SECTION 400 - Accessory Buildings in Residence Zones

**[BCZR 1955; Bill No. 27-1963]**

§ 400.1. - Location; lot coverage.

Accessory buildings in residence zones, other than farm buildings (Section 404) shall be located only in the rear yard and shall occupy not more than 40 percent thereof. On corner lots they shall be located only in the third of the lot farthest removed from any street and shall occupy not more than 50 percent of such third. In no case shall they be located less than 2½ feet from any side or rear lot lines, except that two private garages may be built with a common party wall straddling a side interior property line if all other requirements are met. The limitations imposed by this section shall not apply to a structure which is attached to the principal building by a covered passageway or which has one wall or part of one wall in common with it. Such structure shall be considered part of the principal building and shall be subject to the yard requirements for such a building.

§ 400.2. - Setback.

[Bill No. 2-1992]

Accessory buildings, including parking pads, shall be set back not less than 15 feet from the center line of any alley on which the lot abuts.

§ 400.3. - Height.

The height of accessory buildings, except as noted in Section 300, shall not exceed 15 feet.

§ 400.4. - Accessory apartments.

[Bill No. 49-2011 [1]]

An accessory apartment is permitted as a temporary use within a principal single-family detached dwelling or within an accessory building situated on the same owner-occupied lot as the principal dwelling in any zone that permits single-family dwellings, subject to the following requirements:

A. If located within an existing single-family detached dwelling:

1. An applicant shall file with the Department of Permits, Approvals and Inspections an application for a use permit for an accessory apartment, on a form approved by the Department. With the application, the applicant shall submit a declaration of understanding, on a form approved by the Department, including but not necessarily limited to the following