

***Editor's note**--Ord. No. 535-84, adopted May 7, 1984, repealed former Div. 5, §§ 14-101--14-104, and enacted a new Div. 6, §§ 14-101--14-106. The result of this action was that this Art. III contained no division designated 5. The editor has, therefore, in agreement with the city, retained the division designation 5. Formerly §§ 14-101--14-104 were derived from Code 1968, § 602.5.A--D; Ord. No. 499-74, § 2, adopted Aug. 19, 1974; and Ord. No. 91-83, §§ 1, 2, adopted Aug. 3, 1983.

Sec. 14-101. Purpose.

The purpose of the R-4 residential zone is:

- (a) To preserve the unique character of the Western Promenade area of the city by controlling residential conversions and by allowing the continued mix of single-family, two-family, and low-rise multifamily dwellings and other compatible development at medium densities.

(Ord. No. 535-84, 5-7-84)

Sec. 14-102. Permitted uses.

The following uses are permitted in the R-4 residential zone:

(a) *Residential:*

1. Single-family detached dwellings;
2. New construction of two-family dwellings;
3. Reserved;
4. Handicapped family unit, as defined in section 14-47 (definitions) of this article, for handicapped persons plus staff;
5. Single-family, multiple-component manufactured housing, as defined in section 14-47 (definitions) of this article, except in a National Register Historic District;
6. Single-family, single-component manufactured housing, as defined in section 14-47 (definitions) of this article, on individual lots under separate and distinct ownership, except in a National Register Historic District, provided that each unit meets the performance standards listed below:

- a. More than half of the roof area of each unit

shall be double pitched Class C rated shingled roof with a minimum pitch of 3/12.

- b. Each unit shall be installed on a full foundation or a concrete frost wall in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations. Any hitch or tow bar shall be removed from the unit after it is placed on its foundation or frost wall. In the case of a frost wall, vermin proof skirting shall be installed on all sides of the unit. The skirting may consist of either (a) concrete or masonry block or (b) manufactured skirting. If concrete or masonry block skirting is installed, either the exterior siding of the unit shall extend within one (1) foot of grade or decorative masonry siding shall be applied. If manufactured skirting material is installed, the color shall be identical to or compatible with the exterior siding of the unit.
- c. Each unit shall have exterior siding that is residential in appearance, including but not limited to natural materials such as wood clapboards or shakes, or exterior materials which simulate wood. Clapboards or simulated clapboards shall have less than eight (8) inches of exposure and sheet metal type siding shall not be permitted.
- d. Each unit shall have the long side of the unit parallel to the street line where the required street frontage is met.
- e. Each unit shall be provided with at least two (2) trees meeting the city's arboricultural specifications and which are clearly visible from the street line and are located so as to visually widen the narrow dimension or proportion of the unit.
- f. Each unit shall have all fuel oil supply systems constructed and installed within the foundation wall or underground in accordance with all applicable codes and regulations.

- g. No unit shall be horizontally or vertically attached to any other unit or other structure, provided however, that this provision shall not be deemed to prohibit building additions, such as porches, garages, room additions or solar greenhouses.

(b) *Other:*

1. Cemeteries;
2. Parks, and other active and passive noncommercial recreation spaces;
3. Accessory uses customarily incidental and subordinate to the location, function, and operation of principal uses, subject to the provisions of section 14-404 (accessory use) of this article;
4. Home occupations subject to the provisions of section 14-410 (home occupation) of this article;
5. Municipal uses, excluding those specifically set forth in section 14-103 of this division.
6. Special needs independent living units, provided that a building housing special needs independent living units shall not house other types of residential or other permitted uses. The owner of a special needs independent living unit building shall file in the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds a statement under oath that the building is a special needs independent living unit building and that any future change of use to a permitted residential use shall require a change in use review by the City of Portland and a decrease in the number of units in the building in accordance with the Portland City Code, chapter 14. The owner shall file proof of such recording with the building inspections division prior to the issuance of any certificates of occupancy for the new uses.
7. Wind energy systems, as defined and allowed in Article X, Alternative Energy.

