



# Land Division Approval Criteria – Single-Dwelling Zones

## RF, R20, R10, R7, R5 and R2.5 Zones

The following information is provided to help applicants prepare the narrative portion of their land division application. See the information guide Land Division Application Requirements ([www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/92195](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/92195)) for a complete list of all required application materials.

### What is included in this document?

This document contains a complete list of land division approval criteria that may apply in the single-dwelling zones.\* You may use this document to create your application narrative or use this list as a reference to write a detailed response to the relevant criteria in a separate document.

\* If a new public or private right-of-way is proposed, you will also need to address the criteria in Land Division Approval Criteria – Rights-of-Way Chapter 33.654 ([www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/239318](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/239318))

### Approval Criteria

All applicants must respond to the criteria listed in sections 1-5 below. The remaining criteria listed in sections 6-14, may apply or not depending on the specific site and proposal. Please review all criteria. For those that apply, write a detailed response that explains how each criterion is met. For those that do not apply, provide a brief response explaining why. Please note that, in most cases, code references below are exact zoning code language. However, in some cases, a summary of requirements is provided and some standards have been omitted. See the Zoning Code for complete code language: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/zoningcode>.

## 1. Lots

### Density Standards, 33.610.100 & 33.611.100

Use the formulas below to calculate the maximum and minimum density requirements for the site.

#### If no street is created:

- Maximum number of lots = Square footage of site / Maximum density<sup>[1]</sup>
- Minimum number of lots = (Square Footage of Site - Square footage of site within an E-zone, landslide hazard area or flood hazard area) x 0.80 / Maximum density<sup>[1]</sup>

#### If a street is created:

- Maximum number of lots = (Square footage of site x 0.85) / Maximum density<sup>[1]</sup>
- Minimum number of lots = (Square Footage of Site - Square footage of site within an E-zone, landslide hazard area or flood hazard area) x 0.68 / Maximum Density<sup>[1]</sup>

[1] The area required per unit for maximum density in Table 610-1 or, if R2.5 zone, 2,500 square feet for maximum density or 5,000 square feet for minimum density (See 33.611.100)

Table 610-1 Maximum Density Standards					
	RF	R20	R10	R7	R5
Maximum Density	1 unit per 87,120 sq. ft.	1 unit per 20,000 sq. ft.	1 unit per 10,000 sq. ft.	1 unit per 7,000 sq. ft.	1 unit per 5,000 sq. ft.

### Applicant Response:

### Lot Dimension Regulations, 33.610.200 & 611.200

Subsection 33.610.200 and Table 610-2 include standards for minimum lot area, maximum lot area, minimum lot width, minimum front lot line and minimum lot depth in the RF – R5 zones. Subsection 33.611.200 includes standards for lots in the R2.5 zone. Additional standards apply to narrow lots, flag lots, and through lots (see below).

Lot Dimension Standards (from Table 610-2 and 33.611.200) RF through R2.5 Zones						
	RF	R20	R10	R7	R5	R2.5
Minimum Lot Area	52,000 sq. ft.	12,000 sq. ft.	6,000 sq. ft.	4,200 sq. ft.	3,000 sq. ft.	1,600 sq. ft.
Maximum Lot Area	151,000 sq. ft.	34,500 sq. ft.	17,000 sq. ft.	12,000	8,500 sq. ft.	N/A [2]
Minimum Lot Width [1]	60 ft.	60 ft.	50 ft.	40 ft.	36 ft.	36 ft.
Minimum Front Lot Line	30 ft.	30 ft.	30 ft.	30 ft.	30 ft.	30 ft.
Minimum Lot Depth [3]	60 ft.	60 ft.	60 ft.	55 ft.	50 ft.	40 ft.

[1] Width is measured by placing a rectangle along the minimum front building setback line specified for the zone. The rectangle must have a minimum depth of 40 feet, or extend to the rear of the property line, whichever is less. See 33.930.100.A

[2] There is no maximum lot area standard in the R2.5 zone.

[3] Lot depth is measured at the midpoint of opposite lot lines.

