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RE: Proposed Town of Newburgh Local Law Amending Chapter 185 entitled 'Zoning' of the Code of the Town of Newburgh to Provide for the Regulation of Adult-Oriented Businesses

Our File No. 800.1 (B)(2)(2009)

#### Dear Grace and John:

Enclosed please find the above referenced Introductory Local Law which I am forwarding to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board for their reviews and comments in accordance with the direction of the Town Board and the Town of Newburgh Zoning Code for your respective Board's review and report. A public hearing on the Introductory Local Law is scheduled for October 15, 2012. The Town Board would appreciate your providing your reports as early as possible prior to that date. The Local Law will add supplementary regulations applicable to any use which falls within the definition of an "adult-oriented business." It does not establish a separate classification in the bulk regulations for such a business.

Also enclosed is a map showing those areas in which adult-oriented businesses could potentially locate in the B, IB and I Zoning Districts which are beyond the proposed 1,000 foot restrictions for residential district boundaries and sensitive sites. In the I District, a Business Park

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may include restaurants and retail outlets accessory to certain other uses, which may fall within the definition of adult-oriented business..

Additionally enclosed is a copy of a resolution regarding secondary effects related to the operation of adult oriented businesses adopted by the Town Board on September 5, 2012. The Town Board conducted a public input session on August 14, 2012 to receive the comments of members of the public regarding those possible secondary effects in the Town. Copies of the minutes of that session and copies of written submissions made to the Board following the public input session are available to you, your Board members and consultants from the Town Clerk.

Also enclosed please find copies of the Environmental Assessment Form for the Action. The Environmental Assessment Form is also being forwarded to you for purposes of SEQRA as your Boards have been identified as interested agencies for the Actions. The Town Board has declared its intention to act as Lead Agency in connection with the SEQRA review of the Action.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town

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# INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_ OF 2012 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 185 ENTITLED "ZONING"

# OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF NEWBURGH TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESSES

## SECTION 1 - TITLE.

This Local Law shall be referred to as "A Local Law Amending Chapter 185 Entitled "Zoning" of the Code of the Town of Newburgh to Provide for the Regulation of Adult-Oriented Businesses."

# SECTION 2 - AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 185 - SECTION 185-10.

A new subsection 185-10D entitled "Adult-oriented businesses is hereby added to Section 185-10 entitled "Utililization of Use Table" of Chapter 185 entitled "Zoning" of the Code of the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York to read as follows:

"D. Adult-oriented businesses. A use meeting the definition of "adult-oriented business" contained in §185-67 shall additionally be subject to the supplementary regulations contained in Article XVI of this Chapter."

#### SECTION 3 - AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 185 - ADDITION OF NEW ARTICLE XVI.

A new Article XVI entitled "Adult-Oriented Businesses" is hereby added to Chapter 185 entitled "Zoning" of the Code of the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York to read as follows:

# "ARTICLE XVI Adult-Oriented Businesses

§185-65. Legislative Findings. The Town Board of the Town of Newburgh is familiar with the Town, the location of adult-oriented business within the Town and the issues raised by such business in the Town and throughout the country. Based on the Board's local knowledge, the input of Town residents and business owners obtained during a public input session held on August 14, 2012 2004 and evidence and studies concerning the possible impacts or "secondary effects" of adult-oriented businesses on the surrounding community, as presented in judicial decisions such as, but not limited to, City of Erie v. Pap's A.M. d/b/a "Kandyland", 529 U.S. 277 (2000); Barnes v. Glen Theater, Inc., 501 U.S. 560 (1991); City of Renton v. Playtime Theaters, Inc., 475 U.S. 41 (1986); Young v. American Mini Theaters, Inc., 427 U.S. 50 (1976); Stringfellow's of New York, Ltd. v. City of New York, 671 N.Y.S.2d 406 (1998); Town of Islip v. Caviglia, 73 N.Y. 2d 544 (1989) and Singer v. Town of East Hartford, 736 F.Supp. 430 (D. Conn.1989), aff'd 901 F.2d 297 (2d Cir. 1990) (affirming judgment on basis of district court opinion); and on studies conducted by other communities including, but not limited to, REPORT

ON THE SECONDARY EFFECTS OF THE CONCENTRATION OF ADULT USE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE TIMES SQUARE AREA; STUDY OF POLICE ACTIVITY MILFORD: TESTING FOR NEGATIVE SECONDARY EFFECTS OF ADULT BUSINESS: ADULT BUSINESS - STUDY (PLANNING DEPARTMENT, CITY OF PHOENIX); ADULT USE STUDY (NEWPORT NEWS DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT); RURAL HOT SPOTS: THE CASE OF ADULT BUSINESSES (BY RICHARD McCLEARY); ADULT ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESSES IN INDIANAPOLIS AN ANALYSIS, REPORT ON ADULT ORIENTEDBUSINESSES IN AUSTIN (OFFICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES): SURVEY OF FLORIDA APPRAISERS: EFFECT OF LAND USES ON MARKET VALUES: ADULT ENTERTAINMENT STUDY(DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING CITY OF NEW YORK); EFFECTS OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENTBUSINESSES ON RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS (OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY, CITY OF EL PASO): THE SECONDARY EFFECTS DOCTRINE SINCE ALAMEDA: AN EMPIRICAL RE-EXAMINATION OF THE JUSTIFICATION FOR LAWS LIMITING FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTION (BY CHRISTOPHER SEAMAN and DANIEL LINZAND); and SURVEY OF TEXAS APPRAISERS SECONDARY EFFECTS OF SEXUALLY-ORIENTED BUSINESSES ON MARKET VALUES, the Board finds:

- 1. Adult-oriented businesses are unavoidably associated with unlawful, unhealthy and detrimental activities ancillary to the constitutionally protected speech activities of such businesses.
- 2. Employees of adult-oriented businesses engage in or may be requested to engage in sexual behavior as a result of the type of business by which they are employed.
- 3. People present in the vicinity of an adult-oriented business are often assumed by third parties to be engaged in, or amenable to, the types of unlawful, unhealthy and detrimental activities ancillary to such businesses. As a result, such persons are subjected to unwanted advances or attention by persons frequenting such adult-oriented business.
- 4. People who choose not to frequent adult-oriented businesses tend to avoid areas in which such businesses locate. As a result, areas in which adult-oriented businesses and massage establishments locate often become "dead zones", *i.e.*, areas in which owners of non-adult-oriented businesses tend to choose not to locate in the first instance, or choose to migrate away from, because of diminished pedestrian traffic due to the presence of adult-oriented businesses and massage establishments.
- 5. Because non-adult-oriented businesses tend not to locate near, or migrate away from, adult-oriented businesses, the presence of one such business tends to attract other adult-oriented businesses into the dead zone, thereby increasing the pace and intensity of the unlawful, unhealthy and detrimental activities unavoidably associated with such businesses and contributing to the blighting of the area surrounding such businesses. The smaller the municipality, including the Town, the larger the effects of a dead zone because such a zone would encompass a larger proportion of the municipality's businesses as opposed to a similar zone situated in a larger municipality.
- 6. Due to the small geographical area of the Town of Newburgh, the probability increases that adult-oriented businesses will have substantial effects upon residential areas within the

Town. Further, smaller municipalities, including the Town, are more likely to have fewer days and hours of commercial activity than a larger municipality. This increases the likelihood that an adult-oriented business or massage establishment will have a larger effect on the area in which it is located during the off-hours of non-adult-oriented businesses.

