

LOCAL LAW #\_\_\_\_\_of the Year 2009

A local law amending Chapter 140 of the Code of the  
Town of Rochester entitled “Zoning”

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ROCHESTER  
AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 140 of the Code of the Town of Rochester is repealed in its entirety  
and replaced with the following new Chapter 140:

TOWN OF ROCHESTER ZONING LAW

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Official Zoning Map

Article 1  
General Provisions

§ 140-1 Authority, Interpretation, Conflict and Separability.

- A. Title. This Chapter shall be known as the Town of Rochester Zoning Law.
- B. Interpretation. The provisions of this Law, in their interpretation and application, shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- C. Conflict. This Law is not intended to interfere with, abrogate, or annul any other law, rule or regulation statute or provision of law. Where any of the provisions of these regulations impose restrictions different than any other law, rule or regulation or other provision of law, whichever provisions are more restrictive or impose higher standards shall control. This Law, however, shall repeal and replace in its entirety the existing Town of Rochester Zoning Law.
- D. Jurisdiction. All complete applications filed prior to the effective date of this chapter shall be reviewed pursuant to regulations in effect prior to amendment. An application shall be considered complete for these purposes when a public hearing on the same has been scheduled or completed, or in the event no public hearing is required, when the Code Enforcement Officer determines the application is complete the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act have been met.

§ 140-2 Purposes.

It is the legislative intent of this Chapter to provide standards and procedures to guide land use and new development. This Law is specifically intended to implement the Town of Rochester Comprehensive Plan, including but not limited to the following objectives:

- A. Directing growth by encouraging concentrations of new residential, nonresidential and mixed-use developments in areas that currently are or that can be conveniently served by roads, utilities, schools and other facilities.
- B. Directing large-scale or intensive development to areas with adequate infrastructure.
- C. Broadening housing opportunities in the Town of Rochester to provide housing for all populations including young families, senior citizens, working families and households, single adults and others.
- D. Offering incentives to encourage better site design and use of energy efficient principles in new development projects.
- E. Protecting historic resources.
- F. Protecting the quantity and quality of the water supply by strengthening measures to prevent groundwater contamination, assuring protection of surface waters, preserving wetlands and encouraging the provision of sewage collection and treatment to hamlets.
- G. Protecting important natural resources identified in the Town's Natural Resources Inventory.
- H. Minimizing disturbance to wildlife and vegetation from the effects of new development.
- I. Regulating flood plain development.
- J. Providing for continued commercial and industrial growth.
- K. Allowing for home-based occupations.
- L. Preserving productive farmlands as a viable industry resource and means for maintaining open space.



- M. Encouraging agri-tourism activities by farms and otherwise promoting and developing agriculture.
- N. Protecting the Catskills and the Shawangunk Ridge by limiting clearing and intensity of use so as to maintain existing character.
- O. Creating guidelines for new development and its landscaping that maintain a high-quality built environment while preserving and using natural beauty wherever possible.
- P. Recognizing historical neighborhoods and preserving small-scale mixed use development patterns in these areas.
- Q. Preventing intrusion of incompatible uses in residential areas so as to ensure privacy for residents and their freedom from nuisances.
- R. Ensuring signage in Town is both attractive and functional.
- S. Reducing traffic congestion and improve the safety of the roads in the Town.
- T. Requiring adequate setbacks and off-street parking for both residential and nonresidential uses.
- U. Encouraging alternatives to strip commercial development, by encouraging new development in hamlet areas and/or concentrated nodes that minimize the road frontage and curb cuts required.
- V. Ensuring new construction provides adequate access for emergency services.
- W. Encouraging the use of conservation subdivision, planned unit development, transfers of development rights and other flexible techniques for simultaneously preserving open spaces. protecting natural resources and accommodating new development.
- X. Protecting the community against unsightly, obtrusive and noisy land uses and operations.
- Y. Providing public access to trails and other recreational resources.

Article 2  
Definitions

§ 140-3 Word Usage.

- A. Unless otherwise listed below, the numbers, abbreviations, terms and words used herein shall have the meanings of common usage as set forth in the most recent version of *Webster's Unabridged Dictionary*.
- B. Unless the context clearly indicates to the contrary, words used in the present tense include the future tense; words used in the singular include the plural; words used in the plural include the singular; the word "herein" means in this law; the word "requirements" means the minimum requirements necessary for the purposes set forth in Article 1; and the words "this law" shall mean this local law and the schedules and maps included herein as enacted or subsequently amended.
- C. The word "person" as used in this chapter, shall be defined to include, but not be limited to, an individual, a partnership, a joint venture, a corporation, an unincorporated association, a firm or any other form or entity, contractors, subcontractors, or journeymen.
- D. The word "lot" includes the word "plot."
- E. The term "occupied" or "used", as applied to any land or building, shall be construed to include the words "intended", "arranged", or "designed to be occupied or used."
- F. "Shall" is always mandatory.

§ 140-4 Specific Definitions.

The following are definitions of key terms used elsewhere in this Law. These definitions are supplemented by others applying to specific uses that are offered in the context of regulations applying to such uses.

**Accessory Use, Building or Structure** — A subordinate use, building or structure customarily incidental to and located on the same lot occupied by the main use, building or structure.

**Agricultural District** — An official Agricultural District recognized by the County of Ulster and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

**Agricultural Processing Facility** — A commercial facility where raw agricultural products are processed into food or other products for animal or human consumption, distribution or use in other processes, including but not limited to cheese making, feed production, winemaking and fruit storage.

**Agricultural Tourism Enterprise** — A commercial attraction where visitors are entertained and educated regarding agricultural and farm activities, including petting zoos, pumpkin patches, corn mazes, farm museums and other activities revolving around a central farming theme, including ancillary activities and uses (e.g. bed and breakfast lodging or cafe) that supplement the agricultural elements of the enterprise but retain it as the primary theme.

**Agricultural Labor Housing** — Housing constructed for use by seasonal or full-time farm employees, excluding partners or owners of the farm operation.

**Agricultural Use** — A use involving the production, keeping, or maintenance for sale, lease or personal use of plants and animals useful to man, including but not limited to forages, grain and seed crops, dairy animals, poultry, beef, sheep, horses, pigs, bees, fur animals, trees, food of all kinds, vegetables, nurseries, and lands devoted to soil conservation or forestry management programs.

**Alteration** — As applied to a building or structure, a change or rearrangement in the structural parts or in the existing facilities, or an enlargement, whether by extending on a side or by increasing in height, or the moving from one location or position to another.

Animal Hospital — A place where animals or pets are given medical or surgical treatment and the boarding of animals is limited to short-term care incidental to the hospital use.

Applicant — The owner, or authorized agent of the owner; including but not limited to, any individual, partnership or corporation that undertakes any of the activities covered by this Law.

Basement — A story in a building having a floor below the finished grade at any point on the periphery of the building and having a structural ceiling at least four feet above the average finished grade along each side of the building facing the street.

Bed and Breakfast — A new or existing residence that is used, in the manner of a home occupation, to provide overnight lodging with breakfast as part of the consideration and involving shared bath and dining facilities as defined by the New York State Building Code; also including youth hostels.

Buffer — A part of a required setback area (yard) used to provide separation between incompatible uses to effect a visual barrier, block physical passage between uses or reduce noise, dust and litter. The separation may be effected by fencing, dense vegetative planting, the provision of additional setback distances, berms or a combination thereof; and, in general, widths of buffers are increased as the density or opaqueness of the barrier decreases.

Building Inspector — The person charged by the Town Board with responsibility for administration and enforcement of this Law. Also known as Code Enforcement Officer or Building Department.

Building — (See structure.)

Building Height — The vertical distance measured from the average elevation of the proposed finished grade to the highest point of the roof for flat roofs; to the deckline of mansard roofs; and to the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.

Building/Zoning Permit — A permit issued by the Town of Rochester to permit the construction, removal, repair or replacement of any structure or allow a particular activity or use regulated under this Law. Activities not requiring building permits may, nonetheless, require a permit hereunder if a new use or change of use is involved.

Bulk Fuel Storage — Any facility where fuel, including but not limited to kerosene, home heating oil, gasoline, and propane, is stored in tanks for distribution to wholesale establishments or individual users.

Camping — The use of a property as a site for sleeping outside, or; the parking of travel trailers or similar equipment, the erection of tents or other shelters, to serve as temporary residences.

Campground or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Park — The development or use of a lot, tract or parcel of land for the purpose of providing a site for travel trailers, truck campers, camper trailers, motor homes, tents, park model recreational vehicles (as defined by the Recreational Vehicle Industry Association) or permanent cabins of less than 500 square feet footprint size that represent less than 20% of such accommodations as are offered, that is owned and managed as a resort for camping purposes. "Campsites," "campgrounds" or "recreational vehicle parks," tent camping facilities and other similar facilities regardless whether rights to occupy a campground lot are conveyed by lease, rent, sale or any other means shall be included in this definition. Also, this definition shall include those situations where camping occurs with no specific rights of occupation offered but the use nonetheless permitted by the owner's direct or indirect action or lack thereof.

- A. Transient Campground or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks — Publicly operated facilities or businesses offering 3 or more campground or RV park lots with or without the usual accessory recreational and service facilities, for use for tent camping and/or recreational vehicle camping by the public at large on a transient basis. Sites are rented on a daily or weekly basis or otherwise permitted by the owner to be used for camping on a temporary short-term basis.
- B. Nontransient Campground or Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks — Planned private communities with recreational and service facilities, including central water and sewer facilities and usually a restaurant and/or bar, lounge, chapel and community hall, for use only by occupants of tent and/or recreational vehicle sites within the camp-

ground. Sites may be owned in common, or individually by membership or may be leased on an annual, monthly or other seasonal basis.

**Campground Lot** — A lot or space within a campground or RV park used for tent camping or as a site for recreational vehicles; or an area of land otherwise offered by the developer or operator through sale, lease, rent, membership or any other means for camping purposes regardless whether or not done for pecuniary gain.

**Cemetery** — A place used for burials, whether in the ground or in mausoleums.

**Central Sewage or Water Supply** — A sewage system or water supply system designed to serve more than one dwelling unit or building; not including the use of a single well or disposal system for two dwellings on the same parcel of land. See "On-Site Sewage or Water Supply" for further information.

**Change of Use** — A conversion of the use of land from one category on the Schedule of District Regulations to another (e.g., from an office to a restaurant).

**Code Enforcement Officer** — The person charged by the Town Board with responsibility for administration and enforcement of this Law. Also known as Building Inspector.

**Commercial Recreation** — Any and all amusement and recreation uses and associated facilities and structures used for sports and leisure activities on a fee basis, excluding adult uses and motorized racetracks (see definition).

**Commercial Sawmill** — A stationary manufacturing facility in which logs are converted to lumber products and by-products by running them through a series of saws or other equipment including but not limited to kilns and chippers.

**Commercial Use** — Any wholesale, retail or service business activity established to carry on trade for profit, which activity is specifically listed as a separate and distinct non-residential use on the Schedule of District Regulations.

**Commercial Vehicle** — Any motor vehicle that requires a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) to operate.

**Completed Application** — An application for a permit that is in an approved form and is determined by the Town to be complete for the purpose of commencing review of the application, but that may need to be supplemented during the course of review to enable the Town to make the findings and determinations required by law.

**Conservation Easement** — A legally binding and recorded negative covenant or restriction that is deeded to a qualified third party to permanently limit certain development activities on real property, so as to protect conservation assets such as open space, water quality or wildlife habitat. The restriction stays with the property through successive owners.

**Conservation Subdivision** — A form of development for residential subdivisions that permits a reduction in lot area and other development standards to increase permanent open space.

**Convenience Market** — A one-story, retail store containing less than 5,000 square feet of gross floor area that is designed and stocked to sell primarily food, beverages, and other household supplies to customers who purchase only a relatively few items (in contrast to a "supermarket"). It may also include the sale of gasoline and/or a car wash but shall not include the repair or service of vehicles.

**County** — The County of Ulster, State of New York, and its planning agency.

**Day Care Center** — Any establishment enrolling four or more children or adults in a supervised program where tuition, fees, or other forms of compensation for the care of these individuals is charged..

**DEC** — The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

**Density** — The number of families, individual dwelling units or principal structures per unit of land.

**Dismantling Operation** — A facility where equipment, vehicles and other assembled materials are taken apart for pur-

poses of recovery of valuables or disposal of wastes.

Distribution Facility — A warehouse or other specialized building, often with refrigeration or air conditioning, which is stocked with products (goods) to be re-distributed to retailers, wholesalers or directly to consumers.

Driving Range — A golf practice facility consisting of a large, open field with teeing ground at one end, practice putting greens and/or areas for chipping, pitching and bunker practice plus ancillary services.

Dwelling — A building arranged, intended, designed, or used, as the living quarters for one or more families living independently of each other upon the premises. The term "dwelling" shall not be deemed to include a hotel, motel, bungalow, rooming house or tourist home.

- A. Dwelling, Single-Family — A building arranged, designed and intended, for and occupied exclusively by, one family.
- B. Dwelling, Two-Family — A building arranged, designed and intended for and occupied by two families living independently.
- C. Dwelling, Multi-Family— A building arranged, designed and intended for and occupied by three or more families living independently and having no cooking or sanitary facilities in common with any other dwelling unit; including flats, apartments and townhouses.

Dwelling Unit — A building or entirely self-contained portion thereof containing complete housekeeping facilities for only one family, including any domestic servants employed on the premises, and having no enclosed space (other than vestibules, entrance or other hallways or porches) or cooking or sanitary facilities in common with any other dwelling unit.

Easement — A right-of-way granted, but not dedicated, for limited use of private land for a public or quasi-public or private purpose, and within which the lessee or owner of the property shall not erect any permanent structure, but shall have the right to make any other use of the land which is not inconsistent with the rights of the grantee.

Education and Conference Center — A specialized facility with or without lodging accommodations designed and built almost exclusively to host educational conferences, exhibitions, large meetings, seminars or training sessions, including complementary office and leisure facilities for use of participants, not including camps.

Energy Efficient Building — Construction designs intended for the purposes of increasing the efficiency with which buildings and their sites use and harvest energy, water, and materials; and reducing building impacts on human health and the environment, through better siting, design, construction, operation, maintenance and removal during the complete building life cycle.

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) — A written "draft" or "final" document prepared in accordance with § 617.9 and § 617.10 of SEQRA. An EIS provides a means for agencies, project sponsors and the public to systematically consider significant adverse environmental impacts, alternatives and mitigation. A draft EIS is the initial statement prepared by either the project sponsor or the lead agency and circulated for review and comment. An EIS may also be a "generic" in nature to accommodate an anticipated range of future activities.

Equivalent Dwelling Unit — That amount of wastewater that is generated by a single-family residence, using New York State Department of Environmental Conservation guidelines or if not addressed by the State, another comparable authority.

Essential Services — The construction and maintenance of underground, surface or overhead electrical, gas, telephone, water and sewage collection systems along with normal accessory activities.

Existing Use — A land use already legally established at the time of this Law's enactment.

Family — Persons living together as a single, permanent and stable nonprofit housekeeping unit, using all rooms in the dwelling and housekeeping facilities in common and having such meals as they may eat at home generally pre-

pared and eaten together with sharing of food, rent, utilities or other household expenses. Households of related individuals shall be presumed to be a family. Persons living together who are determined not to be families may present affirmative evidence to the Building Inspector the household or group meets the other criteria contained herein.

**Farm Stand** — An accessory building, whether fully or partially enclosed, that is intended for the display and sale of primarily locally raised agricultural produce and products.

**Fast Food Restaurant** — An establishment whose principal business is the sale of pre-prepared or rapidly prepared food directly to the customer in a ready-to-consume state for consumption either within the restaurant building or off-premises and which may include facilities that enable customers to obtain food while remaining in their vehicles.

**Final Approval** — The approval of a site plan or subdivision plan in a form that reflects the as-built or financially guaranteed ready to build condition of the improvements and qualifies the applicant to proceed with sales.

**Flag Lot** — A parcel of land shaped like a flag; a narrow strip of land providing vehicular and pedestrian access to a street, with the bulk of the property lying to the rear of another lot and the access serving both lots.

**Floodplain** — The channel and relatively flat area adjoining a stream that is occasionally covered by floodwater and classified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency as Flood Hazard Area.

**Foot-Candle** — A measurement of the amount of light falling upon an object at any given moment (illumination), called such as it refers to the amount of light falling on a square foot area located one foot away from a candle.

**Floor Area** — The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of the building or buildings on a lot measured from the exterior faces of exterior walls or from the center line of party walls separating two buildings, excluding cellar and basement areas used only for storage or for the operation and maintenance of the building.

**Front Yard** — See "Yard, Front."

**Garage, Private** — An enclosed space for the storage of one or more motor vehicles, provided that no business, occupation or service is conducted for profit therein nor space for more than one car leased to a nonresident off the premises.

**Gift, Antique or Craft Shop** — A relatively small retail store, typically less than 5,000 square feet of floor area, that sells miscellaneous articles appropriate as gifts including antiques, collectibles, crafts, novelties and souvenirs, but not including adult stores.

**Golf Course** — A large landscaped area for playing the sport of golf, including associated facilities such as a clubhouse or restaurant.

**Greenhouse** — An enclosed structure of a permanent or temporary nature within which is conducted a commercial agricultural operation, generally the propagation of one or more horticultural species from seeds or cuttings to a stage fit for transplanting elsewhere or sale, including retail as well as wholesale operations.

**Group Housing** — Dwellings intended for occupation by residents participating in a particular social program.

**Health Care Institutions** — Establishments primarily engaged in providing services for human health maintenance including hospital facilities, nursing and adult homes, personal care facilities and medical and dental clinics and offices whether publicly or privately operated.

**Helicopter Pad** — A landing area for helicopters.

**Home Occupation** — Any use customarily conducted entirely within a principal structure and/or other structure accessory thereto and carried on by the inhabitants thereof, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the principal use and does not change the character thereof. See § 140-19 for further descriptions of home occupations by class.

Homeowners Association (HOA) — A community association or trust organized in a development in which individual owners share common interests in open space or facilities.

Hotel/Motel — A building or group of buildings containing rooms used for overnight accommodations of those in transit, or for a short-term business or personal stay and where meals and other services, including recreation facilities, are provided within the building or in an accessory building. Single-room occupancy residential projects shall be considered multi-family dwellings.

Hunting and Fishing Clubs — Meeting and non-commercial overnight lodging facilities associated with hunting and fishing recreational activities.

Industrial Use — A manufacturing or wholesale distribution activity, including associated research, development and office functions.

Institutional Use — A complex of structures and uses providing a combination of educational, residential and social service support activities for designated groups of individuals with special needs, including rehabilitation centers and special schools.

Invasive Species — A non-native species whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health as defined in Federal Executive Order 13112 signed in 1999, as amended or superseded by Federal Executive Order or by designation of the Town Board.

Kennel — A commercial or non-profit establishment in which dogs or similar domesticated animals are housed on a temporary or permanent basis.

Lot — A tract or parcel of land held in single or joint ownership, not necessarily shown on a duly recorded map, which is occupied or capable of being occupied by buildings, structures and accessory buildings, including such open spaces as are arranged, designed, or required. The term lot shall also mean parcel, plot, site, or any similar term.

- A. Conforming — a lot having not less than minimum area and dimensions required by this law for a lot in the district in which such land is situated, and having its principal frontage on a street or on such other means of access as may be determined in accordance with the provisions of State law to be adequate as a condition of the issuance of a building permit for a building on such land.
- B. Nonconforming — a parcel of land owned individually and separately, and separated in ownership from any adjoining tracts of land, which has a total area and/or dimensions less than prescribed by this law for a lot in the district in which such land is situated.

Lot Area — The area of land contained within the limits of the property lines bounding that lot. Any portion of a lot included in a street right-of-way shall not be included in calculating lot area.

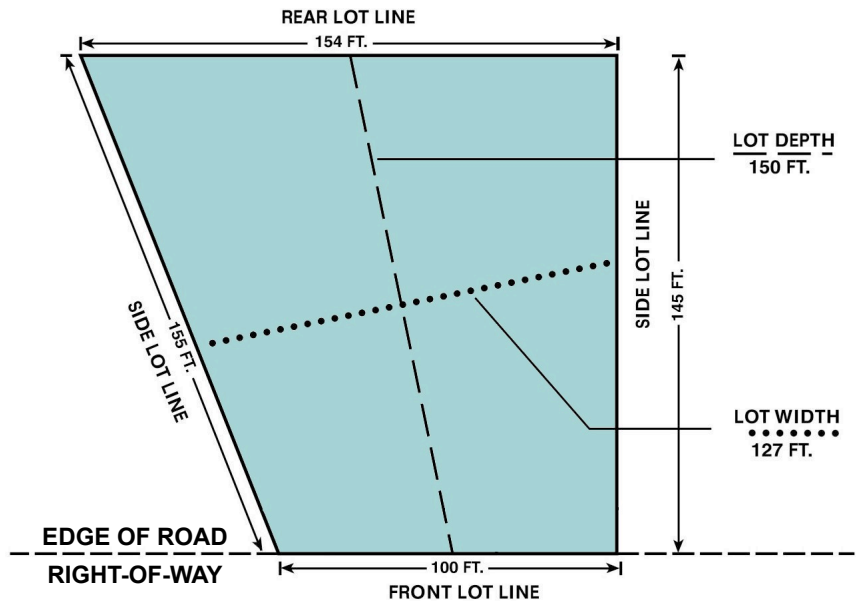
Lot Coverage — That portion of a lot covered by roads, walkways, pavement, structures or other improved surfaces that are generally impervious in nature.

**Lot Depth** — The average distance from the street line of a lot to the rear lot line of such lot, not to include the street or road right of way.

**Lot Frontage** — The width of a lot at the edge of the street right-of-way.

**Lot Line** — The edge of the street right-of-way in the case of the front of any lot; the property boundary generally opposite the street on which a parcel fronts in the case of the rear of any lot; and the property boundaries in the case of the sides of any lots.

**Lot Width** — The average of the distance between side lot lines.



**Low Impact Retail/Service Establishment** — A retail or service enterprise of less than 2,500 square feet floor area that involves no outside storage of materials or supplies except for minor incidentals, employs a maximum of three vehicles used in everyday service on behalf of the business and generates no more than 50 vehicle trip ends per day, based on estimates provided by the Institute of Transportation Engineers.

**Lumen** — The unit of measure for the light energy which flows in air. The total light output from electric sources is expressed in lumens. A uniform source of one foot-candle of lighting power placed in a sphere emits 12.57 lumens.

**Manufacturing, Light** — An industrial use where all processing, fabricating, assembly, or disassembly of items takes place wholly within an enclosed building. Typical items for processing, fabricating, assembly, or disassembly under this use include but are not limited to apparel, food, drapes, clothing accessories, bedspreads, decorations, artificial plants, jewelry, instruments, computers, and electronic devices. Excluded are processes where raw natural materials such as stone are converted into finished products, except for small crafts such as jewelry.

**Manufacturing, General** — Industrial processes where products are created from raw materials or where several different products are combined to create large equipment, modular housing and similar items.

**Manufactured (Mobile) Home** — A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling unit when affixed to a permanent foundation or placed on a concrete slab and connected to the required utilities. Manufactured home does not include a modular home.

**Manufactured Home Park** — A parcel of land under single ownership which has been planned and approved for the commercial renting of two or more manufactured home sites.

**Maximum Density** — The largest number of dwelling units, or the equivalent in the case of nonresidential uses, legally permitted on an adjusted tract area of land.

**Mining** — The excavation of overburden and minerals from the earth; the preparation and processing of minerals, including any activities or processes or parts thereof for the extraction or removal of minerals from their original location and the preparation, washing, cleaning, crushing, stockpiling or other processing of minerals at the mine location so as to make them suitable for commercial, industrial, or construction use; exclusive of manufacturing processes, at the mine location; the removal of such materials through sale or exchange, or for commercial, industrial or municipal use; and the disposition of overburden, tailings and waste at the mine location. Mining shall not include the excavation, removal and disposition of minerals from construction projects, exclusive of the creation of water bodies, or excavations in aid of agricultural activities.



**Mixed Use** — An otherwise permitted commercial enterprise with dwellings overhead or on-site for use of owners, caretakers, security personnel or rented as apartments.

**Modular Home** — Factory-manufactured housing, subject to the requirements and regulations of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, in which prefabricated components assembled at the plant are sent to a housing site in two or more pieces, depending on the size and style of said housing, to be joined together to form a complete house on a permanent foundation.

**Museums, Galleries and Performance Center** — A place for display and exhibition of cultural items and the performance of cultural activities.

**Motorized Racetrack** — Racing or practice facilities for motorized vehicles or equipment, including but not limited to go-cart tracks, motocross facilities and automobile racetracks.

**Nonconforming Use** — A use, building or structure lawfully in existence as of the effective date of this law and non-conforming with it or any subsequent amendment.

**Nonprofit Club or Recreation Use** — A meeting place and recreation center for a fraternal organization, which may include lodging and dining facilities, excluding adult uses and commercial restaurants and taverns.

**Nursery** — A place where trees, shrubs, vines and/or flower and vegetable plants are propagated or grown for a period of at least six months and/or where flowers and vegetables of an annual variety are germinated before being offered for sale and transplanting.

**Offices** — Buildings used primarily for conducting the administrative or professional functions of a business, profession, service, industry or government, or like activity, including law offices, insurance services, real estate offices, corporate offices and similar enterprises.

**On-Site Sewage or Water Supply** — Any sewage system designed to; (1) treat sewage by subsurface means or (2) to provide water from a drilled well or spring; within the boundaries of an individual lot. See "Central Sewage or Water Supply" for further information.

**Open Space** — A portion of a lot, exclusive of required front and side yard areas, that is not covered by buildings, parking areas, streets or other non-recreational improvements (except as may be permitted by this Law).

**Parcel** — An area of land resulting from the division of a tract of land for the purposes of transfer of ownership, use or improvement.

**Parking Area** — An open area or structure, other than a street or other public way, used for the parking of automobiles and similar vehicles on a lot in connection with a separate principal use to which the parking is accessory.

**Parking (Commercial)** — An open area or structure, other than a street or other public way, used for the parking of automobiles and similar vehicles made available for a fee.

**Performance or Completion Guarantee (a/k/a Performance or Maintenance Bond)** — A surety bond, certified check or other security meeting the requirements of Section 277 of the Town Law, and the terms of which are satisfactory to the Town Attorney, guaranteeing the developer will install all required or planned improvements.

**Permitted Use** — A land use legally allowed within a given zoning district under this Law, including a Principal Permitted Use, Special Use or Accessory Use.

**Person** — Any individual, firm, trust, partnership, public or private association or corporation, or other entity.

**Places of Worship** — A building where persons congregate to pray and conduct religious services, including religious education facilities, offices and other accessory uses connected with such religious activities.

Plan — A drawing, map, chart, plan or plotting indicating the proposed development (including subdivision) of land, which in its various stages of preparation can include the following:

- A. Sketch Plan — A general plan, identified as such with the title "Sketch Plan" on the map, indicating existing site features of a tract and its surroundings and the general layout of the proposed development, to be used as a basis for conceptual consideration by the Town, Planning Board site inspection and determining allowable density.
- B. Preliminary Plan — A complete plan prepared by a registered professional engineer or licensed land surveyor, identified as such with the wording "Preliminary Plan" in the title, accurately showing proposed streets and lot layout and such other information as required by this Law.
- C. Final Plan — A complete and exact plan, identified as such with the wording "Final Plan" in the title, with a professional engineer's or registered surveyor's seal affixed, and prepared for official recording with modifications as required during the review and approval of the Preliminary Plan.

Planned Unit Development — A comprehensive development plan for a large land area, where, to encourage innovation and the preservation of large blocks of usable open space, detailed development regulations are largely negotiated and on a project basis.

Planning Board — The Town of Rochester Planning Board.

Principal Structure — The building where the primary activities associated with the approved major land use on a parcel is intended take place.

Principal Use — The approved or otherwise legally established primary land use connected with a parcel.

Private Air Strip — A facility for the landing, takeoff, storage, fueling or repair of aircraft.

Private Educational Facility — A school for children or adults where instruction is provided by certified teachers or other professionals on an on-going basis, excepting camping or other facilities where the primary function is other than education.

Public Building — A Town, County or State owned building used for the conduct of the business of government.

Public Park or Playground — A recreational facility managed by a government or nonprofit entity and open to the general public with no more than a nominal fee for services provided.

Receiving Property — A lot(s) that is approved to permit a higher density than would otherwise be permitted as a condition of the restriction of development on the Sending Property through a Conservation Easement.

Recording Studio — A facility for conducting sound and video recordings, such as a radio or television station studio, but excluding adult uses.

Recreational Vehicle — A vehicular unit primarily designed as temporary living quarters for recreational camping or travel use, which either has its own motive power or is mounted on or drawn by another vehicle. The basic entities are: travel trailer, camping trailer, truck camper and motor home.

Residential Use — A land use, the primary purpose of which is to provide permanent dwellings for the use of individuals and households.

Resort — A parcel of land providing lodging, recreation and entertainment primarily to vacationers. A primary place of residence, medical or other rehabilitative facility or a single-room occupancy residential project shall not be considered a resort.

Resource Recovery, Vehicle Junkyard or Wrecking Facility — See §140-33.D.

Restaurant — A business enterprise engaged in preparing and serving food and beverages selected from a full menu by patrons seated at a table or counter, served by a waiter or waitress and consumed on the premises, with takeout food (if any) as an accessory use, but excluding fast food establishments.

Retail Establishments — Stores and shops where goods and services are sold primarily at retail. Such sales are primarily made directly to the consumer and include, but are not limited to, goods such as food and beverages; florists; shoes and clothing; hardware, paint and wallpaper; carpeting; hobby and crafts; books; furniture; antiques; art supplies; music; pharmacies; jewelry; photographic supplies; pets; gifts; stationery; sporting goods; fabrics; optical goods; laundrette/laundromat, and appliances; hair and nail salons, barber shops; but excluding restaurants and fast-food restaurants.

Retail and Service Establishments (Auto) — The use of any building, land area or other premise for the display, sale, repair or service of new and used automobiles or similar equipment of operable condition, including car washes, gasoline filling stations and the like, but excluding junkyards.

Right-of-Way — Land reserved for use as a street, drainage facility or other public or community use.

Sawmills, Temporary Portable — A temporary lumber sawing operation using portable sawmill equipment that is not permanently enclosed.

Seasonal Lodging Units — Lodging accommodations such as cabins offered for rent to the general public on a seasonal basis in connection with other recreation opportunities on large areas of open space, including hunting and fishing, boating and farm visits.

Secretary — The clerk or secretary designated to accept applications, plans, fees and correspondence on behalf of the Town of Rochester Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals.

Sending Property — A lot(s) or portion of a lot that is restricted by a conservation easement or farmland preservation easement as a condition of approval of a higher density on the "Receiving Property" than would otherwise be permitted.

Self-storage Facility — A building containing independent, fully enclosed bays that are leased to individuals exclusively for long-term storage of household goods or personal property.

Setback — An open unoccupied space extending the full depth or width of a lot that may not be occupied except for specified accessory uses as provided hereunder. See "Yard."

SEQRA — The New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its requirements.

Service Establishment — A business, the primary activity of which, is the provision of assistance, as opposed to products, to individuals, business, industry, government, and other enterprises, not including any adult use as defined herein.

