Proposed Text Amendment to Reorganize the City of Stamford Zoning Regulations

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1. Purpose

Over the last few years, the Zoning Board has undertaken an update and reorganization of the Zoning Regulations to make it easier for applicants and the general public to find relevant zoning information. For example, all standards and regulations regarding building height were consolidated into the Building Height definition in Section 3.B., while previously they were divided between Section 3 and Section 8. In the same manner all permit and approval types were consolidated into Section 19 while they previously were in Section 2 (Zoning Permits) Section 9 (General Development Plans), Section 7 and others. The purpose of this text change is to bring the reorganization to a conclusion.

2. Proposed Changes

The Zoning Regulations would be reorganized according to the table below. It would also include the updating of cross references with the new section numbers. For Districts that currently have no standalone section in the Zoning Regulations (C-C, C-G, C-I, C-L and C-N) placeholders would be added in new Section 5 that refer to the standards in Appendices A and B. The Table of Contents of the Regulations would be updated as well. No substantive changes to any of the regulations are proposed.

The proposed new structure of the Zoning Regulations would be as follows:

New Section Title	Proposed Change
1. General Provisions	unchanged
2. Approvals and Permits	Formerly Section 19
3. Definitions	unchanged
4. Use Definitions and Standards	Formerly Section 5
5. Districts and District Regulations	Formerly Sections 4, 7.6. and 9; Districts would be
	listed alphabetically
6. Design Standards for Publicly Accessible	unchanged
Amenity Space	
7. BMR Program	Formerly Section 7.4.
8. Historic Preservation	Formerly Section 7.3.
9. Sustainability and Resiliency	Formerly Section 15
10. Non-Conforming Uses	unchanged
11. Signs	Formerly Section 13
12. Mobility	unchanged