

## [How to Read the City of Stamford Zoning Regulations

In order to make the City of Stamford Zoning Regulations more user-friendly, the Land Use Bureau is in the process of reformatting the Zoning Text.

The most important features of this effort are:

1. **Uniform numbering Scheme:** All numbering will be updated to the following scheme  
1.A.1.a.(1)(a)i.
2. All **zoning terms**, such as *Building* or *Floor Area Ratio*, are defined and listed alphabetically in Section 3.B. All defined terms are *italicized* throughout the text, in order to allow users to refer back to the definitions section more easily.
3. Certain **Uses** are defined and listed alphabetically in Section 5.E. They are marked in spaced lettering throughout the text to allow easy reference to the defined uses.
4. Text in **[square parenthesis]** is not part of the Zoning Regulations but comments or headers intended to make the Zoning Regulations more user-friendly.
5. Section 7.3 - Special Permit Uses for Historic Buildings and Section 12 - Automobile Parking and Loading Spaces are currently under review by the Land Use Boards and have not been updated with the new formatting.
6. **Legally non-conforming or non-compliant** uses are “grandfathered in”, i.e., they can generally continue to remain (see Section 10 for more details). In order to identify when Zoning Regulations have been updated, the application numbers for the Zoning Text Change Applications that added, modified or deleted certain Sections are added in the following format (210-21). The first three digits indicate the year a text change was filed (210=2010); the number after the hyphen (-21) are the unique identifier for the application. If a structure was built prior to the effective date of a text change application, it may have become legally non-conforming or compliant and was built to the standards in effect prior to the effective date of the text change. You may contact the Land Use Bureau to access the original standards by contacting [StamfordLandUse@StamfordCT.gov](mailto:StamfordLandUse@StamfordCT.gov) or (203) 977-4711.
7. For all **questions** related to the City of Stamford Zoning Regulations please contact the Stamford Land Use Bureau at

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