Sign — Any device, facade, fixture, material, placard or structure that uses any color, form, graphic, picture, illumination, symbol or writing to advertise, announce, declare or identify a purpose or entity or to communicate information of any kind to the public outside of a building, including neon or fluorescent painted building outlines and similar devices.

A. Business or Institutional Identification Sign — A sign advertising a business or institution or identifying the business or profession of the owner or occupant of the property on which it is placed.

- B. Commercial Directory — A combination, on a single structure not exceeding eight feet in height, of a sign identifying a business complex with other smaller uniform signs listing businesses on a property. Such signs shall replace freestanding signs which the advertisers would otherwise have rights to place on the property and use no more than 20 square feet in surface area on each side to identify a complex or more than 10 square feet on each side to identify a specific business or service.



- C. Contractor Sign — A sign of a builder or contractor that is erected and maintained while such persons are working on a property and is immediately removed when the work is complete.
- D. Freestanding Sign — A pole sign or ground sign.
- E. Ground Sign — A sign rising from a ground foundation and not over eight feet in height. The entire bottom of such sign is in contact with or in close proximity to the ground.
- F. Incidental Commercial Sign — An advertising sign on which is located a simple message directed only to persons on the lot, such as a gas pump sign, credit card sign or pricing sign placed in a window or on a door.
- G. Off-premises Advertising Sign — A sign advertising a business or service located off the premises on which the sign is located.
- H. Pole Sign — A sign supported by a poles(s) as a structure independent of any building. Pole signs are also separated from the ground by air.
- I. Portable Sign — A sign not permanently attached to the ground or a structure and designed to be transported, including signs on wheels, A or T frames or any other movable device or vehicle.
- J. Real Estate Sign — A sign which advertises the availability of land, buildings or spaces within buildings as being for sale or rent.
- K. Temporary Sign — A nondurable sign not intended for permanent placement, including advertising pennants.
- L. Traffic Direction Sign — An informational sign on which is located a simple traffic directive directed only to persons on the lot, such as a "no parking," "loading in rear," "one-way" or "office this way" sign.
- M. Wall Sign — A sign painted on or attached flush with a structural wall of a building, including window signs occupying more than 50% of the window or door surface and projecting signs not extending out from the structural wall surface more than 18 inches.

**Sign Height** — The height of any sign shall always refer to the height of the topmost portion of the sign from grade level, unless the foundation for such sign shall be positioned below the adjoining road grade, in which case the height shall be measured from the road grade.

**Sign Surface Area** — The size of any sign, computed by multiplying its greatest length by its greatest height. Sign supports or foundations not bearing advertising material shall not be included. The surface area of signs with no definable edges (e.g., raised letters attached to a facade), shall be that area within the perimeter of a single line enclosing the advertising material. The reverse side of any sign may, however, be used without counting toward total sign area.

**Site Plan** — A detailed plan that depicts the location of improvements on a parcel of land and contains all the information required by this Law (see § 140-45 hereof).

**Site Plan Review** — The process, established by Section 274-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, for review of Special Uses, and other uses as may be designated by the Town Board, by the Planning Board.

Spa or Health Club — A commercial establishment providing facilities devoted especially to health, fitness, weight loss, beauty, and relaxation.

Special Use — A use which, because of its unique characteristics, requires individual consideration through a Site Plan Review process by the Planning Board as established by Sections 274-a and 274-b of the Town Law of the State of New York. Such a use may require the meeting of certain conditions and safeguards before being permitted.

Stable, Commercial — A building in which any horses are kept for remuneration, hire or sale.

Stable, Private — An accessory structure in which horses are kept for private use and not for hire, remuneration or sale.

State Building Code — Rules and regulations relating to building construction as promulgated by New York State.

Storm Drainage Facilities — Improvements made to implement a SWPPP.

Stormwater — That portion of precipitation that runs off the property and does not soak into the ground.

Story — That portion of a building, excluding a basement or cellar not used as living area, between the floor surface and the ceiling above it, having a height of not less than seven feet. Any portion of a building having a height of less than seven feet at five feet off center shall be considered a half-story.

Street — A highway or road intended primarily for the purposes of vehicular traffic, including the following:

- A. Street, Minor — A road, the primary purpose of which is, to collect vehicular traffic from individual dwellings or places of business.
- B. Street, Collector — A road, the primary purpose of which is, to collect vehicular traffic from minor streets and deliver it major traffic streets.
- C. Street, Major — A road, the primary purpose of which is, to collect vehicular traffic from collector streets and deliver it to destination points or arterial highways such Route 209.

Structure — Any combination of materials that is erected on the ground and permanently affixed thereto, and designed, intended or arranged for the housing, shelter, enclosure or structural support of persons, animals, or property of any kind.

Studio Apartment — A small, single-level living quarters intended for use by an individual, designed around a relatively large single room incorporating the features of a living room, dining room, bedroom and kitchen.

Subdivision — The division of any parcel of land into two or more lots, plots, sites or other division of land for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership or building development, excepting lot improvements and natural subdivisions as defined in §125-18 of the Town Subdivision Law.

- A. Minor Subdivision — A subdivision that does not involve improvements such as roads, recreational amenities or other common facilities and utilities.
- B. Major Subdivision — A subdivision where such improvements are to be provided, subject to the standards provided herein for construction or the financial guarantee thereof.

SWPPP — A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan as defined by the State of New York.

Tavern — A commercial eating and drinking place with a license to dispense alcoholic beverages.

Telecommunication Tower or Facility — A structure on which transmitting and/or receiving antenna(e) are located, excluding home television, radio and satellite electronic reception devices.

TDR — Transfer of density rights (also known as transfer of development rights) as provided by § 140-34 hereof.

Through Lot — A lot extending from one street to another.

Tool Shed — An enclosure of less than 300 square feet in size used for the storage of home and garden tools and similar equipment.

Town — The Town of Rochester, Ulster County, New York.

Town Board — The elected governing body of the Town of Rochester.

Town Comprehensive Plan — The adopted Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Rochester.

Town Engineer or Planner — The professionals employed by the Town of Rochester to provide engineering and planning services in connection with the review of applications and inspection of improvements, as the case may be.

Town Law — The New York State Town Law that governs the operation of all Towns within the State.

Town Road Specifications — Standards adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Rochester regarding the construction and/or dedication of roads in the Town of Rochester.

Townhouse — One of a row of houses connected by common side walls.

Trip-ends — The total of the trips entering and leaving a specific land use or site over a designated period of time.

Trucking Services — Businesses primarily engaged in the hauling of goods, together with ancillary service, parking and repair facilities for trucks used in the hauling enterprise, excluding commercial truck stops.

Use — The specific purpose for which land or a building is designed, arranged, intended, or for which it is or may be occupied or maintained.

Variance — A relief from the regulations of this law, granted on grounds of practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships, not self-imposed, by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Vehicle Junkyard — See “Resource Recovery, Vehicle Junkyard or Wrecking Facility.”

Veterinary Office — The place of business of a veterinarian, including ancillary facilities for boarding of animals under care.

Warehouse and Storage Facility — A facility used for the storage of goods and materials, excepting distribution and self-storage facilities as defined herein.

Watercourse — A discernible, definable natural course or channel along which water is conveyed ultimately to streams and/or rivers at lower elevations including intermittent streams but excepting drainage ditches, swales or diversion terraces.

Wetland — Swamps, marshes and hydric soil areas defined as wetlands by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the Army Corps of Engineers or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, not including any required buffers.

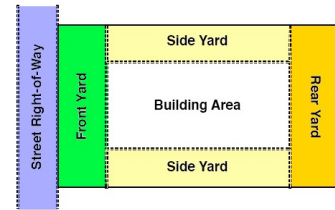
Wind Turbine (Small) — A wind energy conversion system consisting of a wind turbine, a tower, and associated control or conversion electronics, which has a rated capacity of not more than 100 kW and which is intended primarily to reduce consumption of utility power at that location.

Wholesale Uses — Establishments or places of business primarily engaged in selling merchandise to retailers; to industrial, commercial, institutional, or professional business users, or to other wholesalers; or acting as agents or

brokers and buying merchandise for, or selling merchandise to, such individuals or companies.

Wrecking Facility — See “Resource Recovery, Vehicle Junkyard or Wrecking Facility.”

Yard — A required open space unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from 30 inches above the general ground level of the graded lot upward, provided however, that fences, walls, poles, posts, and other customary yard accessories, ornaments, and furniture may be permitted in any yard subject to height limitation and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.



Yard, Front — A yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot adjoining a street. Front yards shall be provided on all road frontages, except that one frontage on a corner lot may be designated as a side yard.

Yard, Rear — A yard extending across the rear of the lot between inner side yard lines. In the case of through lots, there will be no rear yard, but only front and side yards.

Yard, Side — A yard extending from the rear line of the required front yard to the rear lot line, or in the absence of any clearly defined rear lot line to the point on the lot farthest from the intersection of the lot line involved with the public street. In the case of through lots, side yards shall extend from the rear lines of required front yards. In the case of corner lots, one of the yards remaining after the designation of front yards shall be considered the side yard, and the other the rear yard.

Yield Plan — A relatively detailed sketch plan used to determine the number of lots or dwelling units that would be permitted on a parcel if developed as a conventional single-family dwelling subdivision.

Zoning Board of Appeals — The Town of Rochester appeals board for adjudication of zoning matters as provided by New York State Town Law.

Article 3  
Basic District Regulation

§ 140-5 Enumeration of Districts.

The Town of Rochester is hereby divided into the following types of districts:

AR-3	Residential Agricultural District
AB-3	Agricultural Business District
R-1	Neighborhood Residential District
R-2	Low Density Residential District
R-5	Rural Conservation District
H	Hamlet District
I	Industrial District
NR	Natural Resource District
B	Business District

Special Floodplain Overlay and Aquifer Protection Overlay are also provided for herein (see Supplementary Regulations).

§ 140-6 Zoning Map.

The location and boundaries of said districts are hereby established as shown on the Official Zoning Map of the Town of Rochester, as enacted this date or hereafter amended, which is attached hereto and made a part of this law.

§ 140-7 Interpretation of District Boundaries.

- A. Zoning district boundary lines are intended generally to follow, parallel or connect the center lines of rights-of-way; existing lot lines; the mean water level of rivers, streams and other waterways; contour lines; ridgelines or town boundary lines, all as shown on the Zoning Map; but where a district boundary line does not follow such a line, its position is shown on said Zoning Map by a specific relationship to such a line. Where AB-3 and B District boundary lines parallel rights-of-way and divide properties, said boundaries are intended to be 600 feet from the edge of the right-of-way. The NR District line, where it varies from property lines, is intended to follow contour lines paralleling the ridgeline as depicted on the Zoning Map.
- B. Where a district boundary line divides a lot of record at the time such line is established, the Planning Board may allow the extension of activities permitted in one district to the other as a Special Use, provided that such extension shall increase the developable lot area for the more intensive use by no more than 25% or 100 feet, whichever is less. This is to permit more flexibility in the use of large parcels.
- C. When the specific location of a zoning district boundary line cannot be ascertained, the Building Inspector or Planning Board, as the case may be, shall request the Zoning Board of Appeals to render an interpretation which shall then be used as the basis for applying zoning standards.

§ 140-8 Schedule of District Regulations.

The restrictions and controls intended to regulate development in each district are set forth in the following Schedule of District Regulations which is then supplemented by other sections of this Law and other laws of the Town of Rochester. Any use identified as a Principal Permitted Use shall be permitted as a matter of right upon application to the Building Inspector, provided the proposed use is in compliance with these regulations. Some Principal Permitted Uses, however, do require Site Plan Review by the Planning Board. All Special Uses are subject to Site Plan Review and, specifically, Planning Board approval as prerequisites to the Building Inspector issuing a permit for their establishment. Accessory Uses are permitted to accompany or, with Site Plan Review by the Planning Board to precede (except for home occupations), Principal Permitted and Special Uses. Permits for these Accessory Uses shall be issued directly by the Building Inspector. Any principal use proposed by the Town of Rochester itself on public land shall be considered a Principal Permitted Use in all districts, subject to Site Plan Review by the Town of Rochester Planning Board.



If a proposed use is not specifically listed in any category of uses or within any zoning district on the Schedule of District Regulations, the Town Board shall, following a public hearing, render a formal determination as to whether or not the use is permitted in a given district and, if the use is permitted, the Planning Board shall then process the application as a Special Use. The Town Board may consult the Planning Board for recommendations in this regard and shall make its determination on the basis of similarities of the use to other specifically listed uses within various districts, taking into consideration the impacts of the use on the community and the neighborhood in which it is proposed. This shall not permit the reclassification of uses that are already listed nor shall the Town Board permit any use that is not listed in a particular district if that use is already permitted in another district. Any determination made under this section shall be filed with the Town Clerk within 15 days and serve to establish the classification of this use for all future purposes. Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Town Board may apply to the Supreme Court for review by a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

Multiple permitted uses may be allowed as Special Uses upon a given lot provided all lot development standards are met.

## Town of Rochester Zoning Law - Schedule of District Regulations

District Intent	Principal Permitted Uses	Special Uses	Accessory Uses	Development Standards
				Residential      Nonresidential
<p><b>AR-3 Residential Agricultural District:</b> This district is intended to recognize and preserve the high-valued agricultural lands of the Town, while allowing for low density residential development of a compatible nature. The district is further intended to complement the New York State Ag District program and maintain full rights-to-farm within these areas.</p> <div style="background-color: #008000; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>	<p>Agricultural retail sales* Agricultural tourism enterprises* Agriculture (animal) Agriculture (non-animal) Bed and breakfast* Cemetery* Day care centers* Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings* Home occupations – Class II* Hunting and fishing clubs Nursery or greenhouse* One-family dwellings Places of worship* Public parks and playgrounds* Sawmills, temporary portable onsite less than 90 days Stables (commercial)* Two-family dwellings (new) Veterinary office, animal hospital or kennel*</p>	<p>Camping resort or RV park Commercial recreation uses Golf course or driving range Helicopter pads Home occupations – Class III Manufactured housing park Nonprofit club or recreation use Private air strips Resort hotel, camp, ranch or lodge Seasonal lodging units Telecommunications facilities Two-family dwellings (conversions)</p>	<p>Agricultural labor housing* Farm mining per §140-28 Farm stands Home occupations – Class I Mining exempt from DEC jurisdiction* Other customary accessory uses Parking areas Private garages Signs Stables (private) Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b> Lot area: 3.0 acres Lot width (feet): 160 Lot depth (feet): 160 Lot frontage (feet): 50 Front yard (feet): 35 Side yard (feet): 40 Rear yard (feet): 40 <b>Maximums</b> Lot coverage: 30% Building height (feet): 35 Building stories: 2.5</p>
* Requires site plan review by Planning Board				

## Town of Rochester Zoning Law - Schedule of District Regulations

District Intent	Principal Permitted Uses	Special Uses	Accessory Uses	Development Standards
				Residential      Nonresidential
<p><b>AB-3 Agricultural Business District:</b> This district is recognize and preserve the high-valued agricultural lands of the Town, while allowing for low density residential development of a compatible nature. The district is further intended to complement the adjacent Business District and New York State Ag District program and maintain full rights-to-farm within these areas.</p> <div style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 40px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>	<p>Agricultural retail sales* Agricultural tourism enterprises* Agriculture (animal) Agriculture (non-animal) Bed and breakfast* Cemetery* Day care centers* Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings* Gift, antique or craft shops* Home occupations – Class II* Hunting and fishing clubs Nursery or greenhouse* One-family dwellings Places of worship* Public parks and playgrounds* Sawmills, temporary portable onsite less than 90 days Stables (commercial)* Two-family dwellings (new) Veterinary office, animal hospital or kennel*</p>	<p>Camping resort or RV park Commercial recreation uses Commercial sawmills Golf course or driving range Health care institutions Helicopter pads Home occupations – Class III Mixed-use activities Museums, galleries and performance centers Nonprofit club or recreation use Private educational facilities Resort hotel, camp, ranch or lodge Restaurants and taverns Retail or office uses &lt;4,000 sq. ft. (no gasoline sales) Seasonal lodging units Spa or health clubs Telecommunications facilities Two-family dwellings (conversions) Warehouse and storage facilities</p>	<p>Agricultural labor housing* Farm mining per §140-28 Farm stands Home occupations – Class I Mining exempt from DEC jurisdiction* Other customary accessory uses Parking areas Private garages Signs Stables (private) Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b> Lot area: 3.0 acres Lot width (feet): 160 Lot depth (feet): 160 Lot frontage (feet): 50 Front yard (feet): 35 Side yard (feet): 40 Rear yard (feet): 40 <b>Maximums</b> Lot coverage: 30% Building height (feet): 35 Building stories: 2.5</p>
* Requires site plan review by Planning Board				

Note: Performance standards of §140-20 may apply.

## Town of Rochester Zoning Law - Schedule of District Regulations


District Intent	Principal Permitted Uses	Special Uses	Accessory Uses	Development Standards
				Residential      Nonresidential
<p><b>R-1 Neighborhood Residential</b>  <b>District:</b> This district is intended to recognize and preserve the integrity of predominately moderate-density residential areas of the Town, together with personal and residential services, and to protect them from intrusions of incompatible uses.</p> <div style="background-color: orange; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>	<p>Agriculture (animal)*                      Agriculture (non-animal)                      Bed and breakfast*                      Cemetery*                      Day care centers*                      Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings*                      One-family dwellings                      Places of worship*                      Public parks and playgrounds*                      Two-family dwellings (new)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</p>	<p>Gift, antique and craft shops                      Home occupation - Class II                      Low-impact retail and service establishments                      Mixed-use activities                      Multi-family dwellings                      Offices (&lt;1,500 square feet)                      Restaurants not serving alcoholic beverages                      Two-family dwellings (conversions)</p>	<p>Farm stands                      Home occupations – Class I                      Other customary accessory uses                      Parking areas                      Private garages                      Signs                      Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b>                      Lot area (without SW): 1.0 acre                      Lot area (with SW): 21,500 sq. ft.                      Lot width (feet): 100                      Lot depth (feet): 100                      Lot frontage (feet): 50                      Front yard (feet): 10                      Side yard (feet): 25                      Rear yard (feet): 25</p> <p><b>Maximums</b>                      Lot coverage: 40%                      Building height (feet) 35                      Building stories 2.5                      Density (without SW): 1.00                      Density (with SW): 2.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Note: SW =central sewer and central water</p>

## Town of Rochester Zoning Law - Schedule of District Regulations


District Intent	Principal Permitted Uses	Special Uses	Accessory Uses	Development Standards
				Residential      Nonresidential
<p><b>R-2 Low Density Residential</b>  <b>District:</b> This district is intended to recognize and preserve the integrity of predominately low-density rural residential areas of the Town and to protect them from intrusions of incompatible uses.</p> <div style="background-color: yellow; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>	<p>Agriculture (animal)*                      Agriculture (non-animal)                      Bed and breakfast*                      Cemetery*                      Day care centers*                      Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings*                      Home occupations – Class II*                      One-family dwellings                      Places of worship*                      Public parks and playgrounds*                      Sawmills, temporary portable onsite less than 90 days*                      Two-family dwellings (new)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</p>	<p>Golf course or driving range                      Nonprofit club or recreation use                      Manufactured housing park                      Nursery or greenhouse                      Telecommunications facilities                      Two-family dwellings (conversions)</p>	<p>Agricultural labor housing*                      Farm stands                      Home occupations – Class I                      Other customary accessory uses                      Parking areas                      Private garages                      Signs                      Stables (private)                      Tool sheds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b>                      Lot area: 2.0 acres                      Lot width (feet): 160                      Lot depth (feet): 160                      Lot frontage (feet): 50                      Front yard (feet): 35                      Side yard (feet): 40                      Rear yard (feet): 40</p> <p><b>Maximums</b>                      Lot coverage: 30%                      Building height (feet) 35                      Building stories 2.5</p>

Town of Rochester Zoning Law - Schedule of District Regulations				
District Intent	Principal Permitted Uses	Special Uses	Accessory Uses	Development Standards
<p><b>R-5 Rural Conservation District:</b> This district is intended to conserve large open areas of the Town that are difficult to develop while allowing for both very low density residential development and those compatible uses that, while they may require large acreages, also typically also involve large open spaces.</p>	<p>Agriculture (animal) Agriculture (non-animal) Bed and breakfast* Cemetery* Day care centers* Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings* Home occupations – Class II* Hunting and fishing clubs One-family dwellings Places of worship* Public parks and playgrounds* Sawmills, temporary portable onsite less than 90 days Stables (commercial)* Two-family dwellings (new)</p> <p><b>* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</b></p>	<p>Agricultural processing facilities Agricultural retail sales Agricultural tourism enterprises Camping resort or RV park Commercial recreation uses Commercial sawmills Education &amp; conference center Gift, antique or craft shops Golf course or driving range Health care institutions Home occupations – Class III Museums, galleries and performance centers Nonprofit club or recreation use Nursery or greenhouse Private educational facilities Resort hotel, camp, ranch or lodge Seasonal lodging units Telecommunications facilities Two-family dwellings (conversions) Warehouse and storage facilities</p>	<p>Farm stands Home occupations – Class I Mining exempt from DEC jurisdiction* Other customary accessory uses Parking areas Private garages Signs Stables (private) Tool sheds</p> <p><b>* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</b></p>	<p><b>Residential</b> 5.0 acres 200 200 50 50 50 50 75 75</p> <p><b>Nonresidential</b> 5.0 acres 300 300 50 75 75</p> <p><b>Minimums:</b> Lot area: Lot width (feet): Lot depth (feet): Lot frontage (feet): Front yard (feet): Side yard (feet): Rear yard (feet):</p> <p><b>Maximums</b> Lot coverage: 20% Building height (feet): 35 Building stories: 2.5</p> <p>Note: Performance standards of \$140-20 may apply.</p>
Town of Rochester Zoning Law - Schedule of District Regulations				
District Intent	Principal Permitted Uses	Special Uses	Accessory Uses	Development Standards
<p><b>H Hamlet District:</b> This district is intended to create designated neighborhood shopping centers complemented by higher density residential development that can access those shopping areas as pedestrians or with very short drives.</p>	<p>Agriculture (animal)* Agriculture (non-animal) Bed and breakfast* Cemetery* Day care centers* Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings* Gift, antique or craft shops* Home occupations – Class II* Low-impact retail and service establishments* Offices* One-family dwellings Places of worship* Public parks and playgrounds* Restaurants and taverns* Two-family dwellings (new)</p> <p><b>* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</b></p>	<p>Agricultural retail sales Agricultural tourism enterprises Convenience market (with or without gas) Health care institutions Home occupations – Class III Light manufacturing Mixed-use activities Multi-family dwellings Museums, galleries and performance centers Nonprofit club or recreation use Nursery or greenhouse Parking (commercial) Retail and service establishments (non-auto) Telecommunications facilities Two-family dwellings (conversions)</p>	<p>Farm stands Home occupations – Class I Other customary accessory uses Parking areas Private garages Signs Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Residential</b> 1.0 acre 13,000 sq. ft. 75 75 50 10 10 15</p> <p><b>Nonresidential</b> 1.0 acre 13,000 sq. ft. 75 75 50 10 10 15</p> <p><b>Minimums:</b> Lot area (without S/W): Lot area (with S/W): Lot width (feet): Lot depth (feet): Lot frontage (feet): Front yard (feet): Side yard (feet): Rear yard (feet):</p> <p><b>Maximums</b> Lot coverage: 50% Building height (feet): 35 Building stories: 2.5</p> <p>Note: S/W =central sewer and central water Note: Performance standards of \$140-20 may apply.</p>

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<p><b>I Industrial District:</b> This district is intended to recognize existing areas of industrial activity, allow for expansion of these uses and to protect these uses from intrusions of incompatible uses.</p> 	<p>Agricultural processing facilities*                      Agricultural retail sales*                      Agriculture (animal)                      Agriculture (non-animal)                      Home occupations – Class III*                      Light manufacturing*                      Nursery or greenhouse*                      Sawmills, temporary portable onsite less than 90 days*</p>	<p>Bulk fuel storage                      Commercial sawmills                      Distribution facilities                      General manufacturing                      Mixed use                      Nonprofit club or recreation use                      One-family dwelling                      Resource recovery, vehicle junkyard &amp; wrecking                      Self-storage facilities                      Telecommunications facilities                      Trucking services                      Warehouse and storage facilities                      Wholesale uses</p>	<p>Farm stands                      Home occupations – Class I                      Home occupations – Class II                      Mining exempt from DEC jurisdiction*                      Other customary accessory uses                      Parking areas                      Private garages                      Signs                      Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b>                      Lot area (without sewer): 1.5 acre                      Lot area (with sewer): 1.5 acre                      Lot width (feet): 160                      Lot depth (feet): 160                      Lot frontage (feet): 50                      Front yard (feet): 35                      Side yard (feet): 35                      Rear yard (feet): 35</p> <p><b>Maximums</b>                      Lot coverage: 30%                      Building height (feet): 35                      Building stories: 2.5</p>	<p>1.5 acre                      1.5 acre                      225                      225                      50                      100                      75                      75</p> <p>50%                      45                      N/A</p>
	* Requires site plan review by Planning Board		* Requires site plan review by Planning Board	<p>Note: Front yards may be reduced to 20 feet where front yard faces another 1 District parcel.                      Note: Performance standards of \$140-20 may apply.</p>	

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<p><b>NR Natural Resource District:</b> This district is intended to recognize existing areas of mining activity, allow for expansion of such uses and to protect these uses from intrusions of incompatible uses.</p> 	<p>Agriculture (animal)                      Agriculture (non-animal)                      Agricultural processing facilities*                      Agricultural retail sales*                      Home occupations – Class III*                      Mining (under DEC jurisdiction)*                      Nursery or greenhouse*                      Sawmills, temporary portable onsite less than 90 days*</p>	<p>Bulk fuel storage                      Commercial sawmills                      Distribution facilities                      General manufacturing                      Light manufacturing                      Mixed use                      Nonprofit club or recreation use                      One-family dwelling                      Resource recovery, vehicle junkyard &amp; wrecking                      Self-storage facilities                      Telecommunications facilities                      Trucking services                      Warehouse and storage facilities                      Wholesale uses</p>	<p>Farm stands                      Home occupations – Class I                      Home occupations – Class II                      Mining exempt from DEC jurisdiction*                      Other customary accessory uses                      Parking areas                      Private garages                      Signs                      Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b>                      Lot area (without sewer): 1.5 acre                      Lot area (with sewer): 1.5 acre                      Lot width (feet): 160                      Lot depth (feet): 160                      Lot frontage (feet): 50                      Front yard (feet): 35                      Side yard (feet): 35                      Rear yard (feet): 35</p> <p><b>Maximums</b>                      Lot coverage: 30%                      Building height (feet): 35                      Building stories: 2.5</p>	<p>1.5 acre                      1.5 acre                      225                      225                      50                      100                      75                      75</p> <p>50%                      45                      N/A</p>
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<p><b>B Business District:</b> This district is intended to provide areas for highway-related commercial uses requiring large land areas and high visibility.</p> <div style="background-color: red; width: 50px; height: 20px; margin: 10px auto;"></div>	<p>Agricultural retail sales*                      Agricultural tourism enterprises*                      Agriculture (animal)                      Agriculture (non-animal)                      Bed and breakfast*                      Cemetery*                      Day care centers*                      Fire houses, libraries and other public buildings*                      Gift, antique or craft shops*                      Home occupations – Class III*                      Low-impact retail and service establishments*                      Offices*                      One-family dwellings                      Places of worship*                      Public parks and playgrounds*                      Recording studios*                      Restaurants and taverns*                      Retail and service establishments (non-auto)*                      Sawmills, temporary portable, onsite less than 90 days*                      Spa or health club*                      Two-family dwellings (new)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">* Requires site plan review by Planning Board</p>	<p>Bulk fuel storage                      Camping resort or RV park                      Commercial recreation uses                      Convenience market (with or without gas)                      Golf course or driving range                      Hotel and motels                      Light manufacturing                      Mixed-use                      Motorized racetracks                      Multi-family dwellings                      Museums, galleries and performance centers                      Nonprofit club or recreation use                      Nursery or greenhouse                      Parking (commercial)                      Private air strips                      Retail and service establishments (auto)                      Self-storage facilities                      Telecommunications facilities                      Trucking services                      Two-family dwellings (conversions)                      Veterinary office, animal hospital or kennel                      Wholesale uses</p>	<p>Farm stands                      Home occupations – Class I                      Home occupations – Class II                      Mining exempt from DEC jurisdiction*                      Other customary accessory uses                      Parking areas                      Private garages                      Signs                      Stables (private)                      Tool sheds</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b>                      Lot area (without sewer): 1.0 acre                      Lot area (with sewer): 0.5 acre                      Lot width (feet): 100                      Lot depth (feet): 100                      Lot frontage (feet): 50                      Front yard (feet): 35                      Side yard (feet): 25                      Rear yard (feet): 25</p> <p><b>Maximums</b>                      Lot coverage: 50%                      Building height (feet): 35                      Building stories: 2.5</p>	<p><b>Minimums:</b>                      Lot area (without sewer): 1.0 acre                      Lot area (with sewer): 0.5 acre                      Lot width (feet): 100                      Lot depth (feet): 100                      Lot frontage (feet): 50                      Front yard (feet): 35                      Side yard (feet): 25                      Rear yard (feet): 25</p> <p><b>Maximums</b>                      Lot coverage: 50%                      Building height (feet): 35                      Building stories: 2.5</p> <p>Note: Front yards may be reduced to 20 feet where front yard faces another B District parcel.                      Also, where parking is provided in the rear, a B District front yard may be reduced to 10 feet.</p> <p>Note: Performance standards of §140-20 may apply.</p>

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§ 140-9 Applicability of Regulations.

Whenever any owner or occupant of property in the Town of Rochester shall, for any purpose or in any manner;

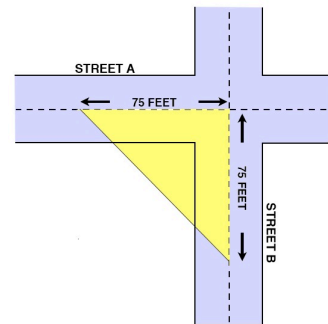
- A. establish a new use,
- B. change an existing use,
- C. make permanent structural improvements to a property,
- D. erect a new building, or
- E. move, add to or enlarge any existing land use or building;

such owner or occupant shall first comply with the requirements of this Law. A building/zoning permit shall be required whenever a change in land use occurs, regardless whether any new construction is involved or not, excepting that agricultural and timber harvesting and tilling shall be exempt from all permit requirements.

§ 140-10 Lot Development Standards.

