Length of Street-Facing Garage Wall

The length of the garage wall facing the street may be up to 50 percent of the length of the street-facing building facade.

- This standard applies to garages accessory to houses, attached houses, manufactured houses and duplexes in the R10 through R2.5, multi-dwelling, commercial/mixed use and EX zones. See Zoning Code Sections: 33.110.253.D, 33.120.283.D, 33.130.250.D and 33.140.265.G for more details.

- For duplexes, this standard applies to the total length of the street-facing facade.

- Where the street-facing facade is less than 22 feet long, an attached garage is not allowed as part of that facade.

Exception:
Where the building is not being built on a new narrow lot, the garage wall facing the street may be up to 12 feet long if there is interior living area or a covered balcony above the garage. The living area must be set back no more than 4 feet from the street-facing garage wall. The covered balcony must be at least the same length as the street facing garage wall, at least 6 feet deep, and accessible from the interior living area of the dwelling unit.

- Garages are defined as a covered structure that is designed to provide shelter for vehicles, is connected to a right-of-way by a driveway and has an opening that is at least 8 feet wide. Carports are considered garages.

- Garages must contain a 9 foot wide by 18 foot deep clear parking space.

- Floor area adjacent to the space designed to provide shelter for vehicles, if not entirely separated from the garage area by floor-to-ceiling walls, is considered part of the garage.

- On corner lots, only one street-facing garage wall must meet the garage width standards.

The standards do not apply to development on flag lots, development on lots that slope up or down from the street with an average slope of 20% or more (see 33.930.060); and subdivisions or PUDs that received preliminary approval between 09/09/90 and 09/09/95.
Measuring the Length of the Garage Wall

Figure 1: Garage wall is further from the street than adjacent non-garage area.

Length of garage wall is measured from the exterior wall to the exterior of adjacent non-garage wall (interior garage wall).

Figure 2: Garage wall is at an equal distance from the street than adjacent non-garage area.

Length of garage wall is measured from the exterior wall to the middle of the shared wall between the garage and the adjacent non-garage area.

Figure 3: Garage wall is closer to the street than adjacent non-garage area.

Length of garage wall is measured from both exterior walls of the garage.