

# CITY OF HOUSTON - SUMMARY OF MINIMUM BUILDING LINE REQUIREMENTS

Type of Street or Private Roadway	Tract Description	Minimum Building Line Requirement
<b>All Public Streets</b>	Within the central business district	No requirement
<b>Major Thoroughfares</b>	In general	25 feet
	Single-family residential backing on a major thoroughfare	10 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-152(b)
	Not single-family residential and abutting a major thoroughfare with a planned right-of-way width of 80 feet or less	15 feet, if the reserve meets the standards of section 42-153
	Retail commercial center abutting a major thoroughfare with a planned right-of-way width of 80 feet or less	5 feet, if the reserve meets the standards of section 42-154(a)
		zero feet, if the reserve meets the standards of section 42-154(b)
<b>Transit Corridor Streets</b>	All tracts	25 feet
		Reduced building line if the tract meets the standards of article IV of this chapter
<b>Type A Streets</b>	All tracts	See applicable public street classification
		Reduced building line if the tract meets the standards of article IV of this chapter
<b>Collector Streets</b>	Not single-family residential and across the street from a single-family residential lot with a platted building line of 10 feet or more	Lesser of 25 feet or the greatest building line on the single-family residential lots
	Single-family residential	25 feet, if the lot meets the standards the standards of section 42-156(a)
		10 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-157(b)
		5 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-157(c)
		zero feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-157(d)
	All others	10 feet
<b>Local streets</b>	Not single-family residential and across the street from a single-family residential lot with a platted building line of 10 feet or more	Lesser of 25 feet or the greatest platted building line on the single-family residential
	Single-family residential	20 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-156(b)
		10 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-156(b) or section 42-157(b)
		5 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-157(c)
		zero feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-157(d)
	All others	10 feet
<b>Private Streets</b>	All tracts	5 feet for habitable structures
<b>Type 2 Permanent Access Easements</b>	All tracts	5 feet
<b>Shared Driveways</b>	All tracts	3 feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-159(a)
		zero feet, if the lot meets the standards of section 42-159(b)

Refer to City of Houston Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 for additional requirements.