(Ord. No. 535-84, 5-7-84; Ord. No. 264-84, § 1, 12-17-84; Ord. No. 67-87, § 2,

11-2-87; Ord. No. 82-88, § 1, 7-19-88; Ord. No. 86A-89, § 4, 8-21-89; Ord. No. 33-91, § 5, 1-23-91; Ord. No. 33A-91, § 2, 4-17-91)

***Editor's note--**Ord. No. 82-88, § 1, adopted July 19, 1988, amended § 14-102 by adding subsection (b)5 to read as herein set out. See also the editor's note to Art. III of this chapter for additional provisions relative to Ord. No. 82-88.

Sec. 14-103. Conditional uses.

The following uses shall be permitted only upon the issuance of a conditional use permit, subject to the provisions of section 14-474 (conditional uses) of this article and any special provisions, standards or requirements specified below:

(a) *Residential:*

1. Sheltered care group homes, as defined in section 14-47 of this article, for up to twelve (12) individuals, plus staff, and serving a primary population which is not handicapped persons, parolees, persons involved in correctional prerelease programs, or current illegal drug users, provided that:
 - a. A sheltered care group home shall not be located within five hundred (500) feet of another, as measured along street lines to the respective property lines;
 - b. There shall be no open outside stairways or fire escapes above the ground floor;
 - c. The facility shall make provision for adequate on-site staffing in accordance with applicable state licensing requirements. If a facility is not licensed by the state, there shall be a minimum of one (1) staff person for every ten (10) residents or fraction thereof.

The board of appeals may impose conditions upon a conditional use permit concerning the creation or operation of a sheltered care group home including but not limited to the following: site and building maintenance; lighting, fencing, and other appropriate security measures; screening and

buffering of parking areas; compatibility of any additions or alterations with the existing residential structure; compatibility of new structures with the architectural character of the surrounding area; and limitation on the duration of a sheltered care group home permit.

2. Alteration of an existing structure to accommodate one (1) or more dwelling units provided that:
 - a. No additional dwelling unit shall have less than six hundred (600) square feet of floor area, exclusive of common hallways and storage in basement and attic;
 - b. No open outside stairways or fire escapes above the ground floor shall be or have been constructed in the immediately preceding five (5) years;
 - c. The alteration will not result in a total cubic volume increase of more than ten (10) percent within the immediately preceding five (5) years;
 - d. A lower level dwelling unit shall have a minimum of one-half of its floor-to-ceiling height above the average adjoining ground level;
 - e. No existing dwelling unit shall be decreased to less than one thousand (1,000) square feet of floor area;
 - f. Three thousand (3,000) square feet of land area per dwelling unit shall be required;
 - g. The project shall be subject to article V (site plan) of this chapter for site plan review and approval.
 - h. Parking shall be provided as required in division 20 of this article.
3. Multiplex development with three (3) or more horizontally or vertically attached, or a series of

such attached dwelling units and the construction of at least one (1) building, provided that:

- a. No open outside stairways or fire escapes above the ground floor shall be constructed;
- b. No habitable space in a dwelling unit shall be below grade, except basements that are a part of and below aboveground units.
- c. Three thousand (3,000) square feet of land area per dwelling unit shall be required for the first three (3) dwelling units with a requirement of six thousand (6,000) square feet of land area per dwelling unit for additional dwelling units;
- d. No dwelling unit shall have less than six hundred (600) square feet of floor area, exclusive of common hallways and storage in basement and attic;

The project shall be subject to article V (site plan) of this chapter for Planning Board site plan review and approval.

