



Zoning Resolution

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73-50 - SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLYING ALONG DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

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In appropriate cases, for #zoning lots# with single frontage, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit primary business entrances, #show windows#, or #signs# not otherwise permitted under the provisions of Section [32-43](#) or [42-53](#) (Limitations on Business Entrances, Show Windows or Signs), provided that in no case shall any such primary business entrance, #show window# or #sign# be permitted within 10 feet of a #Residence District# boundary.

In addition, in appropriate cases, the Board may waive the requirements for #rear yards# or #side yards# set forth in Sections [33-29](#) or [43-30](#) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS APPLYING ALONG DISTRICT BOUNDARIES).

It is further provided that, in appropriate cases, the Board may waive in whole or in part the #front yard# requirement set forth in Section [43-304](#) (Required front yards along district boundary located in a street) after finding that such waiver will not have an adverse effect on the surrounding area. The Board shall prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to preserve and enhance the character of the surrounding area, and to ensure the maintenance of resulting #front yards#.

73-51 - Modification of Supplementary Use Regulations

LAST AMENDED

8/22/1963

In C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6 or C7 Districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit public utility radio or television facilities which do not comply with the applicable provisions of Section [32-42](#) (Location Within Buildings) to be located on the top #story# or the roof of a #building# and may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effects on #uses# occupying lower #stories# or on the character of the surrounding area.

In addition, the Board may permit public utility antennas, microwave platforms and dishes or other radio or television equipment to penetrate the maximum height limit or the #sky exposure plane# set forth in Section [33-43](#) (Maximum Height of Walls and Required Setbacks) or [33-44](#) (Alternate Front Setbacks) provided that such equipment shall not exceed 20 feet in height.

73-52 - Modifications for Zoning Lots Divided by District Boundaries

LAST AMENDED

6/25/1964

Whenever a #zoning lot# existing in single ownership on December 15, 1961, or on the effective date of any applicable subsequent amendment to the #zoning maps# is divided by a boundary between two or more districts in which different #uses# are permitted, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit a #use# which is a permitted #use# in the district in which more than 50 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot# is located to #extend# not more than 25 feet into the remaining portion of the #zoning lot#, where such #use# is not a permitted #use#, provided that the following findings are made:

- (a) that, without any such extension, it would not be economically feasible to use or #develop# the remaining portion of the #zoning lot# for a permitted #use#; and

- (b) that such extension will not cause impairment of the essential character or the future use or development of the surrounding area.

Where such an extension of a #use# is permitted, the Board may permit the #bulk#, off-street parking and loading, and all other regulations of the district in which more than 50 percent of the #lot area# of the #zoning lot# is located, to apply for the distance, not exceeding 25 feet, that such #use# is permitted to #extend# into the remaining portion of the #zoning lot#.

Any portion of the #zoning lot# beyond such distance shall be subject to all the regulations of the district in which it is located, and shall not be counted as #lot area# for a #building or other structure#, or portion thereof, used for such #extended use#.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards to minimize adverse effect on the character of the surrounding area.

73-53 - Enlargements or Extensions of Certain Manufacturing or Related Uses

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- (a) In all districts, the Board of Standards and Appeals may modify #use# and #bulk# regulations to permit the #enlargement# or #extension# of #floor area# of a conforming or #non-conforming# #referenced commercial and manufacturing use#, provided that:
- (1) such #use# is not subject to termination pursuant to Section [52-70](#), et seq.;

- (2) the #use# for which such special permit is being sought has been lawfully located on the #zoning lot# on which the expansion is to occur, or a portion thereof, for five years or more;
 - (3) the #building# in which such #use# is located has not previously been #enlarged#, pursuant to Sections [11-412](#), [43-121](#) or [72-21](#);
 - (4) the #use# is not one listed in Use Group X and is permitted only in #Manufacturing Districts#; and
 - (5) in a #Residence District#, such #enlargement# or #extension# shall be permitted in existing #floor area# or on a vacant portion of a #zoning lot# only when no lawful #residential use# has occupied such #floor area# or vacant portion of a #zoning lot# at any time during the five years prior to the date of application for such special permit.
- (b) Any #enlargement# or #extension# permitted pursuant to this Section shall be subject to the following requirements:
- (1) the permitted #enlargement# or #extension# may be the greater of:
 - (i) 45 percent of the #floor area# occupied by such #use# on December 17, 1987;
or
 - (ii) 2,500 square feet additional to the #floor area# occupied by such #use# on December 17, 1987.

In no event shall the amount of #enlargement# or #extension# under paragraph (b)(i) of this Section exceed 10,000 square feet additional to the #floor area# occupied by such #use# on December 17, 1987;

- (2) unless the #zoning lot# is located within an M2 or M3 District, more than 300 feet from a #Residence District# boundary, any #enlarged# or #extended# portion, or activity generated by such #enlargement# or #extension#, including storage and

processing, shall be in #completely enclosed# #buildings#;

- (3) in the case of a #non-conforming# #use#, such #enlarged# or #extended use# shall conform to all performance standards applicable in an M1 District located at the boundary with a #Residence District#; however, conforming #uses# shall conform to the applicable performance standards of the district in which they are located;
- (4) no open #uses# of any kind, including storage or processing, shall be permitted within 30 feet of a #rear lot line# that is located within a #Residence District# or within 30 feet of the #rear lot line# that coincides with a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in a #Residence District#;
- (5) no #enlargement# or #extension# that exceeds 16 feet above #curb level# shall be permitted within 30 feet of the #rear lot line# that coincides with a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in a #Residence District#;
- (6) no #enlargement# or #extension# that exceeds 16 feet above #curb level# shall be permitted within eight feet of the #side lot line# that coincides with a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in a #Residence District#;
- (7) no open #uses# of any kind, including storage or processing, shall be permitted within eight feet of the #side lot line# that coincides with a #rear lot line# of a #zoning lot# in a #Residence District#;
- (8) no #enlargement# or #extension#, or open #uses# of any kind, including storage or processing, shall be permitted within eight feet of the #lot line# which coincides with a #side lot line# of a #zoning lot# in an R1, R2, R3, R4 or R5 District; and
- (9) no #side yard# shall be required in an R6 through R12 Districts or in a #Commercial District# or #Manufacturing District#; however, if such #side yard# is provided, it must be at least eight feet in width.

(c) In granting such special permit, the Board shall find:

- (1) that such #enlargement# or #extension# will not generate significant increases in vehicular or pedestrian traffic nor cause congestion in the surrounding area;
- (2) that there will be adequate parking for any vehicles generated by such #enlargement# or #extension#;
- (3) that any required #side yard# shall be suitably landscaped or fenced as the Board shall prescribe;
- (4) that any #accessory# parking or loading generated by such #enlargement# or #extension# shall be suitably buffered from adjacent #uses# by methods that the Board shall prescribe; and
- (5) that the special permit, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood or district in which the #use# is located, nor impair the future use or development of the surrounding area.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards including, if appropriate, limitations on hours of parking and delivery, requirements for off-street loading, and location of curb cuts to minimize adverse effects of the #enlargement#, #extension# or existing #uses# on the character of the surrounding area, and to protect #residential# or #commercial zoning lots#.