<b>Applicant Response:</b> Complete the table below showing that the proposed lots meet the lot dimension standards.				
Standards	Proposed Lot 1	Proposed Lot 2	Proposed Lot 3	Proposed Lot 4
Minimum Lot Area				
Maximum Lot Area				
Minimum Lot Width				
Minimum Front Lot Line				
Minimum Lot Depth				

### Narrow Lot Criteria, 33.610.200.D.2 & 33.611.200.C.2

*This section applies only if the proposed lots do not meet the minimum lot width for the zone.*

Minimum lot width may be reduced below the dimensions stated in Table 610-2 (36 feet if R2.5 zone), if all of the following are met:

- On balance, the proposed lots will have dimensions that are consistent with the purpose of the Lot Dimension Regulations 33.610.200.A (611.200.A for R2.5 zone);
- The minimum width for lots that will be developed with detached houses may not be reduced below 25 feet;
- If the lots abut a public alley, then vehicle access must be from the alley. This condition will be imposed as a condition of approval of the land division;
- Lots must be configured so that development on the site will be able to meet the garage limitation standard of Subsection 33.110.253.D at the time of development;
- Lots that will be developed with attached houses must be configured so that 60 percent of the area between the front lot line and the front building line can be landscaped at the time of development; and
- In areas where parking is not required by this Title, lots may be proposed that will not accommodate onsite vehicle access and parking. Such lots do not have to meet the requirements of subparagraphs 2.c and d. As a condition of approval of the land division, the property owner must execute a covenant with the city. The covenant must: (1) State that the owner will develop the property without parking, and that a driveway for access to on-site parking may not be created in the future, unless it is in conformance with regulations in effect at the time; (2) Meet the requirements of Section 33.700.060, Covenants with the City; and (3) Be attached to, and recorded with the deed for the new lot.

<b>Applicant Response:</b>

### Through Lots, 33.610.300 & 611.300

*This section applies only if a through lot is proposed (a lot that has frontage on two streets, but not on a corner. (See Chapter 33.910, Figure 910-4).*

Through lots are allowed only where both front lot lines are on local service streets. The minimum front lot line and minimum width standards apply to one frontage of the through lot.

**Applicant Response:**

**Flag Lots, 33.610.400 and 33.611.400**

*This section applies only if a flag lot is proposed.*

**A. Purpose** (omitted – see Zoning Code)

**B. When a flag lot is allowed** - A flag lot is allowed only when the following are met:

1. One of the following are met:
  - a. An existing dwelling unit or attached garage on the site is located so that it precludes a land division that meets the minimum lot width standard of Paragraph 33.610.200.D.1 or 33.611.200.C.1 (in the R 2.5). The dwelling unit and attached garage must have been on the site for at least five years; or
  - b. The site has dimensions that preclude a land division that meets the minimum lot width standard of Paragraph 33.610.200.D.1. In the R 2.5, the site has a width of less than 50 feet if two lots are proposed and a width of less than 75 feet if three lots are proposed.
  - c. Up to three lots are proposed, only one of which is a flag lot; and
  - d. Minimum density requirements for the site will be met.

**C. Flag lot access pole.** The pole portion of the flag lot must meet the following standards:

1. The pole must connect to a street;
2. The pole must be at least 12 feet wide for its entire length; and
3. The pole must be part of the flag lot and must be under the same ownership as the flag portion.

**D. Minimum lot area.** Only the area of the flag portion is included when calculating the minimum lot area. The area of the pole portion of the lot is not included.

**E. Minimum lot dimensions**

1. Flag lots are exempt from the minimum front lot line standard.
2. The minimum lot width and minimum lot depth required for each flag lot is 40 feet.
3. For the purposes of this subsection width and depth are measured at the midpoints of the opposite lot lines if the flag portion of the lot. All other lot dimension standards must be met.

**F. Vehicle Access.** Where it is practical, vehicle access must be shared between the flag lot and the lots between the flag portion of the lot and the street. Factors that may be considered include the location of existing garages, driveways, and curb cuts, stormwater management needs, and tree preservation. Access easements may be used.

**Applicant Response:**

## **2. Clearing, Grading and Land Suitability**

The standards of Chapter 33.635, Clearing, Grading, and Land Suitability must be met.