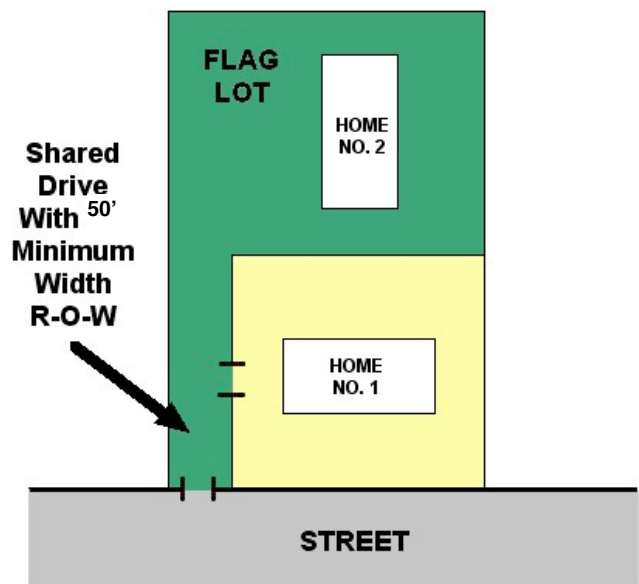
- A. Minimum development standards. The development standards contained herein are minimums and shall apply to each use, unless otherwise specifically provided. Multiple uses are permitted on a given lot, provided development standards for the combined uses are met, including the combined lot area. Yard requirements shall apply to the lot perimeter in such cases, provided building separations meet State Building Code requirements.

- B. Corner lots. No obstruction to vision (other than an existing building, post, column or tree) exceeding 30 inches in height above the established grade of the street at the property line shall be erected or maintained on any lot within the triangle formed by the street lot lines of such lot and a line drawn between points along such street lot lines 75 feet distant from their points of intersection.



- C. Through lot requirements. A through lot shall be considered as having two street frontages, both of which shall be subject to the front yard requirements. Other yards shall be considered side yards.
- D. Minimum lot frontage. All residential lots shall have a front lot line with a minimum length of 50 feet.

- E. Flag lots. The development of interior lots with limited lot frontage consisting of only an access right-of-way shall be permitted provided:
  - (1) The right-of-way is a minimum of 50 feet in width. See illustration.
  - (2) The lot area shall be exclusive of that portion used as a right-of-way for purposes of meeting minimum lot area and all other development standards for the District.
  - (3) No right-of-way shall be established over an existing parcel of land to reach a new lot to the rear which would reduce the length of the front lot line of the existing parcel to less than the minimum lot width for the applicable zoning district.





- (4) All flag lot access right-of-ways shall be titled in fee-simple ownership to the flag lot property owner and shall not be used to access any property not part of the original tract, provided that the Planning Board may waive this limitation to accommodate one adjoining lot for purposes of reducing additional curb cuts. Such owner shall bear responsibility for maintenance of the improvements.
- (5) No more than one such lot shall be created from an existing parcel, a cumulative total of three lots including the original. This restriction shall be incorporated in deed covenants and placed on the recorded plat map at the time any flag lot is created.



F. Conversions of seasonal residential communities. Existing seasonal residential communities may be converted to permanent single-family, two-family or multi-family dwellings subject to the following standards:

- (1) Such applications shall be processed as Special Uses and also be subject to the applicable provisions of the Town of Rochester Subdivision Regulations.
- (2) The number of new dwellings permitted shall be limited to 50% of existing seasonal residential units in the case of new single-family dwellings, 65% of existing seasonal residential units in the case of new two-family dwellings and 80% of existing seasonal residential units in the case of new multi-family dwellings, provided that any such property shall be entitled to no less density than would otherwise be permitted within that zoning district for a new use of the same nature.
- (3) New dwellings and other improvements shall not further violate any lot development standards of the zoning district in question along a given property line.
- (4) All sewage and water supply systems for any such conversion shall meet current standards. Existing systems intended for re-use shall be inspected and certified as meeting current standards by a Professional Engineer and approved by the Town of Rochester. Should the conversion project be located on the Town of Rochester public sewer system and involve increased sewage flows, a certification from the Town Sewer District that adequate capacity exists to serve the new project shall be required.

§ 140-11 Height Restrictions.

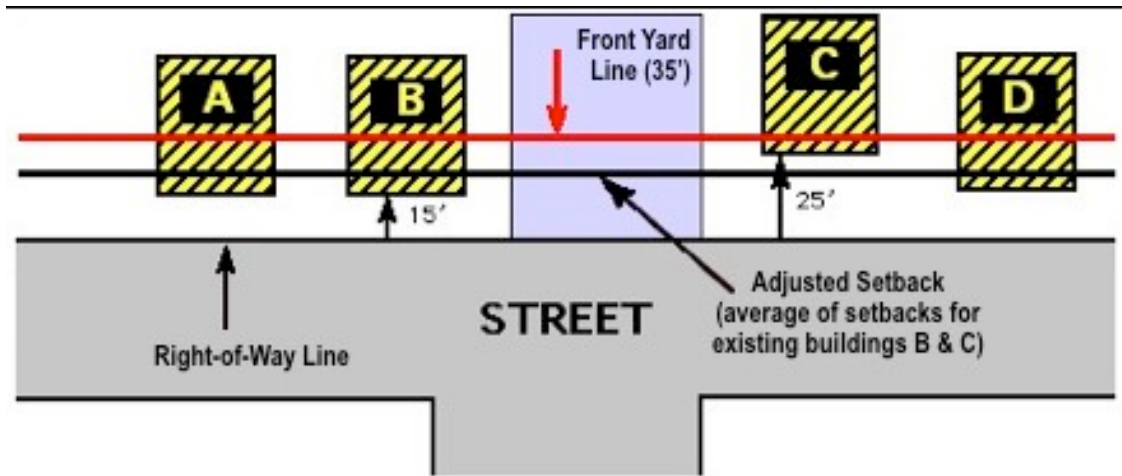
No building or structure shall exceed in building height or maximum stories the number of feet permitted as a maximum on the Schedule of District Regulations for the district where such building or structure is located. These standards shall not apply to farm structures, communications towers, elevator shafts, similar unoccupied mechanical spaces and energy generation equipment connected with another otherwise permitted use. Such height exceptions shall, however, be subject to Site Plan Review and any specific regulations that may apply to such uses.

§ 140-12 Yard Regulations.

- A. Side yard exception. Where the side wall of a building is not parallel with the side lot line or is irregular, the side yard may be varied. In such case, the average width of the side yard shall not be less than the otherwise required minimum width; provided, however, that such yard shall not be narrower at any point than one-half the otherwise required minimum width. The Building Department shall have discretion to interpret and clarify this provision as it applies to individual structures of an irregular nature.
- B. Front yard exceptions. When an unimproved lot is situated adjacent to or between improved lots already having a principal building within the required front yard, the front yard for the unimproved lot may be reduced to the



average depth of the front yards for the two nearest adjoining improved lots, but shall not be less than 10 feet.



Where parking is provided in the rear, a B District front yard may also be reduced to 10 feet.

- C. Front yard determination. Front yards shall be measured from the edge of the road right-of-way, which shall be assumed to be 50 feet in width in all cases where unknown. The assumed edge of right-of-way in such instances shall be measured from the centerline of pavement and established at a distance of 25 feet from such centerline.
- D. Provision of yard or other open space. No yard or other open space provided about any buildings for the purpose of complying with the provisions of the law shall be considered as providing a yard or open space for any other building, and no yard or other open space on another lot shall be considered as providing a yard or open space for a building on any other lot.
- E. Waterfront yards. Each lot fronting on a named stream depicted on United States Geological Survey maps shall include a setback of 100 feet in depth from the high water mark of such stream. No principal structure shall be located within such setback. The Planning Board shall, however, be authorized to modify this requirement where necessary or to accommodate reasonable use of properties outside the floodplain, provided other mitigating measures such as deed covenants limiting clearing near the stream are employed to protect stream quality.

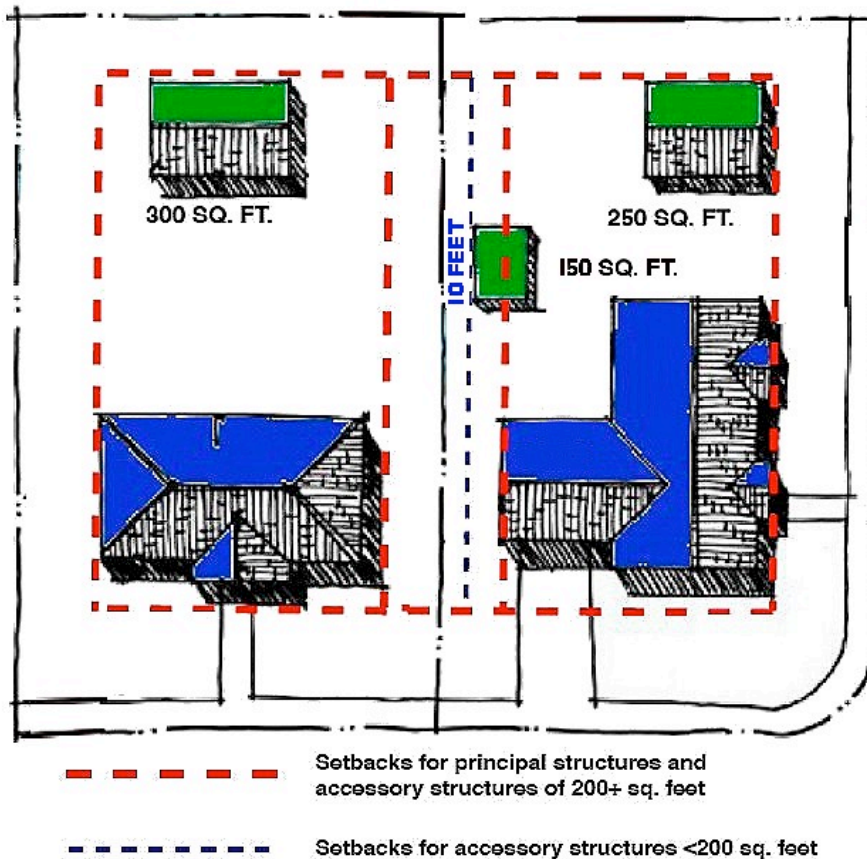
#### § 140-13 Accessory Structures and Uses.

The location, limitation and coverage of accessory buildings and uses shall be as follows:

- A. No accessory building permitted by this law shall be placed in any required side or front yard (setbacks) except as provided in sub-section C below. Fences and walls within front yards shall be subject to approval by the Town Highway Superintendent. Retaining walls, fences or walls shall not exceed a height of four feet in any front yard or eight feet in any side or rear yard in an AR-3, H, R-1, R-2 or R-5 District.
- B. The aggregate ground area covered by any accessory buildings in any rear yard shall not exceed 25% of the rear yard (setback) area.
- C. Accessory structures not attached to a principal structure shall:
  - (1) Be located not less than 10 feet from any side or rear lot line or in such a fashion as to prevent emergency firefighting access or to shade a residential structure on an adjoining lot. Any structure over 200 square feet in floor area shall meet setbacks for principal structures.
  - (2) Be no closer to the street than any principal structure on the lot, except in the case of farm buildings. Accessory buildings to principal structures located more than 100 feet from a lot line shall also be exempt.

Accessory structures may, in these situations, be located in front of residences but not in required front yard areas.

See illustration following for examples of these principles.



- D. When an accessory structure is attached to the principal building, it shall comply with requirements for principal buildings. All unattached structures shall be separated by a minimum of 12 feet or one-half the average height of the two structures.
- E. Railroad boxcars, manufactured home units and recreational vehicles shall not be used for purposes of accessory or principal structures in connection with any use. The use of storage trailers or bulk/shipping containers as an accessory use in connection with a, commercial or institutional use shall be permitted with Site Plan Review where the trailers or containers can be substantially screened from view with evergreen plantings, fencing or earthen berms as may be required to accomplish the purpose. The use of storage trailers or bulk/shipping containers as an accessory use in connection with agricultural production shall be permitted as an accessory use provided all accessory use setbacks are met.
- F. The Planning Board may approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove small wind turbine applications designed for residential, farm, institutional and business use on the same parcel. Such applications shall be processed as Special Uses, but may be appropriately modified by the Planning Board to reflect the scale of the proposed facility. All small wind turbines shall comply with the following standards and, to the maximum extent practicable, with all other requirements of this law not in conflict herewith:
- (1) A system shall be setback from any property line by a distance no less than its height.
  - (2) Small wind turbine shall be used primarily to reduce the on-site consumption of electricity.
  - (3) Total heights shall be a maximum of 100 feet.

- (4) The maximum turbine power output is limited to 100 kW.
- (5) Tower-climbing apparatus shall be located no closer than 12 feet from the ground, a locked anti-climb device shall be installed on the tower or a locked, protective fence of at least six feet in height that encloses the tower shall be installed to restrict tower access.
- (6) Anchor points for any guy wires for a system tower shall be located within the property that the system is located on and not on or across any above-ground electric transmission or distribution lines.

Wind turbines used to supply up to 110% of the electrical needs of any farm located within a State certified agricultural district shall be considered on-farm equipment and be exempt from these requirements, provided the equipment is located on the farm that it supplies with such electricity.

- G. The Planning Board may, subject to Site Plan Review, approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove applications for accessory structures placed within otherwise required setbacks for accessory structures to accommodate solar energy systems. The Planning Board may also appropriately modify other development standards, including but not limited to building height, to accommodate solar and other energy efficient systems. No homeowner or property owner association shall prohibit solar energy systems. Covenants and restrictions connected with projects requiring Special Use permits, Site Plan Review or subdivision approval shall be reviewed for purposes of ensuring there are no such prohibitions.

#### § 140-14 Animal Husbandry

- A. The keeping of customary household pets is permitted in any district.
- B. The keeping of farm animals on all parcels in a certified County Agricultural District is a permitted use and requires no permit.
- C. The keeping of farm animals in any zoning district on all parcels of three acres or more is a permitted use and requires no permit.
- D. The keeping of farm animals in the R-1, R-2, or H zoning districts on parcels containing less than three acres is a permitted use provided that Site Plan Review approval is obtained from the Planning Board.
- E. Animals shall, in all instances, be adequately sheltered, fenced and otherwise maintained so as not to create a nuisance to surrounding properties and shall be maintained in a sanitary manner.
- F. Applicants shall submit a sketch plan as per § 140-45 showing locations of animal pens, fields, barns, fences, and manure piles in addition to all other natural features and improvements.
- G. The Planning Board shall refer all applications to the Animal Control Officer for review. The Animal Control Officer shall determine the numbers and types of animals for incorporation as a condition of Site Plan Review approval.
- H. Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in this article, there shall be no permit required, nor limitation imposed, upon individuals involved in 4-H project(s), provided that proof of 4-H endorsement thereto or membership thereof is submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer.

#### § 140-15 Landscaping Standards.

- A. The Planning Board shall, to assure an acceptable buffer between adjacent residential and non-residential uses and create a healthy, safe and aesthetically pleasing environment in the Town, require a landscape plan be prepared as part of any Site Plan Review or Special Use application. Such a plan shall also be required whenever any non-residential use is proposed in any district so as to buffer parking areas and buildings from the highway, each other and other uses. Where it is determined a proposed use is naturally buffered or would not have a significant impact on the natural environment, adjoining landowners or the view from a public

highway, these requirements may be modified by the Planning Board to fit the circumstances.

- B. The landscape plan shall specify locations, sizes and species of all mature shade trees or other species of six inch caliper or greater and indicate existing vegetation to be removed or preserved. It shall demonstrate how building materials, colors, and textures will be blended with the natural and man-made landscape. It shall also include visual depictions of the proposed landscape from the perspective of persons who will view the site from the highway or adjoining properties. Specific locations, varieties, sizes, winter hardiness, and schedules for all proposed plantings shall, too, be provided as part of the plan.
- C. The Planning Board, in reviewing a landscape plan, may employ the assistance of design professionals. The Planning Board shall also specifically consider the following before approving, approving with modifications or disapproving the Special Use:
  - (1) The plan should promote attractive development, preserve existing vegetation to the maximum extent possible, enhance the appearance of the property and complement the character of the surrounding area.
  - (2) The plan should use landscaping to delineate or define vehicular and pedestrian ways and open space.
  - (3) The plant material selected should be of complementary character to buildings and structures. Native plant species shall be preferred and be of sufficient size and quality to accomplish their intended purposes. Invasive species shall be prohibited.
  - (4) The plan should effectively buffer the activity from adjoining land uses as may be necessary and soften the impact of other site development as contrasted with the natural environment.
  - (5) The plan should be realistic in terms of maintenance and use materials which, as a minimum, are winter hardy to Zone 4.

Consideration and determination of the adequacy of the above plan requirements are at the Planning Board's discretion.

- D. Landscaping Guidelines. The following minimum specifications are suggested guidelines the Planning Board should apply when new landscaping is required:
  - (1) The minimum branching height for all shade trees should be six feet.
  - (2) Shade trees should have a minimum caliper of three inches (measured 4 feet above grade) and be at least 12 feet in height when planted.
  - (3) Evergreen trees should be a minimum of six feet in height when planted.
  - (4) Shrubs should be a minimum of 24 inches in height when planted. Hedges shall form a continuous visual screen within two years after planting.
  - (5) A buffer screen at least 15 feet in width along any residential lot line should be provided. It may include an opaque wooden stockade fence six feet in height and one evergreen tree for every 15 linear feet of property line. An additional row of evergreens meeting these standards, and offset such that each row serves to place trees between the gaps of the other, should be permitted as a substitute for the stockade fence.
  - (6) A landscape strip at least 15 feet in width, that includes at least one deciduous tree for every 35 linear feet of perimeter lot line should be required for any non-residential use. Such deciduous trees should also be accompanied by smaller shrubs and ground cover as may be required to effectively separate and buffer the activity from the highway but still allow for visibility of the use. The width of this buffer may be reduced along the rear and side lot lines for good cause, but not along the front lot line.
  - (7) All lot areas (except where existing vegetation is preserved) should be landscaped with grass, ground

cover, shrubs, or other appropriate cover.

- (8) The preservation of mature shade trees should be required unless there is no alternative but to remove them. These may be used to meet requirements of this section provided the Building Inspector or Planning Board, as the case may be, determines the purpose of this section is achieved.
- E. A performance guarantee in a form acceptable to the Town Attorney in the amount of 125% of the cost of materials and installation may be required to assure that all landscaping survives in a healthy condition one full year following planting. The Building Inspector or Planning Board, as the case may be, shall determine the amount of the guarantee and consider financial impacts of this requirement on the project. The Building Inspector shall have the right to enter upon the property to inspect the landscaping and, after notifying the owner of any deficiencies, to require that the guarantee be used to pay for the replacement of any dead, dying, diseased, stunned or infested plant materials.
- F. All applicable requirements of these landscaping regulations imposed by the Planning Board shall be fully met prior to the Building Inspector granting a Certificate of Occupancy for a new building or use subject to these regulations.

§ 140-16 [RESERVED]

Article 4  
General Supplementary Regulations

§ 140-17 Parking, Loading, Access and Traffic Standards.

A. Off-street parking, loading and unloading facilities shall be provided as necessary in connection with every use. One-family and two-family residential uses shall be provided with two off-street parking spaces per dwelling unit. Multi-family dwelling parking standards are found in § 140-26. Parking needs with respect to all other uses shall be determined during Site Plan Review as follows:

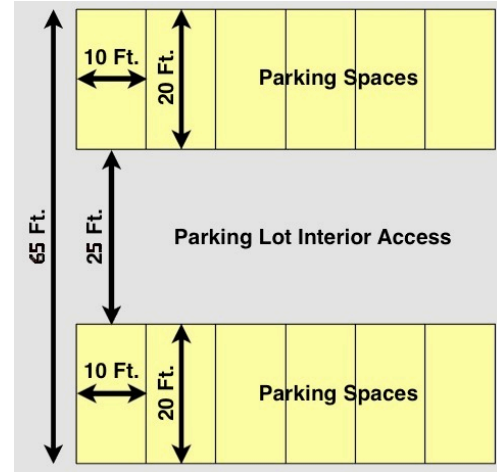
- (1) The following parking standards shall apply to all applications for new, expanded or modified land uses, and apply cumulatively in the case of mixed-use projects such as resorts, provided that adjustments may be made by the Planning Board to reflect the likelihood of shared parking within the project:

<b>Basic Parking Requirements</b>	
<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Parking Requirement</b>
Home-occupations	1 space per 100 sq. ft. of floor area devoted to use
Hotels/motels	1 space per rental room plus 1 for each 4 employees
Industrial uses	1 space per 400 sq. ft. floor area
Commercial uses	1 space per 175 sq. ft. floor area
Places of public assembly	1 space per 4 seats
Offices	1 space per 200 sq. ft. floor area
Restaurants	1 space per 50 sq. ft. floor area
Vehicle service establishments	4 spaces plus 1 per employee

- (2) Any applicant may also request, in writing, a modification of parking standards. The amount of parking may, in such instances, or others where the above standards are not directly applicable, be reduced or increased by the Planning Board based upon the following criteria:
- (a) Industry studies of parking needs for the type of use proposed or actual case-study comparisons for projects of similar character. The Planning Board may require the developer or applicant to gather and submit such data in support of its proposed parking provisions. The National Parking Association and the Urban Land Institute are examples of such industry sources.
  - (b) The characteristics of the proposed customers, residents, occupants or visitors to a given facility. Housing for the elderly would, for example, require fewer spaces per dwelling unit than time-shared recreational units, even though the number of dwelling units is the same.
  - (c) The expected occupancy rates, traffic levels and numbers of employees in connection with any enterprise and the degree to which these directly relate to parking requirements.
  - (d) Recommendations, if any, from Town consultants, other public agencies or information sources that suggest, based on experience, the appropriate amount of parking in connection with a given use.
  - (e) The likelihood that parking will be shared with adjoining facilities, the impact of daily peak visitation or use periods on demand and the hours of operation as compared to other neighborhood activities.
  - (f) The availability of reserve areas designated on the site plan for future parking development in the event of demonstrated need, as determined and directed by the Building Inspector or Planning Board.
  - (g) The use of pervious surfacing to reduce storm water impacts.

The Planning Board shall apply a similar approach in determining parking needs in cases of unlisted uses.

B. Garages, carports, and driveways not in the public right-of-way may be considered parking spaces. Parking spaces shall be a minimum of 10 feet wide and 20 feet deep. Perpendicular parking spaces shall be accessed by an interior drive of no less than 25 feet in width for turning purposes (see illustration). This distance may be reduced to 20 feet for 60 degree angle parking, 15 feet for 45 degree angle parking and 13 feet for 30 degree angle parking. The Planning Board may modify these standards in conjunction with site plan review to fit the needs of particular enterprises.



C. Any lighting used to illuminate any off-street parking shall be so shielded as to deflect the light downward and away from adjoining premises and public right-of-ways and avoid light spillage onto adjacent properties.

D. All parking areas which are designed to accommodate 12 or more vehicles shall be landscaped using materials of sufficient growth and height to aesthetically balance the impact of the open paved area and provide effective stormwater control. The following are guideline standards the Planning Board may apply:

- (1) No more than 12 parking spaces should be allowed in a continuous row uninterrupted by landscaping or other features. Maintenance guarantees may be required to ensure replacement of damaged or dead landscape materials.
- (2) No parking areas should be designed such that a vehicle might directly back out onto a public highway or through road within the development. Traffic flows through a parking area should be minimized and limited to connections from one lot to another and to the public highway or through road. Circular drives shall be discouraged.
- (3) Commercial parking areas, where possible, should generally be located in the rear yard of any use, with the principal building situated near the front lot line as permitted by Schedule of District Regulations. This is for the purpose of maintaining the continuity of the building line along any highway and avoiding the effective merger of parking areas along a highway into one mass of pavement where entrances and exits become difficult to identify.



E. Any building erected, converted or enlarged for commercial, office, manufacturing, wholesale, institutional or similar uses shall, in addition to the off-street parking space required above, provide adequate off-street areas for loading and unloading of vehicles, which shall generally be located along the side or rear of the building. Public rights-of-way shall, under no circumstance, be used for loading or unloading of materials. The minimum size loading space shall be 70 feet in depth and 14 feet in width, with an overhead clearance of 14 feet. It shall be accessible by driving in and not require backing in from off the public right-of-way.

F. Access to and from all non-residential off-street parking, loading and vehicle service areas along public rights-of-way shall consist of well defined separate or common entrances and exits and shall comply with the following provisions:

- (1) Access drives shall comply with all requirements of the Town of Rochester. Access drives onto State and County highways shall be subject to New York Department of Transportation and Ulster County standards, as the case may be.



- (2) Each entrance and exit shall be clearly defined with curbing, fencing or vegetative screening so as to prevent access to the area from other than the defined entrance and exits.
- (3) All access drives shall be subject to the requirement of obtaining a driveway permit from the Town of Rochester Highway Superintendent, the Ulster County Department of Public Works or the New York State Department of Transportation, as the case may be, and approval of any permits hereunder may be conditioned upon the application for and/or receipt of such permits from these authorities.
- (4) The Town of Rochester Planning Board may, in conjunction with Site Plan Review, establish additional requirements pertaining to highway access permits on County and State roads, providing such additional requirements do not conflict with County or State requirements.
- (5) For reasons of traffic and pedestrian safety, both on and off the street, as well as to provide for possible future road widening or other improvements, all new driveways and sidewalk crossings entering onto any street shall comply with all the requirements of this chapter, including but not limited to obtaining the appropriate permits and the payment of any and all fees for said permits, and shall be subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Highways, except where such are part of a use subject to special permit or site development plan approval, in which case they shall also be subject to Planning Board approval.
- (6) No driveway center line shall intersect a street line less than 100 feet from the intersection of any two street lines, including intersections on the opposite side of the street.
- (7) The maximum grade for new driveways accessory to uses other than single-family dwellings and connecting the required off-street parking area to the street shall not exceed 15%. All driveways shall have a negative 2% grade within 50 feet of the center line of the traveled way of the street, or within 25 feet of the property line of the street, whichever distance is greater. The Planning Board may require increased platform areas of this type in situations where, because of the nature of the proposed use, substantial traffic volumes are anticipated.
- (8) Clear visibility shall be provided in both directions at all exit points so that the driver of an automobile stopped on the platform portion of any new driveway will have an unobstructed view of the highway for a reasonable distance (commensurate with the speed and volume of traffic on such highway) and so that there is a similar view of the automobile in the driveway.
- (9) The Planning Board shall have authority to require additional traffic safety improvements in conjunction with Site Plan Review for any project.

G. Access to State Route 44/55 and U.S. Route 209.

- (1) No tract shall be provided direct access to Routes 44/55 or 209 if adequate alternate access can be provided by way of another road, a frontage or parallel access drive or a cross access drive.
- (2) No driveway shall be permitted within 100 feet of a public highway intersection on Routes 44/55 or 209, provided that existing residential lots shall not be subject to this subsection G. Spacing between driveways on Routes 44/55 and 209 shall be as provided by State law.
- (3) Should a particular parcel lack sufficient frontage on Route 44/55 or 209 to accommodate adequate spacing, the landowner shall have the following options (in addition to the right to seek a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals):
  - (a) The landowner may establish a joint access driveway with an adjoining property. The driveway midpoint in such cases shall be the property line between the two parcels. Alternatively, the landowner may gain access from a cross access drive or frontage road that connects the subject property and the adjoining property or properties. A joint easement agreement shall, in either of these two cases, be executed and filed with the deed of the participating properties prior to a permit being granted.
  - (b) The landowner may seek an exception from these requirements when the above cannot be fulfilled



at the time of application. The landowner shall, in such case, provide proof of an attempt to secure access from a common driveway or cross access drive. The Planning Board shall impose the condition in such instance that the approved driveway is a temporary driveway and the landowner shall submit a deed agreement with the Town of Rochester agreeing to close the driveway and to seek to establish a joint driveway or cross access driveway, if feasible, when an adjoining property is developed or redeveloped.

- (4) All land owners submitting a subdivision or site plan for property on Route 44/55 or 209 shall address the feasibility of the use of joint access driveways, cross access drives and linked or shared parking lots. Use of such techniques shall be required wherever feasible.
  - (5) Retail and service businesses subject to Site Plan Review shall, where practical, be required to provide vehicular and pedestrian connections to adjoining retail and service properties along the frontage of regulated routes.
  - (6) Any landowner of a tract adjoining the regulated routes who files a subdivision or site plan application shall submit, at the time of initial application, an overall development sketch plan. This sketch plan shall establish future access locations along Routes 44/55 and 209. Conditions of final approval shall establish the number of access ways permitted for the tract regardless of any future subdivision or development plan. No individual dwelling unit within any tract to be subdivided or developed for two or more dwelling units shall be provided with direct access to Route 44/55 or 209.
  - (7) Curblin openings shall conform to New York State Department of Transportation standards.
  - (8) Access points may be restricted to right-turn in, right-turn out if determined to be in the best interest of traffic operations. The Planning Board may require signs and barriers be installed to enforce such restrictions to the maximum degree practical.
  - (9) When two adjacent landowners agree to combine access points, the Planning Board may grant an incentive bonus. The total lot size and road frontage normally required may be reduced by 15% for both landowners. The required number of parking spaces may, in addition, be reduced by 15% for each development. However, if the adjoining land uses are determined to have the same peak hour for parking generation, the Planning Board may withdraw the incentive bonus or require the developer set aside land, clearly indicated on the site plan for future paving for parking, to meet statutory requirements if an analysis conducted within one year after occupancy determines parking is insufficient. Such analyses may be provided for as a condition of approval at the expense of the applicant.
- H. All non-residential parking and loading areas and parallel circulation and service lanes shall be separated from the paving edge of a public thoroughfare or adjoining property lines by a planting strip at least 20 feet in depth landscaped as required herein.
- I. Traffic study. The Planning Board, at its discretion, may require a traffic impact study by an independent engineer with any Special Use application involving an activity likely to generate more than five-hundred (500) trip-ends per day or create specific traffic issues. The study shall examine existing and projected traffic flows before and after development and generally follow the guidelines set forth for such studies by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Its purpose shall be to ensure that proposed developments do not adversely affect the transportation network and to identify any traffic problems associated with access to the site from the network. It shall identify solutions to potential problems and any improvements needed. The scope of the study shall be approved in advance by the Planning Board with the final product incorporated in the SEQRA submission. This requirement shall apply in the case of County or State, as well as Town roads.
- J. No recreational vehicle or commercial vehicle shall be stored on any residential lot in any district, except in an existing driveway or the rear or side yard and not closer than the required side yard setback for accessory uses.

#### § 140-18 Overlay Districts.

The following standards shall apply to those parcels or portions of parcels that lie within designated overlay districts.

Portions of parcels lying outside such districts shall be exempt from these requirements.

A. AP Aquifer Protection Overlay District.

There is hereby created a special zoning district identified as AP District on the Zoning Map. This district shall be an overlay zone, within which the normal provisions of the zoning districts as mapped on the Zoning Map shall apply, except that no development shall be permitted which does not comply with the following standards:

- (1) Impervious surface area for proposed uses and activities located outside the B Business Development, H Hamlet, I Industrial and R-1 Moderate Density Residential Districts shall not exceed 15% of lot area.
- (2) The following uses and activities, when proposed within the Aquifer Protection Overlay District shall be designated as Type I actions under SEQRA and be subject to mitigation as necessary to protect the water supply:
  - (a) Asphalt, concrete or coal tar plants.
  - (b) Chemical and biological testing or research laboratories.
  - (c) Drilling of wells used for oil, gas, gas storage, solution mining or brine disposal.
  - (d) Junkyards, salvage yards or impoundment yards.
  - (e) Chemical or petroleum product manufacturing and bulk sales (e.g., gasoline station).
  - (f) Wood preserving or treating facilities.

