

## Medium Density Residential Zone (MRZ)

### Issues

The Medium Density Residential Zone (MRZ) provides predominantly for medium density residential development in urban areas with few constraints and that are within easy walking distance to public open space and commercial centres. Over the foreseeable future, while traditional single residential unit properties will likely remain a dominant feature within the Medium Density Residential Zone, the zone is anticipated to provide for a greater range of housing choices and improved affordability, with an increasing prevalence of housing typologies such as low-rise apartments, walk-ups, terrace housing, semi-detached housing and detached townhouses on smaller sections.

While it is recognised that more intensive residential development has the potential to generate adverse effects on established residential environments, it can and should be well designed so that the layout and scale of housing complements established neighbourhoods. However, care has been taken not to set development controls at such a level that the feasibility of development may be unduly compromised.

It is expected that any changes to existing amenity levels resulting from further residential intensification will be gradual. Such changes will be off-set by advantages gained from increased neighbourhood activity and vitality, better population support for commercial centres, an emphasis on good quality urban design, a greater range of housing options, better utilisation of existing public facilities and infrastructure, and reduced urban sprawl.

Commercial activities are discouraged in the Medium Density Residential Zone. However, some opportunities are provided for non-residential activities such as community activities, visitor accommodation and retail activities, while ensuring that residential amenity and character are not compromised and that the activity is sympathetic to the surrounding residential context.

### Objectives

#### MRZ-O1 Density

Subdivision and development are consistent with the planned medium density built environment and are compatible with the amenity levels of medium density residential development.

#### MRZ-O2 Housing Capacity

Increase housing capacity, intensity and variety.

#### MRZ-O3 Amenity

Subdivision and development provide quality residential amenity for residents, adjoining sites and the street while acknowledging the potential for reduced on-site amenity due to increased building scale and density.

#### MRZ-O4 Non-Residential Activities

Residential activities remain the dominant activity in the Medium Density Residential Zone and any non-residential activities are compatible with residential amenity.

## Policies

### MRZ-P1 Residential Activities

To recognise and provide for the diverse accommodation needs of the community by:

1. Allowing for decreased [outdoor living space](#) and [landscaping](#) provided that public open space is conveniently accessible.
2. Enabling a variety of medium density housing types including apartments, terrace housing, semi-detached townhouses, compact detached townhouses and [multi unit developments](#).

### MRZ-P2 On-Site Amenity

To require [residential activities](#) to achieve good levels of on-site amenity by providing:

1. Useable [outdoor living courts](#).
2. Sufficient [access](#) to sunlight throughout the year.
3. Adequate space to accommodate typical residential living requirements.

### MRZ-P3 Outdoor Living Courts

To provide for development that infringes minimum [outdoor living court](#) and sunlight [access](#) requirements where the development is designed to minimise impacts on on-site amenity, including through [access](#) to:

1. Communal [outdoor living space](#); or
2. Public open space that is conveniently accessible and of sufficient size.

### MRZ-P4 Adjacent Properties

To mitigate adverse amenity [effects](#) on adjacent properties by sensitively designing development to:

1. Manage the intrusion of privacy and the extent of [building](#) dominance on adjoining [residential units](#) and areas of outdoor amenity.
2. Minimise the degree of overshadowing or obstruction of sunlight penetration to any adjoining [site](#) or [residential unit](#).

### MRZ-P5 Residential Amenity and Character

To manage adverse [effects](#) on residential amenity and character by requiring new developments to have regard to the way the development:

1. Provides street activation through connection between front doors and the street.
2. Provides [landscaping](#) and planting that enhances on-site and local residential amenity, with particular regard to [site frontage](#).
3. Minimises large monotonous [building](#) facades and walls that do not include design variation or are not broken down into smaller elements.
4. Relates to neighbouring properties by employing [setbacks](#), sensitive [building](#) orientation and design, and [landscaping](#) to mitigate dominance and privacy impacts.
5. Provides an active interface to [Open Space and Recreation Zones](#) on to which it fronts.
6. Is sympathetic to other [buildings](#) in the vicinity, having regard to bulk, scale and symmetry.

### MRZ-P6 Impervious Areas

To restrict [impervious areas](#) within [sites](#) in order to:

1. Manage [stormwater](#) runoff.
2. Maintain and enhance [amenity values](#).
3. Safeguard esplanade areas and waterfront walkways.