### **Clearing and Grading Approval Criteria, 33.635.100**

The Preliminary Clearing and Grading Plan must meet the following approval criteria:

- A. Existing contours and drainage patterns of the site must be left intact wherever practicable. Where alteration to existing drainage patterns is proposed, it must not adversely impact adjacent properties by significantly increasing volume of runoff or erosion;
- B. Clearing and grading should be sufficient for construction of development shown on the Preliminary Clearing and Grading Plan;
- C. Clearing and grading should be limited to areas of the site that are reasonably necessary for construction of development shown on the Preliminary Clearing and Grading Plan;
- D. Topsoil must be preserved on site to the extent practicable for use on the site after grading is complete; and

- E. Soil stockpiles must be kept on the site and located in areas designated for clearing and grading as much as is practicable; and
- F. The limits of disturbance and tree protection measures shown on the Preliminary Clearing and Grading Plan must be adequate to protect trees to be retained on the tree preservation plan.

**Applicant Response:**

### **Land Suitability Approval Criterion, 33.635.200**

Where geologic conditions or historic uses of the site indicate that a hazard may exist, the applicant must show that the proposed land division will result in lots that are suitable for development. The applicant may be required to make specific improvements in order to make the lots suitable for their intended uses and the provision of services and utilities.

**Applicant Response:**

## **3. Transportation impacts**

The approval criteria of Chapter 33.641, Transportation Impacts, must be met.

### **Approval Criterion, 33.641.020**

The transportation system must be capable of safely supporting the proposed development in addition to the existing uses in the area. Evaluation factors include: street capacity and level-of-service; vehicle access and loading; on-street parking impacts; the availability of transit service and facilities and connections to transit; impacts on the immediate and adjacent neighborhoods; and safety for all modes.

### **Mitigation, 33.641.030**

The applicant may meet the criterion in Section 33.641.020, above, by including mitigation measures as part of the land division proposal. Mitigation measures must be acceptable to the City Engineer and may include providing transportation demand management measures, an access management plan, constructing streets, alleys or bicycle, pedestrian, or transit facilities on or off the site or other capital improvement projects such as traffic calming devices.

**Applicant Response:**

## **4. Services and utilities**

The regulations and criteria of Chapters 33.651 through 33.654, which address water service standards, sanitary sewer disposal standards, stormwater management, and right-of-way improvements, must be met. *A utility plan and supporting documentation must be provided showing how services will be provided. The right-of-way criteria in Chapter 33.654 are in section 5 below.*

### **Water Service Standards, 33.651.020**

Water service must meet the following standard:

The Water Bureau or District and the Fire Bureau have verified that water facilities with adequate capacity and pressure are available to serve the proposed development.

**Applicant Response:**

### **Sanitary Sewer Disposal Service Standard, 33.652.020**

Sanitary sewer disposal service must meet the standards of this section.

**A. Availability of sanitary sewer.**

1. The Bureau of Environmental Services has verified that sewer facilities are available to serve the proposed development; or
2. BDS has approved the use of a private on-site sanitary sewage disposal system.

**B. Public sanitary sewage disposal.** Where public sewer facilities are available to serve the proposed development, the Bureau of Environmental Services has preliminarily approved the location, design, and capacity of the proposed sanitary sewage disposal system. The approval is based on the Sewer Design Manual; and

**C. Private sanitary sewage disposal.** Where private on-site sanitary sewage disposal is proposed, BDS and Environmental Services have preliminarily approved the location, design, and capacity of the proposed sanitary sewage disposal system.

**Applicant Response:**

### **Stormwater Management Approval Criteria, 33.653.020**

Stormwater management must meet the following approval criteria:

- A.** If a stormwater tract is proposed or required, an adequate amount of land and an appropriate location must be designated on the Preliminary Plan; and
- B.** The application must show that a stormwater management system can be designed that will provide adequate capacity for the expected amount of stormwater.

### **Stormwater Management Standards, 33.653.030**

Stormwater management facilities must meet the following standards:

- A.** The Bureau of Environmental Services has preliminarily approved the capacity, type, location, feasibility and land area required of the proposed stormwater management system and stormwater disposal facilities as well as any connection to off-site facilities. The approval is based on the Sewer Design Manual and the Stormwater Management Manual;
- B.** The Bureau of Development Services has preliminarily approved the capacity, type, location, feasibility, and land area required of any proposed private on-site stormwater disposal facilities; and
- C.** Ownership and maintenance.
  1. Generally, a stormwater facility that serves more than one lot must be in a tract or within the right-of-way; except as allowed by C.2. below. If the facility is in a tract, it must be either owned in common by all of the owners of the lots served by the facility, by a Homeowners' Association, by a public agency, or by a nonprofit organization.
  2. Exceptions:
    - a. A private stormwater facility may be in an easement if the location of the tract would preclude compliance with the front lot line requirements of Chapters 33.610 through 33.615;
    - b. An existing private stormwater facility may be in an easement, if there is a recorded maintenance agreement, or if the maintenance is addressed in the CC&Rs;
    - c. A private stormwater facility serving up to five dwelling units may be in an easement, if there is a recorded maintenance agreement, or if the maintenance is addressed in the CC&Rs.
- D.** Driveways may cross stormwater tracts and easements.

