

MRZ – Medium density residential zone

The relevant district-wide chapter provisions apply in addition to this chapter.

Purpose

The purpose of the MRZ – Medium density residential zone is to enable more efficient use of residentially zoned land and infrastructure by providing for a higher intensity of residential development than typically found in the GRZ – General residential zone. The MRZ – Medium density residential zone provides for this form of development within a walkable catchment of town centres, strategic transport corridors and community facilities. The zone will:

- Provide greater housing supply to respond to anticipated growth;
- Reduce pressure for residential development on the urban fringe and beyond;
- Relieve anticipated pressures on the road transport network (which are exacerbated by adopting sprawl to accommodate urban growth). This will be achieved by providing housing close to town and business centres where the use of both public and active modes of transport to access places of employment, retail and entertainment is readily achievable and/or viable;
- Provide greater diversity / choice of housing; and
- Coordinate delivery of infrastructure and services.

The zone provisions enable a variety of dwelling sizes and typologies to be delivered which provides opportunity for greater housing variety and choice. Development within the zone is guided by rules which encourage innovation and flexibility in design responses. The rules provide design guidance for up to 3 dwellings on site, allowing compliant smaller scale developments to be enabled in a manner that maximises opportunities on smaller existing sites. Developments of more than 3 dwellings are subject to a more intensive design assessment process with matters of discretion which provide the primary guidance for assessment, including the intensity of development and enabling appropriate design outcomes regarding:

- The contribution the development makes to the zone having regard to the planned urban form and intensity the zone provides for;
- The creation of safe and high-quality residential neighbourhoods;
- The on-site amenity for residents such as high-quality outdoor spaces;
- The amenity effects on adjoining sites such as privacy and shading; and
- The provision of three waters infrastructure to service the development.

Objectives

MRZ-O1 Housing typology.

Achieve greater housing choice for the community in response to changing demographics and housing needs.

MRZ-O2 Efficient use of land and infrastructure.

Land and infrastructure near the TCZ – Town Centre Zone, LCZ – Local centre zone and COMZ – Commercial zone and close to public transport networks, strategic transport corridors and community facilities is efficiently used for medium density residential living, resulting in a compact urban settlement pattern.

MRZ-O3 Residential amenity.

Achieve a level of residential amenity commensurate with a medium density environment comprised of primarily townhouse and low-rise apartments.

MRZ-O4 Activities.

An appropriate mix of complementary and compatible activities is enabled to support residential growth.

Policies

MRZ-P1 Housing typology and type.

Enable a variety of housing typologies including apartments, terrace housing and duplexes.

MRZ-P2 Efficient use of land and infrastructure.

- (1) Enable land to be used for higher intensity residential living where such land is:
 - (a) Adjacent to the TCZ – Town centre zone, LCZ – Local centre zone, COMZ – Commercial zone and within a walkable catchment of transport networks; or
 - (b) Integrated into master-planned growth areas in close proximity to neighbourhood centres or publicly accessible open space.
- (2) Recognise the social, economic and environmental benefits arising from higher density development being situated closer to community facilities and the TCZ – Town centre zone, LCZ – Local centre zone and COMZ – Commercial zone when considering development proposals.
- (3) Recognise the economic and environmental benefits of higher density development that efficiently utilises existing, and planned, investment in both transport and three waters infrastructure.

MRZ-P3 Building form, massing and coverage.

- (1) Enable residential development that:
 - (a) Is of a height and bulk that manages daylight access and a reasonable standard of privacy for residents; and
 - (b) Manages visual dominance effects on adjoining sites.

MRZ-P4 Streetscape, yards and outdoor living spaces.

- (1) Enable residential development that contributes to attractive and safe streets and public open spaces by:
 - (a) Providing for passive surveillance to public open spaces and streets through the siting of dwellings and rooms, façade design and fencing / landscaping;
 - (b) Incorporating front yard landscaping that will enhance streetscape amenity; and
 - (c) Minimising the prevalence of garage doors, carparking and driveways fronting the street.
- (2) Require development to have sufficient side yard setbacks to provide for:

- (a) Landscaping and permeable surfaces;
 - (b) Privacy to adjoining sites;
 - (c) Sunlight and daylight; and
 - (d) Driveways and accessways.
- (3) Require the provision of outdoor living spaces that:
- (a) Are attractive, functional and accessible; and
 - (b) Provide a reasonable standard of privacy for residents and to adjoining sites.
- (4) Enable flexibility and innovation in the provision of outdoor living spaces by recognising the varying means by which suitable spaces can be provided for a particular form of development; including shared outdoor spaces, roof terraces or other communal outdoor living spaces.

