

§ 223-18 Special permit uses.

A. General provisions. The special uses for which conformance to additional standards is required by this chapter shall be deemed to be permitted uses in their respective districts, subject to the satisfaction of the requirements and standards set forth herein, in addition to all other requirements of this chapter. All such uses are declared to possess characteristics of such unique and special forms that each specific use shall be considered as an individual case.

B. Application for a special permit.

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(1) Application for required special permits shall be made to the Planning Board as agent for the City Council, and the applicant shall appear before the Planning Board prior to appearing before the City Council. All application materials, including plans, shall be submitted in electronic file format acceptable to the Building Department, in addition to at least five paper copies (or such other format or amount as determined by the Building Department), at least two weeks prior to the regular Planning Board meeting at which it will be considered. The Planning Board shall, upon receiving such application, forward a copy of the application to the City Council for the Council's use in initiating the state environmental quality review process and for otherwise processing the application. The Planning Board shall render a report to the City Council on each application, which report shall be rendered within 45 days of the date such application is received by the Board. Each report shall be submitted to both the Building Inspector and the City Engineer. The City Council shall conduct a public hearing within 62 days from the day on which a complete application is received. Public notice of said hearing shall be provided by the applicant in accordance with § 223-61.3 of this chapter. The City Council shall decide upon the application within 62 days after the hearing, provided that the SEQR process has been concluded. The time in which the City Council must render its decision may be extended by mutual consent of the applicant and the Board. The City Council may authorize the issuance of a permit, provided that it shall find that all of the following conditions and standards have been met:

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(a) The location and size of the use, the nature and intensity of the operations involved in or conducted in connection with it, the size of the site in relation to it and the location of the site with respect to streets giving access to it are such that it will be in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the district in which it is located.

(b) The location, nature and height of buildings, walls and fences and the nature and extent of the landscaping on the site are such that the use will not hinder or discourage the appropriate development use of adjacent land and buildings.

(c) Operations in connection with any special use will not be more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of noise, fumes, vibration or other characteristic than would be the operations of any permitted use, not requiring a special permit.

(d) Parking areas will be of adequate size for the particular use and properly located and suitably screened from adjoining residential uses, and the entrance and exit drives shall be laid out so as to achieve maximum safety.

(2) The decision of the City Council on the application, after the holding of the public hearing, shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk within five business days after such decision is rendered and a copy thereof mailed to the applicant.