(b) *Institutional*: Any of the following conditional uses provided that, notwithstanding section 14-474(a) (conditional uses) of this article or any other provision of this Code, the Planning Board shall be substituted for the board of appeals as the reviewing authority:

1. Elementary, middle, and secondary school (except as otherwise provided in section 14-276.10);
2. Places of assembly;

Such uses shall be subject to the following conditions and standards in addition to the provisions of section 14-474:

- a. In the case of expansion of existing such uses onto land other than the lot on which the principal use is located, it shall be demonstrated that the proposed use cannot reasonably be accommodated on the existing

site through more efficient utilization of land or buildings, and will not cause significant physical encroachment into established residential areas: and

- b. The proposed use will not cause significant displacement or conversion of residential uses existing as of June 1, 1983, or thereafter; and
- c. In the case of a use or use expansion which constitutes a combination of the above-listed uses with capacity for concurrent operations, the applicable minimum lot sizes shall be cumulative; and
- d. Article V (site plan) sections 14-522 and 14-523 notwithstanding, in the case of places of assembly the proposed use shall be subject to the requirements of article V (site plan) of this chapter; and
- e. Community halls:
 - i. The structure was in existence as of January 4, 2010;
 - ii. The structure was built for institutional or other non-residential uses;
 - iii. The structure is operated by, or operated subject to the control of, a not-for-profit entity in accordance with its not-for-profit purposes; and
 - iv. A parking management plan is submitted for review and approval by the planning board; and
- f. Private club or fraternal organizations: any such establishment serving alcoholic beverages or in possession of a license for serving alcoholic beverages shall be located on a large lot, as specified in the minimum lot size provisions of this section.

(c) *Other:*

1. Off-street parking of passenger cars as provided in section 14-344 (board of appeals may authorize parking in certain residential zones) of this article;
2. Utility substations, including sewage and water pumping stations and standpipes, electric power substations, transformer stations, and telephone electronic equipment enclosures and other similar structures, provided that such uses are suitably screened and landscaped so as to ensure compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood;
3. Day care facilities or home babysitting services not permitted as a home occupation under section 14-410, and nursery schools and kindergartens, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The facility shall be located in a structure in which there is one (1) or more occupied residential units or in an existing accessory structure, unless the facility is located in a principal structure that has not been used as a residence in whole or in part within the five (5) years immediately preceding the application for a day care or home babysitting use or in a nonresidential structure accessory to the principal nonresidential use.
 - b. The maximum capacity shall be twelve (12) children for facilities located in residential or existing structures accessory thereto, unless the additional standards in subsection v. are met. There shall be no maximum limit on the number of children in a facility located in a principal structure that has not been used as a residence in whole or in part within the five (5) years immediately preceding the application for a day care use, home babysitting use, nursery school, or kindergarten or in a nonresidential structure accessory thereto, provided that any such structure that serves more than twelve (12) children shall be subject to review under

article V of this chapter.

- c. Outdoor play areas shall be screened and buffered from surrounding residences with landscaping and/or fencing to minimize visual and noise impacts.
- d. Solid waste shall be stored in covered containers. Such containers shall be screened on all four (4) sides.
- e. Day care facilities, nursery schools and kindergartens located either in structures that have been in residential use within the past five (5) years or in existing accessory structures and that serve between thirteen (13) and twenty-four (24) children shall meet the following additional standards:
 - i. The facility shall provide a minimum of seventy-five (75) square feet of outdoor play area per child;
 - ii. The play area shall be located in the side and rear yards only and shall not be located in front yards;
 - iii. Outside play areas shall be separated from abutting properties by a fence at least forty-eight (48) inches in height;
 - iv. A ten-foot wide landscaped buffer shall be required outside of the fenced play area, and shall be established in accordance with the landscaping standards of the City's Technical Standards and Guidelines;
 - v. The minimum lot size for a day care facility, home babysitting service, nursery school, or kindergarten located in a residential or existing accessory structure and serving more than twelve (12) children shall be twenty thousand (20,000) square feet;