### MRZ-P7 Supported Residential Care and Retirement Villages

To enable a range of appropriate residential activities by providing for supported residential care and retirement villages where they are designed, located and managed to:

1. Provide a high level of amenity for residents.
2. Ensure any adverse effects on surrounding Residential Zones and Open Space and Recreation Zones are minimised.
3. Maintain the residential character of the surrounding environment.
4. Avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on infrastructure, including the transport network.

### MRZ-P8 Non-Residential Activities

To only enable non-residential activities where they:

1. Will not detract from the vitality and viability of Business Zones.
2. Are complementary in design, scale, nature and intensity to the residential context.
3. Avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on residential amenity values such as noise, traffic, parking, lighting, glare and visual impact.

### MRZ-P9 Comprehensive Design

To encourage subdivision and land use proposals to be undertaken concurrently as part of a comprehensive design process.

### MRZ-P10 Subdivision

To promote design and layout of subdivision which achieves the following:

1. Lots are shaped and sized to allow adequate sunlight to living and outdoor spaces, and to provide appropriate on-site amenity and privacy.
2. Where possible, lots are located so that they over-look and front roads and open spaces.
3. Rear sites are limited.
4. A permeable street network where the use of cul-de-sacs is limited.
5. Pedestrian and vehicular connections within a development, and between developments and the public realm, are maximised.
6. Opportunities for connections to public open space, services and facilities in the neighbourhood are identified and created.

## Rules

### MRZ-R1 Any Activity Not Otherwise Listed in This Chapter

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. Resource consent is not required under any rule of the District Plan.
2. The activity is not prohibited under any rule of the District Plan.

### MRZ-R2 Minor Buildings

Activity Status: Permitted

Note:

1. Minor buildings are exempt from rules MRZ-R3 – R5 and R8.

### MRZ-R3 Building and Major Structure Height

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

- The maximum **building height** and **major structure height** is 11m above **ground level**, except that 50% of a **building's** roof in elevation, measured vertically from the junction between wall and roof, may exceed this **height** by 1m where the entire roof slopes 15 degrees or more.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matter of discretion:

- Effects** on amenity of adjoining **sites**.
- The extent to which visual dominance **effects** are minimised.

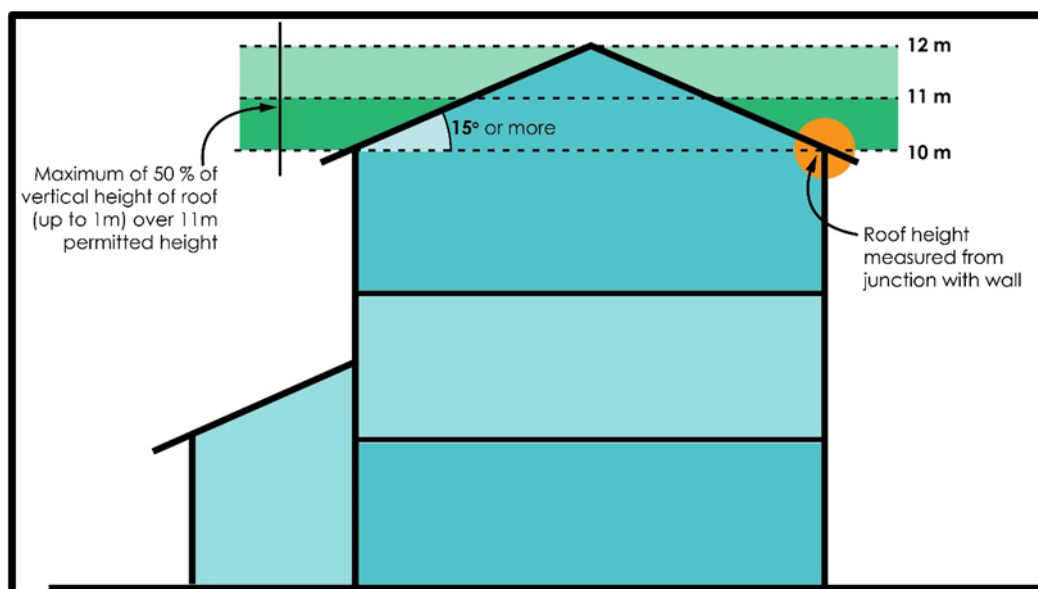


Figure 1: Diagram of MRZ-R3 **Building** and **Major Structure Height** Rule

### MRZ-R4 Building and Major Structure Setbacks

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

- All **buildings** and **major structures** are set back at least:
  - 2m from **road boundaries**.
  - 1m from side and rear **boundaries**.
  - 20m from Mean High **Water** Springs or the top of the bank of any **river** that has a width exceeding 3m (excluding bridges, culverts and fences).

