

AMENDING CHAPTER 30 (LDO)  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GREENSBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH  
RESPECT TO ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Section 1. That Subsection (C) of Section 30-7-1.4, Setbacks, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**C. Encroachments into Required Setbacks**

The following are allowed in required setbacks provided that compliance is maintained with the provisions of Section 16-8 of the City Code (Obstructions to Cross-Visibility at Intersections):

1. Landscaping features, including but not limited to, ornamental pools, planting boxes, sculpture, arbors, trellises, and birdbaths.
2. Pet shelters; at-grade patios; play equipment; outdoor furniture; ornamental entry columns and gates; flagpoles; lampposts; address posts; HVAC equipment; mailboxes; outdoor fireplaces; public utility lines, poles, pumps, and boxes; wells; fences (see Sec. 30-9-4); and similar structures.
3. Handicap ramps ~~except for porches and landings~~.
4. Steps not connected to any above-grade structure.
5. Gatehouses/guardhouses and bus shelters with approval of the Planning Director and Transportation Director.
6. Cornices, overhanging eaves and gutters, window sills, bay windows, or similar architectural features, chimneys and fireplaces, fire escapes, fire balconies, and fire towers may project up to 2.5 feet into any required setback, but must remain at least 3 feet from any property line.
7. Porches and decks may encroach into required front and rear setbacks as follows:

Type of Porch or Deck	Setback	Maximum Encroachment	Maximum Area
Covered or uncovered	front	5 feet	35 sq. ft.
Uncovered- 4 ft or less above grade	rear	50% of setback	-----

8. Steps attached to above-grade structures:
  - a. if 4 feet or less above grade, may project into an interior side or rear setback, but not within 3 feet of a property line.
  - b. may project anywhere within a street setback; and
9. Retaining walls except in single-family street setbacks where they are not permitted to be more than 4 feet in height.
10. Marquee signs and projecting signs may encroach into required setbacks in accordance with the sign regulations of this ordinance.

11. Waste handling facilities, including dumpsters, recycling bins, grease tanks, and similar accessory waste-handling facilities may be located in a required side or rear setback, but may not be located in a required street setback.

Section 2. All ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon date of adoption.