**Applicant Response:**

### **Environmental Overlay Zones**

*If any portion of the water, sanitary sewer or stormwater management or disposal system is proposed within an Environmental Overlay Zone, it is subject to the regulations of Chapter 33.430, Environmental Overlay Zones. You will need to address the Environmental Standards in Chapter 33.430.*

## 5. Rights-of-Way

All land divisions must meet the Connectivity and Location of Rights-of-Way criteria of Section 33.654.110, the Design of Rights-of-Way criteria of 33.654.120, and the Additional Approval Criteria for Rights-of-Way found in Section 33.654.130 (listed below). If a new right-of-way is proposed or required with the land division, additional Right-of-Way approval criteria, found in Chapter 33.654 and the Right-of-Way Approval Criteria Packet, also apply. (See #14)

### Connectivity and Location of Rights-of-Way, 33.654.110.B

The regulations of this section ensure provision of efficient access to as many lots as possible, and enhance direct movement by pedestrians, bicycles, and motor vehicles between destinations. The specific location of rights-of-way is influenced by a variety of conditions, including existing development, streets and lot patterns, and environmental features.

1. **Through streets and pedestrian connections in OS, R, C, and E zones.** In OS, R, C, and E zones, through streets and pedestrian connections are required where appropriate and practicable, taking the following into consideration:
  - a. Through streets should generally be provided no more than 530 feet apart, and pedestrian connections should generally be provided no more than 330 feet apart. Through street and pedestrian connections should generally be at least 200 feet apart;
  - b. Where the street pattern in the area immediately surrounding the site meets the spacing of subparagraph a., above, the existing street pattern should be extended onto the site;
  - c. Characteristics of the site, adjacent sites, and vicinity, such as:
    - 1) Terrain;
    - 2) Whether adjacent sites may be further divided;
    - 3) The location of existing streets and pedestrian connections;
    - 4) Whether narrow frontages will constrain creation of a through street or pedestrian connection;
    - 5) Whether any of the following interrupt the expected path of a through street or pedestrian connection: Environmental, Pleasant Valley Natural Resource, or Greenway overlay zones; Tree groves; Streams; Special flood hazard areas; or Wetlands; and
    - 6) Whether existing dwelling units on- or off-site obstruct the expected path of a through street or pedestrian connection. Alternative locations or designs of rights-of-way should be considered that avoid existing dwelling units. However, provision of through streets or pedestrian connections should take precedence over protection of existing dwelling units where the surrounding transportation system will be significantly affected if a new through street or pedestrian connection is not created;
  - d. Master street plans for the area identified in Goal 11B of the Comprehensive Plan;
  - e. Pedestrian connections should take the most direct route practicable. Users should be able to see the ending of the connection from the entrance point, if possible.
2. **Dead-end streets** may be provided where through streets are not required. Dead-end streets should generally not exceed 200 feet in length, and should generally not serve more than 18 dwelling units. Public dead-end streets should generally be at least 200 feet apart.
3. **Pedestrian connections in I Zones** (*omitted – see Zoning Code*)
4. **Alleys in all zones.** Alleys may be required where the provision of an alley is appropriate to mitigate transportation or development impacts. Alleys may be appropriate to move garage access away from busy streets, reduce the number of driveways, crossing sidewalks, provide alternative locations on the site for parking, limit the number of garage doors facing the street, and maintain on-street parking. Where alleys are not required, applicants may choose to provide them.

### Applicant Response:

### Design of Rights-of-Way, 33.654.120

**B. Non-local street standard.** For streets other than local service streets, the Office of Transportation has approved the right-of-way width and all elements within the street right-of-way.

