

50-18.4 Skyline Parkway Overlay (SP-O).

A. Purpose.

The purpose of this Section 50-18.4 is to protect the unique character and visual qualities of Skyline Parkway as documented in the Skyline Parkway corridor management plan and the comprehensive land use plan while protecting the property rights of private property owners affected by these regulations. One key purpose is to protect views from Skyline Parkway toward Lake Superior, the St. Louis River, and the harbor, from a wide variety of vantage points along the Parkway and to encourage the construction of narrower buildings located farther from the Skyline Parkway rather than wider buildings located closer to the parkway;

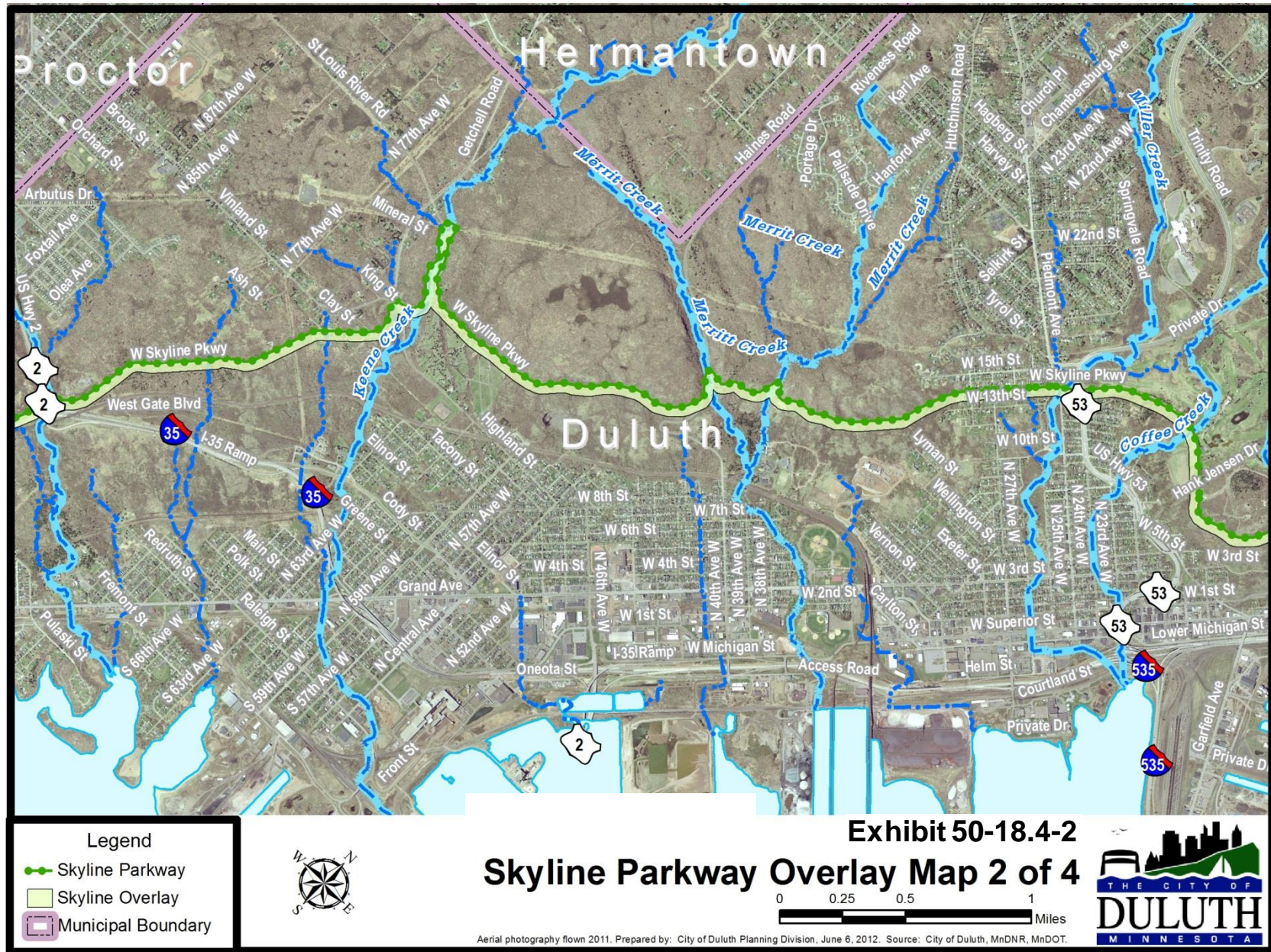
B. Land affected.

