



THE CITY OF FITCHBURG

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such data as shall be deemed necessary for the full and accurate exposition of the proposed construction, alteration or use. Such material shall be kept on file in the office of the Inspector of Buildings.

3. Buildings with the

approval of the City Council, and if required by it, shall, institute appropriate legal proceedings to enforce the ordinance and restrain by injunction any violation thereof.

Section 2. Occupancy Permit

1. No buildings shall be erected, altered, relocated or in any way changed as to construction or use under a permit or otherwise, if no land shall be occupied or used without a occupancy permit signed by the Inspector of Buildings, which permit shall not be issued until the building and its use and accessory uses and the zoning of all land comply with the zoning ordinance.

2. Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Fitchburg as follows:

The General Ordinance of the City of Fitchburg as published by order of the City Council in 1934 are hereby amended by adding thereto a chapter to be known as a Zoning Ordinance, which shall read as follows:

ZONING ORDINANCE

ARTICLE I. Administration and Enforcement

Section 1. Purposes

The purposes of this ordinance are to promote the general welfare of the City of Fitchburg, to provide the health and safety of its inhabitants, to encourage the most appropriate use of land within the city, to lessen the congestion in the streets, to accommodate the growth of the city, to reduce the hazard from fire and to provide adequate light and air to buildings, by regulating the location, use, and height of buildings and the spaces about them.

Section 2. Enforcement

1. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Inspector of Buildings appointed under the building laws of the City of Fitchburg, who shall grant no permit for the construction or alteration of a building or structure if the use or structure as constructed or altered would be in violation of any provision of this ordinance. No municipal officer shall grant any permit or license to use or occupy any building or land, which use would be in violation of any provision of this ordinance. Whenever a permit or license is required because of some provision of this ordinance, the reason therefore shall be clearly stated in writing.

2. Every applicant for a permit for any construction, alteration, or use of any building or land for which a permit is required by law shall, upon request of the Inspector of Buildings, file such written information, plans, specifications, or other data as may be required.

the Board of Appeals may order or by regulation prescribe.

4. In the case of an appeal involving a change in use of land or building the Board of Appeals shall hold a joint meeting with the Inspector of Buildings to determine the date of the public hearing or in any event before final action is taken by the Board of Appeals.

5. The Board of Appeals shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged by the applicant for a permit that there is error in any order or decision made by an administrative officer in the enforcement of this ordinance.

(b) To hear and decide requests for special permits upon which the Board is required to pass under Section 5 of this Article.

(c) To authorize upon appeal with respect to a particular parcel of land a variance from the terms of this ordinance which would not affect the zoning of such parcel but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of this variance would result in substantial hardship to the applicant and where such variance may be granted without substantial detriment to the public welfare, with the concurrence of the Board of Appeals.

6. To hear and decide requests for special permits upon which the Board is required to pass under Section 5 of this Article.

7. To authorize upon appeal with respect to a particular parcel of land a variance from the terms of this ordinance which would not affect the zoning of such parcel but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of this variance would result in substantial hardship to the applicant and where such variance may be granted without substantial detriment to the public welfare, with the concurrence of the Board of Appeals.

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