

Sec. 13-1-60 Statement of Purpose—Conditional Uses.

The development and execution of this Article is based upon the division of the City of Armerly into districts, within which districts the use of land and buildings, and bulk and location of buildings and structures in relation to the land, are mutually compatible and substantially uniform. However, there are certain uses which, because of their unique characteristics, cannot be properly classified as unrestricted permitted uses in any particular district or districts, without consideration, in each case, of the impact of those uses upon neighboring land or public facilities, and of the public need for the particular use of a particular location. Such uses, nevertheless, may be necessary or desirable to be allowed in a particular district provided that due consideration is given to location, development and operation of such uses. Such uses are classified as conditional uses.

Sec. 13-1-61 Authority of the Plan Commission and Common Council; Requirements.

- (a) The Common Council hereby authorizes the Zoning Administrator to issue a conditional use permit after review, public hearing, and approval from the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Plan Commission, provided that such conditional use and involved structure(s) are found to be in accordance with the purpose and intent of this Zoning Code and are further found to be not hazardous, harmful, offensive or otherwise adverse to the environment or the value of the neighborhood or the community. Such action, and the resulting conditional use permit, when, shall specify the period of time for which effective, if specified, the name of the permittee, the location and legal description of the affected premises. Prior to the granting of a conditional use, the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Plan Commission, shall make findings based upon the evidence presented that the standards herein prescribed are being complied with.
- (b) Any development within five hundred (500) feet of the existing or proposed rights-of-way of freeways, expressways and within one-half (1/2) mile of their existing or proposed interchange or turning lane rights-of-way shall be specifically reviewed by the highway agency that has jurisdiction over the traffic way. The City shall request such review and await the highway agency's recommendation for a period not to exceed twenty (20) days before taking final action.
- (c) Conditions such as landscaping, architectural design, type of construction, construction commencement and completion dates, surties, lighting, fencing, planting screens, operation control, hours of operation, improved traffic circulation, deed restrictions, highway access

restrictions, increased yards or parking requirements may be required by the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Plan Commission, upon its finding that these are necessary to fulfill the purpose and intent of this Chapter.

(d) Compliance with all other provisions of this Chapter, such as lot width and area, yards, height, parking, loading, traffic, highway access and performance standards shall be required of all conditional uses.

Sec. 13-1-62 Initiation of Conditional Use.

Any person, firm, corporation or organization having a freehold interest or a possessory interest entitled to exclusive possession, or a contractual interest which may become a freehold interest, or an exclusive possessory interest, and which is specifically enforceable in the land for which a conditional use is sought may file an application to use such land for one (1) or more of the conditional uses provided for in this Article in the zoning district in which such land is located.

Sec. 13-1-63 Application for Conditional Use.

An application for a conditional use shall be filed on a form prescribed by the City, along with a fee as prescribed in Section 1-3-1. The application shall be accompanied by a plan showing the location, size and shape of the lot(s) involved and of any proposed structures, the existing and proposed use of each structure and lot, and shall include a statement in writing by the applicant and adequate evidence showing that the proposed conditional use shall conform to the standards set forth in Section 13-1-66 hereinafter. The application shall also be accompanied by a list of the names and addresses of all persons owning land within three hundred (300) feet of the property for which the conditional use permit is requested. The Plan Commission or Common Council may require such other information as may be necessary to determine and provide for an enforcement of this Chapter, including a plan showing contours and soil types; highwater mark and groundwater conditions; bedrock, vegetative cover, specifications for areas of proposed filling, grading, and lagooning; location of buildings, parking areas, traffic access, driveways, walkways, open spaces and landscaping; plans of buildings, sewage disposal facilities, water supply systems and arrangements of operations.

Sec. 13-1-64 Hearing on Application.

