

What is an RC Zone?

The Resource Conservation (RC) zone is intended to enhance the quality of life in the Town through the following:

- Protection of open space, special land forms, scenic areas, watershed, wildlife and vegetation;
- Restrict access to and within these certain designated areas;
- Restrict the intensity of activity and development;
- Limit residential density;
- Reduce fire hazards in the hillside areas which are under Williamson Act contract with the Town; and
- Provide for open space in the form of parks, playgrounds, and other community facilities.

How can I find out the zoning requirements for my property?

You may contact the Town of Los Gatos Community Development Department. Please supply the following information:

- Street address;
- Nearest cross street; and
- Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) if available.

What are the permitted uses in the RC zone?

The following uses are permitted in the RC zone:

- Single-family dwelling, provided that there is not more than one principal residential structure on a lot;
- Agriculture (except dairying);
- Botanical conservatory;
- Family daycare home; and
- Residential care facility, small family home.

*Additional uses may be allowed if a **Conditional Use Permit (CUP)** is approved per the Table of Conditional Uses in Chapter 29 of the Los Gatos Town Code.

Is there a minimum lot area?

Yes. The minimum lot area in the RC zone is 20 acres.

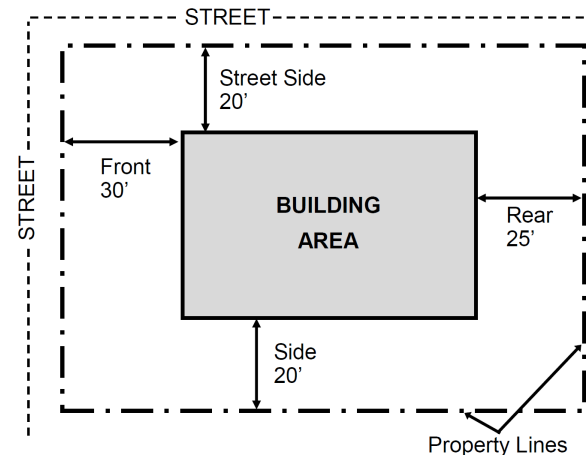
What are the height requirements for buildings?

The maximum height of a principle building in the RC zone is 30 feet (measured from the natural or finished grade, whichever is lower and creates a lower profile, to the uppermost point directly above that grade).

What are the minimum setback requirements?

Front	30 feet
Side/Street Side	20 feet
Rear	25 feet

Example illustration of setbacks for RC zone:



How much of my lot can I cover with building?

There is no maximum building coverage.

Is there a landscaping requirement?

Yes. Landscaping shall be required consistent with the purpose of Chapter 29 (Zoning Ordinance) of the Los Gatos Town Code. The existing natural vegetation and land formations shall remain in a natural state unless modification is found to be necessary for a specific use allowed herein through Architecture and Site approval procedure.

Can I build access to remote areas?

Roadways and trails for vehicles shall not be constructed without Architecture and Site approval. Approval shall not be granted unless the deciding body finds that the roadway or trail is indispensable for an activity in this zone and that the roadway or trail will be compatible with the terrain.

Other requirements?

See the Los Gatos Hillside Development Standards and Guidelines for design and development requirements.

Refer to the Los Gatos Hillside Specific Plan for additional information.

For additional information, please refer to [Chapter 29](#) of the Los Gatos Town Code.

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ZONING DISTRICT (Resource Conservation) Summary Handout

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Residential
HR - Hillside Residential
R-1 - Single Family Residential
R-1D - Single Family Residential Downtown
RD - Residential Duplex
R-M-5-12 - Multi-Family Residential
R-M-12-20 - Multi-Family Residential
RMH - Residential - Mobile Home Park
R-PD - Residential Planned Development
Commercial
C-1 - Neighborhood Commercial
C-2 - Central Business District
CH - Restricted Commercial Highway
O - Office
Industrial
LM - Commercial Industrial
CM - Controlled Manufacturing
Other
F - Frozen Parcels
PD - Planned Development
RC - Resource Conservation

