

ORDINANCE No. 4618

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF VENTURA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING ARTICLES 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13 AND 19 OF THE VENTURA COUNTY
ORDINANCE CODE, NON-COASTAL ZONING ORDINANCE (VENTURA COUNTY
ORDINANCE CODE DIVISION 8, CHAPTER 1) PERTAINING TO MAXIMUM
BUILDING LOT COVERAGE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SETBACK
EXCEPTIONS, AND GRAMMATICAL, STYLISTIC, DEFINITIONAL AND OTHER
CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura ("County") ordains as follows:

Section 1

**ARTICLE 1:
AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, AND APPLICATION OF
CHAPTER**

Article 1, Sec. 8101-3.1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8101-3.1

No *structure* shall be moved onto a site, erected, reconstructed, added to, enlarged, advertised on, structurally altered or maintained, and no *structure* or land shall be used or maintained for any purpose, except as specifically provided and allowed by this Chapter, with respect to land uses, *building heights*, *setbacks*, *minimum lot area*, maximum percentage of *building lot coverage* and *lot width*, and with respect to all other regulations, conditions and limitations prescribed by this Chapter as applicable to the same zone in which such use, *structure* or land is located.

Section 2

**ARTICLE 2:
DEFINITIONS**

Article 2, Sec. 8102-0 – Application of Definitions of the Ventura County Ordinance Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following definitions in appropriate alphabetical order:

Building Lot Coverage – The ratio of the area of land covered by *buildings* (i.e., the total "building area") to total *lot* area, expressed as a percentage of *lot* area. For purposes of this definition, "*building*" is any *structure* having a roof supported by columns or walls, and "*building area*" is the area included within the surrounding exterior walls or columns of a *building*, exclusive of courts.

Nonconforming Structure – A *structure* or portion thereof which was lawfully erected or altered and maintained, which, solely because of revisions in development standards of this Chapter dealing with *building lot coverage, lot area per structure, height, and setbacks*, no longer conforms.

Section 3

ARTICLE 6: LOT AREA AND COVERAGE, SETBACKS, HEIGHT AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Article 6, Sec. 8106-0 – Purpose of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to set forth specific development standards which are applicable to the zones specified, and to delineate certain instances where exceptions to the requirements are allowed. Section 8106-1 lists in matrix form specific development standards applicable to specific zones.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-1 – Schedules of Specific Development Standards by Zone, Exceptions and Exclusions Thereto of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-1 - Schedules of Specific Development Standards by Zone, Exceptions and Exclusions Thereto

The following tables indicate the *lot area, setback, height* and *building lot coverage* standards which apply to individual legal *lots* in the zones specified.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-1.1 – Development Standards for Uses and Structures in OS, AE, and R Zones of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-1.1 - Development Standards for Uses and Structures in Open Space, Agricultural Exclusive, Rural and Residential Zones

Zone	Minimum Lot Area for Subdivisions or Maximum Gross Density ¹	Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage	Required Minimum Setbacks ²				Maximum Structure Height ³		
			Front	Side		Rear	Principal Structure	Exceptions (Principal Structure)	Accessory Structure
				Interior and Corner Lots, Except Reverse Corner	Reverse Corner Lots: Street Side				
OS	10 acres	See Section 8106-1.4. Building lot coverage depends on lot location.	20 ft	10 ft	20 ft	15 ft	25 ft	Height may be increased above 25ft (to maximum 35 ft) if each side yard is at least 15 ft or as specified by permit	15 ft, except as noted in Section 8106-7.4
AE	40 acres			5 ft	10 ft				
RA	1 acre								
RE	10,000 sq. ft.		20 ft ⁵						
RO	20,000 sq. ft.								
R1	6,000 sq. ft.								
R2	7,000 sq. ft. ⁴								
RHD	0.80 acre ⁶		From adjacent street	Interior Side Yard	Rear Lot Line	35 ft	35 ft		
			10 ft	5 ft	10 ft				
RPD	As specified by permit ⁷		See Section 8109-1.2.2				35 ft	As specified by permit	
RES	As specified in the Old Town Saticoy Development Code (Article 19).								
R/MU									

1. *Minimum lot area* shall be determined by *lot area* suffix pursuant to Section 8103-1, which in some cases may be greater than the minimum *lot area* specified in Section 8106-1.1. For additional *lot area* exceptions see Section 8103-2.
2. Exceptions to required minimum *setback* requirements can be found in Sections 8106-5, 8106-6, 8107-1.7 and 8107-20. For minimum *setbacks* for flag and irregularly shaped *lots* see Section 8106-4.3.
3. Exceptions to *height* limits see Sections 8106-5, 8106-8 and 8107-1.7.
4. Minimum *lot area* per dwelling unit: 3,500 square feet.
5. Exceptions for "swing *driveways*" see Section 8106-5.11.
6. Section 65583.2(h) of the California Planning and Zoning Laws prescribes a minimum 16 units per site.
7. Minimum density of one *dwelling unit* per acre; maximum density of 30 *dwelling units* per acre.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-1.2 – Development Standards for Uses and Structures in Commercial, Industrial and Special Purpose Zones of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-1.2 - Development Standards for Uses and Structures in Commercial, Industrial and Special Purpose Zones

Zone	Minimum Lot Area	Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage	Required Minimum Setbacks (1)		Maximum Structure Height					
			From Street	Each Interior Yard	Principal Structure	Exceptions (Principal Structure)	Accessory Structure (3)			
CO	No requirement	See Section 8106-1.4. Building lot coverage depends on lot location.	Front: 20 ft Side: 5 ft	10 ft on any side yard that is adjacent to an R-Zone	25 ft	Regardless of <i>Decision-Making Authority</i> as specified in Section 8105, exceeding the height limits, to 60 ft maximum, requires Planning Commission approval	As specified by permit			
C1			5 ft. on corner lots; otherwise as specified by permit.	5 ft if adjacent to an R-zone; otherwise as specified by permit	35 ft					
CPD										
TP	160 acres ²		As specified by permit	25 ft						
M1	10,000 sq. ft.				20 ft ³			5 ft if adjacent to an R-zone; otherwise as specified by permit ³	30 ft	
M2			15 ft ³							
M3			10 ft ³	As specified by permit	Maximum height of 60 ft when located within 100 ft of an R-zone					
TC										
IND	As specified in the Old Town Saticoy Development Code (Article 19)									
SP	As established by Specific Plan (See Sec. 8109-4.2)									