Except that:

- MRZ-R4.1(b) does not apply where there is an existing or proposed common wall between two **buildings** on adjacent **sites**; and
- Non-habitable **major structures** and **buildings**, and non-**habitable rooms** of **buildings**, may be set back 0m for a maximum length of 7.5m on a single side or rear **boundary** and a maximum total length of 10.5m on all side and rear **boundaries**, provided they are **setback** at least 2m from **habitable rooms** on any other **site**.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved with MRZ-R4.1(a) – (b) or R4.2: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. The outlook and privacy of adjoining and adjacent properties.
2. **Effects** of shading and visual dominance on adjoining properties.
3. Impacts on the amenity of any adjacent public walkway.
4. Where MRZ-R4.1(a) is infringed, the **effects** on the:
  - a. Streetscape character anticipated within the Medium Density Residential Zone.
  - b. Safety and efficiency of the adjacent transport network

Activity Status when compliance not achieved with MRZ-R4.1(c): Restricted Discretionary

5. The effectiveness of the proposed method for controlling **stormwater** runoff.
6. That the proposal will maintain and enhance the **amenity values** of the area.
7. That esplanade areas and waterfront walkways are appropriately safeguarded.
8. The potential to establish an **esplanade reserve**.

## **MRZ-R5 Building and Major Structure Height in Relation to Boundary**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. All **buildings** and **major structures** do not exceed a **height** equal to 3m above **ground level** plus the shortest horizontal distance between that part of the **building** or **major structure** and any side or rear **boundary**, except any **boundary**:
  - a. Where there is an existing or proposed common wall between two **buildings** on adjacent **sites**; or
  - b. That is adjoining a business zone; or
  - c. That is adjoining an Open Space and Recreation Zone where the Open Space and Recreation Zone **site** is:
    - i. Greater than 2,000m<sup>2</sup>; and
    - ii. Greater than 20m in width when measured perpendicular to the point where the measurement of MRZ-R5.1 is taken from.
2. Except that, any parts of the **buildings** or **major structures** that are within 20m of the **site frontage** may exceed the maximum **height in relation to boundary** in MRZ-R5.1, provided they:
  - a. Do not exceed a **height** of 3.6m above **ground level** where they are 1m or less from side and rear **boundaries** adjoining the Medium Density Residential Zone; and
  - b. Thereafter, are set back 0.3m for every additional metre in **height** (73.3 degrees) up to 6.9m and then 1m for every additional metre in **height** (45 degrees).

*Compliance Standards:*

1. *Where an Open Space and Recreation Zone comprises multiple adjoining **sites** but has a common zoning, the cumulative area of the **sites** can be used for the purposes of calculating MRZ-R5.1(c)(i) – (ii).*
2. *Measurements for MRZ-R5.1 – 2 can be taken from the furthest **boundary** when adjoining an **access lot**.*
3. *Up to two gable ends, dormers or portions of a roof may exceed the **height in relation to boundary** plane on each **site boundary** where each portion exceeding the **height in relation to boundary** is no greater than:*
  - a. *1.5m<sup>2</sup> in area; and*

- b. 1m in **height**; and
- c. 2.5m in length.

When measured in accordance with Figure 3 below.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. The outlook and privacy of adjoining and adjacent properties.
2. **Effects** of shading and visual dominance on adjoining and adjacent properties.
3. **Effects** on sunlight **access** to outdoor areas and **habitable rooms** on adjoining **sites**.