Hazardous waste treatment, handling, storage or disposal facilities; landfills, dumps or other solid waste management facilities; radioactive materials treatment, handling, storage or disposal facilities; and regulated medical waste storage, treatment, disposal or destruction facilities shall be prohibited within the district.

- (3) Any use or activity with projected on-site groundwater withdrawals and/or on-site sewage disposal flows averaging 2,000 gallons per day or more during any single 30-day period shall be subject to Site Plan Review by the Town of Rochester Planning Board regardless of its classification on the Schedule of District Regulations.
- (4) The following additional information shall be provided for a proposed use or activity located partially or wholly within the Aquifer Protection Overlay District:
  - (a) A location map of the proposed use or activity in relation to the Aquifer Protection Overlay District boundaries.
  - (b) A map and report detailing the proposed conveyance, storage, distribution, generation, use or treatment of any wastes (except sewage) or hazardous substances.

B. FD Floodplain Development Overlay District.

There is hereby created a special zoning district, the boundaries of which shall be congruent with those areas identified as Special Flood Hazard Areas on the Flood Hazard Boundary Maps for the Town of Rochester, as issued by the Federal Insurance Administration or its successor. This district shall be an overlay zone, within which the normal provisions of the zoning districts as mapped on the Official Zoning Map shall apply, except that no development shall be permitted that does not comply with the provisions of the Town of Rochester Flood Damage Prevention Law, as amended. No planned unit developments, multi-family dwellings or single-family dwellings at a density of more than one dwelling unit per two acres shall be permitted within the FD District and no density bonuses or incentives of any kind shall apply in this overlay district.

§ 140-19 Home Occupation Regulations.

- A. Home occupations are permitted in all districts subject to regulation by class. Classifications of home occupations and limitations applicable to each follow:

Home Occupation Classifications		
Class	Description	Requirements
Class I	A no-impact home-based business or commercial activity administered or conducted as an accessory use that is clearly secondary to the use as a residential dwelling and that involves no customer, client or patient traffic, whether vehicular or pedestrian, pickup, delivery or removal functions to or from the premises, in excess of those normally associated with residential use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No on-site employees other than family members residing in the dwelling</li> <li>• No display or sale of retail goods</li> <li>• No stockpiling of inventory of a substantial nature</li> <li>• No outside appearance of business (e.g., parking, signs or lights)</li> <li>• No equipment or process that creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, detectable in the neighborhood.</li> <li>• No generation of any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood</li> <li>• Business activity conducted only within the dwelling</li> <li>• Shall not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area or 250 square feet of floor area, whichever is less</li> </ul>
Class II	A low-impact home-based business or commercial activity administered or conducted as an accessory use that is clearly secondary to the use as a residential dwelling and does not significantly change the character thereof, involve the use of mechanical equipment other than that customarily used for domestic purposes and involves no retail or services resulting in other than occasional and limited numbers of visitors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than one on-site employee other than family members residing in the dwelling</li> <li>• No display or sale of retail goods</li> <li>• No stockpiling of inventory of a substantial nature</li> <li>• No equipment or process that creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, detectable in the neighborhood.</li> <li>• No generation of any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood</li> <li>• Shall not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area of the dwelling or 500 square feet of floor area, whichever is less, regardless whether located in the dwelling or in an accessory structure</li> <li>• No display or parking of equipment or products, storage of goods or materials or signs visible from outside the building, except for a name or accessory use sign</li> <li>• No external evidence of the home occupation or alterations inconsistent with the residential use or appearance of the buildings</li> </ul>
Class III	A home-based business or commercial activity administered or conducted as an accessory use that is clearly secondary to the use as a residential dwelling.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more than two on-site employees other than family members residing in the dwelling</li> <li>• No more than 150 square feet of floor area used for display or sale of retail goods</li> <li>• No stockpiling of inventory of a substantial nature</li> <li>• No equipment or process that creates noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors or electrical or electronic interference, including interference with radio or television reception, detectable in the neighborhood.</li> <li>• No generation of any solid waste or sewage discharge, in volume or type, not normally associated with residential use in the neighborhood</li> <li>• Shall not occupy more than 25% of the habitable floor area of the dwelling or 750 square feet of floor area, whichever is less, regardless whether located in the dwelling or in an accessory structure</li> <li>• No display or parking of equipment or products, storage of goods or materials or signs visible from outside the building, except for a name or accessory use sign</li> <li>• No external evidence of the home occupation or alterations inconsistent with the residential use or appearance of the buildings</li> </ul>

- B. A dwelling may have one non-illuminated accessory use ground sign not to exceed 12 square feet in area to identify a home occupation.
- C. No home occupation, having once been permitted or established, shall be added to, expanded, enlarged or otherwise increased or changed substantially in character without complying with this law and such permission

or establishment shall not be a basis for a later application to establish a principal commercial use. Moreover, the conversion of a residence with a home occupation to a commercial use by the abandonment of the residence or sale, rent or transfer of the business to a party that does not reside on-site is strictly prohibited unless the business is then moved offsite.

- D. Home occupations involving the use of contractor or other heavy equipment (e.g., lawn maintenance and landscaping businesses) and similar enterprises requiring storage of materials or equipment shall provide inside storage area for all such materials and equipment. The Planning Board, may also, under site plan review, permit outside storage that is fully screened.

#### § 140-20 General Commercial and Industrial Standards.

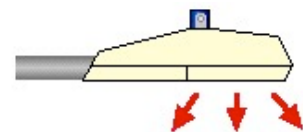
Wherever new commercial, new industrial or new multi-family residential uses, with the exception of agricultural activities and home occupations, are proposed, the following performance standards shall apply. The Building Inspector shall ensure these standards are met prior to issuing Certificates of Occupancy for such uses and may require the applicant(s) to provide documentation of compliance.

##### A. Building design and location.

- (1) Building design and location should be suitable for the use intended and compatible with natural and man-made surroundings.
- (2) Building color, materials and design should be adapted to surroundings as opposed to adaptation of the site to the building or the building to a national franchise concept.
- (3) Building placement and site development layout should also incorporate the site's topography, existing vegetation and other unique features. On a lot with multiple buildings, those located on the interior of the site should front towards and relate to one another, both functionally and visually, and may be organized around features such as courtyards, greens or quadrangles. Smaller, individualized groupings of buildings are encouraged. Buildings should be sited to provide adequate and safe fire and emergency access. Accessory buildings shall, wherever possible, be located in the rear.
- (4) Buildings should relate in scale and design features to the surrounding buildings, showing respect for existing and neighborhood architecture. Buildings should avoid long, uninterrupted walls or roof planes. Building wall offsets, including projections, recesses, and changes in floor level or other comparable design features should be used in order to add architectural interest and variety, and to relieve the visual effect of a simple, long wall. Similarly, roof-line offsets should be provided, in order to provide architectural interest and variety to the massing of the building and to relieve the effect of a single, long roof. Commercial facades of more than 100 feet in length should incorporate design features of this nature.
- (5) All facades of such a building that are visible from adjoining streets or properties should exhibit features comparable in character to the front so as to better integrate with the community. Where such facades face adjacent residential uses, earthen berms planted with evergreen trees should be provided.
- (6) Loading docks and accessory facilities should be incorporated in the building design and screened with materials comparable in quality to the principal structure. Dumpsters, outside storage (non-display) and drop-off boxes shall be limited to rear yards or screened side yards.
- (7) Driveway, sidewalk/walkway and curb materials shall be functional and compatible with the style, materials, colors and details of the surrounding buildings. The selection and use of pavement and curb materials shall consist of a stable material.
- (8) Developers are encouraged to preserve tree borders. Existing trees over 8" dbh shall be incorporated in the site design to the maximum extent practical, as shall be determined by the Planning Board, and none shall be removed prior to Site Plan Review and approval.
- (9) New construction affecting existing buildings of historically traditional architectural design within the com-

munity should respect the existing height, bulk, scale and style of the existing architecture wherever practical. Materials used may be required to be of a similar color, texture and style of the existing architecture.

- B. Route 209 commercial design standard. Any Site Plan Review or Special Use application for a new commercial or industrial use fronting on or within 600 feet of Route 209 should be designed such that all front and side building facades are constructed using a minimum of two principal materials (e.g., stone and wood, metal and concrete, etc.) to create architectural variety consistent with existing character.
- C. Commercial/residential buffers. Where a commercial or manufacturing use is contiguous to an existing residential use (including those situated on the opposite side of a highway) or any approved residential lot, the Planning Board may require that the minimum front, side and rear yards be increased by up to 50%. The Board may also require, for purposes of separating incompatible uses or shielding the residential property from negative impacts, that a buffer consisting of a solid fence of wood, earthen berm and/or a 20 feet wide dense evergreen planting not less than six feet high be maintained, unless the properties are in the same ownership or the full width of the yard is already wooded.
- D. Inflammables. All activities involving the manufacturing, production, storage, transfer or disposal of inflammable and explosive materials shall be provided with adequate safety devices against the hazard of fire and explosion. Firefighting and fire suppression equipment and devices shall be provided pursuant to National Fire Protection Association guidelines. Burning of waste materials in open fires is prohibited. Details of the potential hazards and planned safety and accident response actions shall be provided by the applicant and the Planning Board may require greater front, side and rear yards and/or fencing.
- E. Electrical disturbances. No activities shall be permitted which emit dangerous radioactivity or electrical disturbance adversely affecting the operation of any equipment other than that of the creator of such disturbance.
- F. Noise.
  - (1) All proposed new land uses shall not generate cumulative sound levels (SPL), at or beyond any lot line, that exceeds the ambient noise level by 10 or more decibels (dBA). Any sound of 5 to 10 decibels above the ambient noise level shall be attenuated or mitigated to the maximum degree practical, as shall be determined by the Planning Board during Site Plan Review. The Planning Board may, as a condition of Site Plan Review and approval, require additional setbacks, buffers and fencing, or reasonably limit the hours of operation to attenuate or mitigate any potential noise impacts of any proposed use.
  - (2) The determination of noise levels shall be made using New York State Department of Environmental Conservation guidelines (see *Assessing and Mitigating Noise Impacts* Program Policy), as amended. The increase in ambient noise level shall be determined for all lot lines at the site where the project is to take place and any other locations as shall be specified by the Planning Board, taking into account existing noise generators.
  - (3) The maximum permissible sound levels of this section shall not apply to emergency or security alarms, repair or construction work to provide public utilities, construction operations between the hours of 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM, emergency repairs, agricultural activities other than kennels, motor vehicles when used on public streets in accord with state regulations, aircraft, government authorized public celebrations, un-amplified human voices or routine ringing of bells or chimes by a place of worship or similar facility.
- G. Vibration. No vibration shall be permitted on a regular or continuing basis which is detectable without instruments at the property line.
- H. Lighting.
  - (1) Lighting for all commercial, multi-family residential, institutional and industrial uses shall be shielded and focused downward to prevent glare and spillover of light onto adjoining properties.
  - (2) All lighting shall be designed so as to avoid unnecessary or unsafe spillover of light and glare onto opera-



tors of motor vehicles, pedestrians and land uses in proximity to the light source.

- (3) No direct or sky-reflected glare, whether from floodlights or from high-temperature processes such as combustion or welding or other sources, so as to be visible at the property line on a regular or continuing basis, shall be permitted.
  - (4) Lighting contours shall be required on site plans for purposes of determining compliance with this section. Average foot-candles at the property line shall be less than 1.0 except at site entrances.
  - (5) Globe lights shall ordinarily not be permitted, except for limited aesthetic and sidewalk lighting as part of a site plan subject to review by the Planning Board.
  - (6) Light pole heights shall not exceed building heights and none shall exceed 25 feet in height.
  - (7) All lighting over 2,000 lumens in strength shall meet the full cut-off standard of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA).
  - (8) All site activity areas, including parking lots and walkways, shall meet minimum IESNA standards and exceed those standards by no more than 25%.
  - (9) All gasoline canopy lighting shall be fully recessed and the average light level under the vehicular canopy shall not exceed 2.0 horizontal maintained foot-candles.
- I. Air pollution originating from new commercial or industrial uses. No emission of fly ash, dust, fumes, vapors, gases and other forms of air pollution shall be permitted on a regular or continuing basis which can cause any damage to health, to animals, vegetation, or other forms of property, or which can cause any excessive soiling. The Ringelmann Smoke Chart shall be used to determine the total smoke emitted. The emission of one smoke unit per hour and smoke with discernible density of No. 1 on the Ringelmann Smoke Chart shall be prohibited.
- J. Water pollution originating from new commercial or industrial uses. All activities involving the possible contamination of surface or ground water shall be provided with adequate safety devices to prevent such contamination. Details of the potential hazards (including the groundwater characteristics of the area in which the use is proposed) and planned safety devices and contamination response actions shall be provided by the developer.
- K. Vehicle and equipment sales. Whenever a vehicle and equipment sales, mechanical and body repair use is proposed as a Special Use, or as an expansion of an existing non-conforming use, the following additional performance standards shall apply:
- (1) All automobile or vehicle parts, new or used, shall be stored within buildings or screened.
  - (2) Vehicles that are temporarily on the property awaiting repair, shall be stored in an area which meets the minimum yard requirements applicable for the district and the use.
  - (3) Vehicle and equipment sales shall be limited to those districts specified on the Schedule of District Regulations and be subject to the following additional regulations:
    - (a) A site plan designated and improved parking space meeting the standards contained herein shall be provided for each vehicle or piece of equipment displayed.
    - (b) Display areas for vehicles and pieces of equipment shall comply with front and side yard setbacks applicable to principal structures.
    - (c) Signs connected with vehicle and equipment displays shall be limited to permanent or temporary signs otherwise permitted hereunder.
    - (d) Additional off-street parking areas shall be provided for the use of customers at the rate of one space for each 10 vehicles or pieces of equipment displayed outdoors. No on-street parking shall be per-

mitted.

- (e) Lighting of outdoor vehicle and equipment sales areas shall be limited to pole or wall lighting meeting the standards contained herein for commercial lighting.
- (f) The Planning Board may require landscaping of vehicle and equipment sales operations, as provided herein, to separate and buffer them from the public right-of-way and adjoining properties.
- (g) All vehicle and equipment sales operations shall provide a permanent (suitable for year-round use), heated sales office of no less than 150 square feet in size and rest room facilities.

#### § 140-21 Signs.

- A. Purpose. It is the purpose of this section to help residents and visitors find what they need without difficulty; improve the appearance of the Town; and promote public safety by regulating sign construction and placement.
- B. Application. All signs shall meet the standards herein and on the attached Schedule of Sign Regulations. Application for permits, where needed, shall be made to the Building Inspector together with any fees required. Written consent of property owners shall also be provided. Applications not requiring Planning Board review shall be acted upon within 30 days of receipt. Applications submitted to the Planning Board shall be acted upon within 45 days of receipt.
- C. Sign review criteria. Discretionary signs subject to Planning Board review shall be approved, approved with modifications or disapproved based on the following design criteria:
  - (1) Signs should not interfere with views of other enterprises, residences or signs;
  - (2) Whenever feasible, multiple signs should be combined to avoid clutter;
  - (3) Signs should be as close to the ground as possible;
  - (4) Signs should be designed, sized and located to blend with buildings and landscapes.
  - (5) Signs should be located so as to not interfere with clear views required for public safety.
  - (6) Signs should not present an overhead danger or obstacle to persons below.
  - (7) Sign sizes should achieve ready visibility without becoming an unnecessary distraction.
  - (8) Large freestanding signs should be landscaped around the sign base.
- D. General regulations. The following regulations shall apply to all signs:
  - (1) No part of any sign shall project above the top or beyond the ends of the wall surface on which it is located. Signs shall also not extend above the roof line of the building to which they are attached.
  - (2) Except for official traffic signs and signs in H Districts, those signs that exceed 24 square feet in surface area shall be setback at least five feet from the front and side lot lines.
  - (3) No sign shall exceed a height equal to one-half its distance from a road right-of-way, regardless of other height limitations.
  - (4) Advertising signs shall not be designed in a manner that could be interpreted by a motorist as being a public safety warning or traffic sign.
  - (5) No sign shall be attached to a utility pole.

- (6) Portable signs, except as provided herein, shall be subject to all freestanding sign regulations.
  - (7) Traffic directional signs shall be exempt from these regulations.
  - (8) Signs shall be internally lighted or illuminated only by a steady, stationary (except for time and temperature reading) and shielded light source directed solely at the sign, with minimal spillover of light past the sign and without causing glare for motorists, pedestrians or neighboring premises.
- E. Non-conforming signs. Existing non-conforming signs may be repaired or reconstructed on the same site, but shall not be relocated or increased in size except as provided herein. A non-conforming sign shall be considered a nonconforming structure.
- F. Sign maintenance. No owner of any sign or lessee or owner of any land upon which the sign is located shall permit such sign to become unsafe, unsightly or in disrepair so as to endanger the public or to become a public nuisance as shall be determined by the Town Board following referral by the Code Enforcement Officer.



## Town of Rochester Zoning Law § 140-21, Schedule of Sign Regulations

Prohibited Signs	Signs Allowed Without Permits	Signs Allowed with Permits from Enforcement Officer	Maximum Sign Surface Area Allowed for All Permitted Signs on a Lot Combined		Signs Permitted Upon Review by Planning Board
			Freestanding	Wall Signs	
<p>Animated, moving or flashing signs</p> <p>Projecting signs extending more than 15 inches from an exterior wall</p> <p>Roof signs</p> <p>Signs on vehicles parked to create a permanent sign effect</p> <p>Signs on utility poles</p> <p>Signs resembling traffic signals or official traffic signs</p> <p>Signs that emit sound, odor or smoke</p> <p>Signs within the cartway of a public road</p> <p>Signs within 10 feet of power and telephone and television cable lines</p> <p>Signs of more than 15 feet in height</p>	<p>Awning, canopy or marquee signs of 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Bus shelter signs of 10 sq. ft. no more than two per shelter or lot</p> <p>Civic and religious signs of 4 sq. ft.</p> <p>Directional and instructional signs of 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Non-commercial flags, emblems, insignia and temporary signs</p> <p>Governmental signs</p> <p>Holiday decorations</p> <p>Interior signs not classified as window signs</p> <p>Name and address plates and plaques of 2 sq. ft. each in area and 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>No trespassing, no dumping and similar signs of 2 sq. ft. in area</p> <p>Real estate, temporary construction and contractor signs of 12 sq. ft.</p> <p>Parking lot entrance/exit sign (1) of 4 sq. ft., no more than 5 feet high</p> <p>Parking lot directional signs of 8 sq. ft. (16 sq. ft. in aggregate), no more than 7 feet high</p> <p>Sports patron advertising signs of 32 sq. ft. in area</p> <p>Temporary signs of 32 sq. ft., more than 5 times or 45 days per calendar year aggregate</p> <p>Incidental signs of 2 sq. ft. each and 8 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Warning of danger signs removed within 3 days of end of danger</p>	<p>Multi-family building signs of 4 sq. ft. each, no more than 1 per building, Residential development entrance ground signs (2 per road) of 24 sq. ft.</p>	<p>Fifty (50) sq. ft. in aggregate, or 1 sq. ft. per 5 feet of lot frontage (whichever is less), no individual sign to exceed 32 sq. ft. in area or 15 feet in height, with the exception of temporary and no trespassing signs</p>	<p>Five percent (5%) of any single building façade or thirty-two (32) sq. ft. per unit or lot in aggregate, whichever is less. Window wall signs shall not occupy more than 25% of any window.</p>	<p>Other on-premises non-residential use advertising signs for principal permitted, special and existing non-conforming uses subject to Maximum Sign Surface Area for all signs on the lot as set forth in the two columns to the left.</p>

Residential Districts  
(R-1, R-2)

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			Freestanding	Wall Signs	
<p>Animated, moving or flashing signs</p> <p>Roof signs extending above peak</p> <p>Signs on vehicles parked to create a permanent sign effect</p> <p>Signs on utility poles</p> <p>Signs resembling traffic signals or official traffic signs</p> <p>Signs that emit sound, odor or smoke</p> <p>Signs extending beyond the edge of a sidewalk or within the cartway of any public road, whichever is greater</p> <p>Signs within 10 feet of power and telephone and television cable lines</p> <p>Signs of more than 15 feet in height</p>	<p>Awning, canopy or marquee signs of 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Bus shelter signs of 10 sq. ft. no more than two per shelter or lot</p> <p>Civic and religious signs of 4 sq. ft.</p> <p>Directional and instructional signs of 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Non-commercial flags, emblems, insignia and temporary signs</p> <p>Governmental signs</p> <p>Holiday decorations</p> <p>Name and address plates and plaques of 2 sq. ft. each in area and 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>No trespassing, no dumping and similar signs of 2 sq. ft. in area</p> <p>Parking lot entrance/exit sign (1) of 4 sq. ft., no more than 5 feet high</p> <p>Parking lot directional signs of 8 sq. ft. (16 sq. ft. in aggregate), no more than 7 feet high</p> <p>Real estate, temporary construction and contractor signs of 16 sq. ft.</p> <p>Sandwich board or A-frame sign (1) of 10 sq. ft. placed no more than 10 feet from principal building entrance</p> <p>Sports patron advertising signs of 32 sq. ft. in area</p> <p>Temporary signs of 32 sq. ft. more than 5 times or 45 days per calendar year aggregate</p> <p>Incidental signs of 4 sq. ft. each and 12 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Warning of danger signs removed within 3 days of end of danger</p>	<p>Multi-family building signs of 4 sq. ft. each, no more than 1 per building.</p> <p>Residential development entrance ground signs (2 per road) of 24 sq. ft.</p> <p>Awning, canopy or marquee signs of 16 sq. ft. each provided no more than 50% of awning, canopy or marquee is used for signage</p> <p>One permanently mounted changeable letter or fuel price sign of 36 sq. ft.</p> <p>Non-governmental flags of 24 sq. ft. suspended from poles of up to 36 feet in height</p> <p>One freestanding sign of 32 sq. ft., or one projecting sign of 32 sq. ft. 10 feet above the sidewalk or the ground, for non-residential use identification purposes</p> <p>Wall signs subject to the Maximum Sign Surface Area limitations to the right for such signs</p>	<p>Seventy-five (75) sq. ft. in aggregate or 1 sq. ft. per one foot of lot frontage (whichever is less), no individual sign to exceed 32 sq. ft. in area or 15 in height, with the exception of temporary and no trespassing signs</p>	<p>Ten percent (10%) of any single building façade or sixty-four (64) sq. ft. per unit or lot in aggregate, whichever is less. Window wall signs shall not occupy more than 25% of any window.</p>	<p>Other on-premises non-residential use advertising signs for principal permitted, special and existing non-conforming uses subject to Maximum Sign Surface Area for all signs on the lot as set forth in the two columns to the left.</p> <p>Off-premises non-residential use directional signs subject to maximums provided on this Schedule for all permitted signs.</p> <p>Commercial directory signs as defined herein (see Definitions section).</p>

Hamlet and Rural District  
(H & R-5)

## Town of Rochester Zoning Law § 140-21, Schedule of Sign Regulations

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<p>Animated, moving or flashing signs</p> <p>Projecting signs extending more than 15 inches from an exterior wall</p> <p>Roof signs extending above peak</p> <p>Signs on vehicles parked to create a permanent sign effect</p> <p>Signs on utility poles</p> <p>Signs resembling traffic signals or official traffic signs</p> <p>Signs that emit sound, odor or smoke</p> <p>Signs within the roadway of a public road</p> <p>Signs within 10 feet of power and telephone and television cable lines</p> <p>Signs of more than 15 feet in height (except as provided for non-residential use advertising signs in § 1308 of this Law)</p>	<p>Awning, canopy or marquee signs of 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Bus shelter signs of 10 sq. ft. no more than two per shelter or lot</p> <p>Civic and religious signs of 4 sq. ft.</p> <p>Directional and instructional signs of 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>Non-commercial flags, emblems, insignia and temporary signs</p> <p>Governmental signs</p> <p>Holiday decorations</p> <p>Name and address plates and plaques of 2 sq. ft. each in area and 4 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot</p> <p>No trespassing, no dumping and similar signs of 2 sq. ft. in area</p> <p>Real estate, temporary construction and contractor signs of 16 sq. ft.</p> <p>Parking lot entrance/exit sign (1) of 4 sq. ft., no more than 5 feet high</p> <p>Parking lot directional signs of 8 sq. ft. (16 sq. ft. in aggregate), no more than 7 feet high</p> <p>Portable wheeled signs of 32 sq. ft.</p> <p>Sandwich board or A-frame sign (1) of 10 sq. ft. placed no more than 10 feet from principal building entrance</p> <p>Sports patron advertising signs of 32 sq. ft. in area</p> <p>Temporary signs of 32 sq. ft., no more than 5 times or 45 days per calendar year aggregate</p> <p>Incidental signs of 4 sq. ft. each and 12 sq. ft. in aggregate per lot (up to 6 sq. ft. each and 16 sq. ft. in aggregate within RU Districts</p> <p>Warning of danger signs removed within 3 days of end of danger</p>	<p>Multi-family building signs of 4 sq. ft. each, no more than 1 per building.</p> <p>Residential development entrance ground signs (2 per road) of 24 sq. ft.</p> <p>Awning, canopy or marquee signs of 16 sq. ft. each provided no more than 50% of awning, canopy or marquee is used for signage</p> <p>One permanently mounted changeable letter or fuel price sign of 36 sq. ft.</p> <p>One freestanding sign of 32 sq. ft. for non-residential use identification purposes</p> <p>Wall signs subject to the Maximum Sign Surface Area limitations to the right for such signs</p>	<p>One-hundred (100) sq. ft. in aggregate or 1 sq. ft. per two foot of lot frontage (whichever is less), no individual sign to exceed 32 sq. ft. in area or 15 in height, with the exception of temporary and no trespassing signs</p>	<p>Ten percent (10%) of any single building façade or sixty-four (64) sq. ft. per unit or lot in aggregate, whichever is less. Window wall signs shall not occupy more than 25% of any window.</p>	<p>Other on-premises non-residential use advertising signs for principal permitted, special and existing non-conforming uses subject to Maximum Sign Surface Area for all signs on the lot as set forth in the two columns to the left.</p> <p>Off-premises non-residential use directional signs subject to maximums provided on this Schedule for all permitted signs Commercial directory signs as defined herein (see Definitions section).</p>

All Other Districts  
(AR-3, AB-3, B, I and NR)

§ 140-22 Storm Water Management.

Every application requiring Site Plan Review or subdivision approval shall, where applicable, comply with storm water management regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The following standards and procedures shall apply:

- A. The application shall include the following items, prepared to DEC requirements and Section 125-27 of the Town of Rochester Code:
- (1) An Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (Basic SWPPP) illustrating those measures to be employed during construction and as may be necessary to prevent loss of soil from erosion and to prevent resulting property damage, siltation and contamination of water courses or impoundments.
  - (2) A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) identifying those practices employed after construction and as may be necessary to prevent property damage by and pollution of associated water courses or impoundments.

Where DEC approval of such items is required, Town of Rochester Planning Board approval shall be conditioned upon such approval.

Where only a Notice of Intent (NOI) is required under such DEC regulations, the Town Planning Board may require review of such plans by the Town Engineer and modification as may be necessary based upon such review. A certified copy of a completed NOI, signed by the applicant and certified by the applicant's professional representative shall be supplied. A copy of the New York State DEC reply to the NOI shall also be supplied when issued. All applications requiring Site Plan Review and a Notice of Intent shall be reviewed for compliance with DEC stormwater technical standards. The Planning Board's conditions of approval may address local drainage and runoff issues and, where practical, it shall encourage use of stormwater infiltration practices that reduce stormwater runoff and increase groundwater recharge in new development and redevelopment. Such practices may include vegetated open channels (grassy swales) instead of paved drainage ditches, rain gardens on residential lots and use of permeable pavement and similar surfaces in parking.

- B. Generally, applicants shall employ low-impact development techniques as provided for in the New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual. Infiltration practices shall be used whenever acceptable under DEC guidelines. Applicants shall provide deep test pits and percolation tests in support of this or demonstrate infiltration is not a viable practice for the site in question. Dry grass swales and other similar measures shall also be encouraged wherever practical.
- C. All storm water management improvements shall be properly maintained so as to continue to perform in their intended manner. Sediment shall, at a minimum, be removed from sediment traps or sediment ponds whenever their design capacity has been reduced by 50%. The Town Code Enforcement Officer, upon observing such improvements are not being so maintained, may direct a property owner to undertake such maintenance. Failure to comply after a minimum of 30 days notice shall constitute a violation of this law.

Article 5  
Supplementary Regulations Applicable to Particular Uses

§ 140-23 Recreational Vehicles, Campgrounds and RV Parks.

A. Annual permit.

- (1) No person, partnership, association, limited liability or other company or corporation, being the owner, user, operator or occupant of any land within the Town of Rochester, shall use or allow the use of such land for a campground or RV park or any other form of camping regulated herein unless a permit has been obtained as herein provided.
- (2) The Town Code Enforcement Officer of the Town of Rochester shall issue a permit after approval of the application by the Town Planning Board pursuant to Special Use procedures. Such application shall be also be subject to Site Plan Review. Said permit shall be effective from the date of issuance until surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the Code Enforcement Officer.
- (3) No permit shall be issued until the Code Enforcement Officer has received a written application from the applicant, the required fee as herein provided and approval of the application, plans and specifications by the Ulster County Department of Health.
- (4) All licenses issued hereunder shall be valid until March 31 of the following year. No later than January 1 of each year, applicants shall request or apply for renewal of such licenses. The Town Code Enforcement Officer shall inspect the premises to ensure continued compliance with this section. A finding of such compliance shall entitle the applicant to an automatic renewal subject only to such fees as may be required. However, the Town Planning Board shall, subject to a public hearing, approve, disapprove or approve with modifications any renewal that involves proposed changes in the facilities or major changes in the operations connected with the RV park or campground.
- (5) Any person holding a permit for a campground or RV park who desires to add additional lots or spaces to such park shall file an application for a supplemental permit. The application for such supplemental permit must be accompanied by 10 sets of plans and specifications and shall be filed and processed as provided herein for new campgrounds or parks.
- (6) Each application for a new or supplemental campground or RV park permit shall be in writing and signed by the applicant. The Code Enforcement Officer shall promptly transmit copies of the application and plans to the Town Planning Board, which shall review the application pursuant to the Special Use and Site Plan Review requirements herein. The Code Enforcement Officer, within 30 days of the filing of the Planning Board's action with respect to Special Use and Site Plan Review, shall issue the permit. Each permit application shall be accompanied by site plans and other data as shall be required herein for Special Use and Site Plan Review applications.
- (7) The applicant, for any new permit or transfer, shall pay the Town a fee as shall be established modified from time to time by resolution of the Town Board.

B. Design standards and general requirements.

- (1) A campground or RV park shall have a gross area of at least 15 contiguous acres of land in single ownership or under unified control.
- (2) RV park or campground lots shall meet the following standards with respect to lot area, lot width and density:

<b>Campground/RV Park Standards</b>		
<b>Standard</b>	<b>Transient Campgrounds/RV Parks</b>	<b>Nontransient Campgrounds/RV Parks</b>
Minimum Campground Lot Area	1,500 sq. feet	3,000 sq. feet
Minimum Campground Lot Width	30 feet	50 feet
Maximum Density*	8.0	8.0
* Number of campground lots per acre of land designated for campground use.		