- vi. *Off-street parking:* Off-street parking is required as provided in division 20 (off-street parking) of this article.
 - vii. The maximum number of children in a day care facility, home babysitting service, nursery school, or kindergarten located in a residential or existing accessory structure shall be twenty-four (24); and
 - viii. Any additions or exterior alterations such as facade materials, building form, roof pitch, and exterior doors shall be designed to be compatible with the architectural style of the building and preserve the residential appearance of the building.
4. Temporary wind anemometer towers, as defined in Sec 14-47, are permitted provided the following standards are met in addition to Sec 14-430:
- a. Towers may be installed for the purpose of wind data collection for no more than two (2) years after the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the tower. At the conclusion of the aforementioned two (2) years, the tower must be dismantled and removed from the site within sixty (60) days; and
 - b. Towers shall be constructed according to plans and specifications stamped by a licensed professional engineer, which shall be provided to the Board of Appeals with the application; and
 - c. Towers shall be set back from habitable buildings by a distance equal to 1.1 times the tower height; and
 - d. The applicant shall provide a safety report prepared and stamped by a licensed professional engineer to the Board of Appeals with their application for

conditional use, which demonstrates how the proposed temporary wind anemometer tower is safe in terms of strength, stability, security, grounding, icing impacts and maintenance; and

- e. The applicant shall provide evidence of commercial general liability insurance, such insurance to be satisfactory to Corporation Counsel and cover damage or injury resulting from construction, operation or dismantling of any part of the temporary wind anemometer tower; and
- f. Towers and associated guy wires shall be sited to minimize their prominence from and impacts on public ways (including pedestrian ways); and
- g. Towers shall be used for installing anemometers and similar devices at a range of heights from the ground to measure wind characteristics (speed, direction, frequency) and related meteorological data, but shall not be used for any other purpose; and
- h. A performance guarantee shall be required for the cost of removal of the tower, guy wires and anchors. This requirement may be satisfied by surety bond, letter of credit, escrow account or by evidence, acceptable to the City, or the financial and technical ability and commitment of the applicant or its agents to remove the facility at the end of the use period.

5. Wind energy systems, as defined and allowed in Article X, Alternative Energy.

(Ord. No. 535-84, 5-7-84; Ord. No. 264-84, § 2, 12-17-84; Ord. No. 76-85, § 5, 7-1-85; Ord. No. 67-87, § 3, 11-2-87; Ord. No. 82-88, §§ 2, 3, 7-19-88; Ord. No. 235-91, § 7, 2-4-91; Ord. No. 118-93, § 7, 10-18-93; Ord. No. 133-96, § 4, 11-18-96; Ord. No. 154-96, § 7, 12-16-96; Ord. No. 222-99, §4, 3-01-99; Ord. No. 29-09/10, 8-3-09 emergency passage; Ord. No. 127-09/10, 1-4-10 emergency passage; Ord. No. 240-09/10, 6-21-10; Ord. No. 9 10/11, 8-2-10; Ord. No. 138-09/10, 1-20-10; Ord. No. 149-10/11, 3-7-11; Ord. No. 33-11/12, 1-18-12)

***Editor's note--**Ord. No. 82-88, §§ 2, 3, adopted July 19, 1988, amended this section by amending subsection 14-103(a) and by deleting subsection (b)3, municipal use. See also the editor's note to Art. III of this chapter for additional provisions relative to Ord. No. 82-88.

Sec. 14-104. Prohibited uses.

Uses that are not expressly enumerated herein as either permitted uses or conditional uses are prohibited.
(Ord. No. 535-84, 5-7-84)

Sec. 14-105. Dimensional requirements.

In addition to the provisions of division 25 of this article (space and bulk regulations and exceptions), lots in the R-4 zone shall meet the following requirements:

(a) *Minimum lot size:*

1. Residential: Six thousand (6,000) square feet except as provided for lots of record in section 14-433 (lots of record and accessory structure setbacks for existing buildings) of this article.
2. Multiplex: Nine thousand (9,000) square feet.
3. School: Thirty thousand (30,000) square feet.
4. Places of assembly:

Large	30,000 sq. ft.
Medium	15,000 sq. ft.
Small	7,500 sq. ft.

5. Municipal use: Six thousand (6,000) square feet.
6. All other uses: Six thousand (6,000) square feet.

Provided that for uses specified in section 14-105(a)3 through 5 above, no minimum lot area shall be required in the following cases:

- a. Uses existing on June 1, 1983;
- b. Expansion onto land abutting the lot on which the principal use is located;