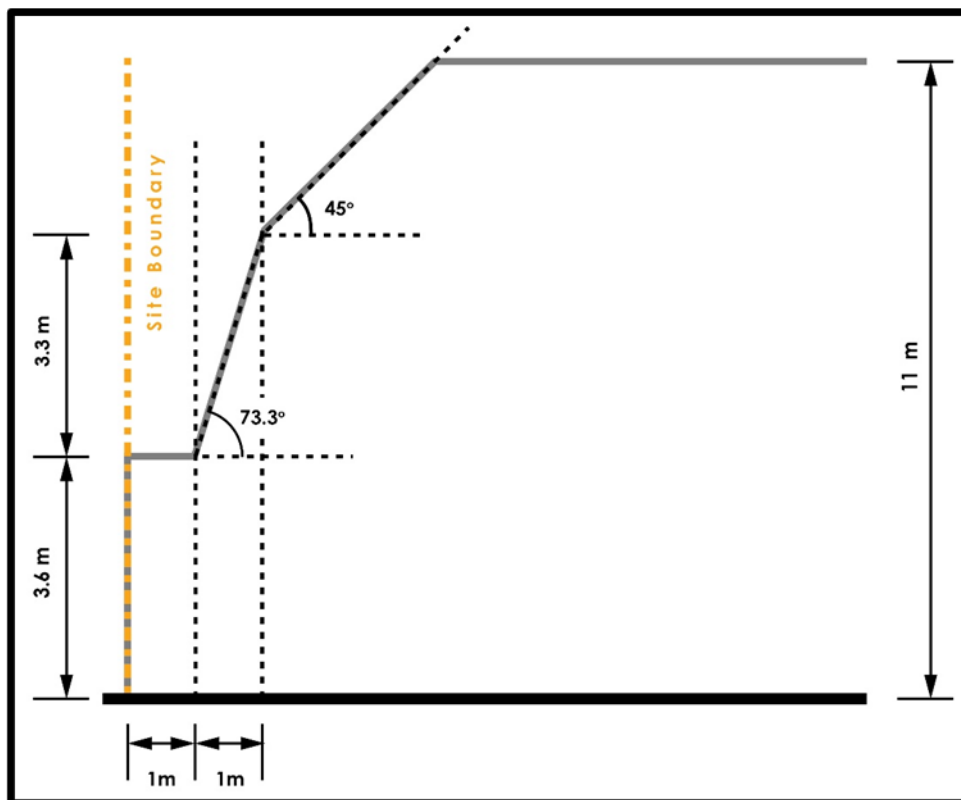


Figure 2: Diagram of MRZ-R5.2 Alternative **Height in Relation to Boundary** Rule

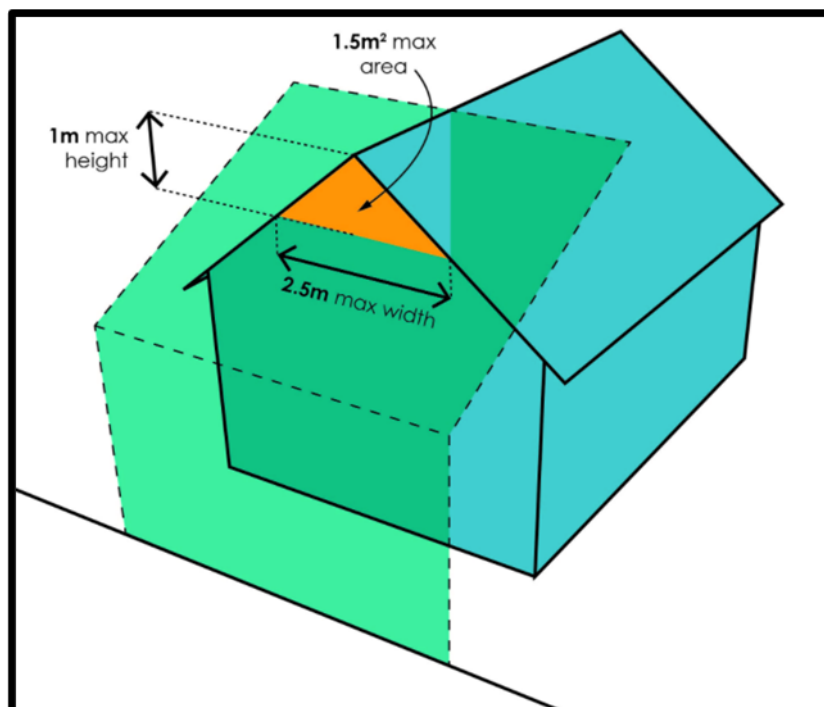


Figure 3: Diagram of MRZ-R5 Compliance Standard 3

## MRZ-R6 Outdoor Living Court

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. Every residential unit:
  - a. With one or more habitable rooms at ground floor level provides an outdoor living court of which at least 20m<sup>2</sup> has a minimum depth of 4m.
  - b. With all habitable rooms above ground floor with 1 bedroom provides an outdoor living court of which at least 4m<sup>2</sup> has a minimum depth of 1.5m.
  - c. With all habitable rooms above ground floor, with 2 or more bedrooms provides an outdoor living court of which at least 8m<sup>2</sup> has a minimum depth of 1.8m.
2. The outdoor living court is able to receive direct sunlight for at least 5 hours on the winter solstice over at least 50% of the minimum space required under MRZ-R6.1.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. Appropriate privacy and amenity of the occupants on-site.
2. Sufficient sunlight access to outdoor areas and habitable rooms within the site.
3. The proximity of the site to communal or public open space that has the potential to mitigate any lack of private outdoor living space.