MRZ-P5 Changes to amenity values.

Recognise that the planned urban built form may result in changes to the amenity values and characteristics of the urban character over time.

MRZ-P6 Home businesses.

- (1) Provide for home businesses to allow flexibility for people to work from their homes.
- (2) Manage adverse effects on residential amenity through limiting home occupations to a scale that is compatible with the primary residential purpose of the zone.

MRZ-P7 Non-residential activities.

- (1) Maintain the zone primarily for residential activities while also:
 - (a) Ensuring community facilities:
 - (i) Are suitably located;
 - (ii) Are of a limited scale and intensity that is compatible with the zone;
 - (iii) Contribute to the amenity of the neighbourhood; and
 - (iv) Support the social and economic well-being of the residential community.
 - (b) Avoiding the establishment of new non-residential activities (except home occupations) on rear sites, or sites located on cul-de-sacs; and
 - (c) Ensuring that the design and scale of non-residential activities and associated buildings mitigates adverse effects related to traffic generation, access, noise, vibration, outdoor storage of materials and light spill.
- (2) Enabling existing non-residential activities to continue and support their redevelopment and expansion, provided they do not have a significant adverse effect on character and amenity.

Rules

Land use – activities

In addition to the activity-specific standards listed below, permitted activities must also comply with all relevant Land-use building standards in this chapter, as well as the standards in Part 2 / District-wide matters / General district-wide matters.

MRZ-R1	Residential activity, unless specified below This includes occupation of a single residential unit for short term rental.	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards: Nil.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a	
MRZ-R2	A new retirement village or alterations to an existing retirement village	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards: (a) The site is connected to public water and wastewater infrastructure; (b) The minimum living space or balcony area and dimensions are: (i) Apartment – 10m ² area with a minimum dimension horizontal and vertical of 2.5m; (ii) Studio unit or 1 bedroom unit – 12.5m ² area with minimum dimension horizontal and vertical of 2.5m; or (iii) 2 or more bedroomed unit – 15m ² area with minimum dimension horizontal and vertical of 2.5m. (c) The minimum service court is either: (i) Apartment – Communal outdoor space (i.e. no individual service courts required); or (ii) All other units – 10m ² for each unit. (d) The following land use – effects standard does not apply: (i) SIGN-R1, SIGN-R8 – SIGN-R10 (Signs). (e) The following Land Use – Building standards do not apply: (i) MRZ-S1 (Residential unit); (ii) MRZ-S8 (Outdoor living space); and (f) The following infrastructure and energy rule does not apply: (i) Rule TRPT-R4(1)(a) (Traffic generation).	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) Consideration of the effects of the activity-specific standard not met; (b) Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects; and (c) Cumulative effects.	
MRZ-R3	Home business	

<p>(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The home business is wholly contained within a building; (b) The storage of materials or machinery associated with the home business are wholly contained within a building or are screened so as not to be visible from a public road or neighbouring residential property; (c) No more than 2 people who are not permanent residents of the site are employed at any one time; (d) Unloading and loading of vehicles, the receiving of customers or deliveries only occur between 7:30am and 7:00pm on any day; and (e) Machinery may only be operated between 7:30am and 9pm on any day. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consideration of the effects of the activity-specific standard not met; (b) Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects; and (c) Cumulative effects.
<p>MRZ-R4 Community facilities</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No more than 200m² GFA. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consideration of the effects of the activity-specific standard not met; (b) Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects; and (c) Cumulative effects.
<p>MRZ-R5 Neighbourhood park</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards: Nil.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a</p>
<p>MRZ-R6 Home stay</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No more than 4 temporary residents. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Consideration of the effects of the activity-specific standard not met; (b) Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects; and (c) Cumulative effects.
<p>MRZ-R7 Boarding houses/boarding establishments</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) No more than 10 people per site inclusive of staff and residents. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p>