- 7. Sexual acts, including masturbation, occur at adult-oriented businesses, especially those which provide enclosed rooms, booths or other cubicles for viewing of films, videos or live sex shows, thereby creating unhealthy and unsanitary conditions within the premises of such businesses.
- 8. Sexual activity is often a secondary effect of the constitutionally protected speech activities presented at adult-oriented businesses, thereby creating unhealthy and unsanitary conditions.
- 9. Some patrons frequent adult-oriented businesses for the purpose of engaging in specified sexual activities within the premises of such businesses, thereby creating unhealthy and unsanitary conditions within the premises of such businesses as demonstrated by online reports of patrons of adult-oriented businesses located within the Hudson Valley stating that some employees such businesses provide "extras", *i.e.*, engage in specified sexual activities with patrons in exchange for monetary compensation.
- 10. Communicable diseases may be spread by specified sexual activities, including, but not limited to, transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus ("HIV") and the contraction of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome ("AIDS"), hepatitis B and venereal diseases.
- 11. Venereal diseases, HIV, AIDS and hepatitis B, as well as other communicable diseases spread by specified sexual activities, are serious health concerns in the local community.
- 12. Sanitary conditions in some adult-oriented businesses are unhealthy, in part, because the activities conducted there are unhealthy, and, in part, because of the unregulated nature of the activities engaged in by some patrons of such businesses and the failure of some business owners and operators to self-regulate those activities and maintain the business premises.
- 13. Numerous studies and reports have determined that semen and other bodily fluids are found in certain areas of adult-oriented businesses, particularly where persons view, in enclosed rooms, booths or other cubicles, adult materials or entertainments characterized by an emphasis on nudity or specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
- 14. Adult-oriented businesses have operational characteristics which should be reasonably regulated in order to protect the substantial governmental concerns raised by the various findings herein while permitting patrons and owners of such businesses to engage in constitutionally-protected speech activities.
- 15. The unregulated presence of adult-oriented businesses is associated with declining property values.

- 16. The unregulated presence of adult-oriented businesses is associated with increased crime rates against both property and persons.
- 17. Children and teenagers are more likely to be exposed to graphic sexual images because of the unregulated presence of adult-oriented businesses.
- 18. Because persons patronizing adult-oriented businesses often travel a significant distance to such businesses these persons tend to not share with Town residents the concerns for the quality of life in the Town. Consequently, persons from outside the Town patronizing such businesses tend to place an inordinate strain on Town services and facilities such as parking, usage of Town streets, and trash collection and removal.
- 19. The unregulated presence of adult-oriented businesses tends to alter the character of the community in which they are located and quality of life for the residents of such community. The Town is presently in the process of addressing legislative and administrative Action Items recommended by the adoption of the Town's Comprehensive Plan Update in a deliberate process in an effort to alter and improve both the character and quality of life in the Town. The alterations to character and quality of life associated with the unregulated presence of adult-oriented businesses are at odds with the goals of the alteration and improvement the Town is undergoing and, consequently, the failure to properly regulate adult-oriented businesses and massage establishments could undermine this process.
- 20. The Town's intent in regulating adult-oriented businesses is not to restrict constitutionally-protected speech activities but rather to provide constitutionally sufficient alternate avenues for persons to engage in such activities in a manner consistent with the constitutions of the United States and New York State while addressing the unlawful, unhealthy and detrimental activities ancillary to such speech and ameliorating these secondary effects on the peace, good order, commercial viability and safety of Town residents and non-adult-oriented businesses.
- 21. The Town has granted a franchise to both Verizon and Cablevision for the provision of cable television and these franchisees additionally provide high-speed internet services within the Town and such access is available to all Town residents. This universal availability of cable television and high-speed internet access throughout the Town provides additional alternate avenues for residents to view constitutionally-protected adult materials and adult entertainment if they exercise their right to do so.
- 22. The regulations set forth in this local law are the least intrusive method available to ameliorate the negative secondary effects of adult-oriented businesses within the Town without infringing on constitutionally-protected speech activities. The Town considered imposing separation restrictions from cemeteries and establishments serving alcoholic beverages, but declined to do so in order to ensure the availability of a sufficient number of commercially-viable sites for the location of adult-oriented businesses within the Town. Similarly, the Town considered, but declined, to implement a prohibition on nudity in live adult entertainment offered by adult-oriented businesses as it was determined that such a restriction would impose an unjustified burden on the underlying expressive activity. The Town also rejected creating any type of licensing scheme for adult-oriented businesses as the Board believed doing so might create, either on facially or as applied, an unconstitutional system of prior restraint. Finally, the

Board rejected dedicating additional police resources toward the more aggressive enforcement of existing penal and public nuisance laws, because of both budgetary limitations and to avoid possibly chilling the free-speech activities of law-abiding adult-business owners and their patrons.

- 23. The studies conducted by other communities that were reviewed by the Board, particularly, but not limited to, the 1994 study prepared by New York City, are applicable to the particular circumstances and experiences of the Town regarding adult-oriented businesses. Although most of the studies reviewed by the Board were conducted by larger municipalities, the studies themselves often focused their factual sampling and analysis on small, discrete areas of the municipality rather than the whole municipality. The relatively small size of the "study areas" in which secondary effects were found to occur is far more analogous to the geographic area of the Town. As such, the experiences and conclusions documented in the secondary effects studies are valid predictors of the effects of adult-oriented businesses within the Town. In order to screen the quality of secondary effects studies considered, the Board reviewed and relied on only those studies that were based on collected data, e.g., crime statistics, property value assessments, etc., rather than on anecdotal statements.
- 24. The separation of adult-oriented businesses from sensitive sites and the boundaries of residential zoning distances mandated by this local law, and the requirement that such businesses locate in non-residential districts, will ameliorate the negative secondary effects of such businesses by creating a spatial buffer between those portions of the Town most subject to the harms of increased crime, decreased property values, influx of patrons from outside of the Town, late night traffic and parking congestion, noise, unhygienic conditions, and the likely exposure of children and teenagers nudity, specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities.
- 25. This local law provides for alternative sites on which adult-oriented business may locate and these sites are both physically and legally available, within the Town's borders. These alternate sites are part of an actual business real estate market within the Town. The local law makes available for adult-oriented businesses approximately forty-one (41%) percent of the total area of the Town open for commercial activity. Applying a 500 foot separation requirement between adult-oriented businesses in addition to separation requirements between adult-oriented businesses and residential zoning district boundaries and sensitive sites, approximately thirty-nine (39%) percent of the land area of the IB Zoning District and 40% of the land area in the B Zoning District outside the latter separation requirements remains available for adult-oriented businesses. These alternate sites have been identified and reviewed and are accessible to the public, have some likelihood of being available for use by adult-oriented businesses, and are suitable for commercial activity as they have access to the necessary public infrastructure required to support a commercial activity, e.g., water, sewage and electrical service, as well as a reasonable ability for patrons to lawfully ingress and egress such sites.
- 26. Massage establishments are associated with many of the same unavoidably unlawful, unhealthy and detrimental activities associated with adult-oriented business that offer adult materials or adult entertainment.
- 27. The general welfare, health, comfort and safety of the citizens of the Town will be promoted by the enactment of this section and it is, therefore, necessary to do so.

28. The intent of the Town Board in enacting this Local Law is to ameliorate the negative secondary effects of adult-oriented businesses. The intent of the Board is not to limit constitutionally-protected expressive activity and, to this end, this Local Law is not intended to prohibit the establishment or operation of adult-oriented businesses in compliance with the content-neutral, time, place and manner restrictions established by this enactment.

