



Zoning Resolution

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42-01 - Special Provisions for Adult Establishments

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In addition to the applicable regulations for the #uses# listed in a permitted Use Group, #adult establishments# shall be subject to the following provisions:

- (a) #Adult establishments# are not permitted in a #Manufacturing District# in which #residences# or #joint living-work quarters for artists# are allowed as-of-right or by special permit or authorization. No provisions or findings of such special permit or authorization which require an assessment of the impact of new #residences# or new #joint living-work quarters for artists# on #commercial# or #manufacturing# #uses# within a #Manufacturing District# shall be construed as a limitation on the scope of this provision.
- (b) In all other #Manufacturing Districts#, no #adult establishment# shall be established less than 500 feet from a house of worship, a #school#, a #Residence District#, a C1, C2, C3, C4, C5-1, C6-1, C6-2 or C6-3 District, or a #Manufacturing District#, other than an M1-6M District, in which new #residences# or new #joint living-work quarters for artists# are allowed as-of-right or by special permit or authorization. No provisions or findings of such special permit or authorization which require an assessment of the impact of new #residences# or new #joint living-work quarters for artists# on #commercial# or #manufacturing# #uses# within a #Manufacturing District# shall be construed as a limitation on the scope of this provision. However, on or after October 25, 1995, an #adult establishment# that otherwise complies with the provisions of this paragraph shall not be rendered #non-conforming# if a house of worship or a #school# is established on or after April 10, 1995, within 500 feet of such #adult establishment#.

- (c) No #adult establishment# shall be established less than 500 feet from another #adult establishment#.
- (d) No more than one #adult establishment# permitted under this Section shall be established on a #zoning lot#.
- (e) #Adult establishments# shall not exceed, in total, 10,000 square feet of #floor area# and #cellar# space not used for enclosed storage or mechanical equipment.
- (f) #Adult establishments# which were established on October 25, 1995, and conform to all provisions of the Zoning Resolution relating to #adult establishments# other than the provisions of all or any combination of paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of this Section, shall not be subject to the provisions of Section [52-77](#) (Termination of Adult Establishments).

For purposes of this Section, an #adult establishment# shall be established upon the date of a permit issued by the Department of Buildings therefor, or, in the case of an #adult establishment# in existence prior to August 8, 2001, as determined by the Department of Buildings, subject to rules as the Department of Buildings may prescribe regarding the failure to perform work authorized under a permit or to commence operation pursuant to a permit and the discontinuance of an #adult establishment#.