- (3) Individual campground or RV park lots shall be separated from service building structures by a minimum distance of 50 feet. Also, notwithstanding other requirements, no recreational vehicle or tent platforms shall be located closer than 50 feet to the street right-of-way or any adjacent property line.
- (4) No less than one off-street parking space shall be provided on each lot, in addition to the site area provided on each lot for placement of the recreational vehicle or tent.
- (5) All campgrounds and RV park streets shall be cleared, graded and improved to a 12 feet width for one-way traffic and 20 feet width for two-way traffic. Such streets shall be improved to a year round passable condition and include periodic speed bumps on each major tangent section to reduce speed.
- (6) No individual on-site sewerage or water supply shall be permitted, and all community systems for the common use of campground occupants shall fully comply, as evidenced by approved plans, with standards imposed by the Ulster County Department of Health and the Town of Rochester.
- (7) A campground or RV park shall possess a minimum of 200 feet of frontage on a state, county or town highway.
- (8) A minimum of 20% of the gross site area of the campground or RV park shall be set aside and developed as common use areas for open and enclosed recreational facilities. No recreational vehicle site, required buffer strip, street right-of-way, cartway, storage area or utility site shall be counted as meeting this requirement.
- (11) Entrances and exits to campgrounds or RV parks shall be designed for safe and convenient movement of traffic into and out of the park and to minimize marginal friction with free movement of traffic on adjacent streets. All traffic into or out of the park shall be through such entrances and exits, which shall be limited to a maximum of two each except where safety demands and the Planning Board has approved the same. The Planning Board may also require emergency entrances and exits where access in the event of emergencies would be otherwise difficult. No entrance or exit shall require a turn at an acute angle for vehicles moving in the direction intended, and the radii of curbs and pavements at intersections shall be such as to facilitate easy turning movement for vehicles with trailer attached. No intersection of an entrance and/or exit with a state, county or town highway shall be located where less than 500 feet of sight distance exists in either direction along the state, county or town highway, nor shall such intersection be located within one hundred (150) feet of any other intersection.
- (12) No parking, loading, or maneuvering incidental to parking or loading shall be permitted in connection with the use of any campground or RV park on any public street, sidewalk, required buffer, right-of-way or any public grounds, nor any private grounds not part of the campground or RV park unless the owner has given written permission for such use. Each campground or RV park operator shall provide off-street parking, loading and shall be responsible for violations of these requirements.
- (13) Campground or RV park lots shall be used only for camping purposes, except for a maximum of three lots used for staff or similar special circumstances. No improvement or living unit designed for permanent occupancy shall be erected or placed on any campground or RV park lot. All recreational vehicles in the development shall be maintained in a transportable condition at all times, except for temporary removal of a hitch, and meet all requirements that may be imposed by the State of New York. Any action toward removal of wheels or to attach the recreational vehicle to the ground for stabilization purposes is hereby prohibited. Moreover, no campground or RV park lot shall be occupied for more than 120 days in a

transient campground or RV park or 270 days in a nontransient campground or RV Park. No campground or RV park lot, except as provided above, shall be the primary and principal residence of the occupant, each campground or RV park lot to be used and occupied (excepting for occasional guests) for camping and recreational purposes only by a single household.

- (14) The management of every campground or RV park shall be responsible for maintaining accurate records concerning the occupancy of all campground or RV park lots. The term "management" shall include associations of property owners when such are responsible for maintenance and operation of common facilities. Management shall keep a written record of all persons occupying facilities by date, which records shall be available for a period of at least one year from the date of occupancy and shall include:
  - (a) The name and mailing address of the occupant of each lot or site.
  - (b) The name and address of the owner of each recreational vehicle that is not occupied by such owner.
  - (c) The state in which each recreational vehicle is registered and the registration number of the same.
  - (d) The name and address of the owner of the motor vehicle that transported said recreational vehicle, the state in which said motor vehicle is registered and the registration number of the same.

The Town Code Enforcement Officer shall have access to, and the right to inspect, records for evidence of permanent residency or lack thereof. The Town Board and/or Code Enforcement Officer shall, in addition, have the authority, when any provision of this chapter is violated, to prohibit the occupancy of any and all campground or RV park lots in a recreational development until the owners and/or management provide evidence of compliance with these provisions.

- (15) No owner or occupant of any campground or RV park lot or within such campground or RV park lot shall permit or allow the dumping or placement of any sanitary or other waste anywhere upon any campground or RV park lot or elsewhere within the development, except in places designated therefor. No outside toilets shall be erected or maintained on any campground or RV park lot. Plumbing fixtures within any recreational vehicles placed upon lots in the campground or RV park shall be connected to the sewage disposal system for the development. Sanitary facilities, including toilets, urinals and showers, shall be provided in separate buildings located not less than 100 feet or more than 500 feet from each campground or RV park lot.
- (16) All property lines within the development shall be kept free and open; and no fences, except as may be required for screening or as may exist naturally, ledges or walls shall be permitted thereon. This shall not, however, preclude the erection of fences around the perimeter of the development.
- (17) No noxious or offensive activities or nuisances shall be permitted on any campground or RV park lot or anywhere within such developments. Such nuisances shall include, but not be limited to; (1) noise which exceeds the limitations set forth herein; (2) uncontrolled fires or repeated burning (except for camp fires) which results in soot, cinders, smoke, noxious fumes, gases or unusual odors emanating beyond the property line of the development; and (3) any other activity that would exceed the limitations of the Town of Rochester Code. Responsibility for meeting such requirements shall extend in all circumstances to individual occupants of campground or RV park lots as well as owners and operators.
- (18) No animals shall be kept or maintained on any campground or RV park lot, except the usual household pets (cats, dogs and the like). Pets shall be kept confined so as not to become a nuisance.
- (19) No person shall burn trash, garbage or other like refuse on any campground or RV park lot. All such refuse be placed and kept in airtight receptacles for the same, which shall be provided by the owners of the campground or RV park lots. No owner or occupant shall permit the accumulation of litter or refuse or junk vehicles on a campground or RV park lot.
- (20) Notwithstanding any provisions herein contained to the contrary, picnic tables, benches, storage sheds, fireboxes or fireplaces and similar items of personal property may be placed on a campground or RV park

lot. All personal property on a campground or RV park lot shall be maintained in good condition so as not to become unsightly.

- (21) No recreation vehicle shall be parked on any street or roadway within the development.
- (22) Potable water drinking supplies shall be provided within three hundred (300) feet of each campground or RV park lot and be operational during any period of occupancy.
- (23) Every campsite shall be accessible by fire and emergency equipment and shall be maintained in such condition, free of obstacles to access.
- (24) If the use of all-terrain vehicles or other similar sports equipment (including dirt bikes) is permitted within the campground or RV park, such activity shall be strictly limited to designated internal roads or other controlled designated areas within the campground or RV park and further limited to such time periods as will conform with the noise requirements herein. Campground or RV park management as well as individual campground lot owners/users shall be responsible for enforcing these limitations and be subject to the penalties provided herein if they do not and a nuisance situation is created for adjoining landowners.
- (25) The operational standards contained in this section shall be incorporated in the management plan and restrictions for any transient campgrounds or RV parks, which restrictions and/or plan shall be approved by the Planning Board in its review of site development plans for the campground or RV park. A plan or set of restrictions that does not adequately provide for conformance with this section shall not be approved. The plan and/or restrictions shall also provide the Town with the option (but not the obligation) of being a part to their enforcement and include a right for the Town to periodically inspect the development for continued compliance with the plan and/or restrictions.

C. Revocation of permit.

- (1) If the Code Enforcement Officer finds that a campground or RV park for which a permit has been issued is not being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition or is not being operated in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, he may service personally or by certified mail upon the holder of the permit a written order which will require the hold of the permit to correct the conditions specified in such order within 10 days after the service of such order.
- (2) If the holder of such permit shall refuse or fail to correct the condition or conditions specified in such order, the Code Enforcement Officer shall revoke such permit and the holder of the permit shall thereupon immediately terminate the operation of such campground or RV park and held to be in violation of this law.
- (3) However, if the owner or operator of such recreational vehicle park shall thereafter correct such conditions and bring the recreational vehicle park into compliance with this chapter, such owner may then apply for issuance of a new permit for such park, and if the application is approved and permit is granted, the applicant shall pay to the town the fee required by this chapter without any credit for the fee paid for the permit which was revoked.

D. Penalties for offenses; additional remedies.

The Code Enforcement Officer may, in the case of violations of the foregoing provisions by any campground or RV park lot occupant, and in addition to other remedies available under this Zoning Law and, regardless whether or not such campground or RV park has a current permit, remove or cause to be removed all camping facilities and persons associated with such activity. This shall include tents, vehicles, recreational vehicles, personal equipment and other goods. Such person or persons shall also be guilty of a violation and be punished as provided herein. The Code Enforcement Officer shall provide any violator who is not a repeat violator with a warning and order to immediately cease and desist in the violating activity and upon failure of the violator to do so shall institute the actions provided above. He may enter onto the grounds of any property for purposes of determining compliance.



E. Exceptions. None of the provisions of this chapter shall be applicable to the following:

- (1) The business of recreational vehicle sales.
- (2) The storage of a recreational vehicle not being used on premises occupied as the principal residence by the owner of such recreational vehicle; provided, however, that such unoccupied recreational vehicle shall not be parked or located between the street line and the front building line of such premises or be connected to utilities.
- (3) Camping by the owner or renter on his or her own vacant property for a maximum of 30 days in consecutive days.
- (4) Storage yards within any campground or RV park for vehicles and tents when not in use for camping.

A campground or RV park may also include: a store for sales of camping supplies and other retail goods to campers; areas for musical and similar entertainment events that are also open to the general public, provided such uses are occasional in nature and clearly accessory to the campground or RV park as the principal use of the property; and permanent cabins for camping purposes provided such cabins are limited to a 500 square feet footprint size, are owned and managed by the resort owner and constitute no more than 20% of such camping accommodations as are offered at the facility.

#### § 140-24 Manufactured Housing Parks.

A. Manufactured housing parks shall be permitted as Special Uses in the AR-3 and R-2 Districts.

B. Manufactured housing parks shall also meet the following criteria:

- (1) The parcel must have a minimum of 15 acres in total gross area.
- (2) The property must have a road frontage of a minimum of 200 feet.
- (3) The total density or maximum number of lots per park shall not exceed the permitted density for the zoning district.

C. License requirements.

Any person or legal entity, being the owner or occupant of any land within the Town, shall not use or allow the use of such land for a manufactured housing park, unless a license has been obtained as herein provided from the Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a permit therefor. This license shall be effective from the date of issuance to and including December 31 of that same year. The original license shall not be issued until the Town of Rochester has received:

- (1) A completed, written application from the applicant;
- (2) The required fee as established by the Town Board;
- (3) The listing of a local contact name and telephone number to act as an official representative of the park owner in the event of an emergency situation;
- (4) Documentation asserting compliance with the safety requirement of fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors for each unit;
- (5) Approval of the application by the Ulster County Department of Health and any other required government agency permit or approval; and
- (6) A resolution from the Planning Board approving issuance of a Special Use permit for said manufactured home park.

- (7) A certificate of occupancy issued based upon a complete inspection of the premises by the Code Enforcement Officer indicating all Town of Rochester requirements have been met.
- D. Application and renewal.
- (1) Initial application.
    - (a) The application for license or renewal thereof shall be filed with the Code Enforcement Officer and shall be accompanied by a fee in the amount as established by the Town Board. Said application shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the applicant, the nature and extent of his interest in the business for which a license is desired and whether said applicant is the owner of the property and such legal description of the premises upon which the manufactured housing park is or will be located as will readily identify and definitely locate the premises. If land ownership is vested in some person other than the applicant, a duly verified statement is required by that person stating the applicant is authorized to construct or maintain the park and to make said application.
    - (b) The application shall state the contact information for a local representative of the owner in the event of an emergency situation.
    - (c) The application shall state the total acreage of the site, the acreage designated as open space, the acreage designated as recreational or community area, the number of approved lots, and the number of actual units in the manufactured housing park.
    - (d) A copy of the regulations and rules for residents of the park as imposed by the park owner must accompany the application for a permit.
    - (e) If said application is for a new manufactured housing park or for the expansion of the same, an application for a Special Use permit must be made to the Planning Board in accordance with the procedures provided in this chapter for such permits.
  - (2) License renewal.
    - (a) An application for the renewal of any manufactured housing park license must be filed with the Code Enforcement Officer on or before October 1 of the year preceding the expiration of the permit.
    - (b) Upon a satisfactory inspection of the premises and the approval by the Code Enforcement Officer, a renewal license shall be issued to be effective upon the expiration of the previous license and to continue in force for a period of one year.
    - (c) At the time the license is applied for the applicant shall pay a fee in the amount established by the Town Board.
    - (d) Such renewal license shall not be transferable or assignable to any other individual, group, corporation or association.
    - (e) All required improvements and community utilities within a manufactured housing park shall be continuously maintained in a safe manner, and all required services shall be continuously provided in order to secure the annual permit. The Code Enforcement Officer, County Health Inspector, Fire Inspector, or any other government or safety inspector shall have full access to any public spaces located within the park boundaries at any time for inspection purposes.
- E. Application for preexisting manufactured housing parks. A manufactured housing park that is in existence or applied for prior to the effective date of this law may continue in existence, provided it complies completely to the standards and requirements of the Ulster County Department of Health and receives a satisfactory, written inspection report with no safety, health, or Town Code violations from the Code Enforcement Officer. However, any additions, extensions, or supplements to such preexisting park must be made pursuant to this chapter, and all regulations hereof apply thereto.

F. Revocation of license.

- (1) If the Code Enforcement Officer finds and reports to the Town Board that a manufactured housing park for which a license has been issued is not being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition or is not being operated in accordance with this chapter, the Town Board shall, by resolution, authorize the personal service, upon the holder of the license, of a written order that shall require the holder of said license to correct the conditions specified in such order within 15 days after the service of such order.
- (2) If the holder of such license shall refuse to correct the condition or conditions specified in such order within 15 days after the personal service of such order, the Town Board shall hold a hearing to determine whether the holder is in violation of the provisions of this chapter. The holder shall have the opportunity to be heard and defend its position at the hearing. If the Town Board determines the holder is in violation, it shall, by resolution, revoke such license and impose the levy of a daily fine (as set by Town Board schedule), and the holder of the same shall thereupon terminate the operation of such manufactured housing park. All the enforcement provisions of this chapter, shall apply in such case.
- (3) However, if the owner or operator of said manufactured housing park shall thereafter correct such conditions and bring the park into compliance with this chapter, said owner may then apply for the issuance of a new license for said park, and if the application is approved and a permit is granted, the applicant shall pay to the Town Clerk the required fee without any credit for the fee paid for the permit which was revoked.

G. Prescribed standards.

- (1) The manufactured housing park plan shall be drawn to scale on a survey map prepared by a civil engineer or land surveyor duly licensed by the State of New York and shall show the following:
  - (a) The name and address of the applicant (or the name and address of each partner if the applicant is a partnership; or the name and address of each officer and director if the applicant is an association or corporation).
  - (b) The location and description of the land that is proposed to be used as a camp or park.
  - (c) The existing zoning of the site.
  - (d) Physical features, including topographic contours at two-foot intervals, locations of watercourses, marshes and areas subject to flooding and location of wooded areas.
  - (e) Existing development, including a location map depicting all land within 200 feet of the proposed park; all structures on the land which abuts the proposed park; the location, names, and widths of all adjacent streets; and the location of all water lines and utilities within and adjacent to the proposed site.
  - (f) Proposed development including:
    - [1] The location and widths of all entrances, exits, streets, and walkways.
    - [2] The number, location, size, and arrangement of all proposed unit areas within the park.
    - [3] The method and plan for electric lighting.
    - [4] The location and plan for all proposed structures and improvements.
    - [5] The proposed grading.
    - [6] The proposed stormwater management system.
    - [7] The proposed utilities.

- [8] Any public improvements proposed by the Town in or adjoining the proposed site.
- [9] Any proposed zoning.
- [10] A landscaping plan, as provided by § 140-15 and § 140-24.G(10) hereof, shall be submitted as part of the park plan.
- [11] The proposed open space area and any improvements planned for such space.
- [12] The proposed recreation areas, specific uses and plans for such areas, and all improvements pertaining to such areas.
- [13] The required perimeter fifty-foot buffer zone and the proposed or existing landscaping plans for that zone.
- [14] The location and improvements of all community-related infrastructural needs, such as mail collection areas, refuse collection areas, community parking areas, school bus shelters, and the like.

(2) Site requirements.

- (a) The site shall be well drained, and have such grades and soil types as to make it suitable for the purposes of residential living.
- (b) The site shall be preserved in its natural state insofar as possible, including the preservation of existing trees, soils, and vegetation.
- (c) A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan as required by § 140-22 hereof shall be required.
- (d) The site shall not be exposed to excessive or objectionable smoke, dust, noise, odors or other adverse influences.
- (e) No portion of the site shall be subject to sudden flooding or erosion, nor shall it be used for any purpose which would expose persons or property to hazards.
- (f) Each lot fronting on a named stream depicted on United States Geological Survey maps shall include a setback of 100 feet in depth from the high water mark of such stream. No principal structure shall be located within such setback. The Planning Board shall, however, be authorized to modify this requirement where necessary or to accommodate reasonable use of properties outside the floodplain, provided other mitigating measures such as deed covenants limiting clearing near the stream are employed to protect stream quality.

(3) Buffer zone.

- (a) A minimum of a 50 feet wide landscaped buffer zone shall be constructed and maintained around the perimeter of the manufactured housing park, provided that this requirement may be modified or waived where the area is already wooded or the park adjoins property that is otherwise naturally buffered.
- (b) The area encompassed by this buffer zone shall be landscaped as required by § 140-15 hereof.
- (c) The Planning Board may also require a fence or berm for an additional visual screen or noise buffer if deemed appropriate.
- (d) Where natural vegetation exists that meets or exceeds the above requirement within the 50 feet buffer zone, it may be utilized instead of the required plantings at the option of the Planning Board; however, this existing vegetation must be maintained and replaced if it fails to continue to meet the above requirements.

- (e) Such buffer zones shall not be required where they would interfere with the vision of motorists at intersections with public or private roadways.
- (4) Open space and recreation areas.
- (a) An area of not less than 40% of the gross site area shall be maintained as open space. No part of such open space shall be included in any manufactured home site, roadway, wastewater treatment plant, or parking area within the park, nor shall any part of such open space be occupied by manufactured homes.
  - (b) Recreation area. An area of not less than 25% of the required open space (or 10% of the total gross site area) shall be maintained as active recreational or community areas for the common, equal use of all residents of the park. Active recreational areas may include playgrounds, tennis courts, swimming pools, wading pools, saunas, exercise rooms, clubhouse facilities, specifically constructed outdoor sports fields, picnic areas, walking trails and other similar facilities intended for the exclusive use and participation of all residents within the proposed park. The applicant shall establish that the type and quality of the planned improvements for the active recreation space shall satisfy the needs of the residents of the park. Notwithstanding the above, if a contiguous public facility such as a public park, school playground, or the like already exists, this recreation area requirement may be waived in lieu of a payment, to be determined by the Town Board, to a Town recreation fund, but in no case shall less than 25% remain open space. Only the recreation area may be waived.
  - (c) All open space and recreation areas shall be accessible to all home lots within the park.
  - (d) The park owner is responsible for maintaining all recreation areas and open space areas.
  - (e) The Planning Board shall require a bond and/or escrow account for the construction and maintenance of the community recreation areas in accordance with the guidelines set forth herein.
  - (f) All common open space, recreational areas, and other common properties shall be preserved for their intended purpose as shown on the approved development plan and shall be established by metes and bounds on the final development plan.
- (5) Individual manufactured housing park unit lots.
- (a) Each park site shall be marked into unit areas, and all lot dimensions and placement of lots shall be permanently recorded on the survey map.
  - (b) No manufactured housing lot shall be constructed on a plot which has a slope of 15% or greater, except by application by the applicant to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance.
  - (c) No manufactured housing park lot shall extend into a designated floodplain or wetland.
  - (d) Every home lot as described on the site plan shall be clearly defined by field survey and indicated on the ground with permanent and visible markers.
  - (e) Each designated manufactured home lot shall be not less than 12,000 square feet in area; have a minimum of 80 feet of frontage on an interior park roadway; be not closer than 60 feet to a public street or other property line; and otherwise comply with development standards applicable to conservation subdivisions (see Chapter 125 of the Town of Rochester Code). No manufactured home lot shall access a public roadway directly. All lots must front an interior park roadway.
  - (f) All manufactured homes shall be single-family residences.
  - (g) No additions may be made to a manufactured home to increase the livable floor space.
  - (h) Only one manufactured home shall be permitted to occupy each manufactured home lot.

- (6) Manufactured homes shall be located no less than: 50 feet from any adjacent structure in any direction; 75 feet from an adjacent property line; 75 feet from the right-of-way line of a public road; and 35 feet from the nearest edge of any interior roadway within the park. Each lot shall have a 35 feet rear yard. An accessory building of not more than 144 square feet may be added to the lot for storage. This building must be situated in the rear of the lot, not closer than 10 feet to the lot line.
- (7) All manufactured homes and lots within a manufactured home park shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 99, Manufactured Homes.
- (8) Street systems.
  - (a) A manufactured home park shall access a public roadway at a minimum of two and a maximum of four points on a public highway. Such accesses shall be at least 125 feet apart and be at right (90 degree) angles to the public roadway.
  - (b) Streetlighting shall be provided at manufactured home park entrances and exits. The lighting shall be sufficient for safety purposes but shall be made to have minimal intrusion on individual lots and neighboring properties.
  - (c) Such entrances and exits shall be designed and strategically located for safe and convenient movement into and out of the park and to minimize conflict with the free movement of traffic on a public highway or street. All entrances and exits shall be free of any material which would impede the visibility of the driver on a public highway or street, providing sight distances of no less than 250 feet in both directions. All entrances and exits shall be of sufficient width to facilitate the turning movements of vehicles with manufactured homes attached.
  - (d) The Planning Board shall require a designated and marked walkway and may require improved sidewalks, at least four feet in width, to be provided on at least one side of each internal roadway that is used for ingress and egress to a public roadway to provide for the safe pedestrian access of residents and school children to the public road system.
  - (e) Each park shall have its streets provided with a smooth, hard surface which shall be durable and well drained under normal use and weather conditions to provide for convenient accessibility to all unit areas and other important facilities within the park. The street system shall be designed to permit the safe and convenient vehicular circulation within the park, shall be adapted to the topography, and shall have suitable alignment and gradient for traffic safety.
  - (f) All interior roadways shall meet Town subdivision requirements for minor streets as provided in Chapter 125, Subdivision of Land. The proposed interior roadways shall have appropriate safety signage and speed limit signage as deemed necessary by the Highway Superintendent. The Planning Board may require speed bumps or other safety devices if deemed appropriate.
  - (g) If dead-end streets are part of the plan, they shall meet cul-de-sac standards provided in Chapter 125 of the Town of Rochester Code.
  - (h) All streets shall be named and all intersections marked appropriately with monuments.
- (9) Utilities and service facilities.
  - (a) Utilities and service facilities shall be provided in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the Ulster County Department of Health, the New York State (NYS) Department of Health, and the Sanitary Code of New York State and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.
  - (b) Each manufactured home and community facility that requires such shall have an attachment or water supply with a shutoff relief valve provided. The water source must be approved by the appropriate state, county, or Town agency or agencies and shall conform to all applicable rules, laws, ordi-

nances, and regulations.

- (c) Each manufactured home shall be served by a central sewer system or septic system approved by the Ulster County Department of Health or other such health agency as shall have jurisdiction. Connections to unoccupied lots shall be capped to prevent the emission of odors or the creation of a health hazard.
- (d) The park owner shall provide for the sanitary disposal of all refuse and recycling generated in the park. The owner shall determine the means of the disposal system, which shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. Collection areas shall be required to be landscaped to screen their view from any neighboring street, park lot, or adjoining property.
- (e) Each manufactured home lot shall be provided with weatherproof electric service connections and outlets which are a type approved by the New York State Board of Fire Underwriters.
- (f) All community utilities shall be carried underground and shall be installed in accordance with all local, county, state, and federal regulations.
- (g) Each manufactured home site shall be provided with facilities for the aboveground safe storage of required fuels. All systems shall be installed and maintained in accordance with applicable codes and regulations governing such.
- (h) The park owner shall be responsible for the placement and maintenance of onsite mailboxes provided at a common location in the park as determined by the United States Postal Service. All mailboxes shall be easily accessible and be of a consistent style and color.

(10) Landscaping.

- (a) Areas of manufactured housing parks, not used for the placement of structures, walkways or roads or cleared for recreational facilities shall be landscaped pursuant to the requirements of § 140-15 hereof or shall remain wooded and/or otherwise unimproved to preserve the rural atmosphere and aesthetic characteristics of the Town of Rochester.
- (b) Landscaping shall be provided to the extent necessary for the purpose of screening nonresidential structures or uses within the park and to provide shade and suitable settings for the dwellings and other facilities within the park.
- (c) The park owner shall be required to maintain all landscaping in buffer zones, community areas, screening areas, and at entrances.
- (d) Maintenance of individual lot landscaping may lie with either the resident or the park owner, but the owner of the park may set minimum standards for proper maintenance of this landscaping.

(11) Park records.

- (a) The owner or operator of each manufactured housing park shall keep a written record of all persons occupying such park. This record shall include the name and mailing address of the occupant of each manufactured home and the name and address of the owner of each manufactured home that is not occupied by such owner.
- (b) The park owner shall be required to provide a copy of the New York State document "Mobile/Manufactured Home Park Tenants' Rights" as explained in § 233 of the New York State Real Property Law to each residence within the park.
- (c) The park owner shall be required to provide a written list of all park rules and regulations to each residence within the park.

(12) Automobile parking.

- (a) A manufactured home lot shall have two adjacent off-street parking spaces.
- (b) No unregistered and/or unlicensed vehicles may be stored on a manufactured housing park lot.
- (c) No commercial vehicles, except pickup trucks, passenger vans, or other recognized personal-use vehicles registered commercially, shall be permitted to be parked on a manufactured housing park lot.
- (d) Visitor parking at the rate of one space per every four manufactured housing lots shall be allowed for. These shall be located as near the individual lots they service as is possible.
- (e) No on-street parking or parking in non-designated parking spaces shall be allowed.
- (f) A visually screened, fenced, secured, common area within the park shall be set aside and maintained for residents to park any recreational vehicles such as campers, boats, snowmobiles, ATV vehicles, and the like. An appropriate service fee may be charged for this service by the park owner.
- (g) Each off-street parking space and the parking areas shall conform to the residential parking standards of this chapter.

(13) Performance and maintenance bond.

- (a) The Planning Board shall require a cash bond or renewable, irrevocable letter of credit for the construction of roads, sewerage system, water system, or any other community needs deemed necessary. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the Planning Board after consultation with a Planner or Engineer for the Town.
- (b) The Planning Board shall require a cash bond or irrevocable, renewable letter of credit of the applicant to insure the continued maintenance of any community utility that would impose hardship on the residents if not maintained adequately and properly. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the Planning Board after consultation with a Planner or Engineer for the Town.

(14) Safety.

- (a) Each manufactured home shall be equipped with a minimum of one fire extinguisher of proper type in the kitchen as well as one smoke detector in each room used as either sleeping quarters or cooking area. Carbon monoxide detectors shall also be required. The park owner shall be responsible for the mandating of this provision and shall be required to verify the continued operational capacity of these safety items once per year and submit notarized documentation stating compliance for all park units with the annual license application.
- (b) There shall be a clear numbering system for all units within a manufactured housing park. The numbers shall be not less than four inches in height, Arabic writing, made of reflective material, and prominently displayed on the manufactured home where it is visible from the interior access roadways.
- (c) A copy of the layout map shall be filed with the applicable fire and rescue agencies.
- (d) An easily visible, posted layout map showing the location and numbering of each lot in the park shall be also required at each entrance to the park from the public roadway.
- (e) Water supplies to aid in fighting fire shall be adequate as determined by the Ulster County or local Fire Commissioners, whether the supply is derived from hydrants connected to an underground water supply system or a reservoir or other water supply system.



- (f) No flammable materials may be stored beneath any manufactured home.
- (g) The park owner shall be required to provide an adequate area for translucent, Plexiglas-type school bus shelter(s) at the entrance(s) to the park for the purpose of sheltering school children from inclement weather while waiting for school bus transportation. These shelter(s) must be large enough and a minimum number to meet the needs of the school-age population of the park.

(15) Park owner requirements.

- (a) The owner or operator of the park shall be required to maintain all landscaping, roadways, public facilities, common grounds, and community recreational equipment in a safe, clean, sanitary condition.
- (b) The park owner shall be responsible for the collection of waste material, snow plowing, road maintenance, maintaining lawns, trees, and shrubs, public utilities, and any other public services necessary to preserve a sanitary, safe, clean, and orderly community environment.
- (c) The Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, County Health Inspector, Fire Inspector, or any other government or safety inspector shall have full access to any public spaces located within the park boundaries at any time for inspection purposes.

§ 140-25 Planned Unit Developments.

A. Purposes.

- (1) Planned unit developments may, with approval of the Town of Rochester Town Board, be permitted in designated zoning districts for the purposes, including but not limited to the following:
  - (a) Offering choices in types of housing, lot sizes and community facilities available to residents.
  - (b) Creating more usable open space and recreation areas and preserving natural areas.
  - (c) Conveniently locating businesses and services with respect to neighborhoods.
  - (d) Developing commerce, industry and tourism in planned units compatible with other uses.
  - (e) Facilitating development that allows an orderly transition from rural to urban uses.
  - (f) Providing for the efficient use of land and the placement of utilities and streets in ways that lower development costs and impacts.
  - (g) Encouraging innovation not possible under strict application of subdivision and zoning regulations.
  - (h) Promoting the expansion of existing hamlets and development of new centers.
  - (i) Promoting traditional neighborhood and mixed-use development patterns.
- (2) Generally, planned unit developments are intended to provide landowners who wish to develop functionally integrated communities or complexes with the flexibility to do so, provided sufficient open space will be preserved and the development is designed with safeguards to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

B. Procedures.

- (1) The Town Board, shall be authorized, at its sole discretion, to designate a property for Planned Unit Development use following a public hearing and within 62 days of receiving a report from the Town of Rochester Planning Board recommending the same. This report shall be based upon review, by the Planning Board, of a Sketch Plan application. The Sketch Plan application shall be completed to such detail as

provided in §140-46 and be processed accordingly.

- (2) The Town Board shall, in making its determination, assess whether the proposed Planned Unit Development would be consistent with; (1) the sound development, safety, health and welfare of the property on which it is proposed and the surrounding neighborhood, and (2) the purposes of this section. It shall also, where Planned Unit Development is proposed in AR-3, R-2 and R-5 Districts, give preference to applications for projects adjacent to B, H and R-1 Districts, where such development will serve to strengthen centers.
- (3) Any designation of a property for Planned Unit Development use by the Town Board shall be conditioned upon Planning Board approval of a detailed site plan complying with the requirements of §140-46. The Planning Board shall only be authorized to act upon such site plan following Town Board approval. Town Board designation of a property for Planned Unit Development use shall only serve to authorize a full application and shall not be construed as an approval to proceed with development or serve to vest any rights in such development with the applicant.
- (4) Town Board action shall be a necessary prerequisite of Planning Board approval but not sufficient in its own right to authorize any disturbance or use of land for purposes of Planned Unit Development. Such authority shall remain with the Planning Board, which shall act as Lead Agency for purposes of SEQRA compliance.