# §185-66. Legislative Purpose. The primary purposes of this Article are as follows:

- 1. To preserve the character and quality of the life of the Town's neighborhoods and business and maintain the viability of the Town's alteration and improvement pursuant to the Comprehensive Plan Update;
- 2. To ameliorate the documented adverse secondary effects that are ancillary to adult-oriented businesses as set forth in §185-65 including, but not limited to: decreased property values; attraction of transients; parking and traffic problems; increased crimes against persons and property; loss of business for surrounding non-adult-oriented businesses; and deterioration of neighborhoods;
  - 3. To maintain property values;
  - 4. To prevent crime;
- 5. To safeguard the continued commercial viability of currently existing non-adult-oriented businesses;
- 6. To insure the continued commercial viability of the Town as a location for new non-adult-oriented businesses;
- 7. To restrict minors' inadvertent exposure to nudity, specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities;
  - 8. To preserve and protect public hygiene, health and sanitation; and
- 9. To maintain the general welfare, health, comfort and safety of Town residents and businesses.

So as to effectuate these purposes, and based upon the findings set forth in §185-65 such uses shall be subject to the standards and regulations set forth in this section.

§185-67. **Definitions:** As used in this Article, the enumerated terms shall be defined as follows:

ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESS - The term "adult-oriented business" shall mean a use of a building, structure, or property for a business which includes the regular offering, for economic gain or other consideration, of adult materials or adult entertainment as a substantial or significant portion of its stock-in-trade for the purposes of sale, rental, lease, trade, gift or display of such adult materials or adult entertainment. For the purposes of this law adult-oriented businesses shall include any restaurant, nightclub, bar, tavern, eating and drinking place or

establishment, arcade, theater, video store, motel, hotel, or any other establishment that regularly offers, for economic gain or other consideration, adult entertainment, a retail store that offers adult materials as hereinafter defined and any massage establishment.

#### **ADULT MATERIALS -**

- (a) The term "adult materials" shall include any literature, books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers, papers, comic books, drawings, articles, computer or other images, motion pictures, films, photographs, digital video discs, video cassettes, slides; or other visual representations, mechanical devices, instruments, clothing or any other writings, materials or accessories which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicted described or related to nudity, specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas as defined herein.
- (b) <u>Exceptions</u>. An item otherwise falling within the definition set forth in (a) shall not be considered to be within such definition if:
  - (i) the item is printed matter that does not contain at least one visual depiction of nudity or specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or
  - (ii) the item is printed matter containing at least one visual depiction of nudity or specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas and:
    - (a) the item, when viewed as a whole, presents such depiction for educational or scholarly purposes; and
    - (b) the item is offered for sale by an establishment in which not more than then ten (10) percent of the establishment's total interior square footage which is open to the general public is devoted to the sale, rental, lease, trade, gift or display of adult materials.

#### ADULT ENTERTAINMENT -

- (a) The term "adult entertainment" shall include all entertainment in any live or recorded form or format which includes nudity or the depiction or display of specified sexual activities, specified anatomical areas or adult materials, as well as employees of any establishment who, as part of their employment duties, are required to wear costumes or uniforms or engage in live performances, in addition to their non-performance employment duties, during any portion of such performances such employees are in a state of nudity or depict or describe specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas as defined herein.
- (b) <u>Exceptions</u>. Any entertainment otherwise falling within the definition set forth in (a) shall not be considered to be within such definition if:
  - (i) the entertainment does not include at least one visual depiction of nudity or specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas; or

- (ii) the entertainment includes at least one visual depiction of nudity or specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas and:
  - (a) the entertainment, when viewed as a whole, presents such depiction for educational or scholarly purposes; and
  - (b) such depiction constitutes less than ten (10) percent of total duration of the entertainment.

FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES - The term "financial expenditures" shall mean any improvements or other capital outlay made by an owner of an adult-oriented business to establish such business, exclusive of the fair market value of the building, structure, and/or property in or on which such business is located at the time of any application pursuant to section 185-75(D) and exclusive of any improvements or other capital outlay unrelated to the offering of adult materials or adult entertainment which renders the use a non-conforming adult-oriented business.

NUDITY - The term "nudity" shall mean the showing of the human male or female genitals, public areas, buttocks, or anus, any part of the nipple or any part of a female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola with less than a fully opaque covering.

#### MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT -

- (a) The term "massage establishment" shall mean any establishment having a fixed place of business where massages are administered for pay, including but not limited to massage parlors, sauna baths and steam baths.
- (b) Exceptions. The definition provided for under (a) above shall not be construed to include the following:
  - (i) Hospitals, nursing homes, medical clinics, or the offices of a physician, surgeon, chiropractor, osteopath, or duly licensed physical therapists, occupational therapists, or duly licensed massage therapists;
  - (ii) Barber shops, beauty salons or nail salons in which massages are administered only to the scalp, face, neck or shoulders; or
  - (iii) Health clubs or Fitness Facilities and recreational Membership Clubs which have facilities for physical exercise, such as tennis courts, racquet ball courts, ice skating rinks, or exercise rooms, and which do not receive their primary source of revenue through the administration of massages.

NON-ADULT MATERIALS - The term "non-adult materials" shall mean any literature, books, magazines, pamphlets, newspapers, papers, comic books, drawings, articles, computer or other images, motion pictures, films, photographs, digital video discs, video cassettes, slides; or other visual representations, mechanical devices, instruments, clothing or any other writings, materials or accessories not within the definition of adult materials.

NON-ADULT ENTERTAINMENT - The term "non-adult entertainment" shall mean all entertainment in any live or recorded form or format not within the definition of adult entertainment.

SENSITIVE SITE - The term "sensitive site" shall mean any one of the following: churches, synagogues, mosques or other places of worship, schools, child or day nursery facilities, public or semi-public parks or recreational facilities in existence as of September 15, 2012.

SPECIFIED ANATOMICAL AREAS - The term "specified anatomical areas" shall include:

- (a) Less than completely or opaquely covered:
- (i) Human genitals;
- (ii) Pubic Region;
- (iii) Buttock; or
- (iv) Female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola.
- (b) Human male genitals in a discernible turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

SPECIFIED SEXUAL ACTIVITIES - The term "specified sexual activities" shall include:

- (a) Actual or simulated fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals, pubic region, buttocks, anus, or female breast;
- (b) Actual of simulated acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse, contact between the mouth and genitals, contact between the mouth and anus, contact between the mouth and breast;
  - (c) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;
  - (d) Actual or simulated sexual acts between humans and animals; or
- (e) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in (a), (b), (c) or (d) above.

#### SUBSTANTIAL OR SIGNIFICANT PORTION -

(a) General Rule. An establishment that regularly offers, for economic gain or other consideration, adult materials or adult entertainment shall be considered to include adult materials or adult entertainment as a "substantial or significant portion" of its stock-in-trade

where only a portion or section of such establishment's area is set aside for the sale, rental, lease, trade, gift or display of adult materials or adult entertainment.