All requests for conditional uses shall be to the Plan Commission and Common Council, or either body can, on their own motion, apply conditional uses when applications for rezoning come before it. Nothing in this Chapter shall prohibit the Common Council on its own motion from referring the request for conditional use to the Plan Commission. Upon receipt of the application

and statement referred to in Section 13-1-63 above, the Plan Commission shall hold a public hearing on each application for a conditional use within thirty (30) days after such request is filed at such time and place as shall be established by the Commission. The hearing shall be conducted and a record of the proceedings shall be preserved in such a manner and according to such procedures as the Plan Commission shall, by rule, prescribe from time to time.

Sec. 13-1-65 Notice of Hearing on Application.

Notice of the time, place and purpose of such hearing shall be given by publication of a Class I Notice under the Wisconsin Statutes in the official City newspaper. Notice of the time, place and purpose of such public hearing shall also be sent to the applicant, the Zoning Administrator, members of the Common Council and Plan Commission, and the owners of record as listed in the office of the City Assessor who are owners of property in whole or in part situated within one hundred (100) feet of the boundaries of the properties affected, said notice to be sent at least ten (10) days prior to the date of such public hearing. The Plan Commission shall report its action to the Common Council within forty-five (45) days after a matter has been referred to it, after which the Common Council shall take formal action.

Sec. 13-1-66 Standards—Conditional Uses.

- (a) **Standards.** No application for a conditional use shall be recommended for approval by the Plan Commission or granted by the Common Council, unless these bodies shall find all of the following conditions are present:
- (1) That the establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, morals, comfort or general welfare.
 - (2) That the uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already permitted shall be in no foreseeable manner substantially impaired or diminished by the establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use and the proposed use is compatible with the use of adjacent land.
 - (3) That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
 - (4) That adequate utilities, access roads, drainage and other necessary site improvements have been or are being provided.
 - (5) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
 - (6) That the conditional use shall, except for yard requirements, conform to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.

- (7) That the proposed use does not violate flood plain regulations governing the site.
- (8) That adequate measures have been or will be taken to prevent and control water pollution, including sedimentation, erosion and runoff.

(b) **Application of Standards.** When applying the above standards to any new construction of a building or an addition to an existing building, the Common Council and Plan Commission shall bear in mind the statement of purpose for the zoning district such that the proposed building or addition at its location does not defeat the purposes and objective of the zoning district.

(c) **Additional Considerations.** In addition, in passing upon a Conditional Use Permit, the Plan Commission shall also evaluate the effect of the proposed use upon:

- (1) The maintenance of safe and healthful conditions.
- (2) The prevention and control of water pollution including sedimentation.
- (3) Existing topographic and drainage features and vegetative cover on the site.
- (4) The location of the site with respect to floodplains and floodways of rivers and streams.
- (5) The erosion potential of the site based upon degree and direction of slope, soil type and vegetative cover.
- (6) The location of the site with respect to existing or future access roads.
- (7) The need of the proposed use for a shoreland location.
- (8) Its compatibility with uses on adjacent land.
- (9) The amount of liquid wastes to be generated and the adequacy of the proposed disposal systems.

Sec. 13-1-67 Denial of Application for Conditional Use Permit.

When an advisory recommendation of denial of a conditional use application is made by the Plan Commission or an actual denial by the Common Council, the City shall furnish the applicant, in writing when so requested, those standards that are not met and enumerate reasons the Commission and/or Council has used in determining that each standard was not met.

Sec. 13-1-68 Conditions and Guarantees.

The following conditions shall apply to all conditional uses:

- (a) **Conditions.** Prior to the granting of any conditional use, the Plan Commission may recommend and the Common Council may stipulate such conditions and restrictions upon the establishment, location, construction, maintenance and operation of the conditional use as deemed necessary to promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the community, and to secure compliance with the standards and requirements specified in

Section 13-1-66 above. In all cases in which conditional uses are granted, the City shall require such evidence and guarantees as it may deem necessary as proof that the conditions stipulated in connection therewith are being and will be complied with. Such conditions may include specifications for, without limitation because of specific enumeration:

- (1) Landscaping;
- (2) Type of construction;
- (3) Construction commencement and completion dates;
- (4) Sureties;
- (5) Lighting;
- (6) Fencing;
- (7) Operational control;
- (8) Hours of operation;
- (9) Traffic circulation;
- (10) Deed restrictions;
- (11) Access restrictions;
- (12) Setbacks and yards;
- (13) Type of shore cover;
- (14) Specified sewage disposal and water supply systems;
- (15) Planting screens;
- (16) Piers and docks;
- (17) Increased parking; or
- (18) Any other requirements necessary to fulfill the purpose and intent of this Chapter.

(b) **Site Review.** In making its recommendation, the Plan Commission shall evaluate each application and may request assistance from any source which can provide technical assistance. The Commission may review the site, existing and proposed structures, architectural plans, neighboring uses, parking areas, driveway locations, highway access, traffic generation and circulation, drainage, sewerage and water systems and the proposed operation/use.

(c) **Alteration of Conditional Use.** No alteration of a conditional use shall be permitted unless approved by the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Plan Commission.

(d) **Architectural Treatment.** Proposed architectural treatment will be in general harmony with surrounding uses and the landscape. To this end, the Common Council, upon the recommendation of the Plan Commission, may require the use of certain general types of exterior construction materials and/or architectural treatment.

(e) **Sloped Sites; Unsuitable Soils.** Where slopes exceed six percent (6%) and/or where a use is proposed to be located on areas indicated as having soils that are unsuitable or marginal for development, on-site soil tests and/or construction plans shall be provided that clearly indicate that the soil conditions are adequate to accommodate the development contemplated and/or that any inherent soil condition or slope problems will be overcome

by special construction techniques. Such special construction might include, among other techniques, retaining walls, oversized foundations and footings, drain tile, etc.

Sec. 13-1-69 Validity of Conditional Use Permit.

Where a conditional use application has been approved or conditionally approved, such approval shall become null and void within twenty-four (24) months of the date of the approval unless the use is commenced, construction is underway or the current owner possesses a valid building permit under which construction is commenced within six (6) months of the date of issuance and which shall not be renewed unless construction has commenced and is being diligently prosecuted. Approximately forty-five (45) days prior to the automatic revocation of such permit, the Zoning Administrator shall notify the holder by certified mail of such revocation. The Common Council may extend such permit for a period of ninety (90) days for justifiable cause, if application is made to the Common Council at least thirty (30) days before the expiration of said permit.

Sec. 13-1-70 Complaints Regarding Conditional Uses.

The Common Council shall retain continuing jurisdiction over all conditional uses for the purpose of resolving complaints against all previously approved conditional uses. Such authority shall be in addition to the enforcement authority of the Zoning Administrator to order the removal or discontinuance of any unauthorized alterations of an approved conditional use, and the elimination, removal or discontinuance of any violation of a condition imposed prior to or after approval or violation of any other provision of this Code. Upon written complaint by any citizen or official, the Common Council shall initially determine whether said complaint indicates a reasonable probability that the subject conditional use is in violation of either one (1) or more of the standards set forth in Section 13-1-66 above, a condition of approval or other requirement imposed hereunder. Upon reaching a positive initial determination, a hearing shall be held upon notice as provided in Section 13-1-65 above. Any person may appear at such hearing and testify in person or represented by an agent or attorney. The Common Council may, in order to bring the subject conditional use into compliance with the standards set forth in Section 13-1-66 or conditions previously imposed by the Common Council, modify existing conditions upon such use and impose additional reasonable conditions upon the subject conditional use. In the event that no reasonable modification of such conditional use can be made in order to assure that Standards (a) and (b) in Section 13-1-66 will be met, the Common Council may revoke the subject conditional approval and direct the Zoning Administrator and the City Attorney to seek elimination of the subject use. Following any such hearing, the decision of the Common Council shall be furnished to the current owner of the conditional use in writing stating the reasons therefor.