C. General requirements.

- (1) The following standards shall apply to all Planned Unit Developments:

<b>Planned Unit Development Standards</b>				
<b>Category</b>	<b>PCD Planned Commercial Development</b>	<b>PID Planned Industrial Development</b>	<b>PRD Planned Residential Development</b>	<b>PXD Planned Resort Development</b>
<b>Zoning Districts</b>	AB-3, AR-3, NR, R-5	AB-3, NR, R-5	AR-3, H, R-1, R-2, R-5	AR-3, R-5
<b>Minimum Site Area</b>	10 acres	20 acres (50 acres in R-5)	20 acres	100 acres
<b>Maximum Residential Density</b>	N/A	N/A	District density times 2	District density times 2, less 25 acre maximum resort footprint to which no density restrictions shall apply
<b>Permitted Uses</b>	All BD principal permitted uses, convenience stores and nurseries and greenhouses	All ID uses	Single-family dwellings (except manufactured homes), two-family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, amenities, convenience retail as accessory use (3,000 sq. ft. maximum)	Hotels, motels, resorts, ranches and other accommodations plus related accessory uses, including but not limited to on-site retail, dining and recreation uses plus amenities
<b>Utilities</b>	Community water and sewage facilities and underground electric	Community water and sewage facilities and underground electric	Community water and sewage facilities and underground electric	Community water and sewage facilities and underground electric
<b>Minimum Open Space</b>	10%	10%	40%	50%
<b>Maximum Lot Coverage</b>	30%	30% (20% in R-5)	20%	50% within resort footprint 20% outside resort footprint
<b>Building Setback</b>	75 feet - all lot lines	100 feet - all lot lines (200 feet in R-5)	100 feet - all lot lines	200 feet - all lot lines
<b>Maximum Height</b>	45 feet	45 feet	45 feet	60 feet or 4 stories (whichever is less)

- (2) With the exception of lot and yard requirements which may be modified by the Planning Board, Planned Unit Developments shall comply with all other provisions of this Law, including, but not limited to, the parking, landscaping and commercial and industrial performance standards of § 140-20. Interior signs directed only to on-site individuals shall, however, be exempt from sign standards.
- (3) The land proposed for a Planned Unit Development may be owned, leased or controlled either by an individual, business entity or by a group of individuals or business entities. Planned Unit Development applications shall be filed by the owner or jointly by all owners of the property included in the application. In the case of multiple ownership, the approved plan shall be binding on all owners.
- (3) A management plan and covenants and restrictions for the Planned Unit Development to ensure long-term maintenance of properties and improvements, address hours of operation and deal with other matters potentially having an impact on adjoining properties, shall be submitted for review and approval by the Town Board at the time the Planned Unit Development is proposed.
- (4) Contiguous parcels or areas of land within multiple zoning districts, including land outside zoning districts where Planned Unit Developments are not permitted, may be included if they do not constitute more than 10% of the project acreage. Density shall be based on the underlying density for the larger portion of the property.

§ 140-26 Multi-Family Residential Uses.

- A. Multi-family dwelling projects shall be considered major subdivisions and require both Special Use and subdivision approval. This "major subdivision" classification shall apply to all subdivisions of property in connection with the development, regardless of whether or not the same are connected with building development, and the approvals required shall be requested and acted upon concurrently as one subdivision. Application for preliminary approval of multi-family dwelling projects, accordingly, will be made to the Town in the manner provided under the Town Land Subdivision Law. The subdivider shall also submit all information required by such Regulations plus the following additional data;
  - (1) An application for approval on a form to be supplied by the Town or, in the absence of such form, by a letter or brief from the developer or his or her representative indicating how the development will specifically comply with or meet the criteria set forth herein.
  - (2) A proposed plot plan showing the approximate (generally within five feet) locations of all buildings and improvements including parking areas, planting strips (if any), signs, storm drainage facilities, water supply, sewage treatment and collection systems and the specific areas provided as open space in connection with the requirements of this Law. Building layouts, floor plans and profiles shall also be provided indicating building dimensions, numbers, and sizes of units, common ownership or use areas (apart from the open space referenced below), lighting and such other information as shall be required to determine compliance with the design standards contained herein and any other building standards which may be applicable in Town of Rochester. Setbacks from property lines, improvements and other buildings shall also be indicated.
  - (3) A schedule or plan and proposed agreement(s) either with the Town or a property owners' association for the purpose of dedicating, in perpetuity, the use and/or ownership of the recreation area and open space required by this Law to the prospective dwelling owners or occupants. Such agreement may be incorporated in the applicant's proposed declaration of covenants and restrictions for filing in the County Clerk's office, but shall in any event, provide to the satisfaction of the Town that maintenance and use of the property, regardless of ownership, be restricted to either; (1) activities intended for the sole benefit of the occupants of the particular project proposed or, (2) permanent open space as hereinafter provided.
- B. The Planning Board shall act on the Preliminary Development Plan and Special Use application concurrently provided an Environmental Assessment is also conducted pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act. No building permit shall be issued to the applicant, however, until all conditions attached to the approval of any preliminary Development Plan, shall have been satisfied and nothing herein shall be construed

as permitting the issuance of a building permit prior to Preliminary approval. This requirement notwithstanding, the building permit application shall be made with the Preliminary Development Plan and shall, if granted, be valid for a period equal to that for Preliminary Development Plan approval. If the Preliminary Development Plan shall be rejected no building permit shall be granted.

- C. The developer shall provide for the installation of required or proposed improvements including but not limited to streets, parking areas, storm drainage facilities, recreational facilities and lighting. No Certificate of Occupancy (where the same is required) shall be issued until such time as; (1) Final Development Plan approval shall have been granted in accordance with the procedures and requirements of this Law and (2) buildings have been completed and inspected by the Town Building Inspector.
- D. Complete final building plans shall also be submitted as part of the Final Development Plan Application.
- E. No person shall sell, transfer, lease or agree or enter into an agreement to sell or lease any land and/or buildings or interests in the individual dwelling units to be created, or erect any building thereon except in accord with the provisions of this Law, unless and until Final Development Plan approval shall have been granted (unless the improvements shall have been guaranteed), and the Plan has been recorded in the Office of the Ulster County Clerk.
- F. Multi-family dwelling density shall not exceed twice the number of dwelling units per acre permitted if the parcel in question were to be developed for one-family detached residential use.
- G. All areas of a multi-family development not conveyed to individual owners; and not occupied by buildings and required or proposed improvements shall remain as permanent open space or be dedicated to recreation area to be used for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the particular units being proposed. No less than 50% of the tract shall be used for this purpose and fees in lieu of dedication may not be substituted for such space. Such open space shall be subject to the following regulations:
  - (1) No less than 50% of the open space to be provided (25% of the total tract) shall be dedicated to recreational area for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the particular units proposed. Recreation areas (as distinct from other open space) shall be immediately adjacent (part of the same parcel and contiguous) to the proposed units and freely and safely accessible to all residents of the development. They shall not be used to fulfill open space requirements or provide recreational areas for residents of other units, excepting as provided for in subsection (2) below. They shall be usable for active recreational activities and shall not include wetlands, quarries, slopes over 15% in grade, water bodies or acreage used for improvements such as storm drainage facilities or sewage effluent disposal areas.
  - (2) Land designated as open space shall be permanently maintained as such and not be separately sold, used to meet open space or recreation area requirements for other developments, subdivided or developed excepting that a holding zone may be reserved for future development pursuant to density and other zoning requirements as they presently exist, provided such lands are specifically defined and indicated as "reserved for future development" on all Development Plans. Such lands shall not be included in calculating permitted density for the proposed development. These provisions, however shall not be construed as granting or reserving to the developer any rights or privileges to develop on the basis of a "pre-approved plan" if density or other zoning requirements shall have been modified to preclude such development.
  - (3) Open space areas shall be permanently maintained so that their use and enjoyment as open space are not diminished or destroyed. Such areas may be owned, preserved and maintained by dedication to a property owners association which assumes full responsibility for maintenance of the open space and/or deed-restricted private ownership which shall prevent development of the open space, provide for its maintenance and protect the rights of owners or occupants of dwelling units to use and enjoy, in perpetuity, such portion of the open space as shall have been dedicated to recreation area for the project. This is intended to allow the owner/developer to retain ownership and use of a portion of the property (for hunting, fishing, etc.) provided the permanence of the open space is guaranteed.
  - (4) Whichever maintenance mechanism(s) is used, the developer shall provide, to the satisfaction of the Town

Attorney and prior to the granting of any Final Development Plan approval, for the perpetual maintenance of the open space and also the use and enjoyment of the recreation area by residents of the units being approved. No lots shall be sold nor shall any building be occupied until and unless such arrangements or agreements have been finalized and recorded.

- (5) Developments of 50 units or more shall provide one-half acre of playground area per 50 units unless restricted to adult occupancy only plus such other recreation area as may be required by the Town Subdivision Law.
- H. All multi-family developments shall be served with community wastewater facilities and water supplies. Effluent disposal areas shall also be subject to the setback requirements applicable to other multi-family buildings and structures as a minimum.
- I. The following design criteria shall apply to multi-family developments;
- (1) Yard requirements for the district shall apply to the development as a whole and not individual units.
  - (2) Access roads through the development shall comply with minor street requirements as specified in this Law and no parking space shall be designed such that a vehicle would be backing or driving out onto a through road. Parallel parking may be permitted.
  - (3) A multi-family development of 50 or more units shall be served by by a minimum of two accesses.
  - (4) Parking spaces of two per unit shall be provided plus, for every two units intended for rental or other transient occupancy, one additional space to accommodate parking needs during sales and other peak visitation periods.
  - (5) No structure shall be erected within a distance equal to its own height of any other structure.
  - (6) All electrical and other utilities shall be placed underground and buried to a depth determined by the Town Engineer as sufficient for safety purposes.
  - (7) All multi-family projects shall comply with landscaping, parking, lighting, storm water and general design guidelines as set forth in this code.
- J. Maintenance of a multi-family project shall be vested in (1) an association or other legal entity organized prior to the offering of the first unit for occupancy, or (2) a manager, who may be the developer, or a person designated by the developer before the developer offers a unit for occupancy, or (3) the owners or occupants of units themselves if the total number of owners or occupants within the development is not more than five (5).
- K. The association or manager, as the case may be, shall be responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement of the common areas of the development including buildings and, if applicable, the furniture, fixtures and equipment within the units.
- L. The developer shall, in filing a Preliminary Development Plan, provide a narrative description of how responsibility for maintenance and care of the units and common areas will be assured and a pro forma operating budget for the maintenance organization including a breakdown of the common expense to be borne by the maintenance organization and a separation of long-term maintenance costs from on-going routine maintenance costs. There shall also be provided a narrative description of how the developer proposes to assure maintenance of the units and common facilities during any sales program. The Planning Board may require additional temporary facilities to accommodate service demands. Copies of all applicable instruments shall be provided, for purposes of determining that long-term arrangements for maintenance of common facilities have, in fact, been made by the developer.
- M. Any developer who proposes to construct multi-family dwellings and convey the common elements of said multi-family dwelling project, including recreation areas, to an association of purchasers of units therein shall submit a maintenance bond or other performance guarantee acceptable to the Town Board and Town Attorney ensuring

long-term maintenance and repair of said common elements.

- N. If the development shall be subject to the New York State statutes governing the sale of real property used for multi-family occupancy, the developer shall certify as to his or her compliance with said statutes. To the extent the provisions of such statutes conflict with this subsection such certification shall suffice as to conformance with these requirements.

#### § 140-27 Conversions of Residential or Non-Residential Structures.

Any conversion of a residential structure to a more intensive residential use or a non-residential use shall require a Special Use permit. Similarly, the conversion of any non-residential use to multi-family dwellings shall require a Special Use Permit. The following additional review criteria shall apply in both instances:

- A. There shall be adequate parking to accommodate the new use in combination with other activities on the property or in the vicinity.
- B. There shall be demonstrated sewage treatment and water supply capacity to serve any increased needs connected with the new use.
- C. The conversion shall not result in increased residential density exceeding that permitted within the district.
- D. Conversion of a residential structure to a non-residential use shall not be permitted where the new use is not otherwise allowed. Adaptations of any such structure should preserve its architectural integrity and residential character, except for minimal signage, required parking and other features mandated by the nature of the business.

#### § 140-28 Sand, Gravel and Quarrying Operations (Extractive or Mining Uses).

- A. All excavation for the purposes of soil mining or mineral extraction, such as gravel pits, quarrying or any subsoil removal, shall be classified using the following criteria:
  - (1) Excavations subject to NYSDEC Mined Land Reclamation Law jurisdiction.
  - (2) Excavations exempt from NYSDEC Mined Land Reclamation Law jurisdiction.
- B. Excavations subject to NYSDEC Mined Land Reclamation Law (MLRL) permit shall be allowed only upon Site Plan Review approval in the NR Zoning District subject to § 140-20 of this chapter and the following provisions.
  - (1) Site Plan Review approval shall run coterminous with the NYSDEC permit. The suspension or revocation of any permit issued by the NYSDEC shall also suspend or revoke the Planning Board's Site Plan Review approval.
  - (2) Renewals for NYSDEC permits shall not require a renewal of Site Plan Review approval by the Town Planning Board. However, changes of the use that are considered modifications of the NYSDEC permit shall require Site Plan Review. A public hearing shall be held.
  - (3) The Planning Board may, in granting Site Plan Review approval, place conditions on its issuance, provided such conditions are limited to those specified in the New York State Mined Land Reclamation Law.
  - (4) Upon Site Plan Review approval by the Planning Board, one copy of the approved excavation plan shall be returned to the applicant by said Board, and in the case of permits also approved by the NYSDEC, one copy shall also be sent to the appropriate NYSDEC regional office.
  - (5) Upon receipt of notice to the Town from the NYSDEC of a completed application for a Mined Land Reclamation permit, such notice shall be referred to the Town Planning Board. The Planning Board shall conduct public hearing(s), either concurrent with or separate from its Site Plan Review approval

proceedings, to make determinations and recommendations to the NYSDEC within 30 days of receipt of notice for incorporation in such mining permit with regard to:

- (a) Appropriate setbacks from property boundaries and public thoroughfare rights-of-way;
  - (b) Fabricated or natural barriers designed to restrict access if needed, and, if affirmative the type, length, height and location thereof;
  - (c) Dust control;
  - (d) Hours of operation; and
  - (e) Whether mining is prohibited at the location.
- C. Excavation exempt from NYSDEC Mined Land Reclamation Law permit requirements and shall also be permitted as accessory uses in all zoning districts (except R-1, R-2 and H Districts) subject to Site Plan Review. Notwithstanding this, property owners may utilize gravel, stone quarrying or subsoil excavation on their own property for fill or leveling or for other not-for-sale purposes without need of a permit or Site Plan Review. Mining-related excavation subject to Site Plan Review under this subsection shall be permitted subject to periodic inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer (minimum of bi-annually) and the following provisions:
- (1) The volume of activity shall not exceed NYSDEC Mined Land Reclamation Law permit requirements and may be conditioned upon a specified volume of excavation annually.
  - (2) All excavations hereunder shall require a 100 feet setback from property lines.
  - (3) No commercial rock crushing or processes other than dry screening shall be permitted.
  - (4) All site plans shall incorporate stormwater management planning and final reclamation, including seeding, consistent with NYS-DEC requirements.
  - (5) The subject activity shall not create any conditions which are injurious or hazardous to the public. The Planning Board may also reasonably restrict the hours of operation to address noise and related issues and subject this to annual review.
  - (6) The proposed activity shall be such that it will not be detrimental to the character of the surrounding neighborhood.

#### § 140-29 Telecommunication Facilities.

- A. Purposes. The purpose of this section is to provide standards for the safe provision of telecommunications consistent with applicable Federal and State regulations, and to protect the natural features and aesthetic character of the Town with special attention to the Shawangunk Ridge, Mohonk Preserve and Catskill Preserve. These regulations are further intended to:
- (1) Minimize the total number and height of towers throughout the community while providing adequate coverage for the Town of Rochester.
  - (2) Locate towers so they do not have negative impacts, such as, but not limited to, attractive nuisance, noise and falling objects, on the general safety, welfare and quality of life of the community.
  - (3) Encourage tower sharing and the clustering of personal wireless service facilities where possible, while remaining consistent with State and Federal law.
  - (4) Encourage the location of telecommunications facilities on existing structures.

B. Definitions. The following special definitions shall apply to this section:

Antenna — A system of electrical conductors that transmit or receive radio frequency waves. Such waves shall include but not be limited to radio-navigation, radio, television, wireless and microwave communications.

Accessory Facility — An accessory facility serves the principle use, is subordinate in area, extent and purpose to the principle use, and is located on the same lot as the principle use. Examples of such facilities include transmission equipment and storage sheds.

Base Station — The primary sending and receiving site in a wireless telecommunications network.

Dbm — Unit of measure of the power level of an electromagnetic signal expressed in decibels referenced to one milliwatt.

FCC — Federal Communications Commission, the government agency responsible for regulating telecommunications in the United States.

Modification of an Existing Facility — Any change or proposed change in power input or output, number of antennas, change in antenna type or model, repositioning of antenna(s), change in number of channels per antenna above the maximum number approved under an existing special permit.

Modification of an Existing Tower — Any increase or proposed increase in dimensions of an existing and permitted tower or other structure designed to support personal wireless service transmission, receiving and/or relaying antennas and/or equipment.

Personal Wireless Services — Commercial mobile services, unlicensed wireless services and common carrier wireless exchange access services. These services include but are not limited to cellular services, personal communications services (PCS), high speed internet services, specialized mobile radio services and paging services.

Radial Plots — Computer-generated estimates of the signal emanating from antennas or repeaters sited on a specific tower or structure. The height above ground, power input and output, frequency output, type of antenna, antenna gain, topography of the site and its surroundings are all taken into account to create these simulations. They are the primary tool for determining whether a site will provide adequate coverage for the personal wireless telecommunications service facility proposed for that site.

Telecommunication Tower or Facility — A structure on which transmitting and/or receiving antenna(e) are located.

C. Application Requirements. No transmission tower shall hereafter be used, erected, moved, reconstructed, changed or altered except after approval of a Special Use permit and/or Site Plan Review by the Planning Board and is found to be in conformity with these regulations. No existing structure shall be modified to serve as a transmission tower unless in conformity with these regulations. Depending on type and location of proposed towers and/or antennas, the following reviews will be required, with a public hearing to held prior to any decision being rendered in all cases:

(1) If the facilities are to be located on existing towers Site Plan Review shall be required.

(2) New telecommunications facilities shall require a Special Use Permit.

D. Special Use review criteria and standards. Applicants shall be required to submit a Special Use Permit application for each tower/antenna proposal. The site plan shall comply with the the Special Use regulations set forth herein and depict all existing and proposed structures and improvements including roads, parking areas and walkways, if any. The application shall address the following specific issues:

(1) The applicant shall demonstrate with written documentation that it has analyzed the feasibility of the proposed telecommunications facilities in conjunction with other existing and potential facility sites as



alternatives for providing adequate coverage and/or adequate capacity to the Town of Rochester. Radio frequency coverages in connection with these facility sites shall be provided as part of the application.

- (2) The site plan shall include a completed Visual Environmental Assessment Form (Visual EAF), any relevant FCC licensing documentation and Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) documentation regarding any required lighting of tower. Pictorial representations of "before" and "after" views from key viewpoints (Planning Board shall determine the appropriate key sites) shall also be required. Prior to any public hearing being held on a new tower application, a balloon test shall be conducted by the applicant that will include flying or otherwise raising brightly colored balloons that approximate in diameter the potential build-out of all antennas. The dates, times and location of this balloon test shall be advertised, by the applicant, ten days in advance of the test date in a newspaper with a general circulation in the Town of Rochester. The balloon test shall be of a four hour duration (between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM) on two days from Friday through Monday.
- (3) Co-location of existing towers shall always be preferred to the construction of new towers. Additionally, where such co-location use is unavailable, location of antenna on pre-existing structures shall be considered. An applicant shall be required to present an adequate report inventorying existing towers within reasonable distance of the proposed site and outlining opportunities for co-location of existing facilities and use of other pre-existing structures as an alternative to a new construction.
- (4) Towers and antennae shall comply with all existing setbacks within the affected zone. Additional setbacks may be required by the Planning Board to contain on-site all ice-fall or debris from tower failure and/or to preserve privacy of adjoining residential and public property. Setbacks shall apply to all tower parts including guy wire anchors, and to any accessory facilities.
- (5) All towers and accessory facilities shall be sited to have the least practical adverse visual effect on the environment. In unique circumstances where visual resource protection is profoundly important, specialty design options may be used to conceal equipment through, for example, use of mock trees or farm silos or use of radio frequency neutral materials that can simulate an architectural feature or color.
- (6) Towers shall not be artificially lighted except to assure human safety as required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Tower colors shall be subject to approval of the Planning Board. In all cases, structures offering slender silhouettes (i.e. monopoles or guyed tower) shall be preferable to free-standing structures. Towers should be designed and sited so as to avoid, whenever possible, application of FAA lighting and painting requirements.
- (7) Accessory facilities shall maximize use of building materials, colors and textures designed to blend with the natural surroundings. Clearing of existing vegetation shall be minimized.
- (8) A road and parking shall be provided to assure adequate emergency and service access. Maximum use of existing roads, public or private, shall be made. Road construction shall be consistent with construction standards for private roads and shall at all times minimize ground disturbance and vegetation cutting to within the toe of fill, the top of cuts, or no more than ten feet beyond the edge of any pavement. Road grades shall closely follow natural contours to assure minimal visual disturbance and reduce soil erosion potential but may exceed normal standards.
- (9) Necessary utilities to serve the site shall preferably be underground. Overhead lines shall attempt to follow existing tree lines to minimize visual impact upon surrounding properties, critical viewsheds and/or historic properties.
- (10) The area around the tower and communication equipment shelter(s) shall be completely fenced for security to a height of eight feet and gated. Use of razor wire is not permitted. A sign no greater than two square feet indicating the name of the facility owner(s) and a 24-hour emergency telephone number shall be posted adjacent to the entry gate. In addition, "No Trespassing" or other warning signs may be posted on the fence.
- (11) Telecommunications towers exceeding a height of the tree line plus 20 feet. No tower shall exceed 150

feet in height in any district without justification in terms of meeting mandated coverage requirements.

- (12) Approval of any telecommunications facilities shall be accompanied by the imposition of such conditions as may be necessary and found acceptable by the Town Attorney for dismantling and removal of towers and accessory facilities upon abandonment of use, herein defined as failure to provide services normally associated with personal wireless services for a period of one year.

- F. Repealer. The adoption of this law shall specifically repeal, in addition to other regulations, Chapter 130 of the Town of Rochester Code.

#### § 140-30 Affordable Housing.

- A. This section is enacted pursuant to the authority of the Municipal Home Rule Law authorizing towns to adopt a local law which amends or supersedes any provision of the Town Law in relation to property, affairs or government of the Town. The Town Board of the Town of Rochester hereby enacts this section superseding § 261(b) of the Town Law so as to grant authority to the Town of Rochester Planning Board to waive certain and limited dimensional requirements of the Town of Rochester Zoning Law with respect to lots in residential subdivisions.
- B. The Town of Rochester Planning Board is hereby authorized to modify, when reasonable, the density, lot area, lot width and/or lot depth requirements provided in the Town of Rochester Zoning Law for the purposes of encouraging the provision of affordable housing. Such authority shall be limited to a maximum of 20% of the residential lots/units created and be further limited to those lots/units restricted to development for affordable housing, which shall be of the same type and general quality as the remainder of the development. Modifications shall be limited to 25% of the applicable standard. Affordable housing shall consist of lots/units marketed at a "Net Affordable Purchase/Rental Price" (NAPP) per square foot of individual unit floor area, including all fees. Applicants must demonstrate, in writing, a basis for the NAPP based on affordability to Town of Rochester residents earning 80% of median family income in the case of owner units and 60% of median family income in the case of rental units. Such NAPP shall also be approved by the Planning Board and be the basis of any modifications granted. A developer taking advantage of this provision shall provide evidence of compliance with this standard throughout the sales period subject to a program approved by the Town of Rochester Planning Board at the time of Preliminary Plan approval.
- C. Any modification granted by the Planning Board may be subject to such conditions as the Planning Board may determine reasonably necessary to promote public health, safety and general welfare. Such waiver shall also be limited to the minimum necessary to achieve the purpose of creating affordable housing supplies within the Town. The Town of Rochester Planning Board shall be under no obligation to approve any modification that, in its judgment, based on evidence presented by the subdivider, does not establish need.

#### § 140-31 Conservation Subdivisions.

Conservation subdivisions shall be permitted in all zoning districts. Such subdivisions shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 125 of the Town of Rochester Code. The Town of Rochester Planning Board shall be authorized to modify minimum lot area, yard and other development standards of this Chapter 140 so as to accommodate such projects, including the granting of additional density for purposes of additional open space preservation or the creation of affordable housing as provided herein and in Chapter 125.

#### § 140-32 Adult Uses.

- A. Findings. Based upon recent studies evaluating the nature and extent of adverse secondary effects caused by adult uses in residential and commercial areas, including a 1996 study by the City of Newburgh, a 1994 study by the City of New York, and a 1980 study by the City of Islip, the Town Board hereby finds that adult uses have negative secondary impacts such as a deterioration of community character and quality of life, depreciation of property values, increase in crime rates, and the blighting or downgrading of surrounding neighborhoods and commercial uses.
- B. Purpose. In the development and execution of this Section, it is recognized that there are some adult uses which, because of their very nature, are recognized as having serious objectionable characteristics. The objec-

tionable characteristics of these uses are further heightened by their concentration in any one area, thereby having deleterious effects on adjacent areas. Special regulation of these uses is necessary to ensure that these adverse effects will not contribute to the blighting or downgrading of surrounding neighborhoods or land uses, increase crime or police calls, contribute to the spread of prostitution and AIDS, increase the quantity of transients in residential and commercial areas, cause a deterioration in the quality of life in residential neighborhoods, increase the accessibility of adult oriented material and entertainment to minors, and encourage residents and businesses to locate elsewhere.

C. Definitions. As used in this Law, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**Adult Use** — A use of a building or property for a business has adult materials as a significant portion of its stock-in-trade or involves the sale, lease, trade, gift or display of drug paraphernalia. Adult materials include any literature, book, magazine, pamphlet, newspaper, paper, comic book, drawing, computer or other image, motion picture, sound recording, article, instrument, display or any other written or recorded material which depicts or describes: a) any nudity; or b) the specific sexual activities listed herein. The Town shall also rely upon the general meaning given to these two terms by the State of New York and in the various decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court referenced herein, should further clarification be required. For purposes of this law, adult oriented businesses shall also mean any nightclub, bar, tavern, restaurant, eating and drinking establishment, arcade, theater, motel, hotel, or any other establishment that regularly features, for economic gain or other consideration, entertainment in any form which is characterized by nudity or the depiction or display of specified sexual activities. This shall not exempt such a business from any requirements of this law or limitations on public displays of personal nudity. Nothing in this definition shall be construed to incorporate breast-feeding, single-sex rest rooms and showers or items and displays of recognized artistic merit as previously interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court or activities in a private residence by the occupants thereof.

**Nudity** — The showing of the human male or female genitals, pubic area, or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering of any part of the nipple, or the showing of the covered male genitals in a discernibly turgid state.

**Specified Sexual Activities** — Includes the following:

- (1) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal; or
- (2) Acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy; or
- (3) Fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks or female breast.

**Specified Anatomical Areas** — Includes the following:

- (1) Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttock and female breast below a point immediately about the top of the areola; or
- (2) Human male genitals in a discernible turgid state even if completely and opaquely covered.

D. Separation requirements applicable to adult uses. Adult uses shall be limited to I Industrial districts. They shall be considered Special Uses subject to Site Plan Review. Because adult uses can lend themselves to ancillary unlawful and unhealthy activities, they shall also be separated from other uses that could be severely impacted by their presence or that, in combination with the adult uses, accentuate the negative impacts on the area. These distances shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening obstacles, from the nearest portion of the structure incorporating any aspect of the adult use to the nearest property line of the premises incorporating any of the above listed uses.

- (1) No adult use shall be located within a two hundred (200) foot radius of any other residential or commercial zoning district or another adult use.
- (2) No adult use shall be located within a five-hundred (500) foot radius of the property of any residence, residential facility, institution, health facility, child care center, church, synagogue, other place of religious

worship, school, public or semi-public use, public park or recreation facility, youth oriented center, playground or playing field, cemetery or any establishment that sells alcoholic beverages.

- E. Exterior display prohibited. No adult use shall be conducted in any manner that allows the observation of any material depicting, describing or relating to specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas from any public way. This provision shall apply to any display, decoration, sign, show window or other opening.
- F. Signage. Adult use signage shall be limited to one approved ground sign not to exceed a surface area of thirty-six (36) square feet for both sides combined.
- G. Non-conforming buildings. No non-conforming building or lot shall be used for an adult use.
- H. Activities. Because they are known to encourage prostitution, increase sexual assaults and attract criminal activity, the following activities shall not be permitted in any adult oriented or other business or any other public place within the Town of Rochester:
  - (1) Public appearance by a person knowingly or intentionally engaged in specified sexual activities.
  - (2) The knowing and intentional public appearance of a person in a state of nudity.
  - (3) Touching of patrons or the performance by any entertainer in an adult use facility within six feet of the nearest patron.
  - (4) Sale of alcoholic beverages in adult use facilities as defined herein.
- I. Loudspeakers. No loudspeaker or similar audio equipment used to describe or discuss specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities shall be audible beyond the exterior of the structure in which it is located.

#### § 140-33 Resource Recovery, Vehicle Junkyard and Wrecking Facilities.

- A. Purposes. These regulations are enacted for the purpose of establishing minimum health and safety standards for junkyards in the Town of Rochester as well as controlling their location. They are enacted pursuant to the authority granted towns by § 136 of the General Municipal Law and § 136.1 of the Town Law.
- B. Scope. These regulations shall apply to all junkyards now existing or hereafter proposed in the Town of Rochester. No junkyard shall be created except in conformance with the standards herein, and all junkyards shall be required to conform to said standards or be removed at the owner's expense.
- C. Exemptions. The following land uses shall be exempt from these requirements provided they are not maintained in the manner of a junkyard and do not include a junkyard operation:
  - (1) Storage areas for officially recognized and operable antique or classic automobiles or other operable special purpose vehicles.
  - (2) Agricultural equipment which is utilized as part of an active farming operation or contractors' construction equipment which is part of an active contracting business.
  - (3) Automobile repair businesses or automobile, vehicle and equipment sales operations managed by State licensed dealers.

No right to establish or continue a junkyard operation shall be conveyed by the existence of a New York State license or the presence of any of the above activities on a site.

- D. Definition. The term "junkyard" shall mean:
  - (1) An area of land, with or without buildings, used for the storage of metal, glass, building materials, machines, wire, pipe, appliances, equipment, automotive, recreational or other vehicles or parts thereof,

with or without the dismantling, processing, salvage, sale or other disposition of the same.

