
1992 City of Charlotte Zoning Code

Open Space:

An area of land or water, which is open and unobstructed including areas maintained in a natural or undisturbed character or areas improved for active or passive recreation. "Open space" shall not include water below the mean high water line located adjacent to the Catawba River and its impoundments, or areas covered with buildings, structures, streets or off-street parking areas, but shall include landscaping associated with such parking areas.

Policy: Open space will include all areas of land on a lot that are not covered by:

1. The principal building,
2. Accessory structures, and
3. Areas designated for parking.

If no area is allocated for parking, 400 square feet of a driveway will be designated for the required two off-street parking spaces.

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Unobstructed Open Space:

Land not covered by buildings or structures.

Usable Open Space:

That required portion of a lot at ground level, unoccupied by principal or accessory buildings and available to all occupants of the building. This space of minimum prescribed dimensions shall not be devoted to service driveways or off-street parking and/or loading berths but shall be usable for greenery, drying yards, recreation space and other leisure activities normally carried on outdoors.