

Article E: Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots

Sec. 10-1-80 Existing Nonconforming Uses.

- (a) **Continuation.** Except as otherwise specially provided in this Chapter, the lawful nonconforming use of land existing at the time of the adoption or amendment of this Chapter may be continued although the use does not conform with the provisions of this Chapter, provided however:
- (1) Only that portion of the land or water in actual use may be so continued and the structure may not be extended, enlarged, reconstructed, substituted, moved or structurally altered, except when required to do so by law or order or so as to comply with the provisions of this Chapter.
 - (2) The total lifetime structural repairs or alterations shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the structure at the time of its becoming a nonconforming use unless it is permanently changed to conform to the use provisions of this Chapter.
 - (3) Substitution of new equipment may be permitted by the Village Board if such equipment will reduce the incompatibility of the nonconforming use with the neighboring use.
 - (4) A nonconforming use may be changed to any use permitted in the same use district as that in which the use existing is permitted according to the provisions of this Chapter; provided when a use district is changed, any existing, nonconforming use in such changed district may be continued or changed to a use permitted in the same use district as that in which the existing use is permitted; provided all other regulations governing the new use are complied with.
- (b) **Abolishment or Replacement of Existing Nonconforming Use.** If such nonconforming use is discontinued or terminated for a period of twelve (12) months, any future use of the structure, land or water shall conform to the provisions of this Chapter. When a nonconforming use or structure is damaged by fire, explosion, flood, the public enemy or other calamity to the extent of more than fifty percent (50%) of its current assessed value, it shall not be restored except so as to comply with the use provisions of this Chapter.

Sec. 10-1-81 Existing Nonconforming Structures and Lots.

The lawful nonconforming structure existing at the time of the adoption or amendment of this Chapter may be continued although its size or location does not conform with the lot width, lot area, yard, height, parking and loading, and access provisions of this Chapter. However, it shall not be extended, enlarged, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered except when required to do so by law or order or so as to comply with the provisions of this Chapter.

Sec. 10-1-82 Changes and Substitutions.

Once a nonconforming use or structure has been changed to conform, it shall not revert back to a nonconforming use or structure. Once the Village Board has permitted the substitution of a more restrictive nonconforming use for an existing nonconforming use, the substituted use shall lose its status as a legal nonconforming use and become subject to all the conditions required by the Village Board.

Sec. 10-1-83 Legal Nonconforming Lots

In any residential district, structures may be erected on any legal lot or record prior to the effective date of this Code provided that the area, the width and the depth of such existing lot shall be no less than eighty percent (80%) of the required minimums set forth in this chapter. No lot, yard, parking area, building area or other space shall be reduced in area or dimension so as not to meet the provision of this Chapter.

Sec. 10-1-84 through Sec. 10-1-89 Reserved for Future Use.