**C. Local street approval criteria and standards.** The following approval criteria and standards apply to all local service streets except for common greens and shared courts:

1. **Approval criterion for width of the right-of-way.** The width of the local street right-of-way must be sufficient to accommodate expected users, taking into consideration the characteristics of the site and vicinity, such as the existing street and pedestrian system improvements, existing structures, and natural features.
2. **Standard for configuration of elements within the right-of-way.** For public streets, the Office of Transportation has approved the configuration of elements within the street right-of-way. For private streets, the Bureau of Development Services has approved the configuration of elements within the street right-of-way.

**Applicant Response:**

### **Standard for Street Trees, 33.654.120.H**

**H. Standard for Street Trees.** For existing and proposed public streets, the City Forester, in consultation with the City Engineer, has preliminarily approved the proposal and found it acceptable for the retention of existing street trees and providing adequate areas for future street tree planting. For private streets, the Bureau of Development Services has preliminarily approved the street tree planting plan.

**Applicant Response:**

### **Additional Approval Criteria for Rights-of-Way, 33.654.130**

- A. **Utilities.** Telephone, cable, natural gas, electric and telecommunication utilities must be located within rights-of-way or utility easements that are adjacent to rights-of-way to the maximum extent practicable. Utility easements up to 15 feet in width may be required adjacent to rights-of-way. To the extent practicable, utility easements needed to serve the lots must be identified during the preliminary land division plan review.
- B. **Extension of existing public dead-end streets and pedestrian connections.** Existing public dead-end streets and pedestrian connections adjacent to the site must be extended onto the site as needed to serve the site.

**Applicant Response:**

**The following approval criteria sections (6 – 14) may or may not apply to your project. Please review all the remaining criteria and address those that apply.**

## **6. Tree preservation**

*If the site contains at least one tree 6 inches or more in diameter (not located in an environmental overlay zone), the standards and approval criteria of Chapter 33.630, Tree Preservation, must be met. In most cases, a tree report by an arborist and a tree preservation plan is required.*

### **Minimum Tree Preservation Standards, 33.630.100.**

- A. The applicant must show how existing trees will be preserved. The options listed below represent minimum tree preservation standards. Additional tree preservation may be required to meet the approval criteria of Section 33.630.200. The total tree diameter on the site is the total diameter of all trees completely or partially on the site, minus the diameter of trees that are listed in Section 33.630.030, Trees exempt from these regulations. The applicant must choose one of the following options:
  1. Option 1: Preserve all of the trees that are 20 or more inches in diameter and at least 20 percent of the total tree diameter on the site;
  2. Option 2: Preserve at least 75 percent of the trees that are 20 or more inches in diameter and at least 25 percent of the total tree diameter on the site;

3. Option 3: Preserve at least 50 percent of the trees that are 20 or more inches in diameter and at least 30 percent of the total tree diameter on the site;
4. Option 4: Where all trees are less than 20 inches in diameter, preserve at least 35 percent of the total tree diameter on the site;
5. Option 5: If one or more tree groves are located completely or partially on the site, preserve all of the grove trees located on the site and at least 20 percent of the total tree diameter or canopy area on the site; or
6. Option 6: If the site is larger than one acre, preserve at least 35 percent of the total tree canopy area on the site.

**Applicant Response:**

**Tree Preservation Approval Criteria, 33.630.200**

Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed tree plan will meet the following tree preservation criteria. In meeting these criteria, applicants may use options available in this and other chapters of this Title to modify development standards and minimum density in order to preserve trees.

- A.** To the extent practicable, trees proposed for preservation provide the greatest benefits as identified in the purpose of this chapter. In general, healthy, native or non-nuisance trees that are 20 or more inches in diameter and tree groves, are the highest priority for preservation. However, specific characteristics of the trees, site and surrounding area should be considered and may call for different priorities, such as native tree growth rates and priority tree sizes as described in the Portland Plant List, buffering natural resources, preventing erosion or slope destabilization and limiting impacts on adjacent sites;
- B.** Trees proposed for preservation are suitable based on their health, overall condition and potential for long-term viability, considering the anticipated impact of development and tolerance typical for the tree species;
- C.** Tree preservation is maximized to the extent practicable while allowing for reasonable development of the site, considering the following;
  1. The specific development proposed;
  2. The uses and intensity of development expected in the zone and the area in which the site is located;
  3. Requirements to provide services to the site under Chapters 33.651 through 33.654, including street connectivity and street plan requirements. Options to limit impacts on trees while meeting these service requirements must be evaluated;
  4. Requirements to protect resources in Environmental, Pleasant Valley Natural Resources , or Greenway Natural, Water Quality, and River Environmental overlay zones. Protection of environmental resources and retention of benefits from trees should be maximized for the site as a whole; and
  5. Other site constraints that may conflict with tree preservation, such as small or oddly shaped sites or trees located in existing utility easements.
- D. Mitigation.** Where the minimum tree preservation standards of 33.630.100 can not be fully met, as determined by evaluating the above criteria, or when there is a concurrent Environmental Review and the minimum tree preservation standards do not apply, mitigation must be provided as needed to replace the functions of trees removed from the site. Options for mitigation may include preservation of smaller diameter or native trees, permanent preservation of trees within a tree preservation or environmental resource tract, tree planting, payment into the City’s Tree Planting and Preservation Fund, or other options that are consistent with the purpose of this chapter.