- (b) <u>Ten-Percent Safe Harbor Exception</u>. Any establishment that would otherwise be subject to this article that can prove that adult materials are contained, or adult entertainment are permitted to occur, in not more than then ten (10) percent of the establishment's total interior square footage which is open to the general public, shall be exempt from the provisions of this article so long as such adult materials are kept out of the reach of minors and the method of operation of such establishment does not permit minors to view nudity, specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
- (c) Exception to Ten-Percent Safe Harbor Exception. The ten-percent safe harbor exception otherwise provided for under this definition shall not apply to any establishment possessing one or more of the following features:
  - (i) An interior configuration and layout requiring customers to pass through an area of the establishment with adult materials or adult entertainment in order to access an area of the establishment with non-adult materials or non-adult entertainment:
  - (ii) One or more individual enclosures where adult materials or adult entertainment are available for viewing by customers;
  - (iii) A method of operation requiring customer transactions with respect to non-adult materials or non-adult entertainment to be made in an area in which nudity, specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas are visible;
  - (iv) A method of operation under which non-adult materials or non-adult entertainment are offered for sale only and adult materials or adult entertainment are offered for sale or rental;
  - (v) A greater number of different titles of adult materials than the number of different titles of non-adult materials;
  - (vi) A method of operation excluding or restricting minors from the establishment as a whole or from any section of the establishment with non-adult materials or nonadult entertainment;
  - (vii) A sign advertising the availability of adult materials or adult entertainment which is disproportionate in size relative to a sign advertising the availability of non-adult materials or non-adult entertainment, when compared with: the proportions of adult materials or adult entertainment and non-adult materials or non-adult entertainment offered for sale or rent in the establishment; or the proportions of the establishment's total interior square footage open to the general public containing adult materials, or in which adult entertainment is permitted to occur, and such square footage containing non-adult materials or in which non-adult entertainment is permitted to occur; or

(viii) A window display in which the number of products or area of display of adult materials or adult entertainment is disproportionate in size relative to the number of products or area of display of non-adult materials or adult entertainment, when compared with: the proportions of adult materials or adult entertainment and non-adult materials or non-adult entertainment offered for sale or rent in the establishment; or the proportions of the establishment's total interior square footage open to the general public containing adult materials, or in which adult entertainment is permitted to occur, and such square footage containing non-adult materials or in which non-adult entertainment is permitted to occur.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - The terms "Board", "Board of Appeals" and "Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Newburgh" shall mean the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Newburgh.

- **§185-68. Prohibition on Massage Establishments**. Massage establishments shall not be a permitted use within the Town of Newburgh.
- §185-69. Location of Adult-Oriented Business. An adult-oriented business shall be permitted, in accordance with the requirements of this section, only in the B, IB or I zoning districts as shown on the August 19, 1974, Zoning Map, Town of Newburgh, last amended on June 4, 2012, which accompanies and which, with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and made a part of this local law. The exact location of each zoning district boundary is recorded on the Official Zoning Map in the office of the Town Clerk in accordance with § 264 of Town Law and § 185-5 of the Town's Zoning Law.

## §185-70. Separation, lot, bulk and parking requirements.

- A. Minimum separation requirements.
- (a) <u>General provision</u>. No adult-oriented business shall be located within 1,000 feet of the property line of any sensitive site or the boundary lines of the RR, AR, R1, R2 or R3 residential zoning districts.
- (b) <u>Separation between adult-oriented businesses</u>. No adult oriented business shall be located within 500 feet of any other adult-oriented business.

#### B. Measurement.

(a) General provision. For purposes of this section, all distances shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the nearest point of the building or structure in which the adult-oriented business is or will be located to the nearest property line of any sensitive site defined in §185-67, or nearest boundary line of any zoning district described in subsection A of this section, or to the nearest point of the building or structure or part thereof occupied or leased by the adult-oriented business if less than the entire structure is occupied by or proposed to be occupied by an adult-oriented business..

- (b) <u>Multi-tenant facility</u>. Where a multi-tenant facility such as a shopping center is involved, measurement shall be made from the most proximate point along the boundary of the leasehold interest of such business or such site rather than the lot line of the facility containing such business or such site.
- C. <u>Buildings containing residential uses</u>. No adult-oriented business shall be established or permitted in any building of which any part is used for residential purposes. No residential use shall be established in a building of which any part is used as an adult-oriented business.
- D. <u>Bulk, parking and supplemental regulations</u>. Adult-oriented businesses shall conform to applicable, bulk regulations for the B, IB or I zoning districts and the applicable bulk and supplemental regulations set forth in this chapter for the appropriate classification of permitted use or use subject to site plan review by the Planning Board, as such regulations may be enacted or amended from time to time.
- E. <u>Limitation per zoning lot</u>. No more than one adult-oriented business permitted under this section shall be established on a zoning lot.
- F. <u>Maximum square footage</u>. The total interior square footage open to the general public of any adult-oriented business shall not exceed, in total, 10,000 square feet.

# §185-71. Signs and Displays.

- A. Signs and displays shall not depict or describe specified sexual activities or specified anatomical areas.
  - B. Signs and displays shall not depict nudity.
- C.Signs and displays visible from the outside of an adult-oriented business may be illuminated or composed of lighted material such as neon but shall not feature flashing illumination.
- D. Additional regulations applicable. In addition to the provisions of this section, signs and displays identifying or portraying an adult-oriented business shall be subject to all regulations applicable to signs and displays within the Town of Newburgh in addition to the requirements of this section.
- §185-72. Interior and exterior lighting. During the period that an adult-oriented business is occupied, it shall be illuminated by sufficient natural or non-flashing artificial light to permit safe ingress and egress to and from the premises.
- §185-73. Live entertainment security. Each adult-oriented business offering entertainment consisting of live performances shall maintain adequate security during hours of operation to ensure the public peace and order. The provisions of this subsection shall require each adult-oriented business offering live performance to employ not less than one uniformed security guard per every 50 or fewer patrons on the premises. For any number of patrons over 50, each adult-oriented business offering live performances shall employ not less than two uniformed security

guards. All uniformed security guards shall be employed in accordance with the New York State Security Guard Act of 1992, as may be amended from time to time

§185-74. Non-conforming Buildings or Lots. No non-conforming building or lot shall be used for an adult-oriented business, unless a variance has been obtained from the Zoning Board of Appeals. No existing building, lot or use shall be added to, enlarged, expanded in size or converted for purposes of conducting an adult-oriented business so as to render such building, lot or use non-conforming.

# §185-75. Termination and Amortization of Non-Conforming Adult-Oriented Businesses.

- A. Termination of Non-Conforming Adult-Oriented Businesses. Any establishment in existence or which has obtained vested rights to exist prior to the effective date of this local law which:
- (a) has made financial expenditures for the purpose of operating or to commence operating an adult-oriented business;
  - (b) falls within the definition of an adult-oriented business; and
- (c) is not in conformity with the requirements of this section shall either conform to the requirements of this section or terminate its operation as an adult-oriented business within two (2) years following the effective date of this local law or, if later, the date of issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a use which includes an adult-oriented business, or such later date as hereinafter provided. Such nonconforming uses shall not be increased, enlarged, extended, or altered within the two-year period or any extension thereof, except that the use may be changed to a conforming use.

## B. Notice of Termination.

- (1) Following the effective date of this Local Law, the Building Inspector shall serve a notice of termination upon the owners of the real property and the mortgagee, if any, of any recorded mortgage on real property, notifying them that the operation of the nonconforming adult-oriented business shall terminate on the date specified in the notice. The notice shall further state that the owner or mortgagee, or both, may, within the time period set forth in Subsection C below, file an application with the Zoning Board of Appeals for an extension of the termination date.
- (2) If no such application is filed within the time set forth herein, it shall be presumptive proof that the termination date set forth in said notice is reasonable and that the nonconforming adult oriented business aspect of the use has been fully amortized, and the use shall terminate on the date specified in the notice.

