

ARTICLE A

Introduction

SEC. 10-1-1 AUTHORITY.

This Chapter is adopted under the authority granted by Sections 62.23(7) and 87.30 of the Wisconsin Statutes and amendments thereto.

State Law Reference: Section 62.23(7), Wis. Stats.

SEC. 10-1-2 TITLE.

This Chapter shall be known as, referred to and cited as the "Zoning Code, Village of Trempealeau, Wisconsin" and is hereinafter referred to as the "Code" or "Chapter."

SEC. 10-1-3 GENERAL PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Chapter is to promote the comfort, health, safety, morals, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of the people of the Village of Trempealeau, Wisconsin.

SEC. 10-1-4 INTENT AND PURPOSES IN VIEW.

The general intent and purposes in view of this Chapter are to regulate and restrict the use of all structures, lands and waters and to:

- (a) Promote and protect the comfort, public health, safety, morals, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of the people;
- (b) Divide the Village into zones or districts restricting and regulating therein the location, erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration and use of buildings, structures and land for residence, business and manufacturing and other specified uses;
- (c) Protect the character and the stability of the residential, business, manufacturing and other districts within the Village and to promote the orderly and beneficial development thereof;
- (d) Regulate lot coverage, the intensity of use of lot areas and the size and location of all structures so as to prevent overcrowding and to provide adequate sunlight, air, sanitation and drainage;
- (e) Regulate population density and distribution so as to avoid sprawl or undue concentration and to facilitate the provision of adequate public services, utilities and other public requirements;
- (f) Regulate parking, loading and access so as to lessen congestion in and promote the safety and efficiency of streets and highways;
- (g) Secure safety from fire, panic, flooding, pollution, contamination and other dangers;
- (h) Stabilize and protect existing and potential property values and encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Village;
- (i) Preserve and protect the beauty of the Village of Trempealeau;
- (j) To prohibit uses, buildings or structures incompatible with the character of development or intended uses within specified zoning districts;

- (k) To provide for the elimination of nonconforming uses of land, buildings and structures which are adversely affecting the character and value of desirable development in each district;
- (l) Prevent and control erosion, sedimentation and other pollution of the surface and subsurface waters;
- (m) Further the maintenance of safe and healthful water conditions;
- (n) Prevent flood damage to persons and property and minimize expenditures for flood relief and flood control projects;
- (o) Provide for and protect a variety of suitable commercial and industrial sites;
- (p) Protect the traffic-carrying capacity of existing and proposed arterial streets and highways;
- (q) Implement those municipal, county, watershed and regional comprehensive plans or components of such plans adopted by the Village of Trempealeau;
- (r) Provide for the administration and enforcement of this Chapter; and to provide penalties for the violation of this Chapter.

SEC. 10-1-5 ABROGATION AND GREATER RESTRICTIONS.

It is not intended by this Chapter to repeal, abrogate, annul, impair or interfere with any existing easements, covenants, deed restrictions, agreements, rules, regulations or permits previously adopted or issued pursuant to law. However, whenever this Chapter imposes greater restrictions, the provisions of this Chapter shall govern.

SEC. 10-1-6 INTERPRETATION.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Chapter shall be held to be minimum requirements and shall be liberally construed in favor of the Village and shall not be construed to be a limitation or repeal of any other power now possessed by the Village of Trempealeau.

SEC. 10-1-7 SEVERABILITY AND NON-LIABILITY.

- (a) If any section, clause, provision or portion of this Chapter is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Chapter shall not be affected thereby.
- (b) If any application of this Chapter to a particular structure, land or water is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not be applicable to any other structure, land or water not specifically included in said judgment.
- (c) The Village does not guarantee, warrant or represent that only those areas designated as floodlands will be subject to periodic inundation and hereby asserts that there is no liability on the part of the Village Board, its agencies or employees for any flood damages, sanitation problems or structural damages that may occur as a result of reliance upon and conformance with this Chapter.

SEC. 10-1-8 REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

All other ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Village inconsistent or conflicting with this Chapter, to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict only, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 10-1-9 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