Notification:

Any restricted discretionary activity under MRZ-R6 shall not require the written consent of affected persons and shall not be notified or limited-notified unless Council decides that special circumstances exist under section 95A(4) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

### MRZ-R7 Impervious Areas

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The impervious area within the site does not exceed 65% of the net site area.
2. The impervious area is set back at least 5m from Mean High Water Springs and the top of the bank of any river that has a width exceeding 3m (excluding bridges, culverts and fences).

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of Discretion:

1. The extent to which the increased impervious area will affect the ability to control stormwater runoff from the site.
2. The extent to which the additional impervious area will affect amenity values.
3. The extent to which the additional impervious area will affect existing or future esplanade areas, waterfront areas or waterfront walkways.

### MRZ-R8 Building and Major Structure Coverage

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The maximum cumulative building and major structure coverage is 45% of the net site area.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. The scale and bulk of buildings and major structures in relation to the site and the existing built density of the locality.
2. The outlook and privacy of adjoining and adjacent properties.
3. Visual dominance of buildings and major structures.

### MRZ-R9 Fences

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The fence has a maximum height of 2m above ground level.
2. Fencing within 3m of a road boundary, except any state highway, is at least 50% visually permeable for any portion above 1m high.
3. Fencing along a boundary shared with Open Space and Recreation Zone is at least 50% visually permeable for any portion above 1.5m high.
4. The fence is not fortified with barbed wire, broken glass or any form of electrification.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. The extent to which privacy is provided for residential units, while enabling opportunities for passive surveillance of public places.
2. The extent to which shading and visual dominance effects to immediate neighbours and the street are minimised.
3. Health and safety effects.



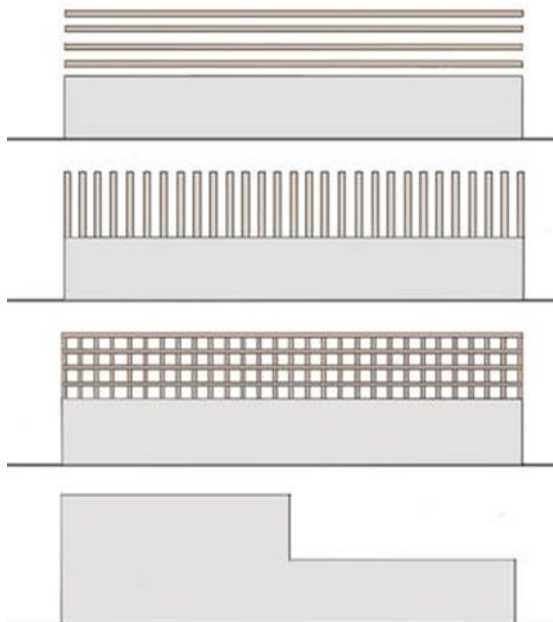


Figure 4: Examples of fences solid up to 1m and 50% visually permeable between 1m and 2m high

### MRZ-R10 Car Parking

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. Formed car parking spaces (excluding garages) are located at least 2m from any road boundary, excluding any on-street car parking.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. Traffic safety effects in relation to site ingress and egress.
2. Effects on pedestrian and cyclist safety and navigability.
3. Effects on streetscape character and amenity.

### MRZ-R11 Outdoor Areas of Storage or Stockpiles

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The outdoor area of storage or stockpile:
  - a. Complies with rules MRZ-R3.
  - b. Complies with rules MRZ-R4 – R5 and R8.
  - c. Is screened from view from adjacent public places and surrounding sites, except for construction materials to be used on-site for a maximum period of 12 months within each 10-year period from 26 August 2021.

Activity Status when compliance with MRZ-R11.1(b) – (c) not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. Effects in relation to dust and odour.
2. Visual amenity effects.

3. The matters of discretion in MRZ-R4 – R5 and R8.

Activity Status when compliance with MRZ-R11.1(a) not achieved: Discretionary

### **MRZ-R12 Supported Residential Care**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity generates less than 25 traffic movements per site, per day.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Discretionary

### **MRZ-R13 Retirement Village**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity generates less than 25 traffic movements per site, per day.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Discretionary

### **MRZ-R14 Residential Unit**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The maximum density is 2 residential units per site, except where a multi unit development is proposed under MRZ-R20.
2. Every residential unit provides a net floor area of at least:
  - a. 35m<sup>2</sup> for residential units with only one habitable room.
  - b. 45m<sup>2</sup> for residential units with more than one habitable room.
3. Every residential unit provides a living area with a window that faces to the north (between 2700 and 900 as shown in Figure 5 below).
4. There is a separation distance of at least 6m from any window in a habitable room to a window of a habitable room in a separate residential unit (excluding any ancillary minor residential unit) where there is a direct line of sight between the windows.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. The design, size and layout of buildings to provide appropriate privacy and amenity for occupants on-site.