- (3) The notice of termination shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the owner of the real property at the address set forth on the most recent tax rolls of the Town and to any mortgagee at the address set forth on any recorded mortgage.
- (4) In the event that the certified letter is not accepted by the owner, the posting of a copy of the notice on the property and the mailing of a copy by regular mail to the owner's address shall be deemed sufficient notice.
- C. Board of Appeals Jurisdiction. The Board of Appeals of the Town of Newburgh shall have the power to hear and decide applications submitted to the Board for the continuation of a non-conforming adult-oriented business made pursuant to this subsection. The Board shall hear and decide such applications using the same procedures by which it hears applications for use and area variances pursuant to New York State Town Law Section 267-A and Town of Newburgh Code Section 185-55 and subject to the same time constraints for rendering a decision. Submissions of such applications to the Board shall be subject to payment of the same fees and costs as are required by the Town of Newburgh from time to time for zoning variance applications. The applicant shall not be required to obtain an order, requirement, decision, interpretation or determination by an administrative official of the town in order to submit an application for continuation.
- D. Amortization of Certain Non-Conforming Adult-Oriented Businesses. Notwithstanding subsection A, the Board, may permit an adult-oriented business subject to termination to continue for a limited period of time beyond the two-year period established in subsection A, provided that:
- (a) an application is made by the owner of such adult-oriented business to the Board at least one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to the date on which such business must terminate; and
  - (b) the Board shall find, in connection with such adult-oriented business, that:
    - (i) the owner of such a business had made, prior to the non-conformity, substantial financial expenditures related to such business;
    - (ii) the owner has not recovered substantially all of such financial expenditures; and
    - (iii) the period for which such business may be permitted to continue is the minimum period sufficient for the owner of such business to recover substantially all of such financial expenditures.
- E. Should any nonconforming adult-oriented business cease operation for a period exceeding six consecutive months within the amortization period or at any other time, the adult-oriented business shall be deemed to terminate its nonconforming status and shall not be continued or reopened at the location unless the adult business is in full conformity with the provisions of this Article.

- §185-76. Prohibited Activities. The following shall not be permitted on the premises of any adult-oriented business within the Town of Newburgh:
- 1. Appearance by a person knowingly or intentionally engaging in specified sexual activities; or
- 2. The use of sound amplification equipment to amplify a description or discussion of nudity, specified anatomical areas or specified sexual activities if:
- (a) such description or discussion is audible beyond the exterior of the structure from which the description or discussion originates; or
  - (b) such description or discussion is amplified in a public place.
- M. Enforcement and penalties. Violations of this article are subject to enforcement and penalties as provided for in Code Section 185-52 and in case any adult-oriented business or massage establishment is operating or has been established in violation of this section or any regulations made under authority conferred hereby, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh or, with its approval, the Building and Code Enforcement Officer or other proper official, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent, correct or abate such violation.

# SECTION 4 - TITLES

Any title enumerated under this local law is for organization purposes only and shall not be deemed part of the text of this local law.

# SECTION 5 - JUDCIAL REVIEW

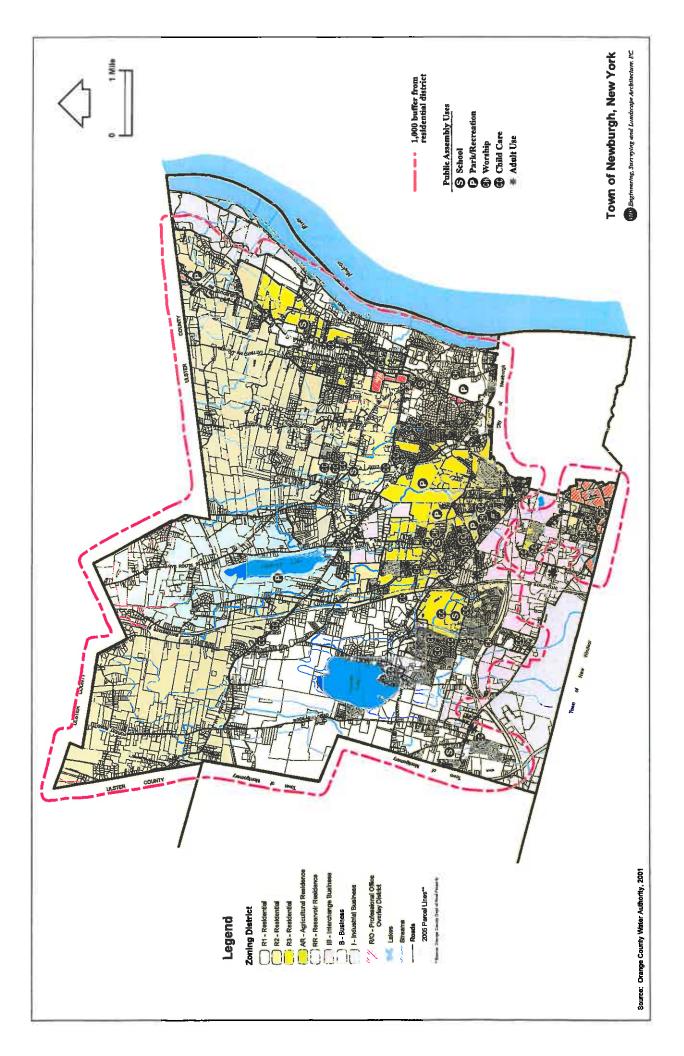
Those wishing to challenge the validity of this Article are advised that judicial review of same is available under, *inter alia*, 42 U.S.C. §1983 and Article 78 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules.

#### **SECTION 6 - VALIDITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

# <u>SECTION 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE</u>

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.



At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh, held at the Town Hall, 1496 Route 300, in the Town of Newburgh, Orange County, New York on the 5th day of September 2012 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Wayne C. Booth, Supervisor

George Woolsey, Councilman

Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Councilman

Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman

Ernest C. Bello, Jr., Councilman

RESOLUTION REGARDING SECONDARY EFFECTS RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF ADULT-ORIENTED BUSINESSES PRELIMINARY TO POSSIBLE DRAFTING OF LOCAL LAW

Councilman Piaquadio presented the following resolution which was seconded by Councilman Bello.

WHEREAS, a Local Law Imposing a Six Month Moratorium on Permits and Approvals for Adult-Oriented Businesses was introduced before the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh in the County of Orange and State of New York on the 29th day of February, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh duly adopted a proposed local law, designated as Introductory Local Law # 1 of the Year 2012 entitled "A Local Law Local Law Imposing a Six Month Moratorium on Permits and Approvals for Adult-Oriented Businesses" on the 4th day of April, 2012 at 3:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing time; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh, by resolution dated the 4th day of April, 2012 at 3:00 o'clock p.m., prevailing time, found that the Town has addressed and continues to address legislative and administrative Action Items recommended by the adopted Comprehensive Plan Update in a deliberate and serial fashion in accordance with prudent management for the Town's financial resources and budgetary restrictions. Resources have additionally been required to be devoted to litigation arising from challenges to the implementation of certain Action Items. The implementation of the Comprehensive Plan Update has included the following:

2006 Environmental Review and Adoption for Southwest Zoning Map
Changes R-2 ad R-3 to R-1 and IB to B
Open Space acquisition and planning
Submission of Requests for NYSDOT speed limit reductions
Workforce housing drafting and senior housing report
Review of potential Town "sensitive sites" and mapping
Draft of proposed amendments pertaining to ridgeline and viewshed
protection, clustering, neighborhood preservation, travel centers

2007 Environmental Review and Adoption of Setback and Buffers
Zoning Amendment

Open Space Acquisition and planning

Submission of Requests for NYSDOT speed limit reductions

Update zoning regulations pertaining to Orange Lake lakefront access lots

Consideration of proposed amendments pertaining to ridgeline and viewshed protection, clustering, neighborhood preservation, travel centers

Environmental Review and Adoption of Design Guidelines Manual

2008 Consideration of Meadow Avenue Rezoning

Environmental Review and Adoption of Amendments Pertaining to Accessory Apartments and certain Route 9W corridor uses Submission of Requests for NYSDOT speed limit reductions Review of sidewalk requirements