**Applicant Response:**

**Modifications That Will Better Meet Tree Preservation Requirements, 33.630.400**

*It may be possible to modify site-related development standards or minimum density through the land division review in order to better meet the tree preservation requirements. Address this section if you are requesting a modification.*

- A. Site-related development standards.** The review body may consider modifications to site-related development standards as part of the land division review. These modifications are done as part of the land division process and do not require an adjustment. Adjustments to use-related development standards are subject to the adjustment process of Chapter 33.805, Adjustments. Modification to a regulation that contains the word



“prohibited,” or a regulation that is a qualifying situation or threshold is prohibited. To approve the modification, the review body must find that the modification will result in improved tree preservation, considering the tree preservation priorities for the site, and will, on balance, be consistent with the purpose of the regulation being modified.

**B. Minimum Density.**

1. *Multi-dwelling zones omitted –see Zoning Code.*
2. A reduction in minimum density in single-dwelling zones may be approved as part of the land division review. The reduction is done as part of the land division review and does not require an adjustment.
  - a. Minimum density may be reduced by 20 percent or one lot, whichever is more, up to a maximum reduction of 4 lots. Reductions greater than those listed in this paragraph are prohibited.
  - b. The review body will approve the reduction in minimum density if the following are met:
    1. The reduction in minimum density will result in improved tree preservation, considering the tree preservation priorities for the site; and
    2. The lot or lots where trees are proposed to be preserved are not large enough to be further divided under the current zoning. Trees proposed for preservation may be placed in a tree preservation tract to reduce lot sizes and provide better protection for the trees to be preserved.

**Applicant Response:**

## 7. Site in Flood Hazard Area

This section applies when all or part of the site is located within a Flood Hazard Area. *Consult with a planner in the Development Services Center or visit [www.portlandmaps.com](http://www.portlandmaps.com) to find out if your site is within a flood hazard area.*

### Flood Hazard Area Approval Criteria, 33.631.100

**A. RF through R2.5 zones.** The following criteria must be met in the RF through R2.5 zones:

1. Where possible, all lots must be outside of the flood hazard area; and
2. Where it is not possible to have all lots outside of the flood hazard area, all proposed building areas must be outside of the flood hazard area.

**B. R3 through IR, C, E, and I zones** (*omitted – see Zoning Code*).

**C. In all zones.** The following criteria must be met in all zones:

1. Services proposed in the flood hazard area must be located and built to minimize or eliminate flood damage to the services; and
2. The floodway must be entirely within a flood hazard tract unless river-dependent land-uses and development are proposed on the site.

**Applicant Response:**

## 8. Potential Landslide Hazard Area

This section applies when all or part of the site is located within a city-designated Potential Landslide Hazard Area. *Consult with a planner in the Development Services Center or visit [www.portlandmaps.com](http://www.portlandmaps.com) to find out if your site is within a potential landslide hazard area. When this section applies, a Landslide Hazard Study is required. See the Landslide Hazard Study handout (<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/403947>) for specific requirements.*

### Landslide Hazard Area Approval Criterion, 33.632.100

The following approval criterion must be met:

**Locate the lots, buildings, services and utilities on parts of the site that are suitable for development in a manner that reasonably limits the risk of a landslide affecting the site, adjacent sites and sites directly across a street or alley from the site.**

Determination of whether the proposed layout and design reasonably limits the risk of a landslide will include evaluation of the Landslide Hazard Study and will take into consideration accepted industry standards for factor of

safety. Alternative development options including alternative housing types and reduced density may be required in order to limit the risk to a reasonable level.