Notification:

Any restricted discretionary activity under MRZ-R14.2 – 3 shall not require the written consent of affected persons and shall not be notified or limited-notified unless Council decides that special circumstances exist under section 95A(4) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

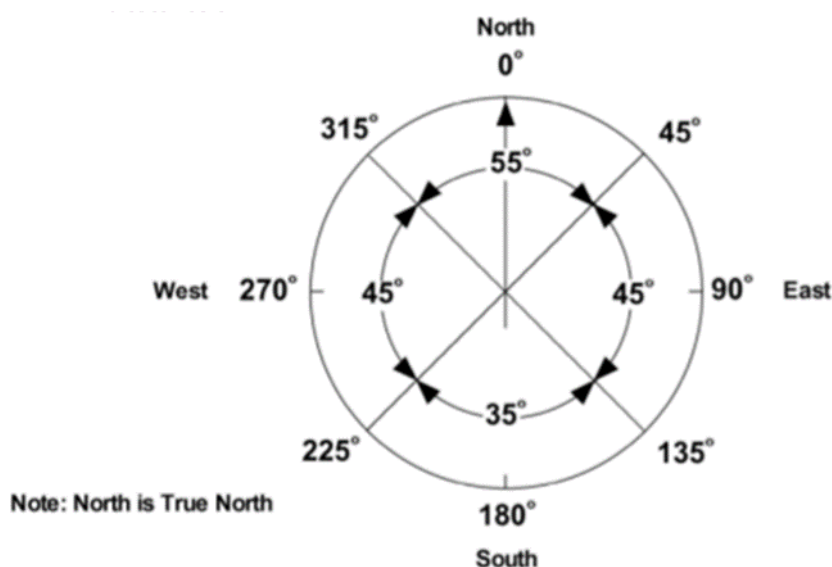


Figure 5: MRZ-R14.3 Living Area Window Orientation Diagram

### MRZ-R15 Retail Activity

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity is an **ancillary activity** to a **residential unit** on the **site**.
2. The principal operator of the activity is a permanent resident on the **site**.
3. The activity does not include, before 08:00 or after 18:00 on any **day**, the operation of machinery, receiving customers or the loading or unloading of vehicles.
4. The activity generates less than 20 **traffic movements** per **site**, per **day**, per **site**.
5. There is no car parking between the **residential unit** and the **road**.
6. In addition to the principal operator, the activity has no more than two other persons engaged in providing the activity.
7. The activity does not exceed the use of 15% of the total **gross floor area** of all **buildings** on the **site**.
8. The total area of signage is less than 0.25m<sup>2</sup>, per **site**.
9. There is no illuminated or moving signage.
10. Each **visitor accommodation** unit provides an **outdoor living court** of at least 6m<sup>2</sup> and at least 1.8m depth.

Activity Status when compliance with up to two of the rules MRZ-R15 – R19.4 – 10 is not achieved: Discretionary

Activity Status when compliance with more than two of the rules is not achieved or when compliance with any of rules MRZ-R15 – R19.1 – 3 is not achieved: Non-Complying

### MRZ-R16 Commercial Services

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity is an **ancillary activity** to a **residential unit** on the **site**.
2. The principal operator of the activity is a permanent resident on the **site**.

3. The activity does not include, before 08:00 or after 18:00 on any day, the operation of machinery, receiving customers or the loading or unloading of vehicles.
4. The activity generates less than 20 traffic movements per site, per day, per site.
5. There is no car parking between the residential unit and the road.
6. In addition to the principal operator, the activity has no more than two other persons engaged in providing the activity.
7. The activity does not exceed the use of 15% of the total gross floor area of all buildings on the site.
8. The total area of signage is less than 0.25m<sup>2</sup>, per site.
9. There is no illuminated or moving signage.
10. Each visitor accommodation unit provides an outdoor living court of at least 6m<sup>2</sup> and at least 1.8m depth.

