



RESIDENTIAL DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE

Project Summary

The Residential Design Standards Ordinance provides clear, measurable, and objective requirements to guide the design of residential projects throughout the County's unincorporated communities. The ordinance will apply to residential projects of all scales, ranging from single-family residences to high-density multi-family and mixed-use projects and everything in between. These residential building types have been organized into three categories based on the number of units and how each unit is typically accessed: Single Unit, Multi-Unit (Private Entry), and Multi-Unit (Common Entry) or Mixed Use. The Residential Design Standards Ordinance applies specific design standards that address different aspects of the building to these building types. These standards are generally categorized around the following topics:

1. Building and Site Access
2. Front Yards and Building Orientation
3. Ground Floor Treatments
4. Building Articulation
5. Building Façade Details
6. Landscaping, Walls, Fences, and Screening
7. Vehicle Parking Facilities

In recognition of the variety of architectural styles present throughout the County and style preferences, many of the standards can be satisfied by selecting from menus of options provided in the ordinance.

Alongside the ordinance will be a user guide that can help applicants understand and navigate the ordinance. The user guide will include guiding principles that build upon priorities established by existing County policies as well as other tools to help applicants apply the relevant standards to their projects.

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