 REGULATIONS**

(By-law No. 25-155, August 06, 2025)

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(By-law No. 25-229, December 10, 2025)

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| a) Minimum Lot Area                        | 360.0 square metres;  |
| b) Minimum Lot Width                       | 12.0 metres;  |
| c) Minimum Setback from the Front Lot Line | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 4.0 metres;</li> <br/> <li>ii) Notwithstanding Section 15.1.2.1 c) i), for lots identified on Figure 36 of Schedule “F” – Special Figures of this By-law, a building may be erected closer to the front lot line in accordance with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Where two adjacent lots have a front lot line or flankage lot line on the same street, within 10 percent of the average setback from the front lot line or flankage lot line of the two adjacent dwellings;</li> <br/> <li>2. Where one adjacent lot has a front lot line on the same street, within 10 percent of the setback from the front lot line of the one adjacent dwelling;</li> <br/> <li>3. In no cases shall the setback from the front lot line be less than 0.5 metres.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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| d) Minimum Setback from a Side Lot Line     | i) 1.2 metres;  |
|   | ii) Notwithstanding Section 15.1.2.1 d) i), 6.0 metres for an Educational Establishment.<br><br>(By-law No. 25-229, December 10, 2025)  |
| e) Minimum Setback from a Flankage Lot Line | 3.0 metres;   |
| f) Minimum Setback from the Rear Lot Line   | 7.5 metres;   |
| g) Maximum Building Height                  | 10.5 metres;  |
| h) Minimum Landscaped Area                  | i) 30%  |
|   | ii) Within the landscaped area, the requirements of Section 4.35 of this By-law shall apply.<br><br>(By-law No. 24-051, April 10, 2024) |

**15.1.2.2 SEMI-DETACHED DWELLING REGULATIONS**

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| a) Minimum Lot Area for each Dwelling Unit  | 270.0 square metres;   |
| b) Minimum Lot Width for each Dwelling Unit | 9.0 metres;  |
| c) Minimum Setback from the Front Lot Line  | i) 4.0 metres;   |
|   | ii) Notwithstanding Section 15.1.2.2 c) i), for lots identified on Figure 36 of Schedule "F" – Special Figures of this By-law, a building may be erected closer to the front line in accordance with the |

following:

1. Where two adjacent lots have a front lot line or flankage lot line on the same street, within 10 percent of the average setback from the front lot line or flankage lot line of the two adjacent dwellings;
2. Where one adjacent lot has a front lot line on the same street, within 10 percent of the setback from the front lot line of the one adjacent dwelling;
3. In no cases shall the setback from the front lot line be less than 0.5 metres.

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| d) Minimum Setback from a Side Lot Line     | 1.2 metres, except for the side yard related to the common wall of the semi-detached dwelling unit, in which case a minimum 0 metre side yard shall be permitted. |
| e) Minimum Setback from a Flankage Lot Line | 3.0 metres;   |
| f) Minimum Setback from the Rear Lot Line   | 7.5 metres;   |
| g) Maximum Building Height                  | 10.5 metres;  |
| h) Minimum Landscaped Area                  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) 30%</li> <li>ii) Within the landscaped area,</li> </ol>   |

the requirements of Section 4.35 of this By-law shall apply.

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### **15.1.2.3 STREET TOWNHOUSE DWELLING REGULATIONS**

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|--|---|
| a) Minimum Lot Area for each Dwelling Unit   | 180.0 square metres for each dwelling unit.   |
| b) Minimum Unit Width for each Dwelling Unit | 6.0 metres;   |
| c) Minimum Setback from the Front Lot Line   | 4.0 metres;<br>(By-law No. 24-051, April 10, 2024)  |
| d) Minimum Setback from a Side Lot Line      | 1.2 metres except for the side yard related to the common wall of the street townhouse dwelling unit, in which case a minimum 0 metre side yard shall be permitted. |
| e) Minimum Setback from a Flankage Lot Line  | 3.0 metres;   |
| f) Minimum Setback from the Rear Lot Line    | 7.5 metres;   |
| g) Maximum Building Height                   | 10.5 metres;  |
| h) Landscaped Area                           | In accordance with the requirements of Section 4.35 a) and b) of this By-law.<br>(By-law No. 24-051, April 10, 2024)  |

### **15.1.2.4 FOURPLEX DWELLING REGULATIONS**

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| a) Minimum Lot Area                        | 360.0 square metres;        |
| b) Minimum Lot Width                       | 12.0 metres;                |
| c) Minimum Setback from the Front Lot Line | i) 4.0 metres;              |
|  | ii) Notwithstanding Section |

15.1.2.4 c) i), for lots identified on Figure 36 of Schedule "F" – Special Figures of this By-law, a building may be erected closer to the front lot line in accordance with the following:

1. Where two adjacent lots have a front lot line or flankage lot line on the same street, within 10 percent of the average setback from the front lot line or flankage lot line of the two adjacent dwellings;
2. Where one adjacent lot has a front lot line on the same street, within 10 percent of the setback from the front lot line of the one adjacent dwelling;
3. In no cases shall the setback from the front lot line be less than 0.5 metres.

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| d) Minimum Setback from a Side Lot Line     | 1.2 metres, and a minimum aggregate of 3.5 metres; |
| e) Minimum Setback from a Flankage Lot Line | 3.0 metres;  |
| f) Minimum Setback from the Rear Lot Line   | 7.5 metres;  |
| g) Maximum Building Height                  | 10.5 metres;                                       |
| h) Maximum Lot Coverage                     | 40%;   |

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| i) Minimum Landscaped Area | i) 30%   |
|                            | ii) Within the landscaped area, the requirements of Section 4.35 of this By-law shall apply.   |
| j) Visual Barrier          | i) A visual barrier shall be required along side lot lines and the rear lot line in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.19 of this by-law. |
|                            | ii) Notwithstanding Section 15.1.2.4 j) i), rear yard parking shall comply with the requirements of Section 4.35 d).                                 |
| k) Amenity Area            | Amenity areas shall not be permitted in the side yard or on the rooftop of the dwelling.   |
| l) Waste Storage           | Outdoor waste storage shall be fully enclosed and shall not be located in the front yard.<br>(By-law No. 24-051, April 10, 2024)                     |