**Applicant Response:**

## 9. Phased Land Division or Staged Final Plat

This section applies if a phased land division in a single-dwelling zone is proposed or a staged final plat in any zone is proposed. *Address the relevant section below.*

### Phased Land Division Standards, 33.633.120

Phased land divisions are allowed if the all of the following are met. Adjustments to these standards are prohibited:

- A. The required minimum density for the site is 40 or more lots;
- B. All portions of the site that are in the floodway or an Environmental Overlay Zone must be included in the first phase;
- C. All portions of the site that are to be divided in future phases must be held in non-development tracts;
- D. A future division plan must show how each subsequent phase can meet minimum density, the other requirements of Chapters 33.610 through 33.654, and all other regulations of the Portland City Code; and
- E. Applications for Preliminary Plan approval of subsequent phases are subject to the regulations in effect at the time of each application.

### Staged Final Plat Standard, 33.633.220

All portions of the site that are in an Environmental Overlay Zone, in the floodway, or will be in a tree preservation tract must be included in the first Final Plat stage.

**Applicant Response:**

## 10. Required Recreation Area

This section applies to land divisions in residential zones when the proposed density is 40 or more dwelling units. In multi-dwelling zones, where no development is specifically proposed with the land division, the regulations of this chapter apply when the minimum required density for the site is 40 or more units.

### Required Recreation Area Standards, 33.634.200

The following standards must be met:

- A. **Size.** At least 10 percent of the total site area of the land division site must be devoted to recreation area.
- B. **RF-R2 zones.** In the RF-R2 zones, the recreation area must be in one or more recreation area tracts. Recreation area tracts must meet the requirements of Subsection D., below.
- C. **R1-IR zones.** *(omitted – see Zoning Code)*
- D. **Recreation area tracts.** Recreation area tracts required by this chapter must meet the following standards:
  - 1. **Size.** Each tract must be at least 100 feet wide by 100 feet deep;
  - 2. **Location.** No more than 50 percent of each recreation area tract may be in an Environmental Overlay Zone or in a flood hazard area;
  - 3. **Accessibility.** Each recreation area tract must have at least 30 feet of street frontage;
  - 4. **Ownership.** The tracts must be owned in common by all of the owners of the land division site, owned by a Homeowners' Association, or owned by a public agency; and
  - 5. **Improvements.** The applicant must submit a surety and construction timing agreement prior to final plat approval. The construction timing agreement will specify the installation schedule of all improvements.

**Applicant Response:**

## Required Recreation Area Approval Criteria, 33.634.300

All of the following approval criteria must be met:

- A. Location.** Each recreation area must be located on a part of the site that can be reasonably developed for recreational use;
- B. Accessibility.** Each recreation area must be reasonably accessible to all those who will live on the land division site; and
- C. Improvements.** Each recreation area must be improved in order to meet the recreational needs of those who will live on the land division site. Provision for both active and passive recreation must be included. Where there is more than one recreation area, not all areas must be improved for both active and passive recreation. Recreation areas may include improvements such as children's play equipment, picnic areas, open lawn, benches, paved walkways or trails, gardens, or organized sport fields or courts. Surety may be required which specifies the timing of recreation area improvements. The recreation area improvements should be installed before any of the dwelling units on the site have received final inspection.

**Applicant Response:**

## 11. Tracts and Easements

*This section applies if any tracts or private easements are proposed or required. Examples of tracts include tracts for streets, tree preservation, or environmental resources. Examples of easements include private access or utility easements. All required maintenance agreements must be submitted for review with the final plat.*

### Requirements for Tracts and Easements, 33.636.100

- A. Ownership of tracts.** Tracts must be owned as follows unless otherwise specified in this Title or the land use decision:
  - 1. The owners of property served by the tract, or by any other individual or group of people. When the tract is owned by more than one person it must be held in common with an undivided interest;
  - 2. The Homeowners' Association for the area served by the tract;
  - 3. A public or private nonprofit organization; or
  - 4. The City or other jurisdiction.
- B. Maintenance agreement.** The applicant must record with the County Recorder a maintenance agreement that commits the owners or owners' designee to maintain all elements of the tract or easement; however, facilities within the tract or easement that will be maintained by a specified City agency may be recorded in a separate maintenance agreement. The maintenance agreement must be approved by BDS and the City Attorney in advance of Final Plat approval and must be submitted to the County Recorder to be recorded with the Final Plat. For a Planned Development not done in conjunction with a land division, the maintenance agreement must be submitted to the County Recorder to be recorded prior to issuance of the first building permit related to the development.

