

STANDARDS OF PROOF - SPECIAL PERMIT

The burden of proof for a special permit is always on the applicant. In order for an applicant to be entitled to a special permit, he must satisfy the following criteria:

1. That the proposed use will not, in the circumstances of the particular case and under any conditions that the Board of Appeals considers to be necessary or desirable, be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare. (Applicant should specify any conditions which he can satisfy in order to establish this criterion). The ZBA should be prepared to discuss at the hearing any pertinent conditions.

2. That the proposed site plan shows the location of all buildings, parking areas, traffic access and circulation drives, open spaces, landscaping. (Failure to adhere to the site plan precisely as presented or as otherwise modified by order of the Planning Board or ZBA will constitute a violation of the Zoning Ordinance).

3. That there is no violation of the Zoning Ordinance on the subject premises at the present time.

4. That the

- a. location and size of the proposed use
- b. nature and intensity of the operation involved
- c. size of the site in relation to the proposed use
- d. location of the site with respect to existing streets
- e. location of the site with relation to future streets

are all in harmony with the orderly development of the district.

5. That the location, nature and height of

- a. buildings
- b. walls
- c. fences

will not discourage the appropriate development and use of the adjacent lands or buildings or impair the value thereof.

6. That the operations in connection with such proposed use will not be more objectionable to nearby properties by reason of

- a. noise
- b. fumes
- c. vibration
- d. flashing lights

than would be the operations of any specifically permitted use in that zoning district (except in the case of an S-1 District).

If the applicant proves his compliance with each standard, he is entitled to the special permit. Conversely, if the applicant fails to address or satisfy any one or part of these standards, he is not entitled to the special permit.