The regulations of this Section 50-18.4 apply to all private and public property located within 200 feet of the downhill side of Skyline Parkway as shown on Exhibits 50-18.4-2 to 4. The 200 foot distance shall be measured from the edge of the right-of-way along the slope of the affected property (not horizontally from the road), as shown in Figure 50-18.4-1. The Skyline Parkway Overlay maps are shown only for illustrative purposes and are not intended to regulate the boundary of the 200 feet distance as described above;

Exhibit 50-18.4-1: Measurement of 200' boundary











C. Construction and reconstruction affected.

This Section 50-18.4 shall apply to (1) all construction of new buildings or additions to buildings, (2) all reconstruction of an existing building or addition, (3) all construction of fences and walls, and (4) all installation and maintenance of landscaping within the SP-O zone district, after November 10, 2010. Buildings, additions, fences and walls that are permitted or exist on November 19, 2010, shall not be required to comply with the provisions of this Section, and shall be considered conforming structures for zoning purposes;

D. Design controls.

When construction of a building or an addition to a building, or reconstruction of an existing building or addition is proposed within the SP-O zone district, the following standards shall apply:

1. The building or addition shall be located at least 50 feet from the right-of-way of Skyline Parkway, or as close to that distance as is reasonably possible without violating required side or rear setbacks;
2. The long axis of a new structure shall be located within 20 degrees of perpendicular to the right-of-way line of Skyline Parkway at the midpoint of the front property line, or if that is not possible due to site or engineering constraints, then as close to that number as is reasonably possible;

Exhibit 50-18.4-6:
Measurement of Long Axis

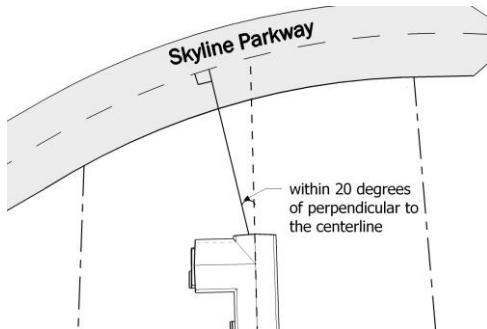
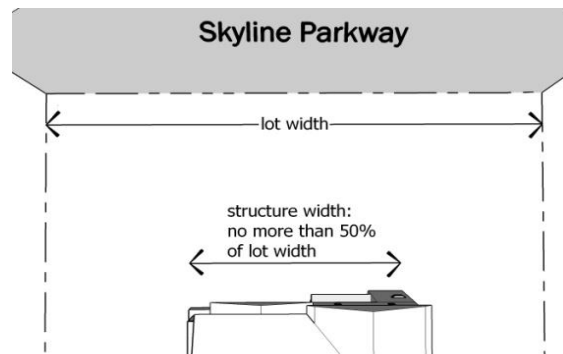


Exhibit 50-18.4-7:
Measurement of 50% of Lot Width



3. The width of a new primary structure closest to Skyline Parkway shall not exceed 50 percent of the width of the lot at the point closest to or adjacent to the Skyline Parkway right-of-way. For purposes of this paragraph, the width shall include all portions of the structure (including attached garages or enclosed porches);
4. Where an addition to an existing structure is proposed, the location of that addition shall not result in the width of structure and addition, taken together, exceeding 50 percent of the width of the lot at the point closest to or adjacent to the Skyline Parkway right-of-way;
5. The provisions of subsections 1 through 4 above shall not apply to any structure located and designed so that no part of the structure (other than chimneys) extends taller than three feet above the elevation of Skyline Parkway closest to the structure;
6. No wall located within 50 feet of horizontal distance from the property line along Skyline Parkway shall exceed a height of three feet above the elevation of the centerline of Skyline Parkway;
7. All portions of a fence located within 50 feet of horizontal distance from the property line along Skyline Parkway and extending more than three feet above the elevation of the centerline of Skyline Parkway shall be at least 75 percent transparent. No more than 25 percent of the area bounded by the top, bottom, and sides of the fence may be constructed of solid or opaque materials;

8. No landscaping located on the 50 percent of the lot width not occupied by the primary structure may be of a species that will have a height at maturity of more than three feet above the elevation of the centerline of Skyline Parkway, and all installed landscaping in those areas shall be maintained so that its height does not exceed three feet above the elevation of the centerline of Skyline Parkway. (Ord. No. 10044, 8-16-2010, § 6; Ord. No. 10192, 12-17-2012, § 7.)