		(a) Consideration of the effects of the activity-specific standard not met; (b) Measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects; and (c) Cumulative effects.
MRZ-R8	Construction or alteration of a building for a sensitive land use	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards: (a) The construction or alteration of a building for a sensitive land use that complies with all of the following standards: (i) It is set back a minimum of 10m from the centre of line of any electrical distribution or transmission lines, not associated with the National Grid, that operate at a voltage of up to 110kV; or (ii) It is set back a minimum of 12m from the centre of line of any electrical distribution or transmission lines, not associated with the National Grid, that operate at a voltage of 110kV or more.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) Effects on the amenity values of the site; (b) The risk of electrical hazards affecting the safety of people; (c) The risk of damage to property; and (d) Effects on the operation, maintenance and upgrading of the electrical distribution or transmission lines.	
MRZ-R9	Construction, demolition, addition, and alteration of a building or structure	
(1) Activity status: PER Activity-specific standards: Nil.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: n/a	
MRZ-R10	Any activity that is not listed as permitted, restricted discretionary or prohibited, Activity status: DIS	
MRZ-R11	Any building, structure, objects or vegetation that obscures the sight line of the Raglan navigation beacons for vessels entering Whaingaroa (Raglan Harbour) (APP8 – Raglan navigation beacon). Activity status: PR	

Land use – building

MRZ-S1	Residential unit	
(1) Activity status: PER Where: (a) Up to three residential units per site.	(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters: (a) Intensity of the development; and (b) Design, scale and layout of buildings and outdoor living spaces in relation to the planned urban character of the zone; (c) The relationship of the development with adjoining streets or public open spaces,	

		<p>including the provision of landscaping; and</p> <p>(d) Privacy and overlooking within the development and on adjoining sites, including the orientation of habitable rooms and outdoor living spaces; and</p> <p>(e) Provision of 3-waters infrastructure to individual units; and</p> <p>(f) The provision of adequate waste and recycling bin storage including the management of amenity effects of these on streets or public open spaces; and</p> <p>(g) Where on-site car parking is provided, the design and location of car parking (including garaging) as viewed from streets or public open spaces.</p>
MRZ-S2	Minimum residential unit size	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) Residential units must have a minimum net internal floor area of:</p> <p>(i) 35m² for studio dwellings; and</p> <p>(ii) 45m² for one or more bedroom dwellings.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) The functionality of the residential unit; and</p> <p>(b) Internal residential amenity.</p>	
MRZ-S3	Height – building general	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) The permitted height of any building or structure is 11m measured from the natural ground level immediately below that part of the structure;</p> <p>(b) Chimneys not exceeding 1m in width and finials shall not exceed a maximum height of 13m measured from the natural ground level immediately below the structure;</p> <p>(c) In Raglan, the permitted height of any building or structure is 7.5m measured from the natural ground level immediately below that part of the structure.</p> <p>(d) In Raglan, chimneys not exceeding 1m in width and finials shall not exceed a maximum height of 9.5m measured from the natural ground level immediately below the structure;</p> <p>(e)</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) Height of the building or structure;</p> <p>(b) Design, scale and location of the building;</p> <p>(c) Extent of shading on adjacent sites; and</p> <p>(d) Privacy and overlooking on adjoining sites.</p>	
MRZ-S4	Fences or walls – road boundaries	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p>	

<p>(a) Fences and walls between the applicable building setbacks under MRZ-S10 and MRZ-11 on a site and any road boundaries, must comply with all of the following standards:</p> <p>(i) Be no higher than 1.5m if solid;</p> <p>(ii) Be no higher than 1.8m if:</p> <p>(1) Visually permeable for the full 1.8m height of the fence or wall; or</p> <p>(2) Solid up to 1.5m and visually permeable between 1.5 and 1.8m.</p>	<p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) Building materials and design;</p> <p>(b) Effects on streetscape amenity; and</p> <p>(c) Public space visibility.</p>
<p>MRZ-S5 Height in relation to boundary</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) Buildings and structures must not protrude through a height control plane rising at an angle of 45 degrees commencing at an elevation of 3m above natural ground level at every point of the site boundary, except</p> <p>(i) Where the boundary forms part of a legal right of way, entrance strip or access site; the standard applies from the farthest boundary of that legal right of way, entrance strip or access site;</p> <p>(ii) This standard does not apply to existing or proposed internal boundaries within a site;</p> <p>(iii) Where a site in the MRZ – Medium density residential zone adjoins a site in the GRZ – General residential zone, LLRZ – Large lot residential or SETZ – Settlement zone, then buildings must not protrude through a height control plane rising at an angle of 45 degrees commencing at an elevation of 2.5m above natural ground level at every point of the site boundary abutting that GRZ – General residential zone, LLRZ – Large lot residential zone or SETZ – Settlement zone;</p> <p>(iv) Where the boundary adjoins a legal road.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) Height of the building;</p> <p>(b) Design and location of the building;</p> <p>(c) Extent of shading on adjacent sites; and</p> <p>(d) Privacy on adjoining sites.</p>
<p>MRZ-S6 Building coverage</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) The total building coverage must not exceed 45%.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p>