2009 Environmental review and adoption of revised Floodplain Regulations

Open Space Acquisition and planning

Environmental review and adoption of Sign Amendments pertaining to illumination

Study of costs of further sewer plant expansion

Authorizing establishment of Department of Public Works

2010 Adoption of Zoning Amendments pertaining to additional Route
9W corridor uses

Submission of Requests for NYSDOT speed limit reductions

Implementation of trial traffic calming measures on Meadow Hill

Road and Gun Hill Road [sic: Powder Mill Road]

Examination of additional inter-municipal connections with Catskill Aqueduct and other water supplies in connection with Orange County and other municipalities

Adoption of Amendments pertaining to steep slopes, wetlands, residential lots, buildable area and senior housing

Commencement of East Coldenham hamlet study

Adoption of Revised Stormwater Management Regulations

Submission of Requests for NYSDOT speed limit reductions
Implementation of traffic calming measures on Gardnertown Road
Participation in Transportation Plan undertaken by Orange County

Adoption of regulations pertaining to sidewalks

Review workforce housing regulations in light of Tri-County study Adoption of driveway regulations

Examined additional inter-municipal connections with Catskill Aqueduct and other water supplies in connection with Orange County and other municipalities

2012 Town hamlet continued study

Adult Uses: examining negative secondary effects

Agricultural parcel evaluation in conjunction with Orange County

Real Property Department; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh, by resolution dated the 4th day of April, 2012, found that a dire necessity existed for the moratorium established by Local Law # 1 of the Year 2012 entitled "A Local Law Local Law Imposing a Six Month Moratorium on Permits and Approvals for Adult-Oriented Businesses" on permits and approvals for adult-oriented businesses to afford sufficient time for the Town Board to carefully and diligently review and consider whether there are secondary effects associated with Adult-Oriented Businesses in order to further consider possibly amending the Zoning Code of the Town of Newburgh and its associated maps and tables to address such effects due to the following:

- Provisions are presently absent from the Municipal Code to control the siting of adult-oriented businesses;
- (2) Under current Code interpretation, property owners and developers can add adult-oriented business activities to certain existing permitted uses, such as eating and drinking places and retail and personal service stores or obtain approvals for new uses in those categories without any ability on the part of the Town to regulate the location of such adult-oriented business activities relative to certain sensitive sites, including, for example, schools, places of worship, parks and residential districts;
- (3) Without an application requirement or process in place the Town is unable to accurately account for the number of adult-oriented business activities that are currently under consideration or proposed and their proximity to sensitive sites in the Town; and

WHEREAS, during the term of the moratorium established by Local Law # 1 of the Year 2012 entitled "A Local Law Local Law Imposing a Six Month Moratorium on Permits and Approvals for Adult-Oriented Businesses", the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh has reviewed and considered numerous studies, reports and written analyzes regarding possible secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Businesses; copies of said studies, reports and written analyzes are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh duly conducted a Public Input Session on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. to receive the comments, if any, of members of the public regarding possible secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Businesses, provided that such public comments were based on each member's personal knowledge and observation; and

WHEREAS, during said Public Input Session several members of the public related their personal experiences regarding possible secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Business; a copy of the minutes of said Public Input Session are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of said Public Input Session, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh advised the public that the Town Board would receive and consider any written submissions any member of the public wished to submit regarding possible secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Business; and

WHEREAS, several members of the public provided such written submissions, including additional studies, reports and written analyzes, provided either in hard-copy or electronic format, regarding possible secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Business; copies of said submissions are on file and available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Newburgh; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh reviewed and considered both the public comments made during the Public Input Session and memorialized in the minutes of the Public Input Session and the written submissions on file at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Newburgh.

#### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Town Board of the Town of Newburgh hereby ascertains that:
  - a. Adult-Oriented Businesses, as said term is defined by Local Law # 1 of the Year 2012 entitled "A Local Law Local Law Imposing a Six Month Moratorium on Permits and Approvals for Adult-Oriented Businesses", and their adult patrons have a constitutionally-protected right to offer and view non-obscene, sexually explicit materials and activities; and
  - b. Adult-Oriented Businesses are associated with unlawful, unhealthy and detrimental effects secondary to the constitutionally protected speech activities of such businesses and that included among the secondary effects associated with Adult-Oriented Businesses are: negatively affecting economic development; a tendency to decrease property values, thereby limiting tax revenues; impeding economic activity; encouraging criminal activity; proliferating sex-related criminal enterprises including solicitation and prostitution; damaging neighborhood character and the well-being of residents including children; and increasing the cost of maintaining and patrolling areas

- in which such businesses are located; and
- c. Said secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Business represent a real and significant problem and hazard to the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Newburgh, its residents and businesses; and
- d. After careful and diligent review and consideration, that the members of the Town Board reasonably believe that the studies, reports and written analyzes, the public comments memorialized in the minutes of the Public Input Session and the written submissions are relevant to the problem and hazard faced by the Town of Newburgh and posed by said secondary effects of Adult-Oriented Businesses.
- 2. In light of the above resolutions and consistent with the legislative and administrative Action Items recommended by the adopted Comprehensive Plan Update, the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh shall consider possible amendments to the Zoning Code and its associated maps and tables, consistent with the rights of Adult-Oriented Businesses and their patrons to engage in all constitutionally-protected speech activities inherent in such businesses, for the purpose of ameliorating the secondary effects of such businesses to the greatest extent possible consistent with law.

Upon the introduction of a proposed local law by a member of the Town Board, the legislative proceedings shall afford opportunity to the public to submit information and views for the Town Board to consider in relation to the proposed amendments. Any such proposed local law will include proposed legislative findings of the Town Board.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

George Woolsey, Councilman	_voting	AYE	_
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Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Councilman	voling	AYE	_
		A 3.770	
Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwom	an_voting	AYE	_
Ernest C. Bello, Jr., Councilman	_voting	AYE	_
Wayne C. Booth, Supervisor	voting	AYE	

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

# 617.20 Appendix A State Environmental Quality Review

# FULL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FORM

Purpose: The full EAF is designed to help applicants and agencies determine, in an orderly manner, whether a project or action may be significant. The question of whether an action may be significant is not always easy to answer. Frequently, there are aspects of a project that are subjective or unmeasurable. It is also understood that those who determine significance may have little or no formal knowledge of the environment or may not be technically expert in environmental analysis. In addition, many who have knowledge in one particular area may not be aware of the broader concerns affecting the question of significance.

The full EAF is intended to provide a method whereby applicants and agencies can be assured that the determination process has been orderly, comprehensive in nature, yet flexible enough to allow introduction of information to fit a project or action.

Full EAF Components: The full EAF is comprised of three parts:

- Part 1: Provides objective data and information about a given project and its site. By identifying basic project data, it assists a reviewer in the analysis that takes place in Parts 2 and 3.
- Part 2: Focuses on identifying the range of possible impacts that may occur from a project or action. It provides guidance as to whether an impact is likely to be considered small to moderate or whether it is a potentially-large impact. The form also identifies whether an impact can be mitigated or reduced.
- Part 3: If any impact in Part 2 is identified as potentially-large, then Part 3 is used to evaluate whether or not the impact is actually important.

