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AMENDMENT TO PORTLAND CITY CODE CHAPTER 14
RE: LOT COVERAGE PROVISIONS IN THE B-3 ZONE

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTLAND,
MAINE IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

*That Chapter 14, Sec. 14-7, Table 7-E, Mixed-Use Zone
Dimensional Standards, is hereby amended to read as follows, on
the following page:*

TABLE 7-E (CONT.): MIXED-USE ZONE DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

	B-1/B-1b	B-2/B-2b/B-2c	B-3/B-3b/B-3c	B-4	B-5/B-5b	B-6	B-7
Structure height (max.)	On-Peninsula: 45 ft., except 50 ft. along Congress Street if commercial first floor and residential above ²	45 ft., except: 50 ft. if first floor is in commercial use and 65 ft. in B-2 and B-2c on lots >5 ac. if required side and rear setbacks are increased by 1 foot for each foot of height over 45 ft.	See Downtown Height Overlay Map	65 ft.	65 ft., except in B-5b along W. Commercial St. south of Danforth St. ⁵ and 120 ft. on Thompson's Point ⁶	65 ft. or as otherwise governed by the B-6 Building Height Overlay Map	See Bayside Height Overlay Map
Lot coverage (max.)			25% of lot area for portions of structures exceeding 125 ft. in height ⁴				
Impervious surface ratio (max.)	90%	Residential: None Other uses in B-2 and B-2c: 80% Other uses in B-2b: 90%		80%			

¹ Uses in structures which existed prior to the date of enactment of the B-1/B-1b zones are exempt.

² The commercial first floor uses shall utilize at least 75 % of the first-floor frontage along Congress Street and shall have an average depth of at least 20 ft.

³ A building will be determined to have an active street frontage upon meeting the following guidelines to the greatest extent practicable: the primary building façade shall be within 10 ft. feet of the front lot line; there shall be no parking on the lot within 35 ft. of the front lot line; no more than 25% of the first floor primary façade shall consist of access to garages, unutilized space, service entrances, storage or mechanicals and the remaining minimum 75% shall have an average depth of a minimum of 20 ft. for residential or commercial uses; and all primary ground floor entries to multi-family buildings must orient to street, not to interior blocks or parking lots.

⁴ Except that no floor area shall be required to be less than 10,500 SF, gross.

⁵ For parcels of land in the B-5b zone located along W. Commercial St. south of Danforth St.: West of the projection of the centerline of the Fletcher St. right-of-way, the maximum building height shall be 45 ft.; and, east of the projection of the centerline of the Fletcher St. right-of-way and west of the projection of the centerline of the Emery St. right-of-way, the maximum building height shall be 55 ft. A projection of the centerline of a street is defined by extending the centerline of the referenced street right-of-way along its most southerly block to the centerline of W. Commercial St. Furthermore, notwithstanding Subsection 7.5.1, no rooftop structure located between the projections of the centerlines of Emery St. and Fletcher St., as described above, shall exceed a height of 62 ft as measured from average grade of the building at its foundation.

⁶ Applies only to parcels subject to an approved master development plan. Thompson's Point is defined as the contiguous parcels of upland occupying the peninsula bounded on the east by Route 295, on the north by the Mountain Division Rail right-of-way, and on the south and west by the Fore River and its associated wetlands. Nearby lands accessed from Hobart and Osgood Streets are not included.

⁷ Does not apply to parking garages and public transportation facilities. Notwithstanding required setbacks, new structures located in the blocks located south of Fore Street and north of Commercial Street and its extension shall build to the key building envelopes shown on the B6 Building Height Overlay & Building Envelopes map. Buildings located in the area east of the Fore Street Connector shall not have a maximum front setback and shall not be required to build to the key building envelope perimeter. Parking structures and the buildings for public transportation facilities may, however, be set back beyond the key building envelopes (toward the interior of blocks), but may not occupy the land between the key building envelope and the street right-of-way.

⁸ For buildings fronting on two or more streets, the minimum building wall on one street may be decreased so long as the frontage is proportionally increased on other streets in so far that the building wall on the secondary street is not reduced to less than 25 ft. Buildings in the area east of the Fore Street Connector shall not be subject to this requirement.

⁹ Does not apply to additions to or relocations of designated historic structures or structures determined to be eligible by the Historic Preservation Board.