ARTICLE B

General Provisions

SEC. 10-1-10 JURISDICTION AND GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) **Jurisdiction.** The jurisdiction of this Chapter shall apply to all structures, lands, water and air within the corporate limits of the Village of Trempealeau.
- (b) **Compliance.** No new structure, new use of land, water or air or change in the use of land, water or air shall hereafter be permitted and no structure or part thereof shall hereafter be located, erected, moved, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, converted or structurally altered without a zoning permit and without full compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and all other applicable local, county and state regulations.
- (c) **District Regulations to be Complied With.** Except as otherwise provided, the use and height of buildings hereafter erected, converted, moved, enlarged or structurally altered and the use of any land shall be in compliance with the regulations established herein for the district in which such building or land is located.
- (d) **Yard Reduction or Joint Use.**
 - (1) No lot, yard, parking area, building area or other space shall be reduced in area or dimension so as not to meet the provisions of this Chapter. No part of any lot, yard, parking area or other space required for a structure or use shall be used for any other structure or use.
 - (2) No part of a yard or other open space provided about any building for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this Code shall be included as a part of a yard or other open space required for another building.
- (e) **One Main Building per Lot.** Every building hereafter erected, converted, enlarged or structurally altered shall be located on a lot and in no case shall there be more than one (1) main building on one (1) lot.
- (f) **Lots Abutting More Restrictive District.** Any side yard, rear yard or court abutting a district boundary line shall have a minimum width and depth in the less restricted district equal to the average of the required minimum widths and depths for such yards and courts in the two (2) districts which abut the district boundary line.

SEC. 10-1-11 USE REGULATIONS.

Only the following uses and their essential services may be allowed in any district:

- (a) **Permitted Uses.** Permitted uses, being the principal uses, specified for a district.
- (b) **Accessory Uses.** Accessory uses and structures as specified are permitted in any district but not until their principal structure is present or under construction.
- (c) **Conditional Uses.**
 - (1) Classes of Conditional Uses. Conditional uses may be either denominated "regular" or "limited."
 - (2) General Conditional Use Provisions. Provisions applicable to conditional uses generally:
 - a. Conditional uses and their accessory uses are considered as special uses requiring, for their authorization, review, public hearing and approval by the Village Board in accordance with Article E of this Chapter excepting those existent at time of adoption of the Zoning Code.
 - b. Those existing uses which are classified as "conditional uses" for the district(s) in which they are located at the time of adoption of this

- Code require no action by the Village Board for them to continue as valid conditional uses, and the same shall be deemed to be "regular" conditional uses.
- c. Proposed change from permitted use in a district to conditional use shall require review, public hearing and approval by the Village Board in accordance with Article E of this Chapter.
 - d. Conditional use(s), when replaced by permitted use(s), shall terminate. In such case(s), the reestablishment of any previous conditional use(s), or establishment of new conditional use(s) shall require review, public hearing and approval by the Village Board in accordance with Article E of this Chapter.
 - e. Provisions in this Chapter relating generally to Conditional Uses shall, except when in conflict with specific provisions relating to either regular or limited conditional uses (which specific provisions would then control) shall be deemed to be applicable to both regular and limited conditional uses.
- (3) Specific Regular Conditional Use Provisions. Provisions applicable specifically to regular conditional uses:
- a. Regular conditional uses, either allowed by action of the Village Board or existent at time of adoption of this Code, shall be non-lapsing, shall survive vacancies and change of ownership of the properties where located and be subject to substitution with other conditional use(s) of same or similar type without Village Board approval. Change to conditional use of other than same or similar type shall require procedures and approval in accordance with Article E.
 - b. See Subsection (c)(2)a above as to conditional uses existent at time of adoption of this Code being deemed to be regular conditional uses.
- (4) Specific Limited Conditional Use Provisions. Provisions applicable specifically to limited conditional uses:
- a. Limited conditional uses authorized by Village Board resolution shall be established for a period of time to a time certain or until a future happening or event at which the same shall terminate.
 - b. Limited conditional uses authorized by the Village Board shall not be subject to substitution with other conditional uses, either regular or limited, whether similar type or not, without Board approval and the procedures required in Article E of this Chapter.
- (d) Uses Not Specified in Code.
- (1) Uses not specified in this Chapter which are found by the Village Board to be sufficiently similar to specified permitted uses for a district shall be allowed by Zoning Administrator.
 - (2) Uses not specified in this Chapter and which are found sufficiently similar to specified conditional uses permitted for a district may be permitted by the Village Board after consideration and recommendation by the Village Board, public hearing and approval in accordance with Article E of this Chapter.

SEC. 10-1-12 SITE REGULATIONS.

- (a) Site Suitability. No land shall be used or structure erected where the land is unsuitable for such use or structure by reason of flooding, concentrated runoff, inadequate drainage, adverse soil or rock formation, unfavorable topography, or low bearing strength, erosion susceptibility or any other feature likely to be harmful to the health, safety, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of this community. Future commercial & residential construction will be prohibited within the applicable separation distance of 500' from the sewage treatment facilities. (Amended 6/05/95)