#### THIS AREA FOR LEAD AGENCY USE ONLY

# **DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE -- Type 1 and Unlisted Actions**

Upon review of t	ons of EAF completed for this project: he information recorded on this EAF (Parts 1 ar the magnitude and importance of each impact,	Part 1 Part 2 Part 3 and 2 and 3 if appropriate), and any other supporting information, and it is reasonably determined by the lead agency that:			
Α.	A. The project will not result in any large and important impact(s) and, therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment, therefore a negative declaration will be prepared.				
В.	B. Although the project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect for this Unlisted Action because the mitigation measures described in PART 3 have been required, therefore a CONDITIONED negative declaration will be prepared.*				
C.	The project may result in one or more large as environment, therefore a positive declaration	nd important impacts that may have a significant impact on the will be prepared.			
	litioned Negative Declaration is only valid for L se Legislation	Inlisted Actions			
Town of	Name Newburgh - Town Board	of Action			
	Name of I	Lead Agency			
Print or Type Nam	ne of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency	Title of Responsible Officer			
Signature of Resp	onsible Officer in Lead Agency	Signature of Preparer (If different from responsible officer)			
website	<u> </u>	Date			

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# PART 1--PROJECT INFORMATION Prepared by Project Sponsor

NOTICE: This document is designed to assist in determining whether the action proposed may have a significant effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form, Parts A through E. Answers to these questions will be considered as part of the application for approval and may be subject to further verification and public review. Provide any additional information you believe will be needed to complete Parts 2 and 3.

It is expected that completion of the full EAF will be dependent on information currently available and will not involve new studies, research or investigation. If information requiring such additional work is unavailable, so indicate and specify each instance.

Name of Action Adult Use Legislation		
Location of Action (include Street Address, Municipality and Co Town of Newburgh, 1496 Route 300, Newburgh, Orange Cou		
Namo of Applicant/Sponsor Town of Newburgh - Town Boar	d	
Address 1496 Route 300		
City / PO Newburgh	State NY	Zip Code 12550
Business Telephone 845-564-4552		
Name of Owner (if different)		
Address		
City / PO		Zip Code
Business Telephone		
Description of Action:		
Enactment of local legislation to regulate adult uses within the	e Town of Newburgh	
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# Please Complete Each Question--Indicate N.A. if not applicable

# A. SITE DESCRIPTION

PI	nysical setting of overall project, both developed and undeveloped areas.		
1.	Present Land Use: Urban 🗸 Industrial 🗸 Commercial R	esidential (suburban)	Rural (non-farm)
	Forest Agriculture Other		
	N		
2.	Total acreage of project area: <u>±2300</u> acres.		
	APPROXIMATE ACREAGE	PRESENTLY	AFTER COMPLETION
	Meadow or Brushland (Non-agricultural)	±700 acres	<u>±700</u> acres
	Forested	±800 acres	<u>±800</u> acres
	Agricultural (Includes orchards, cropland, pasture, etc.)	<u>0</u> acres	0 acres
	Wetland (Freshwater or tidal as per Articles 24,25 of ECL)	<u>±60</u> acres	<u>+60</u> acres
	Water Surface Area	<u>±20</u> acres	<u>±20</u> acres
	Unvegetated (Rock, earth or fill)	±20 acres	<u>±20</u> acres
	Roads, buildings and other paved surfaces	<u>±700</u> acres	<u>±700</u> acres
	Other (Indicate type)	0_acres	0 acres
3.	What is predominant soil type(s) on project site? Source: Orange	County Soil S	urvey (OCSS)
	a. Soil drainage: $\checkmark$ Well drained $\pm 70\%$ of site $\checkmark$ Moderately	y well drained $\pm 20\%$ o	f site.
	Poorly drained $\pm 10\%$ of site		
	<ul> <li>If any agricultural land is involved, how many acres of soil are classified we Classification System?N/A_ acres (see 1 NYCRR 370).</li> </ul>	rithin soil group 1 throug	h 4 of the NYS Land
4.	Are there bedrock outcroppings on project site?	rce: OCSS	
	a. What is depth to bedrock0 to 5_ (in feet)		
5.	Approximate percentage of proposed project site with slopes:		
	✓ 0-10% <u>±80</u> %  ✓ 10- 15% <u>±15</u> %  ✓ 15% or greater <u>±5</u>	_% Source: OCS	s
6.	Is project substantially contiguous to, or contain a building, site, or district, list.  Historic Places? Yes No	ed on the State or Natio	nal Registers of
7.	Is project substantially contiguous to a site listed on the Register of National Na	itural Landmarks?	Yes No
8.	What is the depth of the water table?0 to 5+_ (in feet)		
9,	Is site located over a primary, principal, or sole source aquifer?	No Sou	rce: OCWA
10.	Do hunting, fishing or shell fishing opportunities presently exist in the project a	rea? Yes	No

11	. Does project site contain any species of plant or animal life that is identified as threatened or endangered?
	According to: NYS DEC
	N 15 DDC
	Identify each species:
	Upland sandpiper, peregrine falcon, bald eagle, short-nosed sturgeon, Atlantic sturgeon, woodland agrimony, red maple hardwood swamp
12.	Are there any unique or unusual land forms on the project site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, other geological formations?
	Yes No
	Describe:
13.	Is the project site presently used by the community or neighborhood as an open space or recreation area?
	Yes No
	If yes, explain:
14.	Does the present site include scenic views known to be important to the community?
	Hudson River
15.	Streams within or contiguous to project area:
	Quassaic Creek and misc. unnamed tributaries
	a. Name of Stream and name of River to which it is tributary
	Hudson River
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10.	Lakes, ponds, wetland areas within or contiguous to project area:  Brookside Pond
	Drookside Folid
ļ	b. Size (In acres):
	±17

17 (Is the site served by existing public utilities? Yes No	
a. If YES, does sufficient capacity exist to allow connection?	
b. If YES, will improvements be necessary to allow connection?	No
18, Is the site located in an agricultural district certified pursuant to Agriculture and Markets   304?	Law, Article 25-AA, Section 303 and
19. Is the site located in or substantially contiguous to a Critical Environmental Area designate and 6 NYCRR 6177 Yes No	ed pursuant to Article 8 of the ECL,
20. Has the site ever been used for the disposal of solid or hazardous wastes?  B. Project Description	Yes No
1. Physical dimensions and scale of project (fill in dimensions as appropriate).	
a. Total contiguous acreage owned or controlled by project sponsor:N/A acres.	
b. Project acreage to be developed: N/A acres initially; N/A acres ultimatel	y.
c. Project acreage to remain undeveloped: N/A acres.	
d. Length of project, in miles: N/A (if appropriate)	
e. If the project is an expansion, indicate percent of expansion proposed. N/A %	
f. Number of off-street parking spaces existing N/A; proposed N/A	
g. Maximum vehicular trips generated per hour:N/A (upon completion of project)	?
h. If residential: Number and type of housing units:	
One Family Two Family Multiple I	Family Condominium
Initially N/A	
Ultimately N/A	
i. Dimensions (in feet) of largest proposed structure: N/A height; N/A	width; N/A length.
j. Linear feet of frontage along a public thoroughfare project will occupy is? <u>N/A</u>	<u>.</u> ft.
printed printed	_tons/cubic yards.
Will disturbed areas be reclaimed Yes No N/A	
a. If yes, for what intended purpose is the site being reclaimed?	
b. Will topsoil be stockpiled for reclamation? Yes No	
c. Will upper subsoil be stockpiled for reclamation?	
4. How many acres of vegetation (trees, shrubs, ground covers) will be removed from site? _	N/A acres.