1. Exceptions to required minimum *setback* requirements can be found in Sections 8106-5 and 8106-6. For minimum *setbacks* for flag and irregularly shaped *lots* see Section 8106-4.3.
2. See Section 8109-4.3.6.
3. A 30-foot *setback*, in conjunction with appropriate opaque screening, may be required (1) when the industrial site is adjacent to or across the street from an R-zone; (2) to maintain uniformity with existing adjacent development; or (3) on the basis of the configuration of the industrial site.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-1.3.2 – Building Heights on Sloping Grades of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

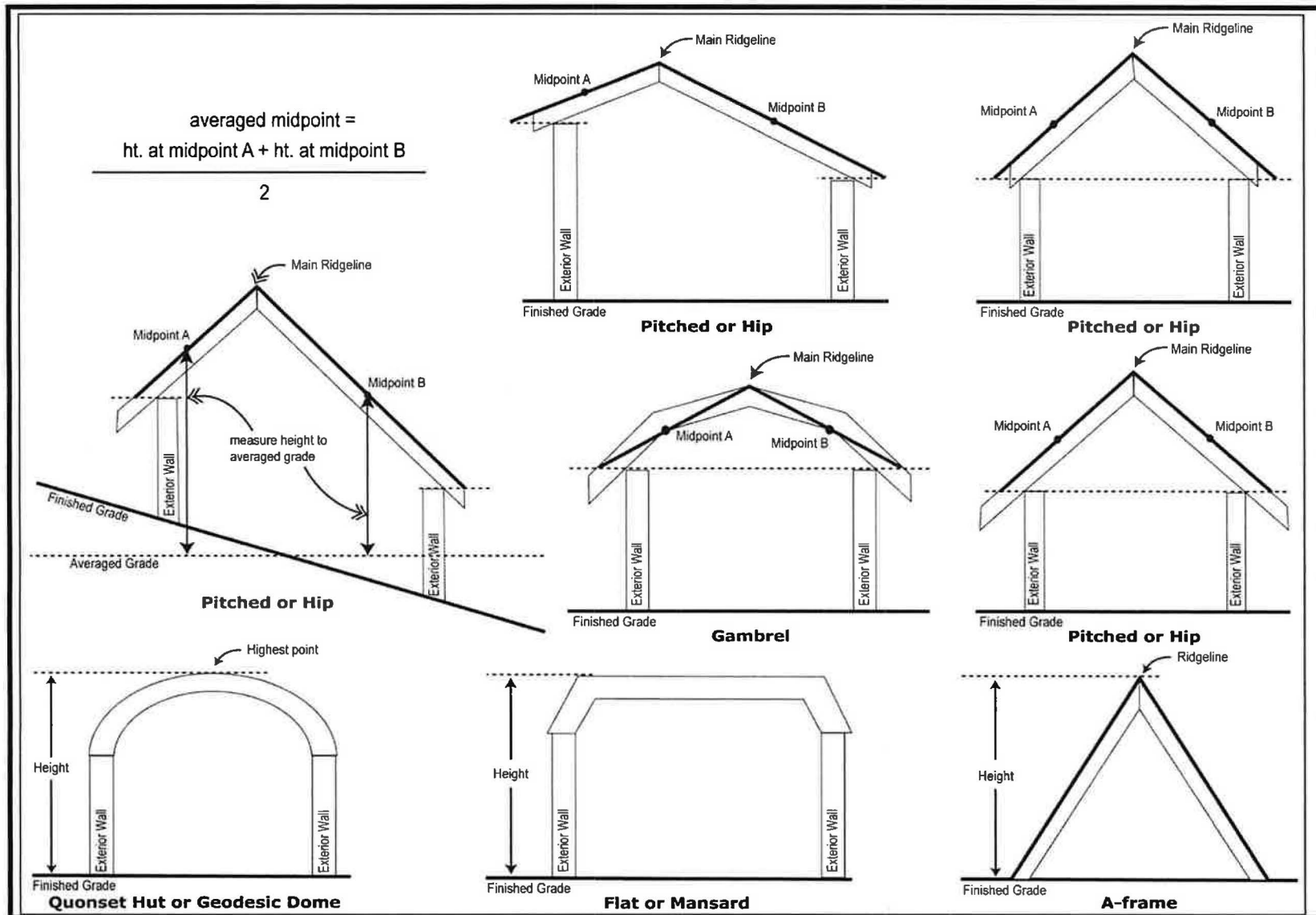
Sec. 8106-1.3.2 - Building Heights on Sloping Grades

The *height* of any *building* located on a sloping *grade* is the vertical distance from the "averaged *grade*," which is arrived at by finding the midpoint of the lowest and highest

grade at each *building* elevation (meaning side view or face of the *structure*), to the highest point of the roof or (in the case of a pitched roof) to the "averaged midpoint," as described in Section 8106-1.3.1 of this Chapter and illustrated in Figure 1 (Section 8106-1.3). These sums are then divided by the number of elevations. If the site has compound *grades*, *height* should be measured at each *building* face.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-1.3, Figure 1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby repealed and reenacted as follows:

Figure 1
(Section 8106-1.3)



Article 6, Sec. 8106-1.4 – Building Lot Coverage is hereby added to the Ventura County Ordinance Code, and shall read as follows:

