

VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE  
VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD BUILDING CODES

ADOPTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD THIS 18th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020

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Of the President and Board of Trustees of  
The Village of Ringwood, McHenry County,  
Illinois this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

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Village of Ringwood Building Codes

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF RINGWOOD, ILLINOIS, that the 2015 International Residential Code be  
amended as follows:

**Section 1.**

R301.1.2 Add the following provisions to Section R-301.1.2(1):

R301.1.2(1) EXTERIOR DESIGN GUIDELINES. Monotony of design in single-family or multiple-family residential buildings shall be avoided. To prevent monotonous appearance, the facade and physical features that face the public street and avenue shall be significantly different architecturally from any other residential building located within 800 feet with respect to at least four of the following elements: (a) roof shape; (b) window type and arrangement, (c) exterior building material (d) front entry treatment, (e) orientation of garage entry (front or side entry). Rear walls and side walls, unless facing a public street or avenue, will not be subject to this requirement.

Preliminary exterior elevations and plans may be submitted for preliminary approval prior to completion and submission of final plans for application of a building permit.

Exterior elevation designs shall have harmonious materials with a maximum of three (3) dissimilar materials. All sides of a structure shall be designed with a pleasing balance of architectural elements, features, windows or doors. A facade unrelated to the rest of the structure is not in keeping with acceptable design.

House design shall take existing site conditions into account. Foundations should be "stepped" to comply with existing contours. Changing or altering existing site contours shall be restricted to a maximum change of four feet (4) without approval of the Building Inspector.

**APPROVED BUILDING MATERIALS.** The following materials are approved for the exterior use in the construction of buildings and accessory structures in the Village of Ringwood:

1. Face Brick (min. 4" thickness)
2. Stone (min. 4" thickness)
3. Cedar or equivalent wood sidings.
4. Stucco
5. Aluminum or vinyl materials for soffits and fascia boards (sample must be submitted for approval)
6. Standing seam metal roofing and canopy covers in earth-tone colors for accent only such as over entry/porch areas (sample must be submitted for approval). It is prohibited for the entire house area.
7. Wood shake shingles
8. Architectural grade asphalt shingles (min. 340#)
9. Window construction shall consist of wood frame and wood sash with aluminum or vinyl clad exterior face on the sash and frame. No drywall return on head jamb or sill wall will be allowable.
10. Limestone
11. Fiber-cement siding
12. Fiber-cement material for trim, freeze boards, soffits and fascia boards, provided that corner trim be but a minimum of five and one quarter inches (5 1/4") wide and siding cannot protrude beyond the face of the corner trim board. Samples of all materials to be used, in the color to be used, must be submitted to the Building Official who shall not issue any recommendations to the Board of Trustees until it has reviewed such samples.

**PROHIBITED BUILDING MATERIALS:** The use of the following material in the construction of residential buildings or accessory structures is prohibited:

1. Concrete block
2. Precast concrete wall panels

3. Aggregate matrix panels
4. Vinyl or aluminum, sidings, corner boards or trim are allowed only where the front elevations of the residential building is 1 00% brick and/or stone.
5. Plywood or Masonite sidings
6. Panel brick or thinnest stone veneers
7. Curtain wall construction
8. Reflective glass
9. Glazed wall tile or glazed masonry units.
10. Bright wall flashings or copings
11. Steel or other metal siding.
12. Metal wall panels
13. Exposed structural framing and miscellaneous metals
14. Staccato boards
15. Fiber-cement panel sheeting material

R301.1.4 Add the following new section R-301.4:

R-301.1.4: Architectural Design:

Materials provide the visual diversity and architectural character to the neighborhood. The intent is to provide a continuity of architectural character. New single-family home construction should use materials and textures compatible to those of neighboring buildings and appropriate to the chosen architectural style to reinforce the neighborhood's image. No more than two wall materials should be visible on any exterior wall, not counting the foundation wall or piers. Limiting the number of materials focuses attention on the composition of the design.

The front facade of all new single-family homes it to consist of a minimum of 30% Brick veneer or stone construction. Brick veneer or stone used for exterior wall construction under no circumstances is to terminate at an outside corner and must turn the corners a minimum of 48 inches.

All sides of a new single-family home shall be designed with a pleasing balance of architectural elements, features, windows or doors. A facade unrelated to the rest of the structure is not in keeping with acceptable design. The Village of Ringwood reserves the right to reject any exterior design that does not blend with surrounding existing trends or design that is not consistent with

good design as interpreted by the Building Official whose determination may be appealed to the Village Architect.

**Section 2.** That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this legislation is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Village of Ringwood hereby declares that it would have passed this law, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrased be declared unconstitutional.

**Section 3.** That nothing in this legislation or in the 2015 International Residential Building Code hereby adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred.

**Section 4.** That the Village Clerk is hereby ordered and directed to cause this legislation to be published in pamphlet form by authority of the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Ringwood, McHenry County, Illinois.

**Section 5.** That this law and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted hereby shall take effect and be in full force and effect February 18, 2020, from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

PASSED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY 2020.

AYES: Meyer, WALKINGTON, Rebel, HERDUS, Hewes

NAYES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: REINWALL

NOT VOTING: No One

APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2020.

Richard E. Mack  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST: Susan M. Keener  
VILLAGE CLERK