



**Department of Permitting Services**  
**Division of Casework Management**  
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**CODE INTERPRETATION/POLICY**

<b>Code/Year</b> 2004	<b>Section of Code</b> 59-B-3.2	<b>Title of Code Section/Subsection/Policy</b> Development Standards Bay Windows
<b>Statement/Background of Issue</b>		
<p>Bay windows are allowed to project not more than 3 feet into a required front or rear setback. What criteria should be applied by the Department to determine bay window characteristics and limitations?</p>		
<b>Division Interpretation/Policy</b>		
<p>A bay window or oriel, not greater than 10 feet in width, may project up to 3 feet into a required front or rear setback. For purposes of clarification, a bay window is considered to be an outward projection from the main wall of a building that forms a bay or alcove in a room. This type of window typically has canted sides and is supported by brackets, cables or similar attachments (cantilevered) or a foundation.</p> <p>If two or more bay windows project from any one side (front or back) of the main building, not more than 50% of the linear width of the front or back, as applicable, of the building may be utilized for such projections.</p>		
<b>Interpretation/Policy No.</b> ZP0927	<b>Date</b> 10/1/04	<b>Division Chief</b>  Reginald T. Jetter
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# MINIMUM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS

## Exemptions for Projections

Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Section 59-B-3.2

Bay Windows, Balconies, Vestibules