Sec. 8106-1.4 – Building Lot Coverage

- a. Purpose: The purpose of this Section 8106-1.4 et seq. is to provide the maximum percentage of *building lot coverage* for: (1) *lots* subject to an area plan; (2) *lots* within a mapped existing community designated area boundary and not subject to an area plan; (3) *lots* outside of a mapped existing community designated area boundary and not subject to an area plan; and (4) *lots* that meet certain exceptions and exclusions.
- b. Definitions: Definitions for all italicized terms in this Section 8106-1.4 et seq. are set forth in Article 2 of this Chapter. For terms not defined, refer to Section 8101-4.4.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1 – Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage Standards

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1 – Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage for Lots Subject to an Area Plan

The maximum percentage of *building lot coverage* for *lots* subject to an area plan shall be as specified below in subsections 8106-1.4.1.1.1 to 8106-1.4.1.1.8. If any provision of this Section 8106-1.4.1.1 conflicts with the applicable area plan standards, the latter shall govern.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.1 – El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan

Table 1
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.1)

El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
OS 80 (Open Space 80 ac min)	5
OS 40 (Open Space 40 ac min)	5
AG (Agriculture 40 ac min)	5
RR 5 (Rural Residential 5 ac min)	25
UR 1-2 (Urban Residential 1-2 du/ac)	28
UR 2-4 (Urban Residential 2-4 du/ac)	35
UR 4-6 (Urban Residential 4-6 du/ac)	45
UR 6-10 (Urban Residential 6-10 du/ac)	50
UR 10-15 (Urban Residential 10-15 du/ac)	60
UR 20 (Urban Residential 20 du/ac)	60
COM (Commercial)	60
IND (Industrial)	50
INST (Institutional)	60
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.1.1.1a and 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min - Minimum	

**Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.1a – El Rio/Del Norte Area Plan
Building Lot Coverage Exceptions and Exclusions**

(1) The following exceptions and exclusions apply to the OS 80, OS 40 and AG Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) *Structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

(b) Maximum *building lot coverage* of *lots* less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22.334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet.

(c) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *structures* and uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.

(d) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

(2) The following exception applies to the RR 5, UR1-2, UR2-4, UR-4-6, UR 6-10, UR 10-15, and UR 20 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than one acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in Section 8106-1.4.1.1.1, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 4.596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.2 – Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan

Table 2
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.2)

Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
Lake	Not Applicable
Parks and Recreation	5
OS 80 (Open Space 80 ac min)	5
OS 40 (Open Space 40 ac min)	5
OS 20 (Open Space 20-40 ac min)	5
OS 10 (Open Space 10-20 ac min)	5
RR 5 (Rural Residential 5-10 ac)	25
RR 2 (Rural Residential 2-5 ac)	25
UR 1 (Urban Residential 1 du/ac)	25

UR 1-2 (Urban Residential 1-2 du/ac)	28
UR 2-4 (Urban Residential 2-4 du/ac)	35
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.1.1.2a and 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min – Minimum	

**Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.2a – Lake Sherwood/Hidden Valley
Area Plan Building Lot Coverage Exceptions and
Exclusions**

(1) The following exceptions and exclusions apply to the Lake, Parks & Rec., OS 80, OS 40, OS 20, and OS 10 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) *Structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

(b) Maximum *building lot coverage* of *lots* less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22.334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet.

(c) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *structures* and uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.

(d) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

(2) The following exception applies to the RR 5, RR 2, UR 1, UR 1-2 and UR 2-4 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than one acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in Section 8106-1.4.1.1.2, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 4.596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.3 – North Ventura Avenue Area Plan

Table 3
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.3)

North Ventura Avenue Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
Residential, Single Family	44
Residential, Multiple-Family	55
Commercial	60
Industrial	40
Oil Field Industrial	20
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min - Minimum	

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.4 – Oak Park Area Plan

Table 4
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.4)

Oak Park Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
POS (Public Open Space)	5
R/1-2 (Residential 1-2 du/ac)	28
R/2-4 (Residential 2-4 du/ac)	35
R/4-6 (Residential 4-6 du/ac)	41
R/6-8 (Residential 6-8 du/ac)	48
R/8-12 (Residential 8-12 du/ac)	50
R/16-20 (Residential 16-20 du/ac)	60
C (Commercial)	60
CF (Community Facility)	60
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.1.1.4a and 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min - Minimum	

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.4a – Oak Park Area Plan Building Lot Coverage Exclusion

The following exclusion applies to the POS, R/1-2, R/2-4, R/4-6, R/6-8, R/8-12 and R/16-20 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) *Structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.5 – Ojai Valley Area Plan

Table 5
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.5)

Ojai Valley Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
OS 80 (Open Space 80 ac min)	5
OS 40 (Open Space 40 ac min)	5
OS 20 (Open Space 20 ac min)	5
OS 10 (Open Space 10 ac min)	5
RI (Rural Institutional 20 ac min)	25
RR5 (Rural Residential 5-10 ac min)	25
RR 2 (Rural Residential 2-5 ac min)	25
UR 1-2 (Urban Residential 1-2 du/ac)	28
UR 2-4 (Urban Residential 2-4 du/ac)	35
UR 4-6 (Urban Residential 4-6 du/ac)	45
UR 6-10 (Urban Residential 6-10 du/ac)	50
UR 10-20 (Urban Residential 10-20 du/ac)	60
C (Commercial)	60
I (Industrial)	50
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.1.1.5a and 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min – Minimum	

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.5a – Ojai Valley Area Plan Building Lot Coverage Exceptions and Exclusions

(1) The following exceptions and exclusions apply to the OS 80, OS 40, OS 20 and OS 10 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) *Structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

(b) Maximum *building lot coverage* of *lots* less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22.334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet.

(c) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed on non-conforming (less than applicable minimum *lot* size) *lots* by discretionary permits for existing *structures* and uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.

