

### **Section 3.11**

#### **Area:**

This district is comprised of the following areas: Pleasant St; Baker St, Millet St and Tilden Ave; Church St; Esplanade; Lemroy Ct; Borden St; Burnett Ct; Brown's Ct; and portions of W Main St and Jericho Rd (see map);

#### **3.11.1 Purpose:**

The purpose of the Village Residential Neighborhoods North District is to provide residential neighborhoods of moderate density within walkable proximity to the services and amenities of the center of Richmond village.

Features of this district include:

1. housing clusters that function as cohesive units where neighbors know each other and often provide mutual support and assistance,
2. traffic is minimal and driving speeds are low in most neighborhoods,
3. sidewalks and crosswalks provide pedestrian safety and connectivity, and nearby bike lanes allow for safe cycling routes to schools, parks, town services, nearby trails and public transit options,
4. street trees, backyards and green spaces provide natural amenities,
5. housing types may be varied, including single family houses, duplexes, 3-4 unit multifamily dwellings, and accessory dwelling units.
6. the character of these neighborhoods will be residential.
7. All lots will be served by municipal water and sewer services

**3.11.2 Permitted Uses:** The following uses shall be allowed in the VRNN District after issuance of a Zoning Permit by the Administrative Officer. Site Plan Review and approval by the DRB pursuant to Section 5.5 may be required.

- a) Accessory dwelling
- b) Accessory structure
- c) Dwelling, single-family
- d) Dwelling, two-family (duplex)
- e) Dwelling, 3-4 unit multifamily
- f) Family child care home
- g) Group home
- h) Home occupation

**3.11.3 Conditional Uses:** The following uses may be allowed in the VRNN District after issuance of a conditional use approval by the DRB.

- a) Supported housing facility
- b) Park or open space
- c) Childcare facility, large home-based
- d) [Supported housing](#)
- e) [Two principal structures hosting residential uses on a lot \(see section 3.11.5\)](#)

**3.11.4 Residential density**

- i) Maximum Residential Density - 1 dwelling unit for every 8,712 square feet of land (5 U/A – see section 6.14)

**3.11.5 Dimensional requirements:**

- a) Minimum lot size: ~~10,000~~ 8,712 square feet (1/5 A)
- b) Lot Dimensions – Each lot must contain a point from which a circle with a radius of 25 feet can be inscribed within the boundary of the lot.
- c) Lot frontage – No lot having frontage on a public or private road shall have less than 60 feet of continuous uninterrupted length of said frontage or the lot must have access to a public or private road with approval by the DRB pursuant to Sections 4.2 and 4.3. -
- d) Maximum Lot Coverage: 50% Height –
- e) The height of any structure shall not exceed 35 feet, except as provided in Section 4.11
- f) Front yard setback :
  - i. principal structure -- minimum = 15 feet
  - ii. accessory structure or dwelling -- minimum of 10 feet behind front of principal structure
- g) Side yard setback :
  - i. principal structure = 10 feet
  - ii. accessory structure or dwelling = 5 feet
- h) Rear yard setback:
  - i. principal structure = 15 feet
  - ii. accessory structure or dwelling = 5 feet

**3.11.6 District Specific Development Standards**

**a) Infrastructure Standards**

- i. All lots shall be served by municipal water and sewer services.
- ii. For all lots that abut existing sidewalks, the applicant shall provide a continuation of that sidewalk, except for projects involving one single-family home or one duplex on a lot. If no sidewalk is abutted at the date of application, the applicant shall provide a sidewalk easement to the town.

**b) Site Design Standards**

- i. Parking shall be located at the side or rear of the building if possible.
- ii. Landscaping and/or screening shall be required to completely block from view from any public road the following: free-standing utilities or mechanicals, and dumpsters or other waste containers, unless the primary or accessory structures completely screen these structures from such view.
- iii. Front yards shall be vegetated. Street and yard trees are encouraged to be incorporated into the design of front yard vegetation.
- iv. Residential parking: the minimum parking requirement is 1 space per dwelling unit. More spaces may be provided if need is anticipated.

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**c) Additional Multi-family housing standards.**

All lots that contain more than two dwelling units shall, in addition to any other District Specific Development Standards listed above, adhere to the Multi-family Housing Development Standards in Section 6.13 of these regulations.

**d) Multiple Structures on a Lot.**

On any Lot in the Village Residential Neighborhood North District, two principal structures hosting residential uses may be developed, provided the following conditions are met:

- i. The lot's developable area and residential density are sufficient to support the proposed number of dwelling units; and
- ii. Proposed legal arrangements for ownership and management of all structures, uses and any common land on the lot shall be provided with the permit application along with an attorney's review of such changes; and
- iii. In a situation where so-called "footprint lots," or lots smaller than the required minimum size are proposed as part of the proposed plan of ownership, the DRB shall require the applicant to record a notice of conditions in the land records stating that for planning and zoning purposes the larger lot shall be treated as a single lot; and
- iv. All other applicable dimensional standards, such as setbacks and lot coverage, shall be met for all buildings on the lot.

**Traffic Impact**

**3.11.7 Planned Unit Developments** that consist entirely of residential units (Residential PUD's) and that satisfy the provisions of Section 5.12 of these regulations are allowed in the Village Residential Neighborhoods North District.

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