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WHEREAS I, John Cummins, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, am of the opinion that development to which the following regulations apply would not offend against principles of proper planning and sustainable development by reason of the nature and limited effect of development belonging to that class on its surroundings; and

WHEREAS a draft of the following regulations has been laid before each House of the Oireachtas and a resolution approving that draft has been passed by each such House;

NOW I, John Cummins, Minister of State at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by subsection (2) of section 4 and section 262 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (No. 30 of 2000) (as adapted by the Housing, Planning and Local Government (Alteration of Name of Department and Title of Minister) Order 2020 (S.I. No. 408 of 2020)) and by the Housing, Local Government and Heritage (Delegation of Ministerial Functions) Order 2025 (S.I. No. 364 of 2025), hereby make the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Planning and Development (Exempted Development (Act of 2000)) Regulations 2026.

(2) The collective citation “Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2026” includes these Regulations.

(3) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 27th day of July 2026.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, “Principal Regulations” means the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (S.I. No. 600 of 2001).

Amendment of Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Principal Regulations

3. Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by the substitution of:

<i>Development within the curtilage of a house</i> CLASS 1 The extension of a house, by the construction or erection of an extension (including a conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the conversion for use as part of the house of any garage, store, shed or other similar structure attached to the rear or to the side of the house.	1. (a) Where the house has not been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension shall not exceed 40 square metres. (b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 12 square metres. (c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 20 square metres. 2. (a) Where the house has been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 40 square metres. (b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 12 square metres. (c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached and has
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	been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 20 square metres. 3. Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary. 4. (a) Where the rear wall of the house does not include a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the rear wall of the house. (b) Where the rear wall of the house includes a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the side walls of the house. (c) The height of the highest part of the roof of any such extension shall not exceed, in the case of a flat roofed extension, the height of the eaves or parapet, as may be appropriate, or, in any other case, shall not exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the dwelling. 5. The construction or erection of any such extension to the rear of the house shall not reduce the area of private open space, reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house, to the rear of the house to less than 25 square metres. 6. (a) Any window proposed at ground level in any such extension shall not be less than
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	1 metre from the boundary it faces. (b) Any window proposed above ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces. (c) Where the house is detached and the floor area of the extension above ground level exceeds 12 square metres, any window proposed at above ground level shall not be less than 11 metres from the boundary it faces. 7. The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or roof garden.

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<i>Development within the curtilage of a house</i> CLASS 1 The extension of a house, by the construction or erection of an extension (including a conservatory) to the rear of the house or by the conversion for use as part of the house of any garage, store, shed or other similar structure attached to the rear or to the side of the house.	1. (a) Where the house has not been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension shall not exceed 45 square metres. (b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 12 square metres. (c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached, the floor area of any extension above ground level shall not exceed 20 square metres. 2. (a) Where the house has been extended previously, the floor area of any such extension, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which
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	planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 45 square metres. (b) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is terraced or semi-detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 12 square metres. (c) Subject to paragraph (a), where the house is detached and has been extended previously, the floor area of any extension above ground level, taken together with the floor area of any previous extension or extensions above ground level constructed or erected after 1 October 1964, including those for which planning permission has been obtained, shall not exceed 20 square metres. 3. Any above ground floor extension shall be a distance of not less than 2 metres from any party boundary. 4. (a) Where the rear wall of the house does not include a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the rear wall of the house. (b) Where the rear wall of the house includes a gable, the height of the walls of any such extension shall not exceed the height of the side walls of the house. (c) The height of the highest part of the roof of any such extension shall not exceed, in the case of a flat roofed extension, the height of the eaves or parapet, as may
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	be appropriate, or, in any other case, shall not exceed the height of the highest part of the roof of the dwelling. 5. The construction or erection of any such extension to the rear of the house shall not reduce the total area of private open space within the curtilage of the house, reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house to less than 25 square metres. 6. (a) Any window proposed at ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 1 metre from the boundary it faces. (b) Any window proposed above ground level in any such extension shall not be less than 8 metres from the boundary it faces. (c) Where the house is detached and the floor area of the extension above ground level exceeds 12 square metres, any window proposed at above ground level shall not be less than 8 metres from the boundary it faces. 7. The roof of any extension shall not be used as a balcony or terrace. 8. This exemption shall only be used on the principal house and not any additional detached house within the curtilage of the principal house.
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4. Part 1 of Schedule 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by the substitution of:

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other object, greenhouse, garage, store, shed or other similar structure.	forward of the front wall of a house. 2. The total area of such structures constructed, erected or placed within the curtilage of a house shall not, taken together with any other such structures previously constructed, erected or placed within the said curtilage, exceed 25 square metres. 3. The construction, erection or placing within the curtilage of a house of any such structure shall not reduce the amount of private open space reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house to the rear or to the side of the house to less than 25 square metres. 4. The external finishes of any garage or other structure constructed, erected or placed to the side of a house, and the roof covering where any such structure has a tiled or slated roof, shall conform with those of the house. 5. The height of any such structure shall not exceed, in the case of a building with a tiled or slated pitched roof, 4 metres or, in any other case, 3 metres. 6. The structure shall not be used for human habitation or for the keeping of pigs, poultry, pigeons, ponies or horses, or for any other purpose other than a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the house as such.
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other object, greenhouse, garage, store, shed or other similar structure.	2. 'The total area of such structures constructed, erected or placed within the curtilage of a house shall not, taken together with any other such structures previously constructed, erected or placed within the said curtilage, exceed 30 square metres. 3. 'The construction, erection or placing within the curtilage of a house of any such structure shall not reduce the amount of private open space reserved exclusively for the use of the occupants of the house to the rear or to the side of the house to less than 25 square metres. 4. The external finishes of any garage or other structure constructed, erected or placed to the side of a house, and the roof covering where any such structure has a tiled or slated roof, shall conform with those of the house. 5. The height of any such structure shall not exceed, in the case of a building with a tiled or slated pitched roof, 4 metres or, in any other case, 3 metres. 6. The structure shall not be used for human habitation or for the keeping of pigs, poultry, pigeons, ponies or horses, or for any other purpose other than a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the house as such.
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GIVEN under my hand,
16 July, 2026.

JOHN CUMMINS,
Minister of State at the Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage.

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