

A Possible Zoning Plan

Purpose:

This zoning plan is designed to prevent people from using land in a way that harms others. Land uses that endanger other people are forbidden. However, some popular land uses cause harms that are not dangers, but annoyances, like noise and shade. Many are willing to live near these harms as long as they are also free to create them. A convenient way to accommodate residents with different wants is to create a variety of zones that allow different degrees of harm. The zones are arranged so that no one has to change their current uses of land. The Mixed Use Zone covers noisy, shady areas that have tall buildings or stores open late, and The Restricted Mixed Use Zone covers areas that do not have these uses. The Heavy Industrial zone covers existing areas of heavy industry.

Changes to Map:

Owners may change the zoning of their properties from Restricted Mixed Use to Mixed Use at any time. They may also change the zoning of their properties from Mixed Use to Restricted Mixed Use, so long as the change would not force another owner to stop an existing land use. The Heavy Industrial zone may not be expanded.

Use Restrictions in all Mixed Use Zones:

1. No use may produce heat or dust discernible at the property lines.

2. All hazardous materials, waste, and wastewater associated with the use shall be handled and disposed of in a manner that is not dangerous to the health and safety of those nearby.

3. Truck deliveries that produce noises louder than 60 dB(A) onto properties zoned Restricted Mixed Use are forbidden from 10:00 PM to 9:00 AM, even if the vehicles themselves are exempted from noise regulation.

4. No use may emit air pollution that is detrimental to the public welfare.

5. All lighting devices shall be shielded so that so that the amount of light projected onto a property zoned as Restricted Mixed Use does not exceed 1/10 of a foot candle.

6. No use may produce foul odors discernible at the property lines. An odor is foul if a sample of people finds it objectionable in usual places of occupancy, or if the odor can be detected when the volume of odorous air is diluted with five volumes of odor-free air for two separate trials not less than fifteen minutes apart within the period of one hour.7. Noise Limits:

No person shall conduct or permit any activity that produces a dB(A) beyond his property line exceeding the levels below:

Zoning of Property Receiving The Sound	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM	9:00 AM to 10:00 PM	10:00 PM to 7:00 AM
Restricted Mixed Use	65	75	55
Mixed Use	75	85	75

Restricted Mixed Use- Building Regulations:

1. Structures must be set back three feet from properties zoned Restricted Mixed Use

2. The maximum height for all structures is thirty-five feet.

Mixed Use- Building Regulations:

1. Structures must be set back three feet from properties zoned Restricted Mixed Use

2. The maximum height for a structure is one-half the distance between the structure and the closest property zoned Restricted Mixed Use.

Heavy Industrial

If there are polluting or dangerous uses in the existing Heavy Industrial Zone when this zoning plan is made law, no additional harmful uses may be created. If no polluting or dangerous uses exist, areas in the Heavy Industrial Zone will be rezoned as Mixed Use.