- (2) Any place where three or more old, secondhand, abandoned, partially disassembled, dilapidated or unlicensed vehicles or parts of vehicles, no longer in condition for legal operation on the public highways, are stored outside for any purpose for a period of one year or more. The Town of Rochester Building Inspector(s) shall determine when a vehicle or part thereof shall meet these conditions and it shall be the burden of the landowner in such instance to demonstrate conclusively, within a period of seven (7) days after notice, that a vehicle is legally operable at the present time if he or she shall disagree with the Building Inspector's determination.
  - (3) Ancillary businesses located on a junkyard lot or lots that are part of the same site and site plan if one is a matter of record; including but not limited to vehicle and equipment sales, rental operations, repair operations, other sales activities, services and processing operations; whether or not directly related to the primary junkyard function.
- E. License required. No person, partnership, association or corporation, being the owner or occupant of any land within the Town of Rochester, shall use or allow the use of such land for a junkyard unless a license has been obtained and maintained as herein provided, which license shall be applied for concurrently with application for Site Plan Review and Special Use approval hereunder. The Building Inspector shall issue a license within 10 days after approval of the application by the Town Planning Board pursuant to these criteria. Said license shall be effective from the date of issuance until surrendered by the licensee or revoked by the Building Inspector and shall be renewed annually based on inspection by the Building Inspector and approval by the Town Board as to continued compliance with these standards. No license shall be issued until the Building Inspector has received;
- (1) A written application from the applicant on the form provided by the Town Building Inspector.
  - (2) The required fee as herein provided. Such fees shall be set by resolution of the Town Board.
- F. Transfers of license. The license may be transferred to a new owner of a junkyard provided all of the requirements of this Law pertaining to new junkyards are met and a new application is submitted.
- G. Disapprovals. Any disapprovals shall be in writing and include the reasons therefore. The Building Inspector shall not issue a license in any instance where the Planning Board has not approved the site plan and given Special Use approval.
- H. Right to enter and inspect. The Building Inspector shall enforce all of the provisions of this Law and shall have the right, at all reasonable times, to enter and inspect any junkyard. The Town Board shall specify the frequency of such inspections, but no less than four times per year, and set fees by resolution to cover costs involved.
- I. Orders to correct. If the Building Inspector finds that a junkyard for which a license has been issued, is not being operated in accordance with the provisions of this Law, he may serve, personally or by certified mail to the holder of the license, a written order which will require the holder of the license to correct the conditions specified in such order within 10 days after the service of such order.
- J. Suspension of license. If the holder of such license shall refuse or fail to correct the condition or conditions specified in such order within 10 days after the service of such order, the Building Inspector may suspend such license and the holder of the license shall thereupon terminate the operation of such junkyard.
- K. Expiration of license. Any license which is not used for the purpose intended within 12 months of the date of issuance shall automatically expire and the junkyard shall be removed in its entirety.
- L. Standards applicable to new junkyards. All new junkyards shall conform to the following standards:
- (1) No part of any junkyard shall be located closer than five-hundred (500) feet to an existing public right-of-way or adjoining property line, or one-thousand (1,000) feet to a church, school, health care facility, public

building or place of public assembly.

- (2) New junkyards shall, moreover, be permitted only in the NR Natural Resource and I Industrial Districts.
  - (3) All new junkyards must erect and maintain a eight (8) foot fence or dense natural screening along the boundaries of the property adequate to discourage the entrance of children or others into the area and to contain, within such fence, all materials in which the owner or operator deals. Such fence or screening shall also substantially screen the junkyard from public view at all times of the year and otherwise comply with the requirements of § 136 of the General Municipal Law. The fencing or screening shall, in the case of properties that are upslope or downslope from the grade level of the adjoining highway, be adjusted in height and density so as to accomplish the purpose of screening the the junkyard from view. Any material within the junkyard shall be screened from view from adjoining highway(s) and properties.
  - (4) No junkyard shall be used as a dumping area for refuse or as a place for the burning or disposal of trash.
  - (5) All dismantling operations shall take place inside an enclosed structure and any parts of vehicles or equipment shall similarly be stored inside an enclosed structure. All vehicles awaiting dismantling or retained for sale or use intact shall be stored in paved surface parking areas specifically designated for this purpose, which areas shall be buffered as required in this section for the junkyard as a whole.
  - (6) The Planning Board, in acting upon the Special Use application for any new junkyard, shall consider aesthetics and the impact on surrounding property consistent with the demands of § 136-7 and 8 of the General Municipal Law.
  - (7) All waste oils and similar waste products shall be stored and/or disposed of consistent with local and State requirements and best industry practices.
- M. Standards applicable to existing junkyards. All existing junkyards shall conform to the following standards to be administered by the Town Building Department based on the inspection and report as to compliance with the standards of this Law:
- (1) Existing nonconforming junkyards shall, within a period of one year following the effective date of this Law, be removed unless a license shall have been obtained for continued operation and the facility has been made to conform to the regulations provided below.
  - (2) Applications for licenses to continue operating existing non-conforming junkyards shall, unless the owners thereof have indicated in writing their intention to discontinue operations as provided above, be made within one year following the effective date of this Law. All licenses shall, thereafter, be renewed by April 1 of each calendar year.
  - (3) Applications for licenses to continue operation of existing non-conforming junkyards shall include a site plan depicting the existing operation and any planned improvements as may be required by this Law.
  - (4) Yard requirements applicable to new junkyards shall not be further violated. All existing junkyards proposing to expand shall include an eight (8) foot high fence or screen along the side and rear boundaries of the property adequate to discourage the entrance of children or others into the area and to contain, within such fence, all materials in which the owner or operator deals.
  - (5) All fencing or screening must be approved by the Town Building Department and produce a screen through which one generally cannot see. Various materials, including evergreen screening or existing forest cover, may be used. The Town Building Department may also take measures, such as securing injunctive relief, to ensure maintenance of such fencing or screening.
- N. Existing junkyards shall not be expanded except in conformance with the regulations contained herein for new junkyards, and in no case will any change in an existing junkyard that would lessen its conformity with these regulations be permitted. Any person or persons proposing to establish or expand a junkyard in the Town of Rochester shall prepare site plans of the same to be submitted to the Planning Board under Special Use/Site Plan Review procedures.

§ 140-34 Transfers of Density Rights (TDR).

A. Purposes. This section is intended to:

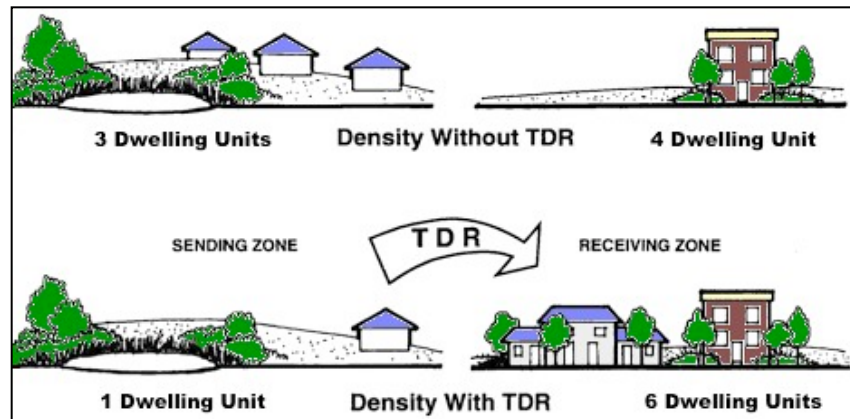
- (1) encourage the permanent preservation of important farmland and environmentally sensitive areas;
- (2) direct growth to locations where central sewage disposal services are available; and
- (3) provide a voluntary method for landowners to be compensated by the free market to preserve their land.

B. Special definitions.

- (1) **SENDING PROPERTY** -- A lot(s) or portion of a lot that is restricted by a conservation easement or farmland preservation easement as a condition of approval of a higher density on the "Receiving Property" than would otherwise be permitted.
- (2) **RECEIVING PROPERTY** -- A lot(s) that is approved to permit a higher density than would otherwise be permitted as a condition of the restriction of development on the Sending Property through a Conservation Easement.

C. Applicability.

- (1) Owners of Sending and Receiving Properties may voluntarily commit to transfer residential density rights under this Zoning Law. Although the transfer of density rights shall only officially occur at the time of final approval of a subdivision or site plan, the process shall be initiated during the preliminary planning process. The approval of



a preliminary plan shall then be conditioned upon compliance with this Section. As part of a preliminary and final plan application, the applicant shall present a draft Conservation Easement on the "Sending Property" and a written, signed and notarized agreement by the owner of the "Sending Property" acknowledging and agreeing to the application.

- (2) The Conservation Easement shall be drafted so that it is binding if the "Receiving Property" is granted Final Plan approval. The Conservation Easement shall be recorded in the County Clerk's office at the same time as, or prior to, the Final Plan for the Receiving Property. If a Final Plan is recorded in phases, then the Conservation Easement may be recorded in corresponding phases.
- (3) The form of the Conservation Easement shall be acceptable to the Town Board based upon review by the Town Attorney and Planning Board and/or New York State DEC if applicable. The term "Conservation Easement" shall include, but not be limited to, an Agricultural Conservation Easement. In the case of agricultural land, the standard language for an Agricultural Conservation Easement used by the Ulster County Agricultural and farmland Protection Board may be utilized. The easement shall limit the development of the Sending Property to agricultural and open space uses and associated accessory activities and any residual residential density not transferred to the Receiving Property.
- (4) A Sending Property shall be within the AB-3, AR-3, NR or R-5 District. A Sending Property shall have a minimum lot area of 10 acres.

- (5) A Receiving Property shall be within the AB-3, AR-3, B, H, R-1, R-2 or R-5 Districts. Preference shall, in the case of AR-3 and R-5 Districts, be given to applications for projects adjacent to B, H and R-1 Districts, where such development will serve to strengthen centers.
- (6) Once a Conservation Easement is established it shall be binding upon all current and future owners of the Sending Property. The applicant for the Receiving Property is responsible to negotiate with, and pay compensation to, the owner of the Sending Property for the Conservation Easement. Such transaction shall occur privately, and the value shall be determined by the private market. The Town shall be under no obligation to pay the owner of the Sending Property.
- (7) The right to develop a Sending Property may also be purchased by or donated to an established incorporated nonprofit conservancy organization whose mission includes preservation of agricultural land or natural features. A permanent Conservation Easement shall, in such case, be established on the Sending Property at the time of such purchase or donation. The right to develop such dwelling units may be held for a maximum of five years, before being used on a Receiving Property(ies).

D. Determination of density.

- (1) Yield Plans shall be presented by the applicant. One Yield Plan shall be presented for the Receiving Property and one for the Sending Property. Such Yield Plans shall be a level of detail typically found in a sketch plan, including potential lots and roads, steep slopes, 100 year floodplains and suspected wetlands. Such Yield Plans shall estimate the number of new dwelling units that could be lawfully constructed on each property under Town regulations without any transfer of development rights. Detailed percolation tests are not required on all potential lots but deep pit soil testing may be required in areas of suspected marginal soil types for subsurface sewage disposal.
- (2) Such Yield Plans shall be reviewed by the Town Planning Board, with advice by the Town Engineer, to determine whether each represents a reasonably accurate estimate of the number of dwelling units possible on each site, both physically and legally. If such estimates are determined to not be accurate, the applicant shall be required by the Planning Board to revise such Yield Plan.
- (3) Based upon the Yield Plans, permission to develop a number of dwelling units may be transferred from the Sending Property to the Receiving Property. The potential to develop some or all of the dwelling units may be transferred from the Sending Property, depending upon the amount of land affected by the permanent Conservation Easement.
- (4) If, for example, the Yield Plan determines that 10 new dwelling units would be allowed under current zoning on the Sending Property, and the Sending Property will be preserved by a Conservation Easement, then the right to develop 10 additional dwelling units shall be transferred to the Receiving Property. The development of the Receiving Property shall still comply with all other requirements of this Zoning Law, except for the maximum density, which shall be regulated by this Section.
- (5) The Receiving Property shall be permitted to include the increased total number of dwelling units above the number that would otherwise be permitted, as approved by the Town Planning Board based upon the Yield Plan, provided that density shall not be increased by more than 50% under any circumstance (including any other incentives). Yard requirements may also be reduced, but in no instance to less than 20 feet for the front yard and 10 feet for the side and rear yards, except in instances where zero-lot line development is proposed with compensating yards on the opposite side. Also, no more than 35% of any acre outside a R-1 District shall be covered with impervious surface in the form of access drives, parking areas or structures.
- (6) Utilities. To receive a transfer of density rights, all lots of less than one acre on the Receiving Property shall be served by a central or communal sewage system.
- (7) The transfer of density rights shall not be combined with incentives concerning Conservation Subdivision development, nor shall any transfer increase the density of a manufactured home park.



- E. Once a conservation easement is established under a transfer of density rights, it shall be permanent, regardless of whether the Receiving Property is developed. The approval to develop the Receiving Property in a higher density shall be treated in the same manner as any other Final Subdivision or site plan approval. The Planning Board may extend time limits to complete the development of the Receiving Property in response to a written request.
- F. As part of a transfer of density rights, the development of the Receiving Property shall comply with all Town of Rochester zoning requirements, except for provisions specifically modified by this section.

#### § 140-35 Bed and Breakfast Facilities

Bed and breakfast facilities, where such facilities are permitted, may conduct on-site events such as banquets, weddings and other activities open to both lodging guests and visitors subject to the following standards:

- A. The facility shall submit a plan subject to Site Plan Review for the conduct of such events, which shall be limited to a maximum of 12 events per calendar year, each day of activities open to other than lodging guests counting as a separate event.
- B. Event hours shall be limited to between 9:00 am and 11:00 pm.
- C. The designated portions of the property to be used for such events, including but not limited to temporary parking areas, temporary structures and sanitation facilities, shall be clearly identified on the site plan and meet applicable yard requirements.
- D. All parking for events shall be off-street and may consist of temporary parking within required yards or, by agreement, on other properties.
- E. All temporary structures and equipment must be removed within four days after each event and shall remain in place a maximum of seven days altogether.
- F. Applicants shall document compliance with Ulster County Board of Health and other applicable health and safety regulations.

§ 140-36 [RESERVED]

§ 140-37 [RESERVED]

§ 140-38 [RESERVED]

Article 6  
Nonconforming Uses and Structures

§ 140-39 Rights to Continue Nonconforming Uses.

- A. A use, building or structure lawfully in existence as of the effective date this law and non-conforming with it or any subsequent amendment may be continued, except as otherwise provided herein with respect to specific uses. Upon request, the Building Inspector may issue Certificates of Nonconformance to owners or operators of bona fide non-conforming uses, buildings or structures who desire confirmation of their rights hereunder.
- B. It is the purpose of this Article to limit the injurious impact of non-conforming uses, buildings, lots and structures on other adjacent properties within a particular district and the community as a whole, while recognizing that alterations, continuations and extensions of non-conforming uses, buildings or structures may not be contrary to the public interest or the general purpose of this Zoning Law, when failure to allow such alteration, continuation or extension would itself lead to neighborhood or district deterioration.
- C. It is further the purpose of this Article to set forth those standards which are to be applied by the Town in determining the reasonableness of proposals to alter, continue or extend a non-conforming use and to establish when Town review and approval shall be required for such actions.
- D. The protections extended by this Article to existing non-conforming uses, buildings, lots or structures, commonly known as "grandfathering", shall not extend to any non-conforming activity occurring subsequent to the effective date of this law, as amended.

§ 140-40 Normal Maintenance and Repairs.

- A. Normal maintenance and repair activities, such as painting, replacing a roof or fixing gutters, shall be permitted. Also permitted are alterations, such as adding or removing windows, and interior renovations that do not structurally alter buildings, add living areas or result in extended or increased non-conforming use of a building, lot or structure.
- B. Increases in outside storage or display of retail or wholesale inventory, which in the ordinary course of business would be sold within one year, shall be permitted, provided they do not eliminate parking spaces, unoccupied open spaces or accesses required by this law. Notwithstanding this provision, however, the Planning Board, in reviewing any Special Use application for expansion or upon determining, with respect to any present use, that a condition exists which requires remedies, may establish limits on such storage or display or require removal of inventory (altogether or to another location on the site) to preserve adequate sight distances and residential buffers or otherwise protect public health, safety and welfare.

§ 140-41 Restoration, Reconstruction or Re-establishment.

- A. If any non-conforming use, building or structure is damaged, it may be restored or reconstructed by building permit issued within five years of the date of the damage.
- B. A non-conforming use, building or structure may be re-established within a period of five years after it has been discontinued or vacated.
- C. A non-conforming use, building or structure may be considered abandoned under any one of the following circumstances:
  - (1) The intent of the owner to discontinue the use is made obvious by the posting of signs, boarding up of windows, failure to pay taxes or assessments or other measures that demonstrate the enterprise is going out of business or the use is otherwise ending; or
  - (2) The building has not been occupied for five years or more and/or the use has not been exercised; or
  - (3) The non-conforming use has been replaced by a conforming use or changed to another use under permit

from the Town; or

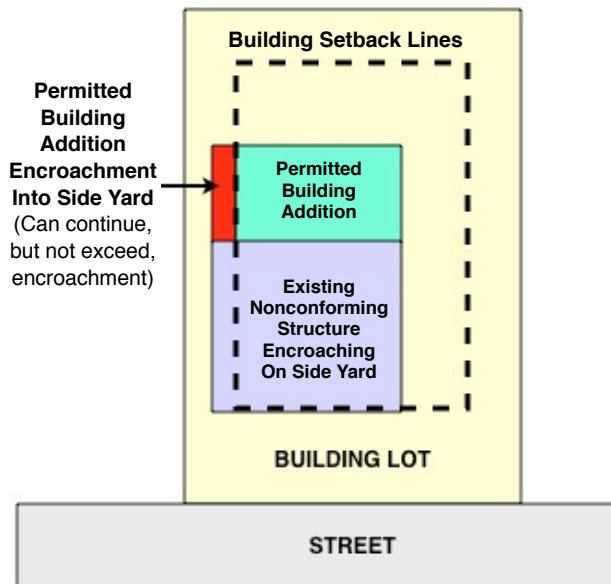
The Town Planning Board may, subject to Site Plan Review, permit the re-establishment of an abandoned use where the structure is particularly suited to such use and difficult to adapt to other conforming uses, provided the use has not been abandoned for more than five years. The Town Board may extend this period for good cause but not more than an additional five years by other than a zoning amendment.

- D. The Building Inspector, on determining these circumstances exist, shall, by certified mail, so notify the property owner of record, informing the owner the use is considered abandoned and may not be re-established once a period of 12 additional months has expired. If an owner cannot be reached through the mail, the Building Inspector shall publish the notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and/or post the property and the owner shall be presumed to have been notified.

#### § 140-42 Changes and Additions.

Excepting for activities provided for above and accessory uses, all changes and additions to non-conforming uses shall be considered Special Uses, and permits for alterations, changes in use or additions shall be granted only after a determination by the Planning Board that the following conditions have been, or will be, satisfied.

- A. There shall be no expansion in the amount of land area outside a non-conforming facility (outdoor area) used for storage of materials, supplies and/or products, except as provided herein.
- B. Where the non-conforming activity is one which necessarily results in the storage of large quantities of material, supplies or products outside (such as a lumberyard), the Planning Board may require dense evergreen screening sufficient to shield all such materials from the view of adjacent landowners and/or the traveling public.
- C. No addition, change or expansion of a non-conforming use shall further violate setback and/or height regulations of the district in which it is located. Moreover, no change of use shall be to one of a more intensive classification (e.g. one with more employees, more traffic, more parking or more off-site impacts). A non-conforming retail enterprise could be converted to a barber shop, for example, but not to an industrial use.



- D. There shall be no increase in the amount of storm water runoff for the site over what was existing as of the date of the enactment of this law. A Professional Engineer or other appropriate professional may be relied upon to recommend appropriate measures to control storm water runoff. Such measures shall be attached as conditions of approval by the Planning Board.
- E. In no case will a change, addition or extension of a non-conforming use be allowed that would result in a traffic increase that would decrease the Level of Service for the highway, the diversion of traffic closer to a nearby residence or a reduction of any of the parking and unloading requirements of this law where additional parking or loading would otherwise be required due to the change, addition or expansion. If the total number of parking spaces for the site is to be increased more than 25% over those available as of the date of this law, the Planning Board may require vegetative screening of the parking area from nearby residential areas.
- F. The use may only be expanded or extended onto another property of record if; that property is immediately adjacent to the lot on which the original structure or use was located as of the effective date of this law or amendments hereto and the use is not one which has been altogether prohibited as a new use under this law.

- G. Should the use proposed for expansion or extension be one which is specifically prohibited as a new use in the Town or is determined by the Planning Board to be one similar to such a use or of such a nature as to impose health, safety or welfare concerns which cannot be satisfied by the imposition of the conditions permitted under this law, the requested expansion or extension shall be denied.

§ 140-43 Use of Existing Non-conforming Lots of Record.

A structure may be erected on any lot of record, existing at the time this Law is enacted; provided no front yard is reduced in size and no side yard is reduced to less than 50% of the requirement for the district in which it is located or 20 feet, whichever is greater; and a sewage disposal system meeting New York State standards, including well and septic isolation distances, can be placed on the lot should public facilities be unavailable.

§ 140-44 [RESERVED]

Article 7  
Special Use and Site Plan Review Procedures

The Town of Rochester Planning Board is authorized, in accordance with Sections 274-a and 274-b of the New York State Town Law, to review and approve, approve with modifications or disapprove Special Uses and site plans connected therewith. Site Plan Review shall be required for all Special Use permits and such other uses as the Town Board may from time to time designate by local law. The following procedures shall apply:

§ 140-45 Sketch Plan.

An applicant for a Special Use permit or Site Plan Review may submit a sketch plan for review and advice by the Planning Board. The Planning Board may also require the submission of such a sketch plan or alternate sketch plans depicting different development concepts for a property. Such a sketch plan should provide locations and dimensions of the proposed use in relation to the property boundaries and adjacent uses. It should also indicate all accesses and improvements both existing and proposed and any site features or known environmental constraints that could have a bearing on the project including the general topography and existing ground cover. Aerial photography may also be required. Should such sketch plan involve one-time additions of less than 10% and 200 square feet in floor area or accessory uses or structures, the Building Department may review and approve the site plan on its own during the building permit process. If these thresholds are exceeded, however, the sketch plan shall be referred to the Planning Board. If referred to the Planning Board, this sketch plan shall be used by the Board as a basis for advising the applicant regarding information it shall require on the site plan before it conducts a public hearing or takes any action with respect to the plan. The Planning Board shall give no approval or disapproval regarding any sketch plan but may use it to schedule a public hearing if sufficient data is available, determine if any provisions of this article should be waived or begin its review of the application under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA").

§ 140-46 Application and Site Plan Required.

The Planning Board shall be under no obligation to schedule a public hearing or take any action with respect to a Special Use or Site Plan Review permit application until formal application has been made on forms provided by the Board and a detailed site plan providing the following information has been submitted:

- A. The location of all existing watercourses, wooded areas, rights-of-way, roads, structures or any other significant man-made or natural feature, if such feature has an effect upon the use of said property, including, where practical, significant features within 200 feet of the property.
- B. The site plan shall be overlaid on existing air photos and include all known natural resource restrictions, flood plains, wetlands, ecologically sensitive areas, etc. extending beyond the project boundaries a distance of 200 feet.
- C. The location, use and floor or ground area of each proposed building, structure or any other land use, including stormwater management, sewage disposal and water supply systems.
- D. The location of all significant landscaping and ground cover features, both existing and proposed, including detailed planting plans and a visual depiction or rendering of the final appearance of the property after all landscaping and other physical improvements are completed.
- E. The location, dimensions and capacity of any proposed roads, off-street parking areas or loading berths, including typical cross-sections for all paving or regrading involved.
- F. The location and treatment of proposed entrances and exits to public rights-of-way, including traffic signals, channelizations, acceleration and deceleration lanes, widenings or any other measure having an impact on traffic safety conditions.
- G. The location and identification of proposed open spaces, parks or other recreation areas.
- H. The location and design of buffer areas and screening devices to be maintained.

- I. The location of trails, walkways and all other areas proposed to be devoted to pedestrian use.
- J. The location of public and private utilities, including maintenance facilities.
- K. The specific locations of all signs existing and proposed, including a visual depiction of the latter.
- L. Preliminary architectural plans for the proposed buildings or structures, indicating typical floor plans, elevations, height and general design or architectural styling. Lighting plans and details shall also be required.
- M. A completed SEQRA Environmental Assessment.
- N. Topography of the site using two feet contour intervals unless otherwise specified by the Planning Board, along with detailed grading plans, and stormwater pollution prevention plans as required herein, where significant land disturbance is proposed. A survey map and/or grading plan may be required to accurately depict property lines, easements and grade changes where determined necessary by the Planning Board.
- O. A map and report detailing the proposed conveyance, storage, distribution, generation, use, treatment or disposal of any storm water and sewage including an estimate of the total daily flows. An application for any proposed use with projected on-site sewage disposal flows averaging 2,000 gallons or more per day during any single 30-day period shall include a hydrogeological report prepared by a qualified hydrogeologist or engineer.
- P. A written description of the project including all of the activities proposed on the site, number of employees if relevant, how the project meets the zoning requirements, particularly design guidelines, landscaping requirements and storage of hazardous materials.
- Q. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) if required. GPS (Global Positioning System) reference data for stormwater outfalls and permanent structures built in accordance with New York State Stormwater Management Design Manual shall be required on all site plans.
- R. Any other information required by the Planning Board that is clearly necessary to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this law (e.g., Site Plan Review or Special Use checklists) and limited to such information.

#### § 140-47 Waivers.

The Town of Rochester Planning Board shall, pursuant to Section 274-a(5) of the Town Law, have the right to waive, when reasonable, upon written request of the applicant, any of the procedural or submittal requirements of this article for the approval, approval with modifications or disapproval of Special Use permits and site plans submitted for approval. Such waiver and the reasons therefor shall be recorded in the minutes of the Planning Board. This waiver authority may be exercised in the event any such requirements are found not to be requisite in the interest of the public health, safety, or general welfare or are not applicable to a particular site plan. Any such waiver shall be subject to the following conditions:

- A. No waiver shall result in allowing a use not permitted within the applicable Zoning District.
- B. No waiver shall be given with respect to standards outside the scope of this article which would otherwise require a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- C. Waivers shall be limited to those situations where the full application of the requirements contained herein would generate unnecessary data with regard to deciding the matter at hand, due to the scope or nature of the project involved. The proposed enclosure of a deck or a simple change of use with no significant structural modifications in the case of a commercial property, for example, might not require typical cross-sections for proposed regrading or water supply data.
- D. An applicant for site plan approval who desires to seek a waiver of certain of the above-referenced requirements pertaining to such applications shall submit a preliminary site plan as provided above. The Planning Board shall review the preliminary site plan, advise the applicant as to potential problems and

concerns and determine if any additional site plan information is required. The Planning Board shall consider such site plan as adequate when, in its judgment, the information submitted is sufficient to make a determination of compliance with the development standards contained herein and the intent of Site Plan Review criteria found below.

- E. The Town of Rochester Planning Board, following a public hearing in conjunction with other matters before the Board, shall be permitted to modify the standards of this law to the extent of 10% of the stated criteria where the circumstances otherwise meet the tests for an area variance as set forth herein. Such modifications shall also be permitted for the purposes of increasing the efficiency with which buildings and their sites use and harvest energy, water, and materials; and reducing building impacts on human health and the environment, through better siting, design, construction, operation, maintenance and removal during the complete building life cycle; otherwise known as energy efficient building.
- F. Nothing herein shall authorize the Planning Board to waive State Environmental Quality Review requirements.

#### § 140-48 Hearing and Decision.

The Planning Board shall fix a time, within 62 days from the day the Board deems complete an application for a Special Use permit or site plan approval is made, for the hearing of any matter referred to under this section. It shall give public notice of such hearing at least five (5) days prior to it in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town and decide upon the application within 62 days after such hearing. Notices of major hearings shall be provided, by the applicant, using the same notice used in the public advertisement, to all adjacent property owners as identified in the latest tax assessment records of the Town of Rochester, including those for properties on the opposite side of any public or private road. Such notice shall be given by the Town at the expense of the applicant by regular mail postmarked at least seven calendar days in advance of such hearing. Such notice shall explain the approval requested and the rights of all landowners to both subdivide land and offer public input on applications. The Planning Board shall be authorized to waive this requirement where it is determined by the Board that adjoining owners have otherwise been afforded reasonable notice of such hearing as evidenced by their appearance at or knowledge of such hearing. No hearing shall be delayed where the Board determines the Town has made reasonable attempts to notify all interested parties as provided herein. It shall not, however, grant approval before a decision has been made with respect to environmental impacts pursuant to SEQRA. The decision of the Planning Board shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk and a copy thereof mailed to the applicant within five (5) business days after such decision is rendered.

#### § 140-49 Modifications and Conditions.

The Planning Board shall be authorized, in conjunction with any Site Plan Review, to require the modification of said site plan to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and secure harmonious development that protects the character of the neighborhood. The Planning Board shall have the authority to impose such reasonable conditions and restrictions as are directly related to and incidental to the proposed Special Use permit or site plan. Upon approval of said permit and/or plan, any such conditions shall be met prior to the actual issuance of permits by the Town. These conditions may include requirements of the applicant to provide parkland or to provide fees in lieu thereof pursuant to Section 274-a(6) of the New York State Town Law for new lots and residential units of any kind.

#### § 140-50 Referrals.

The Planning Board is authorized to refer Special Use permit applications and site plans to other agencies, groups or professionals employed or used by the Town for review and comment and to charge the applicant fees for any reasonable expenses connected therewith. The Board shall, in particular, ensure that the requirements of Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law regarding review by the Ulster County Planning Department are met. It shall also comply with all requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act.

#### § 140-51 Appeals.

Any person aggrieved by any decision of the Planning Board or any officer, department, board or bureau of the town may apply to the Supreme Court for review by a proceeding under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules.

§ 140-52 Effect of Site Plan and Special Use Approval.

The site plan and/or Special Use permit as approved by the Planning Board shall be binding upon the applicant. Any changes from the approved plan, except as provided herein, shall require resubmission and reapproval by the Planning Board. The site plan shall remain effective, as an authorization to establish the use, for a maximum of one year from the date of approval unless the Planning Board shall have granted an extension in writing and provided the applicant has diligently pursued the implementation of the plans. Absent such an extension the Special Use shall be deemed to have expired. A Special Use which has been discontinued for a period of two or more years shall also be deemed to have lapsed.

§ 140-53 Renewal of Permits.

The Planning Board may require, at the time it is initially granted, that any Special Use approval be renewed periodically. Such renewal shall be granted following public notice and hearing and may be withheld upon a determination that the conditions attached to any previous approval have not been met. A period of 62 days shall be granted the applicant in such cases to make remedies and bring the use into full compliance with the terms of the Special Use approval. Should the applicant fail to make such remedies, the Special Use approval shall be revoked and the use immediately discontinued.

§ 140-54 Conformity with Other Plans, Laws and Ordinances.