Activity Status when compliance with up to two of the rules MRZ-R15 – R19.4 – 10 is not achieved: Discretionary

Activity Status when compliance with more than two of the rules is not achieved or when compliance with any of rules MRZ-R15 – R19.1 – 3 is not achieved: Non-Complying

### **MRZ-R17 Food and Beverage Activity**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity is an ancillary activity to a residential unit on the site.
2. The principal operator of the activity is a permanent resident on the site.
3. The activity does not include, before 08:00 or after 18:00 on any day, the operation of machinery, receiving customers or the loading or unloading of vehicles.
4. The activity generates less than 20 traffic movements per site, per day, per site.
5. There is no car parking between the residential unit and the road.
6. In addition to the principal operator, the activity has no more than two other persons engaged in providing the activity.
7. The activity does not exceed the use of 15% of the total gross floor area of all buildings on the site.
8. The total area of signage is less than 0.25m<sup>2</sup>, per site.
9. There is no illuminated or moving signage.
10. Each visitor accommodation unit provides an outdoor living court of at least 6m<sup>2</sup> and at least 1.8m depth.

Activity Status when compliance with up to two of the rules MRZ-R15 – R19.4 – 10 is not achieved: Discretionary

Activity Status when compliance with more than two of the rules is not achieved or when compliance with any of rules MRZ-R15 – R19.1 – 3 is not achieved: Non-Complying

### **MRZ-R18 Care Centre**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity is an ancillary activity to a residential unit on the site.
2. The principal operator of the activity is a permanent resident on the site.

3. The activity does not include, before 08:00 or after 18:00 on any day, the operation of machinery, receiving customers or the loading or unloading of vehicles.
4. The activity generates less than 20 traffic movements per site, per day, per site.
5. There is no car parking between the residential unit and the road.
6. In addition to the principal operator, the activity has no more than two other persons engaged in providing the activity.
7. The activity does not exceed the use of 15% of the total gross floor area of all buildings on the site.
8. The total area of signage is less than 0.25m<sup>2</sup>, per site.
9. There is no illuminated or moving signage.
10. Each visitor accommodation unit provides an outdoor living court of at least 6m<sup>2</sup> and at least 1.8m depth.

Activity Status when compliance with up to two of the rules MRZ-R15 – R19.4 – 10 is not achieved: Discretionary

Activity Status when compliance with more than two of the rules is not achieved or when compliance with any of rules MRZ-R15 – R19.1 – 3 is not achieved: Non-Complying

### **MRZ-R19 Visitor Accommodation**

Activity Status: Permitted

Where:

1. The activity is an ancillary activity to a residential unit on the site.
2. The principal operator of the activity is a permanent resident on the site.
3. The activity does not include, before 08:00 or after 18:00 on any day, the operation of machinery, receiving customers or the loading or unloading of vehicles.
4. The activity generates less than 20 traffic movements per site, per day, per site.
5. There is no car parking between the residential unit and the road.
6. In addition to the principal operator, the activity has no more than two other persons engaged in providing the activity.
7. The activity does not exceed the use of 15% of the total gross floor area of all buildings on the site.
8. The total area of signage is less than 0.25m<sup>2</sup>, per site.
9. There is no illuminated or moving signage.
10. Each visitor accommodation unit provides an outdoor living court of at least 6m<sup>2</sup> and at least 1.8m depth.

Activity Status when compliance with up to two of the rules MRZ-R15 – R19.4 – 10 is not achieved: Discretionary

Activity Status when compliance with more than two of the rules is not achieved or when compliance with any of rules MRZ-R15 – R19.1 – 3 is not achieved: Non-Complying

### **MRZ-R20 Multi Unit Development**

Activity Status: Restricted Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity complies with Rules MRZ-R3 – R8 and R14.

Matters of discretion:

1. Appropriate privacy and amenity of the occupants on-site and that of adjoining **sites**.
2. Sufficient sunlight **access** to **outdoor living space** and **habitable rooms** within the **site**.
3. The proximity of the **site** to communal or public open space that has the potential to mitigate any lack of private **outdoor living space**.
4. **Building** bulk, scale and symmetry.
5. Capacity and availability of **infrastructure**, including the affected transport network.

Notification:

Any restricted discretionary activity under MRZ-R20 shall not require the written consent of affected persons and shall not be notified or limited-notified unless Council decides that special circumstances exist under section 95A(4) of the Resource Management **Act** 1991.