(d) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

(2) The following exception applies to the RR 5, RR 2, UR 1-2, UR 2-4, UR 4-6 and UR 6-10 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than one acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in Section 8106-1.4.1.1.5, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 4.596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.6 – Piru Area Plan

Table 6
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.6)

Piru Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
Open Space (80 ac min)	5
Agricultural (40 ac min)	5
R-4 (2-4 du/ac)	36
R-6 (4-6 du/ac)	45
R-15 (10-15 du/ac)	55
RHD (20 du/ac)	60
SFE (2-4 du/ac)	36
SFT (4-6 du/ac)	45
MSP (6-8 du/ac)	50
CR (8-12 du/ac)	55
C (Commercial)	60
RMU (Retail Mixed-Use)	60
I (Industrial)	50
CF (Community Facility)	60
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.1.1.6a and 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min - Minimum	

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.6a – Piru Area Plan Building Lot Coverage Exceptions and Exclusions

(1) The following exceptions and exclusions apply to the Open Space, Agricultural, R-4, R-6, R-15, RHD, SFE, SFT, MSP and CR Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) *Structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

(b) Maximum *building lot coverage* of *lots* less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22.334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet.

(c) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *structures* and uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.

(d) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

(2) The following exception applies to the C, RMU, I and CF Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than one acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in Section 8016-1.4.1.1.6, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 4.596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

(3) The following exception applies to the C Area Plan Land Use Designation:

(a) Deviations may be allowed under the provisions of the Community Business District Overlay Zone.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.7 – Thousand Oaks Area Plan

Table 7
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.7)

Thousand Oaks Area Plan Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

Area Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
POS (Public Open Space 10 ac min)	5
OS 40 (Open Space 40 ac min)	5
OS 20 (Open Space 20 ac min)	5
RR - 2 (Rural Residential 2 ac min)	25
UR - 1 (Urban Residential 1 du/ac)	25
UR - 2 (Urban Residential 1-2 du/ac)	28
UR - 4 (Urban Residential 2-4 du/ac)	35
UR - 8 (Urban Residential 6-8 du/ac)	48
UR - 16 (Urban Residential 12-16 du/ac)	55
I (Industrial)	50
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Sections 8106-1.4.1.1.7a and 8106-1.4.2. ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min - Minimum	

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.7a – Thousand Oaks Area Plan Building Lot Coverage Exceptions and Exclusions

(1) The following exceptions and exclusions apply to the OS 20 Area Plan Land Use Designation:

(a) *Structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

(b) Maximum *building lot coverage* of lots less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be 2,500 square

feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22,334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet.

(c) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *structures* and uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.

(d) Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

(2) The following exception applies to the RR-2, UR-1, UR-2, UR-4, UR-8 and UR-16 Area Plan Land Use Designations:

(a) Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than one acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in Section 8106-1.4.1.1.7, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 4,596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.1.8 – Saticoy Area Plan

(1) For *lots* subject to the Saticoy Area Plan and within the Old Town Saticoy mapped area, allowable uses and development standards are set forth in Appendix B, Section 8119-1 of the NCZO – Old Town Saticoy Development Code.

(2) For *lots* subject to the Saticoy Area Plan and within the West and South Industrial mapped areas, maximum *building lot coverage* shall be 50% of the *lot* area. For all other development standards for the South and West Industrial Sections, refer to Article 6 of this ordinance.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.2 – Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage for Lots Within a Mapped Existing Community Designated Area Boundary and Not Subject to an Area Plan

The maximum percentage of *building lot coverage* for *lots* located within a mapped existing community designated area and not subject to an area plan shall be determined in accordance with this Section 8106-1.4.1.2. The following existing community designated areas, as mapped in the Ventura County General Plan, shall be governed by this Section 8106-1.4.1.2:

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| 1. Bell Canyon | 12. North Santa Paula |
| 2. Box Canyon | 13. North Simi |
| 3. Camarillo Heights | 14. Santa Rosa Valley |
| 4. East Santa Paula | 15. Santa Susana |
| 5. Home Acres | 16. Saticoy Country Club |
| 6. La Cumbre Road | 17. Somis |
| 7. Las Posas Estates | 18. Tapo Canyon |
| 8. Lewis Road | 19. Thomas Aquinas College |
| 9. Matilija Canyon | 20. Ventura Avenue |
| 10. Mission Rock Road | 21. West Santa Paula |

Table 8
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.2)

Maximum Building Lot Coverage for Lots Within a Mapped Existing Community Designated Area Boundary and Not Subject to an Area Plan

NCZO Zone Classification	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
RA	25
RA - 1ac	25
RA - 160 ac	25
RE - 10,000 sq ft	36
RE - 13,000 sq ft	33
RE - 18,000 sq ft	30
RE - 20,000 sq ft	29
RE - 20,000 sq ft av	29
RE - 40,000 sq ft	25
RE - 1ac	25
RE - 1ac/MRP	25
RE - 2ac	25
RE - 5ac	25
RE - 10ac	5
RE - 13ac	33
RE - 20ac	5
RE - 30ac	26
R1 - 6,000 sq ft	45
R1 - 8,000 sq ft	39
R1 - 10,000 sq ft	36
R1 - 13,000 sq ft	33
R1 - 20,000 sq ft	29
R2 - 7,000 sq ft	50
RO - 20,000 sq ft	29
RO - 1 ac	25
RHD - 20 du/ac	60
RPD	60
RPD - 1 du/ac	25
CPD	60
CO	50
C1	60
M2 - 10,000 sq ft	50
M3 - 10,000 sq ft	40
Notes: Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.1.2a and 8106-1.4.2. sq ft – Square Feet; ac – Acre; du – Dwelling Unit; min - Minimum	

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.2a – Exception to Building Lot Coverage Development Standards for Lots within the Las Posas Estates Existing Community

For *lots* within the Las Posas Estates Existing Community zoned RE-20Ac, *structures* used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* are excluded from *building lot coverage* standards. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

Sec. 8106-1.4.1.3 – Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage for Lots Outside of a Mapped Existing Community Designated Area Boundary and Not Subject to an Area Plan

The maximum percentage of *building lot coverage* for *lots* located outside of a mapped existing community designated area boundary, and not subject to an area plan, shall be as specified in the General Plan for the applicable land use designation. The maximum *building lot coverage* standards that apply to each land use designation pursuant to the General Plan are set forth below. If any provision of this section 8106-1.4.1.3 conflicts with the General Plan, the latter shall govern.