- (b) **Street Frontage.** All lots shall abut upon a public street or other officially approved means of access, and each lot shall have a minimum frontage of twenty-five (25) feet; however, to be buildable, the lot shall comply with the frontage requirements of the zoning district in which it is located.
- (c) **Principal Structures.** All principal structures shall be located on a lot. Only one (1) principal structure shall be located, erected or moved onto a lot. The Village Board may permit as a conditional use more than one (1) principal structure per lot in any district where more than one (1) such structure is needed for the orderly development of the parcel. Where additional structures are permitted, the Village Board may impose additional yard requirements, landscaping requirements or parking requirements, or require a minimum separation distance between principal structures.
- (d) **Dedicated Street.** No zoning permit shall be issued for a lot which abuts a public street dedicated to only a portion of its proposed width and located on that side thereof from which the required dedication has not been secured.
- (e) **Lots Abutting More Restrictive Districts.** Lots abutting more restrictive district boundaries shall provide side and rear yards not less than those required in the more restrictive abutting district. The street yard setbacks in the less restrictive district shall be modified for a distance of not less than sixty (60) feet from the more restrictive district boundary line so such street yard setbacks shall be no less than the average of the street yards required in both districts.
- (f) **Site Suitability.** No land shall be used or structure erected where the land is held unsuitable for such use or structure by the Village Board by reason of flooding, concentrated runoff, inadequate drainage, adverse soil or rock formation, unfavorable topography, low percolation rate or bearing strength, erosion susceptibility or any other feature likely to be harmful to the health, safety, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of this community. The Village Board, in applying the provisions of the Section, shall, in writing, recite the particular facts upon which it bases its conclusion that the land is not suitable for certain uses. The applicant shall have an opportunity to present evidence contesting such unsuitability if he so desires. Thereafter, the Village Board may affirm, modify or withdraw its determination of unsuitability.
- (g) **Preservation of Topography.** In order to protect the property owner from possible damage due to change in the existing grade of adjoining lands and to aid in preserving and protecting the natural beauty and character of the landscape, no change in the existing topography of any land shall be made which would result in increasing any portion of the slope to a ratio greater than one and one-half (1-1/2) horizontal to one (1) vertical, within a distance of twenty (20) feet from the property line, except with the written consent of the owner of the abutting property and with the approval of the Village Board, or which would alter the existing drainage or topography in any way as to adversely affect the adjoining property. In no case shall any slope exceed the normal angle of slippage of the material involved, and all slopes shall be protected against erosion.
- (h) **Decks.** For purposes of this Chapter, decks and porches shall be considered a part of a building or structure.

SEC. 10-1-13 HEIGHTS AND AREA EXCEPTIONS.

The regulations contained herein relating to the height of buildings and the size of yards and other open spaces shall be subject to the following exceptions:

- (a) Churches, schools, hospitals, sanitoriums and other public and quasi-public buildings may be erected to a height not exceeding sixty (60) feet nor five (5) stories, provided the front, side and rear yards required in the district in which such building is to be located are each increased at least one (1) foot for each foot of additional building height above the height limit otherwise established for the district in which such building is to be located.
- (b) Chimneys, cooling towers, elevator bulkheads, fire towers, monuments, penthouses, stacks, scenery lofts, tanks, water towers, ornamental towers, spires, wireless, television or broadcasting towers, masts or aerials; microwave radio relay structures; telephone, telegraph and power poles and lines and necessary mechanical appurtenances are hereby excepted from the height regulations of this Code and may be erected in accordance with other regulations or codes of the Village.
- (c) Residences in the residence district may be increased in height by not more than ten (10) feet when all yards and other required open spaces are increased by one (1) foot for each foot when such building exceeds the height limit of the district in which it is located.
- (d) Where a lot abuts on two (2) or more streets or alleys having different average established grades, the higher of such grades shall control only for a depth of one hundred twenty (120) feet from the line of the higher average established grade.
- (e) Buildings on through lots and extending from street to street may have waived the requirements for a rear yard by furnishing an equivalent open space on the same lot in lieu of the required rear yard provided that the setback requirements on both streets be complied with.
- (f) Where a lot has an area less than the minimum number of square feet per family required for the district in which it is located and was of record as such at the time of the passage of this Code, such lot may be occupied by one (1) family.
- (g) Every part of a required yard shall be open to the sky, unobstructed, except for accessory buildings in a rear yard, and the ordinary projections of sills, belt courses, cornices and ornamental features projecting not more than twelve (12) inches.
- (h) Open or enclosed fire escapes and fire towers may project into a required yard not more than five (5) feet and into a required court not more than three and one-half (3-1/2) feet, provided it be so located as not to obstruct light and ventilation.

SEC. 10-1-14 REDUCTION OR JOINT USE.

No lot, yard, parking area, building area or other space shall be reduced in area or dimensions so as not to meet the provisions of this Chapter. No part of any lot, yard, parking area or other space required for a structure or use shall be used for any other structure or use.

SEC. 10-1-15 THROUGH SEC. 10-1-19 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.