Notes:

1. Any application shall comply with information requirement rule MRZ-REQ1.
2. MRZ-R14.1 does not apply where a **multi unit development** is proposed under MRZ-R20.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Restricted Discretionary

Matters of discretion:

1. The matters of discretion listed in MRZ-R20.
2. The matters of discretion listed in Rules MRZ-R3 – R8 and R14 where those rules are infringed.
3. The extent to which the activity is consistent with the purpose, character and **amenity values** anticipated within the Medium Density Residential Zone.
4. The ability for the **site** to accommodate incidental activities anticipated within the Medium Residential Zone such as parking (if it is to be provided), manoeuvring, waste collection and **landscaping**.
5. The availability and accessibility of open space, public amenities and **commercial activities** in proximity to service the proposed development.
6. **Road access** and **effects** on the affected transport network, including availability of public and active transport options for the proposed development.

Note:

1. Any application shall comply with information requirement rule MRZ-REQ1

### **MRZ-R21 Place of Assembly**

Activity Status: Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or **ancillary activity**.

### **MRZ-R22 Emergency Services**

Activity Status: Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or **ancillary activity**.

### **MRZ-R23 Educational Facilities**

Activity Status: Discretionary

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or **ancillary activity**.

### **MRZ-R24 Entertainment Facilities**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R25 Service Stations**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R26 Funeral Home**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R27 Recreational Facilities**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R28 Hospital**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R29 General Commercial**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R30 General Community**

Activity Status: Non-Complying

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R31 Rural Production Activity**

Activity Status: Prohibited

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

### **MRZ-R32 Industrial Activities**

Activity Status: Prohibited

Where:

1. The activity is a primary activity or [ancillary activity](#).

## Information Requirement Rules

### MRZ-REQ1 Urban Design and Density

1. All applications for resource consent pursuant to MRZ-R20 shall include an urban design assessment prepared by a suitably qualified and experienced professional which details:
  - a. An analysis of the **site** in relation to its context, including:
    - i. The key characteristics of the local area including the character and scale of surrounding development including any cultural relationships or **historic heritage** features and clearly recording any matters which particularly contribute to the character of the area, or that detract from the area.
    - ii. The landform and topography of the **site** and surrounding **environment**.
    - iii. The ecology and habitat of the **site** and surrounding **environment**.
    - iv. **Access** to public and active **transport infrastructure**.
  - b. An assessment of how the proposal contributes to the planned medium density **environment** of the area, complements the established neighbourhood and is consistent with best practice urban design, including:
    - i. **Effects** on the character of the area and neighbourhood, residential amenity and pedestrian and vehicular movements.
    - ii. The relationship of the proposed development to **public places** and how the proposal responds to any issues or characteristics identified in the **site** analysis.
    - iii. Any proposed measures to avoid or mitigate adverse **effects** on adjacent **public places** and residential **sites**.
    - iv. Any proposed measures to incorporate Māori design elements.
    - v. Any proposed measures to facilitate active and public transport.
  - c. Any consultation undertaken as part of any pre-application meetings with Council and any mitigation measures that were recommended by Council.
  - d. Any consultation undertaken with **mana whenua** and a summary of the results of that consultation.

#### Note:

1. *Acceptable means of compliance and best practice urban design guidance is contained within Whangārei District Council's Urban Design Guidelines.*



## PREC2 – Western Hills Drive Precinct (WHDP)

### Issues

The Western Hills Drive Precinct enable small-scale commercial services to operate within a portion of the Medium Density Residential Zone on Western Hills Drive. The precinct recognises the environment is suitable for small-scale commercial services.

### Objectives

#### PREC2-O1 Appropriate Activities

Enable small-scale commercial services which are compatible with the amenity of the surrounding environment.

### Policies

#### PREC2-P1 Commercial Services

To enable the establishment and operation of commercial service activities.

#### PREC2-P2 Character and Amenity

To maintain and enhance amenity by:

1. Providing landscaping on boundaries that adjoin Residential Zones and Open Space and Recreation Zones.
2. Limiting the scale of buildings for commercial service activities to a scale that is compatible with that of nearby residential buildings.
3. Limiting the hours of operation.

### Rules

#### PREC2-R1 Commercial Services

Activity Status: Permitted

1. The activity is a primary activity or ancillary activity.
2. All site boundaries which are adjoining a Residential Zone or Open Space and Recreation Zone are planted with trees or shrubs to a minimum height of 1.8m above ground level and a minimum depth of 1m, except within 5m or a road boundary where the maximum height is 1.2m above ground level.
3. The activity does not include, before 08:00 or after 18:00 on any day, the operation of machinery, receiving customers or the loading or unloading of vehicles.
4. The maximum gross floor area of the activity is 200m<sup>2</sup>.

Activity Status when compliance not achieved: Discretionary