The Planning Board, in reviewing the site plan, shall consider its conformity to the Town of Rochester Comprehensive Plan and the various other plans, laws and ordinances of the Town. Conservation features, aesthetics, landscaping and impact on surrounding development as well as on the entire town shall be part of the Planning Board review. Traffic flow, circulation and parking shall be reviewed to ensure the safety of the public and of the users of the facility and to ensure that there is no unreasonable interference with traffic on surrounding streets.

§ 140-55 Special Use Review Criteria.

The Planning Board, in acting upon the Special Use, shall also be approving, approving with modifications or disapproving the site plan application connected therewith taking into consideration not only the criteria contained above but also the following Special Use criteria:

- A. Whether the proposed use will have a detrimental or positive impact on adjacent properties or the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Rochester.
- B. If the proposed use is one judged to present detrimental impacts, whether an approval could be conditioned in such a manner as to eliminate or substantially reduce those impacts.
- C. Whether the use will have a positive or negative effect on the environment, job creation, the economy, housing availability or open space preservation.
- D. Whether the granting of an approval will cause an economic burden on community facilities or services, including but not limited to highways, sewage treatment facilities, water supplies and firefighting capabilities. The applicant shall be responsible for providing such improvements or additional services as may be required to adequately serve the proposed use and any approval shall be so conditioned. The Town shall be authorized to demand fees in support of such services where they cannot be directly provided by the applicant. This shall specifically apply, but not be limited to, additional fees to support fire-district expenses.
- E. Whether the site plan indicates the property will be developed and improved in a way which is consistent with that character which this law and the Town's Comprehensive Plan are intended to produce or protect, including appropriate landscaping and attention to aesthetics and natural feature preservation.

§ 140-56 Bonding of Site Improvements for Special Uses.

- A. Supersession of statutory provisions. This section shall, pursuant to the supersession authority granted by the Municipal Home Rule Law, supersede, in its application to the Town of Rochester, the provisions of §§ 274-a,



276 and 277 of the Town Law of the State of New York relating to the limitation upon the authority of a town to require the posting of a performance bond or other form of security in connection with the approval of a land subdivision plat, to extend such authority to Planning Board approvals of commercial and residential site plans in accordance with the provisions of § 274-a of the Town Law.

- B. Legislative intent. In order to ensure that once a project has been started it shall not be abandoned, partially completed or left in a state which will cause erosion of the soil, improper drainage or any other condition which will result in the deterioration or devaluation of the surrounding land or neighborhood, and in order to ensure that while under construction, the workmanship and materials used shall promote the long life of the project and the health, safety and welfare of the future users of the subject premises and surrounding areas, the Town Board of the Town of Rochester has determined it to be a proper exercise of authority conferred upon it by the laws of the State of New York to require the posting of adequate security for the performance of necessary site improvements contemplated in connection with a residential or commercial site development.
- C. Procedure.
- (1) Prior to or contemporaneously with the grant of final site plan approval for a particular project, the Planning Board, in considering the recommendation of the engineering authorities available to it, shall establish the amount of performance security to cover the full cost of the required site improvements as shown on such final site plan as enumerated in Subsection D hereof. The Planning Board shall make a referral of the matter regarding the establishment of the amount of performance security of a particular project to the Town Board, which referral shall include its recommendation as to the amount of such performance security. The performance security shall become effective only if and when the Town Board shall have approved it as to form, sufficiency of surety and manner of execution.
  - (2) The performance security shall be in the amount approved by the Town Board in the form of a performance bond issued by a surety company licensed in the State of New York; a letter of credit issued by a federally or state-chartered financial institution; or a savings passbook, money market account or certificate of deposit naming the Town of Rochester as joint tenant.
  - (3) Such performance security, if in the form of a performance bond or letter of credit, shall run for a term to be fixed by the Planning Board, but in no event for a term longer than three years; provided, however, that the term of such security may be extended by the Planning Board with the consent of the parties thereto. In the event such security is in the form of a letter of credit, such a letter of credit shall contain a provision requiring automatic renewal thereof unless, not less than 30 days prior to its expiration, the Town of Rochester is given written notice of the issuing institution's intention not to renew such letter of credit.
  - (4) The performance security in the full amount established by the Town Board shall be posted with the Town Clerk upon grant of final site plan approval. No building permits shall be issued for and no site preparation work shall be commenced on the subject premises unless and until the necessary performance security has been posted.
  - (5) A duly designated official of the Town shall inspect the improvements during construction to assure their satisfactory completion. An inspection fee of 5% of the performance bond amount shall be posted by the applicant, to cover the cost of required inspections.
  - (6) During the course of construction, the performance security may be reduced, in the sole discretion of the Town Board upon the recommendation of the Planning Board, to an amount certified by the Town Engineer or the town's consulting engineer to be the probable cost of completion of the remainder of the required site improvements, but in no event shall such amount be reduced to less than 50% of the original amount of the performance security.
  - (7) The performance security shall be released or reduced only by the Town Board and only upon recommendation of the Planning Board after certification by the Town Engineer or the town's consulting engineer that all or part of the required site improvements have been completed in conformance with the approved final site plan and all applicable regulation.

- D. Site improvements subject to bonding. The following items are considered essential to the principles stated above and shall be included in the amount of the performance security to be set:
- (1) Site grading, including replacement of topsoil and seeding, and including necessary structural features such as retaining walls and ground cover.
  - (2) Drainage, including waterways, conduits and all necessary appurtenances and structures.
  - (3) Water and sewer systems, including all wells, conduits, structures and appurtenances as may be required by those government agencies having final jurisdiction for approval of those system.
  - (4) Foundation course, pavement, curbs and sidewalks for all roads, drives, parking areas and walkways.
  - (5) Lighting, including all necessary wiring, structures and appurtenances.
  - (6) Landscaping, including all shrubs, trees and screening as may be required to ensure that the final site condition meets with the planning and zoning concepts expressed in the Comprehensive Plan of the Town of Rochester and this chapter, as well as all drainage and soil erosion measures required to protect the site.
  - (7) The Planning Board shall have the discretion to require only a restoration bond be posted, should it be deemed sufficient to protect the Town's interests. In the event a restoration bond is posted, the inspection fee to be deposited by the applicant shall be 5% of the full performance bond amount otherwise required by this section.
- E. Phased projects. In the event that a particular site plan is to be constructed in sections or phases, the Planning Board, in its sole discretion, taking into consideration the importance of the entirety of the site improvements on the section or phase to be constructed, may recommend to the Town Board that the performance security be posted for only so much of the project as is going to be constructed in a particular phase or section; provided, however, that no building permits shall be issued for and site work shall be conducted on any future phase or section unless and until the required performance security is established for such future phase or section and properly posted in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- F. Default. In the event any required site improvements have not been installed as provided in this section within the term of the performance security, the Town Board shall thereupon declare said performance security to be in default and collect the sum remaining payable thereunder, and, upon receipt of the proceeds thereof, the town shall install such improvements as are covered by such security and are commensurate with the extent of building development that has taken place on the site. In the event no building has taken place but site preparation has taken place, the proceeds of the security shall be used, to the extent practicable, to restore the site to its original state and avoid erosion and adverse drainage conditions.

§ 140-57 [RESERVED]

§ 140-58 [RESERVED]

Article 8  
Administration and Enforcement

§ 140-59 Building Inspector.

The Town Board shall provide for the services of a Code Enforcement Officer and/or Building Inspector to simultaneously enforce the provisions of this Law and the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Enforcement Law. Such Building Inspector shall examine all applications for permits, issue permits and/or certificates of occupancy for construction and uses which are in accordance with the requirements of this law, record and file all applications for permits with accompanying plans and documents and make such reports as may be required including, at a minimum, a written monthly activity report to the Town Board. Permits requiring Site Plan Review and Special Use approval, however, shall only be issued with approval of the Town of Rochester Planning Board. Likewise, permits requiring variances of this law shall only be issued with approval of the Town of Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals.

§ 140-60 Permit Requirements.

- A. No person shall construct, erect, alter, convert or use any building or structure, or part thereof, nor change the use of any land, subsequent to the adoption of this law, until a building permit and/or Certificate of Occupancy has been issued by the Building Inspector. This shall specifically include, but not be limited to enlargements, structural alterations, building demolitions and removals, conversions, plumbing installations, pools, regulated sheds, fences, roofing and signs. Applications for such permits shall be made to the Building Inspector prior to any construction activity and/or change in the use of land. The Officer shall review such applications and act upon them according to the requirements of this law, taking no action, however, until the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals has first taken action, should the approval of either Board be required. A building permit shall authorize the applicant to proceed with construction proposed.
- B. Prior to use of the structure or the change in use of the land, a Certificate of Occupancy shall be required and shall be issued by the Officer, provided all construction has been in accord with the building permit granted and/or the proposed use is in compliance with this law. The Building Inspector shall be authorized to make such inspections as he deems necessary to ensure that construction does, in fact, comply with this law.
- C. The Building Inspector, with approval of the Town Board, may issue a temporary permit for an otherwise non-conforming structure or use which will promote public health, safety or welfare, provided such permit shall be of limited duration and the use or structure shall be completely removed within 90 days of expiration of the activity for which it was granted. A temporary permit shall not be valid beyond this period or three years from the date of issuance, whichever is shorter.
- D. The Building Inspector shall ensure that all water supply and sewage disposal facilities proposed in connection with any building permit or Certificate of Occupancy application shall conform with Ulster County Department of Health guidelines.
- E. It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to issue a building permit, provided that he is satisfied that the structure, building, sign and the proposed use conform with all requirements of this law, and that all other reviews and actions, if any, called for in this law have been complied with and all necessary approvals secured therefor.
- F. When the Building Inspector is not satisfied that the applicant's proposed development will meet the requirements of this law, he shall refuse to issue a building permit or Certificate of Occupancy, as the case may be, and the applicant may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- G. A building permit or Certificate of Occupancy may be revoked by the Building Inspector upon a finding that information provided in the application was inaccurate or invalid or that the construction or use has proceeded in a manner not consistent with the permit(s) granted.
- H. No change of use shall be made in any building, structure or premises now or hereafter erected or altered that is not consistent with the requirements of this law. Any person desiring to change the use of his premises shall

apply to the Building Inspector for a Certificate of Occupancy. No owner, tenant or other person shall use or occupy any building or structure or premises thereafter erected or altered, the use of which shall be changed after the passage of this law, without first procuring a Certificate of Occupancy; provided, however, that an Certificate of Occupancy, once granted, shall continue in effect so long as there is no change of use, regardless of change in tenants or occupants.

- I. Though compliance with the development and use standards of this Law will still be required, the following activities shall not demand permits, except as may be required by the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code:
  - (1) Aboveground swimming pools and hot tubs or spas of two feet or less in depth.
  - (2) Portable structures of 144 square feet or less in size which are unoccupied and intended for storage.
  - (3) Patios, farm livestock fences and landscape improvements.
  - (4) All nonstructural accessory uses of a residential or temporary nature (30 days or less).
  - (5) All nonstructural alterations and repairs.
- J. All applications shall be made on forms as shall be developed and periodically updated by the Building Inspector. Applications shall include plot plans and such other information as is required to determine compliance with the requirements of this law.
- K. A building/zoning permit shall expire after 24 months if the applicant fails to complete the improvements as approved. An extension may be approved by the Building Inspector for good cause (such as seasonal weather conditions) provided that any extension of more than 12 months or subsequent extension of any length shall require approval of the Town Board.
- L. The Building Inspector shall issue a Certificate of Occupancy and/or Compliance to any legally existing use, provided the owner thereof so certifies and the Officer's investigations do not indicate otherwise.
- M. No permits shall be issued for any new uses where there are unremedied existing violations.
- N. Open development as described in § 280-a.4 of the New York State Town Law, shall be subject to procedures and standards as shall be determined by the Town of Rochester Town Board under New York State Town Law.

#### § 140-61 State Environmental Quality Review Act Compliance.

All actions taken with respect to this law shall comply with the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"). Applicants shall provide such data as may be required to determine the significance of any environmental impacts from such actions. A project sponsor shall not commence any physical alteration related to a covered action until the provisions of SEQRA have been met.

#### § 140-62 Violations and Penalties.

- A. Whenever a violation of this law occurs, any person may file a complaint in regard thereto. All such complaints must be in writing and shall be filed with the Building Inspector, who shall properly record such complaint and immediately investigate and report thereon to the Town Board. Nothing herein shall, however, restrict the right of the Building Inspector to act on a violation absent a complaint. Whenever the Building Inspector observes a violation, he or she may issue a notice of violation.
- B. Should any building or structure be erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained, or any building, structure or land be used in violation of this law, the Town Board or the Building Inspector, in addition to other remedies, may institute an appropriate action of proceedings to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance or use to restrain, correct or abate such violation, to prevent the occupancy of said building, structure or land or to prevent any

illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises.

- C. Whenever a violation of this Law occurs, any person may file a complaint in regard thereto. All such complaints must be in writing and shall be filed with the Building Inspector, who shall properly record such complaint and immediately investigate and report thereon to the Town Board. The Town Board shall be responsible for directing further enforcement.
- D. Should any building or structure be erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted or maintained, or any building, structure or land be used in violation of this Law, the Town Board or the Building Inspector, in addition to other remedies, may institute an appropriate action or proceedings to prevent such unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance or use to restrain, correct or abate such violation, to prevent the occupancy of said building, structure or land or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises.
- E. A violation of this Law is hereby declared to be an offense punishable by a fine not exceeding three hundred fifty dollars (\$350); for conviction of a second offense, punishable by a fine of not less than three hundred fifty dollars (\$350) nor more than seven hundred dollars (\$700); and, upon conviction for a third or subsequent offense, punishable by a fine not less than seven hundred dollars (\$700) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.

#### § 140-63 Fees.

- A. All application fees for special permits, variances, site plans, subdivisions and other matters of land use, planning and development which are brought before any agent or agency of the Town of Rochester shall be in accordance with a table of fees for licenses and permits, which table shall be created by resolution of the Town Board with assistance of the Planning Board and shall be maintained on a current basis and from time to time modified or updated upon recommendation of the Planning Board or upon initiation by the Town Board.
- B. Professional fees, expenses and escrow requirements.
  - (1) The Town Board, the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Department are empowered to charge an applicant the reasonable and necessary expenses for professional fees incurred by any of those Boards or the Building Department as a result of professional work required to be performed on behalf of any of said Boards or the Building Department as a result of the filing of an application seeking approval by that Board or the Building Department. For the purpose of this § 140-63, professionals shall include, but not be limited to, engineers, attorneys (limited to application-related research), planning consultants, architects, traffic consultants and noise consultants.
  - (2) Simultaneously with the filing of an application for approval of a development and prior to the commencement of the review of the application, the applicant or developer, as the case may be, shall deposit with the Town Supervisor a sum of money, as determined in Subsection of this § 140-63, which sum shall be used to pay the costs incurred by the Town for consulting, engineering and legal services as described in this section.
  - (3) Upon receipt of such sums, the Town Supervisor or his or her designee shall cause such monies to be placed in a separate non-interest bearing account in the name of the Town and shall keep a separate record of all such monies so deposited and the name of the applicant or developer and project for which such sums were deposited.
  - (4) Upon receipt and approval by the Town Board of itemized vouchers from a professional for services rendered on behalf of the Town pertaining to the application, the Town Supervisor shall cause such vouchers to be paid out of the monies so deposited, and shall furnish copies of such vouchers to the applicant or developer at the same time such vouchers are submitted to the Town.
  - (5) The Town Board shall review and audit all such vouchers and shall approve payment of only such professional fees as are reasonable in amount and necessarily incurred by the Town in connection with the review, consideration and approval of the application. For purpose of the foregoing, a fee or part

thereof is reasonable in amount if it bears a reasonable relationship to the average charge by professionals to the Town for services performed in connection with the approval or construction of a similar application, and in this regard the Town Board may take into consideration the magnitude of the application and any special conditions or considerations as the Town Board may deem relevant.

- (6) If at any time during or after the processing of such application or in the construction, inspection or acceptance of the proposed project there shall be insufficient monies on hand to the credit of such applicant or developer to pay the approved vouchers in full, or if it shall reasonably appear to the Town Supervisor, or his or her designee, that such monies will be insufficient to meet vouchers yet to be submitted, the Town Supervisor, or his or her designee, shall cause the applicant or developer to deposit additional sums as the Supervisor, or his or her designee, deems necessary or advisable in order to meet such expenses or anticipated expenses.
- (7) In the event that the applicant or developer fails to deposit such funds or such additional funds, the Town Supervisor, or his or her designee, shall notify, as applicable, the Chairman of the Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Board and/or Town's Code Enforcement Officer of such failure, and any review, approval, building permit or certificates of occupancy may be withheld by the appropriate Board, officer or employee of the Town until such monies are deposited.
- (8) After final approval, acceptance and/or the issuance of a certificate of occupancy relating to any specific application, and after payment of all approved vouchers submitted regarding such development, any sums remaining on account to the credit of such applicant or developer shall be returned to such applicant or developer, along with a statement of the vouchers so paid.
- (9) The amount of the initial deposit for the various developments covered by this section shall be as set forth in a schedule of deposits established from time to time, by resolution of the Town Board. Said schedule shall remain in effect and shall apply to all applicants and developers until amended or revised by subsequent resolution.
- (10) The deposits required by this section shall be in addition to any application fees as may be required by other laws, rules, regulations or ordinances of the Town, and shall not be used to offset the Town's general expenses for professional services for the several Boards of the Town, nor its general administration expenses.

§ 140-64 [RESERVED]

Article 9  
Zoning Board of Appeals

§ 140-65 Establishment and Membership.

There is hereby established a Zoning Board of Appeals having the powers authorized under the New York State Town Law, as provided under Chapter 38 of the Town of Rochester Code. Said Board shall consist of five (5) members of staggered 5-year terms, including a chairperson, appointed by the Town Board. Appointments shall be in accordance with the New York State Town Law and an appointment to a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of a term shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the absence of a Town Board appointment of a chairperson the Board of Appeals may designate a member to serve as acting chairperson. The Town Board may also provide for compensation to be paid to experts, clerks and a secretary and provide for such other expenses as may be necessary and proper. In making such appointments, the Town Board may further require Board of Appeals members to complete training and continuing education courses.

§ 140-66 Powers and Duties.

- A. The Zoning Board of Appeals may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the order, requirement, decision, interpretation or determination as in its opinion ought to have been made in the matter by the administrative official(s) charged with the enforcement of this law and to that end shall have all powers of the administrative official(s) from whose order, requirement, decision, interpretation or determination the appeal is taken.
- B. Use variances.
- (1) The Zoning Board of Appeals, on appeal from the decision or determination of the administrative officials charged with the enforcement of this law, shall have the power to grant use variances, as defined herein.
  - (2) No such use variance shall be granted by a Zoning Board of Appeals without a showing by the applicant that applicable regulations and restrictions of this law have caused unnecessary hardship. In order to prove such unnecessary hardship the applicant shall demonstrate to the Zoning Board of Appeals that;
    - (a) he or she cannot realize a reasonable return, provided lack of return is substantial as demonstrated by competent financial evidence;
    - (b) the alleged hardship relating to the property in question is unique, and does not apply to a substantial portion of the district or neighborhood;
    - (c) the requested use variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood; and
    - (d) the alleged hardship has not been self-created.
  - (3) The Zoning Board of Appeals, in the granting of use variances, shall grant the minimum variance that it shall deem necessary and adequate to address the unnecessary hardship proven by the applicant, and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community.
- C. Area variances.
- (1) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the power, upon an appeal from a decision or determination of the administrative officials charged with the enforcement of this law, to grant area variances as defined herein.
  - (2) In making its determination, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall take into consideration the benefit to the applicant if the variance is granted, as weighed against the detriment to the health, safety and welfare of the neighborhood or community by such grant. In making such determination the Board of Appeals shall also consider:

- (a) whether an undesirable change will be produced in the character of the neighborhood or a detriment to nearby properties will be created by the granting of the area variance;
  - (b) whether the benefit sought by the applicant can be achieved by some method, feasible for the applicant to pursue, other than an area variance;
  - (c) whether the requested area variance is substantial;
  - (d) whether the proposed variance will have an adverse effect or impact on the physical or environmental conditions in the neighborhood or district; and
  - (e) whether the alleged difficulty was self-created, which consideration shall be relevant to the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals, but shall not necessarily preclude the granting of the area variance.
  - (f) The Zoning Board of Appeals, in the granting of area variances, shall grant the minimum variance that it shall deem necessary and adequate and at the same time preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood and the health, safety and welfare of the community.
- D. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall, in the granting of both use variances and area variances, have the authority to impose such reasonable conditions and restrictions as are directly related to and incidental to the proposed use of the property, and/or the period of time such variance shall be in effect. Such conditions shall be consistent with the spirit and intent of this law, and shall be imposed for the purpose of minimizing any adverse impact such variance may have on the neighborhood or community.

§ 140-67 Procedures.

- A. All meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be held at the call of the Chairperson and at such other times as such Board may determine. Such Chairperson, or in his or her absence, the acting Chairperson, may administer oaths and compel the attendance of witnesses.
- B. Meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be open to the public to the extent provided in Article Seven of the Public Officers Law. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon every question, or if absent or failing to vote, indicating such fact, and shall also keep records of its examinations and other official actions.
- C. Every rule, regulation, every amendment or repeal thereof, and every order, requirement, decision or determination of the Board of Appeals shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within five (5) business days and shall be a public record. Every decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be made by resolution and include findings establishing the basis of the decision.
- D. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall have the authority to call upon any department, agency or employee of the Town for such assistance as shall be deemed necessary and as shall be authorized by the Town Board. It shall also have authority to refer matters to the Town Planning Board for review and recommendation prior to making a decision.
- E. Except as otherwise provided herein, the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appellate only and shall be limited to hearing and deciding appeals from and reviewing any order, requirement, decision, interpretation, or determination made by the administrative officials charged with the enforcement of this law. The concurring vote of three members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be necessary to reverse any order, requirement, decision or determination of any such administrative official, or to grant a use variance or area variance. Such appeal may be taken by any person aggrieved, or by an officer, department, board or bureau of the Town.
- F. Such appeal shall be taken within sixty (60) days after the filing of any order, requirement, decision, interpretation or determination of the administrative officials charged with the enforcement of this law by filing with such administrative official and with the Zoning Board of Appeals a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds



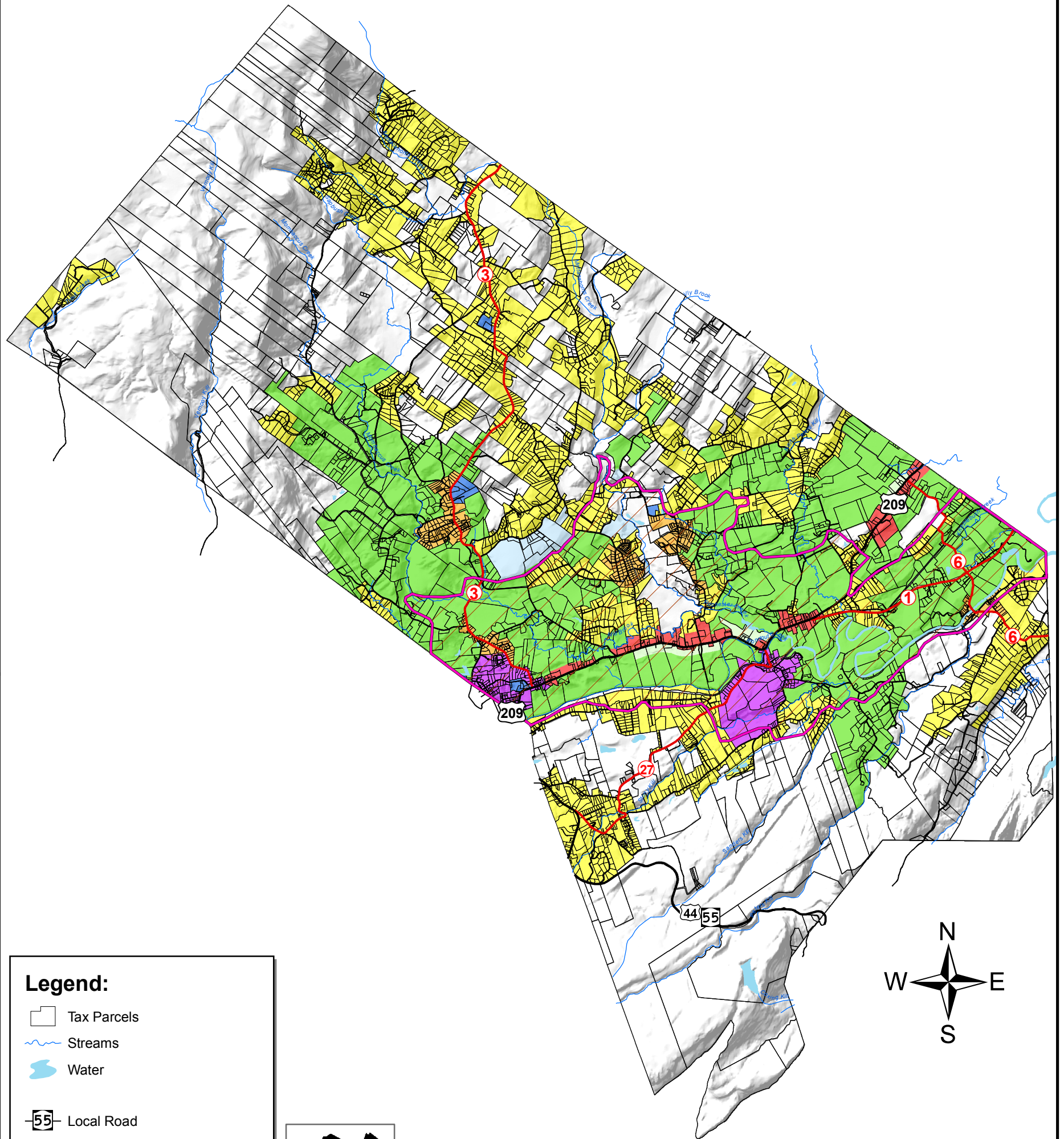
thereof and the relief sought. The administrative official(s) from whom the appeal is taken shall forthwith transmit to the Board of Appeals all papers constituting the record for the action appealed.

- G. An appeal shall stay all proceedings in furtherance of the action appealed from, unless the administrative official charged with the enforcement of such ordinance or local law, from whom the appeal is taken, certifies to the Zoning Board of Appeals, after the notice of appeal shall have been filed with the administrative office, that by reason of facts stated in the certificate a stay, would, in his or her opinion, cause imminent peril to life or property, in which case proceedings shall not be stayed otherwise than by a restraining order which may be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals or by a court of record on application, on notice to the administrative official from whom the appeal is taken and on due cause shown.
- H. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall fix a reasonable time, no more than 62 days following application, for the hearing of the appeal or other matter referred to it and give public notice of such hearing by publication in a paper of general circulation in the Town at least five (5) days prior to the date thereof. The cost of sending or publishing any notices relating to such appeal shall be borne by the appealing party and shall be paid to the Board prior to the hearing of such appeal. Upon the hearing, any party may appear in person, or by agent or attorney. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with rules of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Such rules shall permit cross-examination by parties, provide for evidentiary procedures and allow for rehearings on the unanimous vote of the members present.
- I. The Zoning Board of Appeals shall decide upon the appeal within 62 days after the close of said hearing. The time within which the Board of Appeals must render its decision may, however, be extended by mutual consent of the applicant and the Board.
- J. The decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the appeal shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within five (5) business days after the day such decision is rendered, and a copy thereof mailed to the applicant.
- K. At least five (5) days before such hearing, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall mail notices thereof to the parties; to the regional state park commission having jurisdiction over any state park or parkway within 500 feet of the property affected by such appeal; and to the Ulster County Planning Department, as required by Section 239-m of the General Municipal Law. No Zoning Board of Appeals decision shall be made except in conformance with such 239-m procedures including requirements for an affirmative vote of no less than four (4) members of the Board if it shall determine to approve an application which the County has recommended it disapprove or modify.

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Town of Rochester Zoning Map  
(ATTACHED)

# Town of Rochester Zoning



## Legend:

- Tax Parcels
- Streams
- Water
- Local Road
- County Route
- U.S. Highway

## Zoning Districts

- AR-3, Residential Agricultural
- AB-3, Agricultural Business
- R-1, Neighborhood Residential
- R-2, Low Density Residential
- R-5, Rural Conservation
- H, Hamlet
- I, Industrial
- NR, Natural Resource
- B, Business
- AP, Aquifer Protection Overlay



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## Data Sources:

Roads - Ulster County Emergency 911 (Current to 01/2009). Maintained by Ulster County Information Services.

Parcels - Ulster County Real Property Tax Service (Current to 04/2009)

Water Bodies and Streams - Area and Linear Hydrography as part of the Accident Location Information System (ALIS) project dataset (01/2008). Obtained from the New York State Office of Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC).

The Aquifer Protection Overlay District are based upon the Aquifer Protection Overlay District map produced by Steven Winkley of the NY Rural Water Association (08/2006).

Zoning Districts are based upon the zoning map (.tif image) produced by Shepstone Management Company Planning and Research Consultants (02/12/2009). Data Confirmed by Mike Baden of the Town of Rochester on September 28, 2009.

Zoning District boundaries were adopted on September 24, 2009 by local law #4 of 2009 in Chapter 140 Zoning.

**Section 2.** This law is enacted pursuant to the authority of Section 265 of the New York State Town Law and Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law. The Town of Rochester hereby exercises its authority under the Municipal Home Rule Law to specifically supersede the following provisions of New York State Town Law:

- (1) Section 265 of the New York State Town Law is superseded to permit voiding of a zoning change to a planned unit development district, as provided under §140-25, above, without resorting to further zoning procedures.
- (2) Section 265 of the New York State Town Law is further superseded to permit the Town Board to classify unlisted uses, as provided under §140-8, above, without resorting to zoning amendment.
- (3) Section 278.3(b) of the New York State Town Law is superseded to permit the Planning Board to approve a cluster development or conservation subdivision to result in a permitted number of building lots or dwelling units that exceeds the number which could be permitted, in the Planning Board's judgment, if the land were subdivided into lots conforming to the minimum lot size and density requirements of Chapter 140, above, applicable to the district or districts in which such land is situated to encourage the provision of additional open space and affordable housing.
- (4) Section 271 of the New York State Town Law is superseded by §140-47.E above, to permit the Town Planning Board, following a public hearing in conjunction with other matters before the Planning Board, to modify the standards of Chapter 140 of the Code, to the extent of 10% of the stated criteria where the circumstances otherwise meet the tests for an area variance as set forth in §140-66, above, or to accommodate the practice of energy efficient building as described in §140-47.E, above.
- (5) Sections 274-a and 274-b of the New York State Town Law are superseded by §140-45, above, to permit the Town Planning Board to review preliminary site plans and, if a preliminary site plan demonstrates the proposed activity involves one-time additions of less than 10% and 200 square feet in floor area or consists solely of accessory uses or structures, the Building Department may review and approve the site plan on its own.

### **Section 3. Severability**

If any part or provision of this local law is judged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in application to the part or provision directly on which judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The Town hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this Law even without such part or provision or application.

### **Section 4. Effective Date**

This local law shall become effective immediately upon the filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State pursuant to section 27 of the municipal home rule law.