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Ridgefield Heights (Kemper)

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RDC 18.210.060

18.210.060 - Neighborhood design standards.

The purposes of these standards are to ensure compatibility and continuity between and within developments, as well as variety in architecture. The standards are intended to compliment the site with quality building design.

Architectural Design. To ensure variety in architecture and to reduce the dominance of garages on the streetscape, applicants for new residential developments shall demonstrate compliance with **all** of the following provisions:

- In single-family detached residential development, no dwelling may have the same front facade as any other dwelling within two hundred linear feet, on either side of the street, as measured from the nearest point of the subject property lines. If a rear facade is visible from a public right-of-way and there is not a buildable lot fully between the nearest point of the rear property line of the subject property and the nearest point of a public right-of-way or private street, the rear facade of the subject dwelling shall also comply with the requirements of [RDC 18.210.060\(D\)](#). Facades shall be substantially different beyond simple mirrored plans, garage or window relocation, and shall include combinations of architectural variety such as: front porches, dormers, gables, bay windows, hipped or pitched roofs, orientation of the primary roofline, or other such architectural features that substantially differentiate house facades, including those listed in [RDC 18.210.060.D.5](#).
- Housing within the same development that faces across a public or private street or right-of-way shall be the same type, i.e., single-family attached facing single-family attached or townhouses facing townhouses.
- Where houses are served by alleys, all garages and on-site parking shall be accessible from the alley and the facade of the house facing the public street shall be designed as the front of the house including, but not limited to, a primary building entrance consisting of inward swinging door(s), porch(es), window(s) and pathway(s) to the public sidewalks.
- Each single-family residence shall contain a porch or covered entry area for the primary entrance facing or accessible from the public or private street serving the residence.
- All wall openings, regardless of visibility from a public right-of-way, shall have contrasting trim and/or shutters, or another feature approved by the community development director.

Each residence shall contain **at least three** of the following features:

- Garage with decorative door(s);
- Bay window(s) facing the street;



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- Cross gable roof (separate gable ends that intersect meeting in a valley);
- Roof dormer(s);
- Cupolas or towers;
- Pillars or posts;
- Eaves, with a minimum six-inch projection;
- Off-sets in building face by a minimum of sixteen inches;
- Balconies;
- Decorative patterns on exterior finish (e.g., scales/shingles, wainscoting, ornamentation, and similar features);
- Use of contrasting materials, such as brick or stone, on a minimum of twenty-five percent of the facade;
- Decorative cornices and rooflines (e.g., for flat roofs);
- Trim a minimum of two inches wide around the windows facing a public street;
- Varied roof line with at least one intersecting plane; and
- Other architectural elements, other than color, glass or lighting, including varying texture and materials within the same building, or massing, window voids, or other elements the director finds compatible with the residential character of the zone.

18.210.120 Accessory Structures and Dwellings

Garages.

- Detached garages shall not exceed eighteen feet in height.
- For single-family detached dwellings, garages or carports either detached from or attached to the main structure shall be set back from the front building facade, including covered porches, by a minimum of four feet. To qualify as a porch under this subsection, the porch must extend along a minimum of fifty percent of the street-facing building facade that is not devoted to the garage, and must be at least four feet wide. Garage doors may be located forward of the front face of the residential structure and be located in up to fifty percent of the front yard setback if placed so their entrance doors are perpendicular to the right-of-way; and provided that they have windows, man-doors or other architectural treatments covering at least thirty percent of the wall facing the street.
- For single-family attached dwellings, garages or carports either detached from or attached to the main structure shall not protrude beyond the front building facade.