Table 9
(Sec. 8106-1.4.1.3)

Maximum Building Lot Coverage for Lots Outside of a Mapped Existing Community Designated Area Boundary and Not Subject to an Area Plan

General Plan Land Use Designation	Maximum Building Lot Coverage (Percent)
Rural	25
ECU-Rural	25
Agricultural	5
ECU-Agricultural	5
Open Space	5
ECU-Open Space	5
Mixed Use	60
Commercial	60
Commercial Planned Development	60
Industrial	50
Parks and Recreation	5
State, Federal, Other Public Land	Not Applicable
Exceptions and exclusions may apply, refer to Section 8106-1.4.2.	

Sec. 8106-1.4.2 – Exceptions and Exclusions to Maximum Percentage of Building Lot Coverage

The exceptions and exclusions established by this Section 8106-1.4.2 are in addition to those established in Sections 8106-1.4.1.1 and 8106-1.4.1.2. If any provision of Section 8106-1.4.2 conflicts with the exceptions and exclusions established by Sections 8106-1.4.1.1 and 8106-1.4.1.2, the more permissive exception and/or exclusion shall govern.

Sec. 8106-1.4.2.1 – Maximum Building Lot Coverage for Nonconforming Lots with a Rural Land Use Designation

Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than 1 acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in the General Plan for the Rural land use designation, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 4.596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater ($[(\text{Square Feet of Lot Area} - 5,000) \div 4.596] + 2,500 = \text{Maximum Square Footage of Building Lot Coverage}$).

Sec. 8106-1.4.2.2 – Maximum Building Lot Coverage for Nonconforming Lots with an Agricultural Land Use Designation

- a. Maximum *building lot coverage* of *lots* of less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in the General Plan for the Agricultural land use designation, or 2,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22.334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater ($[(\text{Square Feet of Lot Area} - 5,000) \div 22.334] + 2,500 = \text{Maximum Square Footage of Building Lot Coverage}$).
- b. Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *structures* or uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.
- c. Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

Sec. 8106-1.4.2.3 – Maximum Building Lot Coverage for Non-Conforming Lots with an Open Space Land Use Designation

- a. Maximum *building lot coverage* of *lots* of less than 10 acres (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in the General Plan for the Open Space land use designation, or 1,500 square feet plus 1-square-foot for each 22.334 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater ($[(\text{Square Feet of Lot Area} - 5,000) \div 22.334] + 2,500 = \text{Maximum Square Footage of Building Lot Coverage}$).
- b. Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *structures* or uses listed under the heading of "Crop and Orchard Production" in Article 5.
- c. Greater *building lot coverage* may be allowed with the approval of a discretionary permit for *Farmworker Housing Complexes*.

Sec. 8106-1.4.2.4 – Maximum Lot Coverage for Non-Conforming Lots with a Residential Land Use Designation

Maximum *building lot coverage* for *lots* of less than 1 acre (nonconforming) in area shall be as specified in the General Plan for the Residential land use designation, or 2,500 square feet plus 1 square foot for each 4.596 square feet of *lot* area over 5,000 square feet, whichever is greater ($[(\text{Square Feet of Lot Area} - 5,000) \div 4.596] + 2,500 = \text{Maximum Square Footage of Building Lot Coverage}$).

Sec. 8106-1.4.2.5 – Exclusion of Structures Used for Growing Plants on Lots with an Agriculture Land Use Designation

Structures used for growing plants such as greenhouses, hothouses, and agricultural shade/mist *structures* shall be excluded from the maximum

building lot coverage standards applicable to *lots* with an Agricultural land use designation. This exclusion does not include *structures* used for preliminary packing, storage and preservation of produce and similar *structures*.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-3 – Purpose and Use of Setbacks of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-3 - Purpose and Use of Setbacks

- a. The *setback* regulations are intended to prevent the overcrowding of land, provide privacy, preclude narrow, unusable spaces between *buildings* and provide clear areas for fire safety purposes, both to retard the spread of fire and to enable *emergency* personnel to reach side and rear areas of *buildings*.
- b. The *setback* regulations apply to *buildings* with foundations, and other *structures* such as those for parking and storage, whether or not they have foundations, and to *open storage*.
- c. No required *setback* shall be used for parking or storage of any vehicles, nor for *open storage* or garages or any other *structures* except as allowed by Sections 8106-5.3, 8106-8.6, 8107-1.6.1, or otherwise specifically provided in this Chapter.

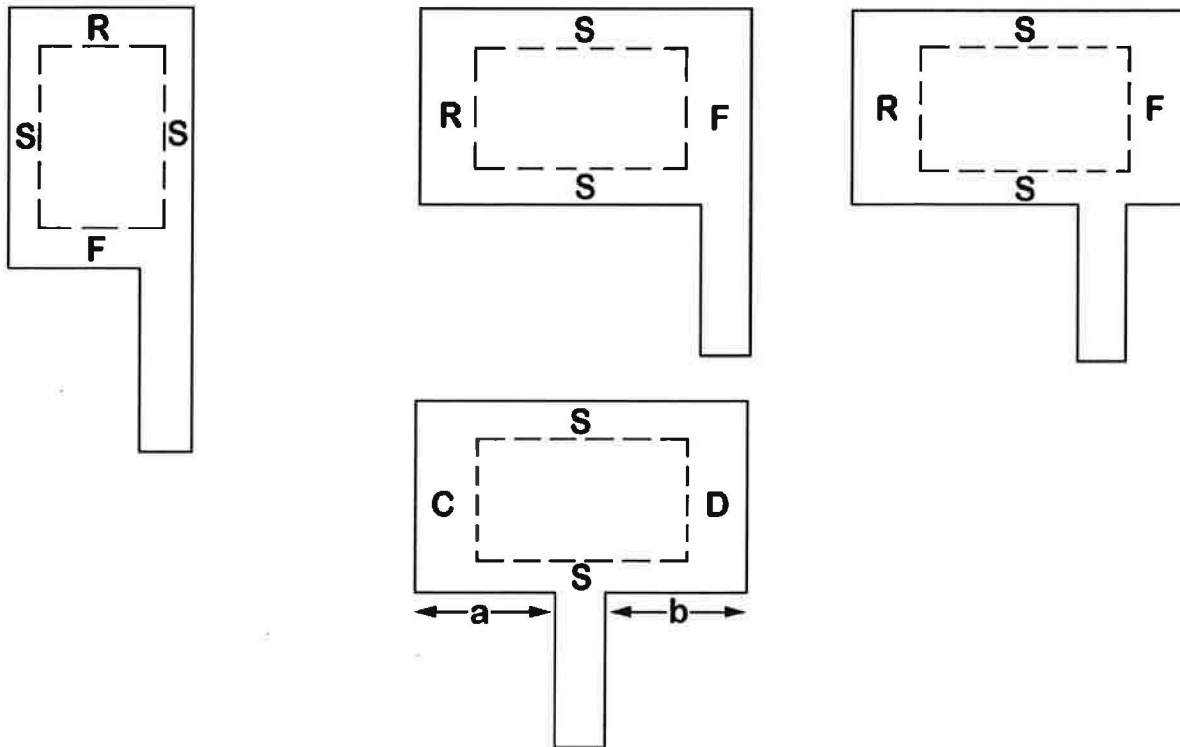
Article 6, Sec. 8106-4.3 – Measurement of Setbacks of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-4.3 - Determination of Setbacks for Flag Lots and Irregularly Shaped Lots

In the case of "*flag lots*" and "*irregularly shaped lots*", the *setbacks* shall be measured from the applicable front (F), rear (R) and side (S) of the *lot* as designated in the diagrams illustrated below.

- a. In cases involving *flag lots* or irregularly shaped *lots* of a type not represented in any of the following diagrams, the *Planning Director* shall determine the minimum *setbacks* utilizing good planning practices.
- b. Any portion of a *flag lot* or irregularly shaped *lot* that is adjacent to a street is a "*required setback adjacent to a street*" for purposes of *fence* regulations.

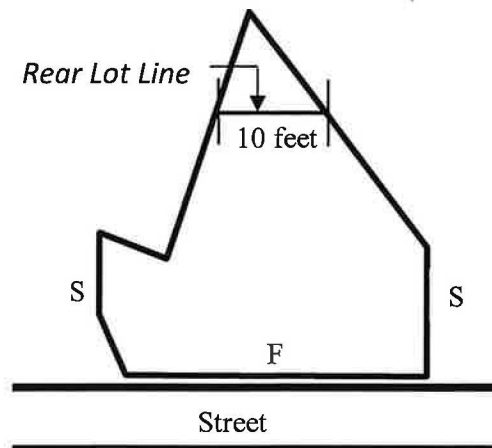
**Illustration of Setbacks for Flag Lots
(Section 8106-4.3)**



If $a = b$, applicant designates C or D as front.

Illustration of setbacks for Irregularly Shaped Lots

Rear *lot* lines for triangular and irregularly shaped *lots* – A line 10 feet long within the *lot*, opposite and most distant from the *front lot line*, which is parallel to the *front lot line* or parallel to the chord of a curved *front lot line*, where such chord is drawn perpendicular to the mean direction of *lot depth*.



Article 6, Sec. 8106-5 – Exceptions to Required Setbacks and Height of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5 - Exceptions to Required Setbacks and Height

The following are exceptions to the standards set forth in Section 8106-1 of this Chapter:

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.1 – Accessory Structures in Certain Setback Areas of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.1 – Accessory Structures in Certain Setback Areas

Detached *accessory structures* (e.g., gazebo, garage, storage shed), not used for *human habitation*, may be constructed to within 3 feet of interior and *rear lot lines*, provided that:

- a. In no case shall any such *accessory structure(s)* occupy more than 40 percent of the *rear setback* area. This standard does not apply to below-grade, uncovered swimming pools, spas, hot tubs, and similar *structures* (having a water depth of 18 inches or more).
- b. *Setbacks* areas adjacent to a street shall be maintained as set forth in Section 8106-1 of this Chapter.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.2 – Accessory Structures in Front Setbacks on Through Lots of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.2 – Accessory Structures in Front Setbacks on Through Lots

A detached *accessory structure* not used for *human habitation* and not exceeding 15 feet in *height* may be located in one of the required *front setbacks* on a large *through lot*, as described in Section 8106-4.4 of this Chapter, provided that every portion of such detached *accessory structure* is at least 10 feet from the nearest front property line.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.3 – Parking in Setbacks of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.3 - Parking in Setbacks

Parking in a required *setback* is prohibited except in the following circumstances:

- a. Fully operative, licensed and registered motorized vehicles may be parked in the *front* or street-side *setback* when located in a *driveway* leading to a garage, carport, or other required parking space for single- and two-family dwellings. Said motorized vehicles and operative non-motorized vehicles (e.g., bicycles, boat or vehicle trailers), accessory to a *dwelling*, may be parked on a paved area (no wider than 10 feet) adjacent to the *driveway*, except as provided elsewhere in this Chapter.
- b. No required *setback* may be used for the provision of required parking spaces, except as specifically provided in this Chapter.
- c. In the M1 and M2 Zones, required off-street parking spaces may be located in required street-side *setbacks*, provided that such parking spaces are located behind required landscaping and screening and any other required improvements, such as sidewalks.
- d. On *interior lots*, a minimum 3-foot-wide area adjacent to one *side lot line* shall be kept free of operative motorized vehicles and *open storage*. (See Section 8107-1.6 of this Chapter.)

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.4 – Architectural Features of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.4 - Architectural Features

Eaves, cornices, canopies, *belt courses*, sills, buttresses and other similar architectural features that do not create additional floor area or living space, may project a maximum of 2½ feet into required *front setbacks*, 2 feet into *side setbacks* and 4 feet into *rear setbacks*, and may not be closer than 2 feet from any side or rear property line. Such features shall not be closer than 2 feet to a line midway between the exterior walls of *buildings* located on the same *lot*.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.6 – Balconies, Fire Escapes and Stairways of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.6 - Balconies, Fire Escapes and Stairways

Open, unenclosed stairways or balconies not covered by roofs or canopies may extend into required *rear setbacks* not more than 4 feet, and into required *front setbacks* not more than 2 ½ feet.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.7 – Chimneys and Fireplaces of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.7 –Chimneys, Bay Windows, and Fireplaces

Masonry chimneys, bay windows, and fireplaces may project into required *setbacks* or required common open space not more than 2 feet provided that such *structures* shall not be closer than 3 feet to any *side lot line*. Where more than one *building* is located on the same *lot*, such *structures* shall not be closer than 3 feet to a line midway between the main walls of such *buildings*.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.8 – Depressed Ramps of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.8 - Depressed Ramps

Open-work *fences*, hedges, guard railings or other landscaping or architectural devices for safety protection around depressed ramps, designed to permit *access* to parts of *buildings* that are below average ground level, may be located in required *setbacks* or required common open space, provided that such devices are not more than 3 ½ feet in *height*.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.9 – Uncovered, Unenclosed Landings and Porches of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.9 - Uncovered, Unenclosed Landings and Porches

Uncovered porches, platforms or landings which do not extend above the level of the first floor of the *building* may extend into required *front setbacks* not more than 6 feet, and into required *side* and *rear setbacks* no closer than 3 feet to the property line. An open-work railing not more than 3 ½ feet tall may be installed or constructed on such porch, platform or landing.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.10 – Decks of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.10 - Decks

When constructed at or below the level of the first floor of the *building*, a deck may extend into required *side* or *rear setbacks*, but may not occupy more than 40 percent of a required *rear setback*, nor be located closer than 3 feet to a *side* or *rear lot line*. This does not apply to *hardscape* directly on *grade* and/or to decks on *grade* adjacent to swimming pools.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.11 – Front Setback with "Swing" Driveways of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.11 - Front Setback with "Swing" Driveways

In the R1 and R2 Zones, *dwelling*s constructed with carports or garages having a curved or "swing" *driveway*, with the entrances to the carports or garages facing the *side lot line*, may have a minimum *front setback* of 15 feet.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.12 – Temporary Housing During Construction of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.12 - Temporary Housing During Construction

A *recreational vehicle* (RV) used for temporary housing during construction shall be set back at least 5 feet from *lot lines* on which it is placed.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.13 – Swimming Pools and Spas, of the Ventura County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.13 - Swimming Pools and Spas

Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and similar *structures* may be constructed to within 3 feet of rear and interior *side lot lines*, provided that they do not intrude into any front or street-side setback. Pools designed to hold less than 18 inches of water depth are exempt from setback requirements.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.15 – Building Additions of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.15 - Building Additions

Horizontal or vertical additions to legally existing principal *buildings* that do not meet current *side setback* requirements may be constructed with the same *side setbacks* as the existing construction, provided that:

- a. The existing *side setback* is at least ~~three~~ 3 feet on the side of the *expansion*; and
- b. The linear front-to-rear dimension of any such forward or rearward *expansion*, or combination thereof, does not exceed 75 percent of the existing linear front-to-rear dimension of the nonconformity; and
- c. New construction that is directly adjacent to existing conforming construction complies with current *setback* requirements; and
- d. No new *setback* nonconformity is created in a *side setback* that does not have an existing *setback* nonconformity; and
- e. Except for architectural features and similar *setback* intrusions that have no floor area and are allowed elsewhere in this Article, new construction over 10 feet in *height* shall conform to current *setback* requirements.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-5.16 - Mailboxes of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-5.16 - Mailboxes

Structures that support mailboxes with curbside mail delivery may be placed in the *front setback*, provided that they do not exceed a *height* of 50 inches, and are not larger than 24 inches on each side.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-6.2 – Garages and Carports of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-6.2 - Garages and Carports

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, garages and carports shall be set back sufficiently from streets from which they take *access* to provide for at least 20 linear feet

of *driveway apron*, as measured along the centerline of the *driveway* from the *lot line* to the garage or carport.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-6.4 – Buildings for the Growing of Crops of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-6.4 - Buildings and Structures for the Growing of Crops

Greenhouses, hothouses, shade/mist structures and similar *buildings* and *structures* shall be set back at least 20 feet from all *lot lines*.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-7 – Exceptions to Height Limits of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-7 - Exceptions to Height Limits

The following are exceptions to the *height* limits stated in Section 8106-1 of this Chapter:

Article 6, Sec. 8106-7.2 – Roof Structures of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-7.2 - Roof Structures

Roof structures may be erected above the *height* limits prescribed in this Chapter, provided that no additional floor space is thereby created.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-7.5 – Wireless Communication Facilities of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-7.5 – Wireless Communication Facilities

Wireless communication facilities may be installed at a height that exceeds the *height* limit of the zone, provided that the facility does not exceed the maximum *height* limits prescribed in Section 8107-45.4(f). All *wireless communication facilities* shall be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with the development standards stated in Section 8107-45.4.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-8.3 – Connection of Structures of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-8.3 - Connection of Structures

An *accessory structure* will be considered to be attached to the principal *structure* if:

- a. The distance between the principal *structure* and the *accessory structure* is no greater than 15 feet and the roof connecting the two *structures* complies with all of the following:
 - (1) It is essentially a continuation of the roof of the principal *structure*;
 - (2) It resembles the roof of the nearest enclosed, habitable area of the principal *structure* in terms of pitch, materials, architectural design, etc.; and
 - (3) It is imperforate; or
- b. The space between such *structures* is completely enclosed by walls attached to each *structure* and constitutes "*internal access*" and the ratio of this access-way width to length is no greater than 1:3. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Article 6, Sec. 8106-8.6 – Light Fixtures of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-8.6 - Light Fixtures

The following regulations apply to *light fixtures* over 2 feet tall:

- a. Maximum *height* of a freestanding *light fixture* is 20 feet with a Zoning Clearance; over 20 feet up to 35 feet may be permitted with a *Planning Director*-approved Planned Development Permit. For commercial and industrial uses, such *heights* shall be specified in the discretionary permit.
- b. Such fixtures shall not be placed in any *side setbacks*.
- c. Lights in excess of 150 watts (for incandescent light bulbs) or 2250 *lumens* shall not result in direct illumination of adjacent properties.

