

- (3) 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.
 - (4) 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.
 - (5) 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.
- (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. 13-1-12 SITE REGULATIONS.

- (a) **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.
- (b) **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.
- (c) **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.
- (d) **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.
- (e) **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.

- (f) **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.
- (g) **Decks.** For purposes of this Chapter, decks and porches shall be considered a part of a building or structure.

SEC. 13-1-13 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. 13-1-14 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. 13-1-15 THROUGH SEC. 13-1-19 RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE.

ARTICLE C

Zoning Districts

SEC. 13-1-20 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS.

For the purpose of this Chapter, present and future, provision is hereby made for the division of the Village of Nichols into the following six (6) basic zoning districts:

- a) AG Agricultural District
- b) RS Single-Family Residential District
- c) RM Multi-Family Residential District
- d) C Commercial District
- e) I Industrial District
- f) CD Conservancy District

SEC. 13-1-21 VACATION OF STREETS; ANNEXATIONS.

- (a) **Vacation of Streets.** Vacation of public streets and alleys shall cause the land vacated to be automatically placed in the same district as the abutting side to which the vacated land reverts.
- (b) **Annexations.** Annexations to or consolidations with the Village subsequent to the effective date of this Chapter shall be placed in the AG Agricultural District, unless the annexation ordinance places the land in another district.

SEC. 13-1-22 ZONING MAP.

- (a) The Village of Nichols is hereby divided into Zoning Districts as shown upon a map designated as the Official Zoning Map of the Village of Nichols and made a part of this Chapter. The Official Zoning Map and all the notations, references and other information shown thereon are a part of this Chapter and shall have the same force and effect as if the matters and information set forth by said map were fully described herein. The Official Zoning Map shall be properly attested and kept on file along with the text of the Official Zoning Regulations in the office of the Village Clerk of the Village of Nichols.
- (b) The District Boundaries shall be determined by measurement from and as shown on the Official Zoning Map, and in case of any question as to the interpretation of such boundary lines, the Village Board shall interpret the map according to the reasonable intent of this Chapter. Unless otherwise specifically indicated or dimensioned on the map, the district boundaries are normally lot lines; section, quarter section or sixteenth section lines; or the centerlines of streets, highways, railways or alleys.

SEC. 13-1-23 RULES FOR INTERPRETATION OF DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of districts as shown on the Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) Boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of streets, highways or alleys shall be construed to follow such centerlines.

- (b) Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines.
- (c) Boundaries indicated as approximately following Village boundaries shall be construed as following municipal boundaries.
- (d) Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks.
- (e) Boundaries indicated as following shorelines shall be construed to follow such shorelines and, in the event of change in the shoreline, shall be construed as moving with the actual shoreline; boundaries indicated as approximately following the centerlines of streams, rivers, canals, lakes or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such centerlines.
- (f) Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in the preceding shall be so construed. Distances not specifically indicated on the zoning map shall be determined by the scale of the map.

SEC. 13-1-24 RS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Permitted Principal Uses and Structures.

- (1) Single-family detached dwellings.
- (2) Public and semi-public nonprofit institutional uses including churches, schools, libraries and uses of a similar nature.
- (3) Parks, playgrounds and community centers.

Permitted Accessory Uses and Structures.

- (1) Uses and structures customarily accessory and clearly incidental to permissible principal uses and structures.
- (2) Home occupations.

Conditional Uses and Structures.

- 1 Two-family dwellings.
- 2 Day nurseries and kindergartens.
- 3 Convalescent home, children's home or nursing home.
- 4 Public utility installations.

Dimensional Requirements.

(1) All Permissible Principal Uses and Structures -- One-Family Dwellings.

- a. Lot area: 7,200 square feet minimum per dwelling;
- b. Lot width: 60 feet minimum;
- c. Front yard: 55 feet down from center of road;
- d. Rear yard: 20 feet;
- e. Side yards: 10 feet each.
- f. Lot coverage: 30%;
- g. Height: 35 feet (2-1/2 stories).

(2) All Conditional Uses and Structures -- Two-Family Dwellings.

- a. Lot area: 10,000/5,000 square feet per dwelling;
- b. Lot width: 80 feet minimum;
- Front yard: c. 55 feet down from center of road;
- Rear yard: d. 20 feet;
- Side yards: e. 10 feet each.
- Lot f. coverage: 30%;
- Height: 35 g. feet (2-1/2 stories).