

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

AN ORDINANCE _____

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2/7/17 Intro from Floor
PC (3/6/17); CC (3/21/17)

Amending Section 28.211 of the Madison General Ordinances to change the definitions of Lot Line, Rear and Setback, Rear Yard with respect to irregularly shaped lots.

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SPONSOR: Ald. Zellers

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: Under the current definitions of "Lot Line, Rear", and "Setback, Rear Yard", the purpose of requiring a rear yard setback is frustrated when an irregularly shaped lot contains a lot line that is opposite and most distance from the front lot line that is small in relation to the rest of the lot line that is opposite the front lot line. This has the effect of artificially reducing the setback for the entirety of the yard that is not bounded by the small portion of the rear lot line. This amendment would allow the zoning administrator to set the lot line in such situations in order to preserve a rear yard area within the entirety of the lot.

The Common Council of the City of Madison do hereby ordain as follows:

Section 28.211 entitled "Definitions" of the Madison General Ordinances is hereby amended by amending herein the following:

"Lot Line, Rear. That lot line which is opposite and most distant from the front lot line. In the case of a triangular or gore-shaped lot, a line ten (10) feet in length entirely within the lot, parallel to and most distant from the front lot line shall be considered to be the rear lot line. In the case of an irregular lot, a line determined by the Zoning Administrator shall be selected, generally opposite the front lot line, for the purpose of providing a rear lot line across the entirety of the lot."

"Setback (Maximum or Minimum), Rear Yard. The maximum or minimum distance by which any building or structure may be separated from the rear lot line. In the case of an irregular, triangular or gore-shaped lot, a line ten (10) feet in length entirely within the lot, parallel to and most distant from the front lot line shall be considered to be the rear lot line for the purpose of determining the rear yard setback. In the case of an irregular lot, a line determined by the Zoning Administrator shall be selected, generally opposite the front lot line, for the purpose of providing a rear yard area across and within the entirety of the lot."

Approved as to form: