

Section 12-2-10 –

City of Pensacola Municipal Code Pertaining to the North Hill Preservation District

(B) *North Hill preservation zoning districts. PR-1AAA, PR-2, PC-1.*

(1) *Purpose.* The North Hill preservation zoning districts are established to preserve the unique architecture and landscape character of the North Hill area, and to promote orderly redevelopment which complements and enhances the architecture of this area of the city.

(2) *Character of the district.* The North Hill Preservation District is characterized by mostly residential structures built between 1870 and the 1930's. Queen Anne, Neoclassical, Tudor Revival, Craftsman Bungalow, Art Moderne and Mediterranean Revival are among the architectural styles found in North Hill. North Hill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

(3) *Uses permitted.*

(a) PR-1AAA, single-family district.

1. Single-family dwellings at a maximum density of 4.8 units per acre.
2. Home occupations, as regulated in section 12-2-33.
3. Community residential homes licensed by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services with six (6) or fewer residents providing that it is not to be located within one thousand (1,000) feet of another such home. If it is proposed to be within one thousand (1,000) feet of another such home, measured from property line to property line, it shall be permitted with city council approval after public notification of property owners in a five-hundred-foot radius.
4. Municipally owned or operated parks or playgrounds.
5. Public schools and educational institutions having a curriculum the same as ordinarily given in public schools and colleges.
6. Libraries, community centers and buildings used exclusively by the federal, state, regional, county and city government for public purposes.
7. Churches, Sunday school buildings and parish houses.
8. Conditional uses permitted: Two-family dwellings (duplex) at a maximum density of 9.6 units per acre.
9. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses not involving the conduct of a business.
10. Family day care homes licensed by the Florida Department of Children and Family Services as defined in the Florida Statutes.

(b) PR-2, multiple-family district.

1. Any use permitted in the PR-1AAA district.
2. Single-family, two-family and multifamily residential attached or detached units with a maximum density of thirty-five (35) dwelling units per acre.

3. Community residential homes licensed by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services with seven (7) to fourteen (14) residents providing that it is not to be located within one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet of another such home in a multifamily district, and that the home is not within five hundred (500) feet of a single-family zoning district. If it is proposed to be within one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet of another such home in a multifamily district and/or within five hundred (500) feet of a single-family zoning district it shall be permitted with city council approval after public notification of property owners in a five-hundred-foot radius.

4. Bed and breakfast subject to regulations in section 12-2-55.

5. Conditional uses permitted:

a. Private clubs and lodges except those operated primarily as commercial enterprises.

b. Office buildings (under five thousand (5,000) square feet).

c. Antique shops—No outside displays.

d. Art galleries—No outside displays.

e. Social services homes/centers.

f. Boarding and lodging houses.

g. Childcare facilities subject to regulations in section 12-2-58.

6. Accessory buildings. Buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the above uses, including storage garages when located on the same lot not involving the conduct of a business.

(c) PC-1, preservation commercial district.

1. Any use permitted in the PR-2 district, including conditional uses.

2. Hand craft shops for custom work or making custom items not involving unreasonable noise, odor or chemical waste.

3. Office buildings (under seven thousand (7,000) square feet).

4. Barbershops and beauty parlors.

5. Florists.

6. Studios.

7. Vending machines when an accessory to a business establishment and located inside the same building as the business.

8. Conditional uses permitted: **(MUST BE APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF PENSACOLA'S PLANNING BOARD)**

a. Gas stations.

b. Other retail shops.

c. Office buildings (over seven thousand (7,000) square feet).

d. Restaurants, with the exception of drive-in restaurants.

9. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to the above uses.

(4) Procedure for review.

(a) Review and approval. All activities regulated by this subsection shall be subject to review and approval by the architectural review board as established in section 12-13-3. The board shall adopt written rules and procedures for abbreviated review for paint colors, minor repairs and minor deviations in projects already approved by the board. This process may authorize the board to designate one of its members to undertake such abbreviated review without the necessity for review by the entire board, provided, however such abbreviated review process shall require review by the staff of the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board. If agreement cannot be reached as it pertains to such request for abbreviated review by the board designee and Historic Pensacola Preservation Board staff, then the matter will be referred to the entire board for a decision.

(b) Decisions.

1. General consideration. The board shall consider plans for existing buildings based on their classification as contributing, non-contributing or modern infill as depicted on the map entitled "North Hill Preservation District" adopted herein, and shall review these plans based on regulations described herein for each of these building classifications. In their review of plans for both existing buildings and new construction, the board shall consider exterior design and appearance of the building, including the front, sides, rear and roof; materials, textures and colors; plot plans or site layout, including features such as walls, walks, terraces, off-street paved areas, plantings, accessory buildings, signs and other appurtenances; and relation of the building to immediate surroundings and to the district in which it is located or to be located. The term "exterior" shall be deemed to include all of the outer surfaces of the building and exterior site work, and is not restricted to those exteriors visible from a public street or place. The board shall consider requests for design materials, alterations or additions, construction methods, paint colors or any other elements regulated herein, which do not meet the regulations as established in this subsection, when documentary proof in the form of photographs, property surveys, indication of structural foundations, drawings, descriptive essays and similar evidence can be provided. The board shall not consider interior design or plan. The board shall not exercise any control over land use or construction standards such as are controlled by this chapter and Chapter 12-5.

2. Rules governing decisions. Before approving the plans for any proposed building located or to be located in a district, the board shall find:

a. In the case of a proposed alteration or addition to an existing building, that such alteration or addition will not impair the architectural or historic value of the building.

b. In the case of a proposed new building, that such building will not, in itself or by reason of its location on the site, impair the architectural or historic value of buildings on adjacent sites or in the immediate vicinity. No plans for new building will be approved if that building will be injurious to the general visual character of the district in which it is to be located considering visual compatibility standards such as height, proportion, shape, scale, style, materials and colors.

3. No provision of this section shall be interpreted to prevent the restoration or reconstruction of any historic building or feature (as listed by the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board) in its original style, dimensions or position on its original structural foundation.

(c) Plan submission. Every application for a building permit to erect, construct, demolish, renovate or alter an exterior of a building, sign or exterior site work (i.e., paving and landscaping), located or to be located in the North Hill Preservation

District, shall be accompanied with plans for the proposed work pursuant to subsections 12-2-10(A)(4)(c) to (e), applicable to the Historic District.

(5) *Regulations and guidelines for any development within the preservation district.* These regulations and guidelines are intended to address the design and construction of elements common to any development within the North Hill preservation district which requires review and approval by the architectural review board. Regulations and guidelines which relate specifically to new construction and/or structural rehabilitation and repair to existing buildings, applicable to building heights, setbacks, architectural elements and construction types, are established in paragraphs (6) through (8) below.

(a) Off-street parking. All development within the North Hill preservation district shall comply with the regulations established in Chapter 12-3. Parking lots shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 12-6. Design of and paving materials for parking lots, spaces and driveways shall be subject to approval of the architectural review board. For all parking lots, a solid wall, fence or compact hedge not less than four (4) feet high shall be erected along the lot line(s) when autos or lots are visible from the street or from an adjacent residential lot.

(b) Signs. Refer to sections [12-4-2](#) and [12-4-3](#) for general sign standards and criteria and for a description of sign area calculations. The location, design and materials of all accessory signs, historical markers and other signs of general public interest shall be subject to the review and approval of the architectural review board. Only the following signs shall be permitted in the North Hill preservation district:

1. Temporary accessory signs.

a. One (1) non-illuminated sign advertising the sale, lease or rental of the lot or building, said sign not exceeding six (6) square feet of area.

b. One (1) non-illuminated sign not more than fifty (50) square feet in area in connection with new construction work, and displayed only during such time as the actual construction work is in progress.

2. Permanent accessory signs.

a. One (1) sign per street frontage for churches, schools, boarding and lodging houses, libraries, and community centers, multiple-family dwellings and historic sites serving as identification and/or bulletin boards not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in area. The signs shall be placed flat against the wall of the building, perpendicular or may be freestanding. Such signs may be illuminated provided that the source of light shall not be visible beyond the property line of the lot on which the sign is located.

b. Commercial establishments may have one (1) attached or one (1) freestanding sign per street frontage not to exceed twelve (12) square feet provided that the freestanding sign be no closer to any property line than five (5) feet. The attached or wall signs may be placed on the front or one side of the building. As used herein, "commercial establishments" shall mean an establishment wherein products are available for purchase. Such signs may be illuminated provided the source of light shall not be visible beyond the property line of the lot on which the sign is located. Office complexes may have one freestanding sign per street frontage not to exceed twelve (12) square feet.

c. One (1) non-illuminated nameplate designating the name of the occupant of the property; the nameplate shall not be larger than one hundred (100) square inches and may be attached to the dwelling. This section shall be applicable to occupants and home occupations.

d. Municipal or state installed directional signs, historical markers and other signs of a general public interest when approved by the mayor and board.

e. The maximum height for freestanding signs shall be eight (8) feet. No attached sign shall extend above the eave line of a building to which it is attached.

(c) Protection of trees. The purpose of this subsection is to establish protective regulations for specified trees within the North Hill preservation zoning districts. It is the intent of this subsection to recognize the contribution of shade trees and certain flowering trees to the overall character of the preservation district and to ensure the preservation of such trees as described below.

1. Any of the following species having a minimum trunk diameter of eight (8) inches (twenty-five and one-tenth (25.1) inches in circumference) at a height of one (1) foot above grade: Live Oak and Water Oak; Magnolia having a minimum trunk diameter of six (6) inches (eighteen and eight-tenths (18.8) inches in circumference) at a height of one (1) foot above grade; and any of the following flowering trees with a minimum trunk diameter of four (4) inches (twelve and fifty-five one hundredths (12.55) inches in circumference) at a height of one (1) foot above grade: Redbud, Dogwood, and Crape myrtle.

2. Tree removal: No person, organization, society, association or corporation, or any agent or representative thereof, directly or indirectly, shall cut down, destroy, remove, or effectively destroy through damaging, any specimen tree, whether it be on private property or right-of-way within the defined limits of the preservation district of the city, without first having obtained a permit from the department of leisure services to do so. Refer to [section 12-6-7](#) for application procedures and guidelines for a tree removal permit.

3. In addition to the specific tree preservation provisions outlined in this subsection, the provisions of Chapter 12-6 shall be applicable in this district.

(d) Fences. All developments in the North Hill preservation zoning districts shall comply with fence regulations as established in section 12-2-40. Fences are subject to approval by the architectural review board. Approved materials will include but not necessarily be limited to wood, brick, stone or wrought iron. No concrete block or barbed-wire will be permitted.

(e) Paint colors. The architectural review board has adopted palettes of historic colors from several paint manufacturers that represent acceptable historic colors for use in the Preservation District. Samples of these palettes can be reviewed at the Historic Pensacola Preservation Board and at the office of the building inspector.

(f) Residential accessory structures. Residential accessory structures shall comply with regulations set forth in section 12-2-31 except that the following shall apply: Accessory structures shall not exceed one story in height for a maximum in height of twenty-five (25) feet in order for the accessory structure to match the style, roof pitch, or other design features of the main residential structure.

(g) Additional regulations. In addition to the regulations established above in subsections 12-2-10(B)(5)(a) through (f), any permitted use within the North Hill preservation district where alcoholic beverages are ordinarily sold is subject to the requirements of chapter 7-4 of this Code.

(6) *Restoration, rehabilitation, alterations or additions to existing contributing structures in the North Hill preservation district.* The document entitled "Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings," published by the United States Department of Interior in 1983, shall form the basis for rehabilitation of existing contributing buildings. The proper building elements should be used in combinations which are appropriate for use together on the same building.

Documented building materials, types, styles and construction methods shall be duplicated when making repairs, alterations and/or additions to contributing structures. Any variance from the original materials, styles, etc. shall be approved only if circumstances unique to each project are found to warrant such variances.

Regulations established in Table 12-2.9 shall apply to alterations and additions to contributing structures. The regulations and guidelines established in paragraph (5), relating to streetscape elements, shall apply to contributing structures.

(7) Renovation, alterations and additions to noncontributing and modern infill structures within the North Hill preservation district. Many of the existing structures within the district do not meet the criteria established for "contributing" structures, even though they may be similar in style to the historic structures, and some structures are modern in style with no relation to the historic structures. All of these buildings shall be recognized as products of their own time. The regulations and guidelines established in paragraph (5), relating to streetscape elements, shall apply to noncontributing and modern infill structures. Regulations established in Table 12-2.9 below, shall apply to alterations and additions to existing noncontributing structures. The architectural review board has adopted palettes of historic colors from several paint manufacturers that represent acceptable historic colors for use in the district. Only paint colors approved by the board shall be permitted.

In review of these structures the board may make recommendations as to the use of particular building elements which will improve both the appearance of the individual structure, its relationship with surrounding structures and the overall district character.

(8) Regulations for new construction and additions to existing structures in the North Hill preservation district. New construction is encouraged to be built in a manner which is complementary to the overall character of the district in scale, building materials and colors. The regulations established in paragraph (5), relating to streetscape elements, shall apply to new construction. Table 12-2.9 describes height, area and yard requirements for new construction and, where applicable, for additions to existing structures in the North Hill preservation district.

TABLE 12-2.9
REGULATIONS FOR THE NORTH HILL PRESERVATION ZONING DISTRICTS

Standards	PR-1AAA	PR-2	PC-1
Minimum Yard Requirement (Minimum Building Setbacks)			
Front Yard	*30 feet	*15 feet	None
Side Yard	9 feet	7.5 feet	5' (for dwellings or wood frame structures only)
Rear Yard	30 feet	25 feet	15'
Minimum Lot Area for Residential Uses	9,000 s.f.	9,000 s.f. for single- family and 10,000 s.f. for multi- family	None
Minimum Lot Width at Street Row Line	50 feet	50 feet	None
Minimum Lot Width at Building Setback Line	75 feet	75 feet	None
Maximum Building Height (Except as Provided in Section 12-2-39)	35 feet	35 feet	45 feet
Minimum Floor Area	N/A	600 s.f. per dwelling unit for multi- family	None

* Front yard depths in the North Hill Preservation zoning district shall not be less than the average depths of the front yards located on the block, up to the minimum yard requirement; in case there are no other dwellings, the front yard depths shall be no less than the footages noted.

(9) *Demolition of structures within the North Hill Preservation District.* The demolition provisions established in subsection 12-2-10(A)(9) to (11), applicable to contributing and noncontributing structures within the historic district, shall apply in the preservation district.