**Applicant Response:**

## 12. Solar Access

If single dwelling detached development is proposed for a site in any zone, the approval criteria of Chapter 33.639, Solar Access must be addressed. Where it is not practicable to meet both the approval criteria of this chapter and the standards and approval criteria of other chapters in the 600's, the regulations of the other chapters supercede the approval criteria of this chapter.

### Solar Access Approval Criteria, 33.639.100

All of the following approval criteria must be met:

- A.** On streets that are within 30 degrees of a true east-west axis, see Figure 639-1, the narrowest lots should be:
  - 1. Interior lots on the south side of the street. See Figure 639-2; and
  - 2. Corner lots on the north side of the street. See Figure 639-3.
- B.** On streets that are within 30 degrees of a true north-south axis, the widest lots should be interior lots on the east or west side of the street. See Figure 639-4.

**Applicant Response:**

## 13. Seeps and Streams

All land divisions for sites where there is a stream, spring, or seep that is outside of an Environmental Overlay Zone (p or c) must meet these standards.

### Stream, Spring, and Seep Standards, 33.640.200

**A. Preservation in a tract.** Streams, springs, and seeps must be preserved in a tract as follows:

1. The edges of the tract must be at least 15 feet from the edges of the stream, spring, or seep. The edges of a seep or spring are determined through a wetland delineation, performed by an environmental scientist, and approved by BDS. If one or more wetland characteristics are absent from the resource, the delineation will be based on the wetland characteristics present. The edges of a stream are defined as the top-of-bank. Where the edge of the stream, spring, or seep is less than 15 feet from the edge of the site, the tract boundary will be located along the edge of the site;
2. Existing structures within the area described in Paragraph A.1 may be excluded from the tract;
3. Exception. Where the tract required by Paragraph A.1 would preclude compliance with the front lot line requirements of Chapters 33.610 through .615, the stream, seep, or stream may be in an easement that meets the other requirements of Paragraph A.1.

**B. Development allowed in the tract or easement.** The following development, improvements, and activities are allowed in the tract or easement:

1. Disturbance associated with discharging stormwater to the stream channel, if BES has determined that the site's storm water cannot discharge to a storm sewer and OPDR has determined that on-site infiltration is not an option;
2. Removal of non-native invasive species with hand held equipment;
3. Planting of native vegetation listed on the Portland Plant List when planted with hand held equipment;
4. Erosion control measures allowed by Title 10 of Portland City Code;
5. Construction of required driveway connections or required connections to services when there is no practicable alternative to locating the driveways or service connections within the tract or easement; and
6. Maintenance and repair of existing utilities, services, and driveways;

**C. When tract or easement may be crossed by a right-of-way.** Public or private rights of way may cross the seep, spring, or stream tract or easement if the following approval criteria are met:

1. There is no reasonable alternative location for the right-of-way;
2. The applicant has demonstrated that it is possible to construct street improvements within the right-of-way that will meet all of the following:
  - a. The street improvements will not impede the flow of the stream, spring, or seep;
  - b. The street improvements will impact the slope, width, and depth of the stream channel, spring, or seep to the minimum extent practicable; and
  - c. The street improvements will not impede fish passage in a stream, spring, or seep has been identified by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife as fish-bearing.

**D. Minimum density.** Minimum density is waived in order to better meet these standards.

**Applicant Response:**

## 14. Rights-of-Way

If a new public or private right-of-way is proposed or required, you will also need to address the criteria in [Land Division Approval Criteria – Rights-of-Way Chapter 33.654 \(http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/239318\)](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/239318)

If no new street is proposed or required, the necessary criteria should have been addressed under #5 above.

## **15. School District Enrollment Capacity**

All land divisions that will result in eleven or more lots within the boundaries of a school district that has an adopted school facility plan that has been acknowledged by the City of Portland must meet this standard.

### **School District Enrollment Capacity Standard 33.655.100**

The school district within whose boundaries the land division site lies has verified that enrollment capacity for the district is adequate to serve the proposed development. Adjustments are prohibited.