See Section 8109-4 of this Chapter for additional lighting regulations in *overlay zones*.

Article 6, Sec. 8106-8.7 – Recycling Areas of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8106-8.7 – Recycling and Refuse Storage Areas

All commercial, industrial, institutional, or residential *buildings* having five or more living units, shall provide recycling and refuse storage areas in accordance with the County of Ventura's most recently adopted "*Space Allocation for Recycling and Refuse Collection Design Criteria and Specifications Guidelines*" in effect at the time of the development approval.

Section 4

ARTICLE 7: STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC USES

Article 7, Sec. 8107-1.7.4(f) – Not Subject to Development Standards in Section 8107-1.7.5 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- f. **Not Subject to Development Standards in Section 8107-1.7.5:** *ADUs that meet the requirements of Section 8107-1.7.4(a), (b), (c), or (d) and are entitled to a building permit are not subject to the development standards of Section 8107-1.7.5, including size, setback, parking and building lot coverage requirements.*

Article 7, Sec. 8107-26.3 – Agricultural Employee Housing of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8107-26.3 – Agricultural Employee Housing

All *agricultural employee housing* shall comply with the setback, *building lot coverage*, height, and other development standards applicable to the underlying zone in which it is located, and the following development standards, unless otherwise indicated in this Section 8107-26.3.

Article 7, Sec. 8107-41.3 – Permitting and Development Standards for Agricultural Worker Housing of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8107- 41.3 – Permitting and Development Standards for Agricultural Worker Housing

All *agricultural worker housing* shall comply with the setback, *building lot coverage*, height, and other development standards applicable to the zone in which it is located and the following development standards, unless otherwise indicated in this Section 8107- 41.3.

Section 5

ARTICLE 8: PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Article 8, Sec. 8108-3.5 – Solar Structures of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8108-3.5 – Solar Structures

The installation of solar photovoltaic or hot water systems on canopies or other *structures* over parking areas/spaces is encouraged and allowable, but only if such *structures* do not violate any required setback, *height*, or *building lot coverage* restrictions, or obstruct any required fire apparatus *access lanes*. Solar *structures* shall be compatible in scale, materials, color, and character with the surrounding *building(s)* and background.

Article 8, Sec. 8108-3.6 – Green Roofs of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8108-3.6 – Green Roofs

The installation of green roofs on *structures* over parking areas/spaces is encouraged and allowable, but only if such *structures* do not violate any required setback, *height*, or *building lot coverage* restrictions, or obstruct any required fire apparatus *access lanes*. Green roofs shall be compatible in scale, materials, color, and character with the surrounding *building(s)* and background. The use of any invasive or watch list species Division 8, Chapter 1 Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance (2-7-2023 edition) v 8-6 as inventoried by the California Invasive Plant Council is prohibited. Green roof plant material and irrigation systems shall be installed pursuant to the MWEL0 where applicable (see Section 8106-8.2.1(b)).

Section 6

ARTICLE 11: ENTITLEMENTS – PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

Article 11, Sec. 8111-1.2.2 – Variances of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8111-1.2.2 – Variances

Variances are adjustments in the regulations and development standards contained in this Chapter. Variances are based on discretionary decisions and may be granted to allow deviations from ordinance regulations governing such development factors as setbacks, *height*, *building lot coverage*, *lot area* and width, signs, off-street parking, landscaping and wall, fencing and screening standards. Variances shall be processed in accordance with the

provisions of this Article. Variances may not be granted to authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the zone regulations governing the property. Except for administrative variances, variance requests shall be heard by the Planning Commission through a public hearing process.

Section 7

ARTICLE 13: PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

Article 13, Sec. 8113-1 – Nonconforming Structures of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 8113-1 – Nonconforming Structures

Where *structures* have been rendered nonconforming due only to revisions in development standards dealing with *building lot coverage, lot area per structure, height or setbacks*, and the use therein is permitted or conditionally permitted in the zone, such *structures* are not required to be terminated under this Article and may be continued and expanded or extended on the same *lot* provided that the structural or other alterations for the expansion or extension of the *structure* are either required by law, or are in conformance with the regulations in effect for the zone in which such *structures* are located.

Section 8

ARTICLE 19: SPECIFIC STANDARDS FOR AREA PLANS

Article 19, Sec. 8119-1.1.2 – Purpose and Objectives (Old Town Saticoy Development Code) of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, is hereby amended so that the first paragraph of Sec. 8119-1.1.2 reads as follows:

Sec. 8119-1.1.2 – Purpose and Objectives

There are seven zones within the Saticoy Area Plan boundary. See Appendix A for an illustrative map showing all zones. Of these, three industrial zones (M1, M2, and M3) already exist within the NCZO, and are located within the South and West Industrial Sections. The purpose of and zoning regulations for the Industrial Park (M1), Limited Industrial (M2), and General Industrial (M3) zones are located in the NCZO.

Section 9

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the ordinance. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed and adopted this ordinance, and each and all provisions hereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more provisions may be deemed invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 10

This ordinance shall become effective and operative 30 days after adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25 day of July, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Gorell, Parvin, Lopez and Long

NOES: Supervisors none

ABSENT: Supervisors LaVere

Kelly Long
Chair, Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura

ATTEST: DR. SEVET JOHNSON
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura, State of California

By: Jan Key
Deputy Clerk of the Board

