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Title:	City of Ann Arbor Required Open Space Ordinance
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Abstract

The goal of this ordinance, in conjunction with Ann Arbor's Natural Feature Open Space Ordinance, is to require wetland setbacks, which are not permitted under the state wetlands law.

Resource

5:54. Required open space.

(1) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, required open space shall be open, unoccupied, and unobstructed by any permanent structure or any part thereof from the ground to the sky.

(2) Exceptions.

(a) The following types of structures may be located anywhere on a lot: open and unroofed terraces, patios, stoops and steps, ramps for building access, awnings, flag poles, trellises, retaining walls, fountains, outdoor cooking equipment, sidewalks, mailboxes, light poles, and fences in accordance with Chapter 104. Parking lots and drives may be located in required open space if permitted by Chapter 59.

(b) In residential zoning districts, the following types of structures may be located anywhere on a lot except the required front open space; refuse containers, fire escapes, and mechanical equipment.

(c) Certain architectural features, such as cornices, eaves, gutters, and chimneys may project 2 feet into required open space.

(Ord. No. 42-88, § 2, 9-6-88)