<p>(b) MRZ-S6(1)(a) does not apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To a structure that is not a building; or (ii) Eaves of a building that project less than 750mm horizontally from the exterior wall of the building. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Design, scale and location of the building; (b) Provision for outdoor living space and service courts; and (c) Effects on the planned urban built character of the surrounding residential area.
<p>MRZ-S7 Impervious surfaces</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The impervious surfaces of a site must not exceed 70%. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Site design, layout and amenity; and (b) The risk of flooding, nuisance or damage to the site or other buildings and sites.
<p>MRZ-S8 Outdoor living space</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) An outdoor living space must be provided for each residential unit that meets all of the following standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) It is for the exclusive use of the occupants of the residential unit; (ii) It is readily accessible from a living area of the residential unit; (iii) Where the residential unit contains an internal habitable space (excluding garages, bathrooms, laundries, and hall or stairways) on the ground floor, an outdoor living court shall be provided and shall have a minimum area of 20m² and a minimum dimension of 4m in any direction; and (iv) Where the residential unit has its principal living area at first floor level or above, a balcony shall be provided and shall have a minimum area of 5m² for studio and one-bedroom dwellings, or 8m² for two or more bedroom dwellings and a minimum dimension of 1.5m. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Design and location of the building; (b) Provision for outdoor living space including access to sunlight and open space and the usability and accessibility of the outdoor living space proposed; (c) Privacy and overlooking on adjoining sites; and (d) The proximity of the site to communal or public open space that has the potential to mitigate any lack of private outdoor living space.
<p>MRZ-S9 Ground floor internal habitable space</p>	
<p>(1) Activity status: PER Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Garages shall occupy less than 50% of the ground floor space internal to buildings on the site. 	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS Council's discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The visual dominance of garaging, parking, and vehicle manoeuvring areas and the balance across the site of internal habitable space, outdoor living courts, and landscaping at ground level; and

	(b) The design and location of garaging as viewed from streets or public open spaces.
MRZ-S10	Building setbacks – all boundaries
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) The finished external walls (excluding eaves) of a building must be set back a minimum of:</p> <p>(i) 3m from the road boundary;</p> <p>(ii) 3m from the edge of an indicative road (as demonstrated on a structure plan or planning maps);</p> <p>(iii) 1m from every boundary other than a road boundary; and</p> <p>(b) Balconies greater than 1.5m above ground level shall be set back a minimum of 4m from every boundary other than a boundary to a road or public open space;</p> <p>(c) MRZ-S10(1)(a) and (b) do not apply to structures that are not buildings.</p>	<p>Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(d) Road network safety and efficiency;</p> <p>(e) Potential to mitigate adverse effects on the streetscape through use of other design features;</p> <p>(f) Daylight admission to adjoining properties; and</p> <p>(g) Privacy overlooking on adjoining sites.</p>
MRZ-S11	Building setbacks – water bodies
<p>(1) Activity status: PER</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>(a) A building must be set back a minimum of:</p> <p>(i) 20m from the margin of any lake;</p> <p>(ii) 20m from the margin of any wetland;</p> <p>(iii) 23m from the bank of any river (other than the Waikato River and Waipa River);</p> <p>(iv) 38m from the margin of either the Waikato River and the Waipa River</p> <p>(v) 23m from mean high water springs</p> <p>(b) A public amenity of up to 25m² or pump shed within any building setback identified in MRZ-S12(1)(a);</p> <p>(c) MRZ-S11(1)(a) does not apply to a structure which is not a building.</p>	<p>(2) Activity status where compliance not achieved: RDIS</p> <p>Council’s discretion is restricted to the following matters:</p> <p>(a) Effects on the landscape, ecological, cultural and recreational values of the adjacent water body;</p> <p>(b) Adequacy of erosion and sediment control measures;</p> <p>(c) The functional or operational need for the building to be located close to the waterbody;</p> <p>(d) Effects on public access to the waterbody;</p> <p>(e) Effects on the amenity of the locality; and</p> <p>(f) Effects on natural character values.</p>