5.	Will any mature forest (over 100 years old) or other locally-important vegetation be removed by this project?	
	Yes No	
6.	If single phase project: Anticipated period of construction: <u>N/A</u> months, (including demolition)	
7.	If multi-phased:	
	a. Total number of phases anticipated (number)	
	b. Anticipated date of commencement phase 1: month year, (including demolition)	
	c. Approximate completion date of final phase: month year.	
	d. Is phase 1 functionally dependent on subsequent phases? Yes No	
8.	Will blasting occur during construction? Yes No	
9.	Number of jobs generated: during construction <u>N/A</u> ; after project is complete	
10	). Number of jobs eliminated by this project N/A .	
11	. Will project require relocation of any projects or facilities? Yes No	
	If yes, explain:	
		Section 1
		The Party of the P
12	. Is surface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No	4
	a. If yes, indicate type of waste (sewage, industrial, etc) and amount	
	b. Name of water body into which effluent will be discharged	
13	. Is subsurface liquid waste disposal involved? Yes No Type	
14.	. Will surface area of an existing water body increase or decrease by proposal? Yes No	
	If yes, explain:	
	If yes, explain:	- A
	If yes, explain:	100000000000000000000000000000000000000
	If yes, explain:	The second secon
15.	If yes, explain:  Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain?	The second of the second of the second
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	Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain?	The state of the s
	Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain? Yes No Will the project generate solid waste? Yes No	
	Is project or any portion of project located in a 100 year flood plain? Yes No  Will the project generate solid waste? Yes No  a. If yes, what is the amount per month? tons	

е.	If yes, explain:
17	. Will the project involve the disposal of solid waste? Yes No
	a. If yes, what is the anticipated rate of disposal? tons/month.
	b. If yes, what is the anticipated site life? years.
18.	. Will project use herbicides or pesticides? Yes No
19.	. Will project routinely produce odors (more than one hour per day)? Yes No
20.	. Will project produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels? Yes No
21.	Will project result in an increase in energy use? Yes No
	If yes, indicate type(s)
22.	If water supply is from wells, indicate pumping capacity N/A gallons/minute.
23,	Total anticipated water usage per day <u>N/A</u> gallons/day.
24.	Does project involve Local, State or Federal funding? Yes No
lf	yes, explain:

2	5. Approvals Required:			Туре	Submittal Date
	City, Town, Village Board	Yes	No	Town Board	
	City, Town, Village Planning Board	Yes	No No	Planning Board (Interested)	
	City, Town Zoning Board	Yes	No No	Zoning Board (Interested)	
	City, County Health Department	Yes	■ No		
	Other Local Agencies	Yes	■ No	OC Planning (Interested)	
	Other Regional Agencies	Yes	No No		
	State Agencies	Yes	■ No		
	Federal Agencies	Yes	■ No		
C.	Zoning and Planning Information				
1.	Does proposed action involve a plan	ning or zonin	g decision?	es No	
	If Yes, indicate decision required:				_=
	Zoning amendment	Zoning vari	iance	New/revision of master plan	Subdivision
	Site plan	Special use	e permit	Resource management plan	Other

2.	What is the zoning classification(s) of the site?
	I - Industrial Business (70%) B - Business (30%)
3.	What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the present zoning?
	Does not change from present zoning
4.	What is the proposed zoning of the site?
	Does not change from present zoning
5.	What is the maximum potential development of the site if developed as permitted by the proposed zoning?
	N/A
6,	is the proposed action consistent with the recommended uses in adopted local land use plans? Yes No
7.	What are the predominant land use(s) and zoning classifications within a 1/4 mile radius of proposed action?
•	The proposed action applies to all areas within the Town of Newburgh and outside of a 1,000 foot (0.19 mi) buffer from residential districts (R1, R2, R3).
	Zoning classifications within 1/4 mile of the site include: I - Industrial Business B - Business AR - Agricultural Residence
	Land uses within 1/4 mile of the site include:
	Community Services Public Services
	Industrial Commercial
	Vacant Land Residential
	s the proposed action compatible with adjoining/surrounding land uses with a ¼ mile?
.	f the proposed action is the subdivision of land, how many lots are proposed? N/A
	What is the minimum lot size proposed?

10.	Will proposed action require any authorization(s) for the formation of sewer or water districts? Yes No
11,	Will the proposed action create a demand for any community provided services (recreation, education, police, fire protection?  Yes No
	a. If yes, is existing capacity sufficient to handle projected demand?
12.	Will the proposed action result in the generation of traffic significantly above present levels?
	a. If yes, is the existing road network adequate to handle the additional traffic.
<b>D</b> ,	Informational Details
asso	Attach any additional information as may be needed to clarify your project. If there are or may be any adverse impacts clated with your proposal, please discuss such impacts and the measures which you propose to mitigate or avoid them.
Ε. '	Verification
ı	certify that the information provided above is true to the best of my knowledge.
,	Applicant/Sponsor Name Town of Newburgh Town Board Date 9-17-12
5	Signature OI W.
٦	Fitle Planning Consultant to the Town

If the action is in the Coastal Area, and you are a state agency, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

#### PART 2 - PROJECT IMPACTS AND THEIR MAGNITUDE

Responsibility of Lead Agency

General Informati	on (Read Carefully)
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- In completing the form the reviewer should be guided by the question. Have my responses and determinations been Ţ reasonable? The reviewer is not expected to be an expert environmental analyst.
- The Examples provided are to assist the reviewer by showing types of impacts and wherever possible the threshold of 1 magnitude that would trigger a response in column 2. The examples are generally applicable throughout the State and for most situations. But, for any specific project or site other examples and/or lower thresholds may be appropriate for a Potential Large Impact response, thus requiring evaluation in Part 3.
- į The impacts of each project, on each site, in each locality, will vary. Therefore, the examples are illustrative and have been offered as guidance. They do not constitute an exhaustive list of impacts and thresholds to answer each guestion.
- The number of examples per question does not indicate the importance of each question. Į
- in identifying impacts, consider long term, short term and cumulative effects.

#### Instructions (Read carefully)

site?

- Answer each of the 20 questions in PART 2. Answer Yes if there will be any impact.
- Maybe answers should be considered as Yes answers. b.
- If answering Yes to a question then check the appropriate box(column 1 or 2)to indicate the potential size of the impact. If C. impact threshold equals or exceeds any example provided, check column 2. If impact will occur but threshold is lower than example, check column 1.
- d. Identifying that an Impact will be potentially large (column 2) does not mean that it is also necessarily significant. Any large impact must be evaluated in PART 3 to determine significance. Identifying an impact in column 2 simply asks that it be looked at further.
- If reviewer has doubt about size of the impact then consider the impact as potentially large and proceed to PART 3. e.
- If a potentially large impact checked in column 2 can be mitigated by change(s) in the project to a small to moderate f. impact, also check the Yes box in column 3. A No response indicates that such a reduction is not possible. This must be explained in Part 3.

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		Small to Moderate Impact	Potential Large Impact	Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
	Impact on Land			
	oposed Action result in a physical change to the project			
site?	NO YES			
Exar	Any construction on slopes of 15% or greater, (15 foot rise per 100 foot of length), or where the general slopes in the project area exceed 10%.			Yes No
•	Construction on land where the depth to the water table is less than 3 feet.			Yes No
•	Construction of paved parking area for 1,000 or more vehicles.			Yes No
•	Construction on land where bedrock is exposed or generally within 3 feet of existing ground surface.			Yes No
•	Construction that will continue for more than 1 year or involve more than one phase or stage.			Yes No
•	Excavation for mining purposes that would remove more than 1,000 tons of natural material (i.e., rock or soil) per year.			Yes No

			1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
	*	Construction or expansion of a santary landfill.			Yes No
	•	Construction in a designated floodway.			Yes No
	•	Other impacts:			Yes No
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2.		I there be an effect to any unique or unusual land forms found on site? (i.e., cliffs, dunes, geological formations, etc.)  NO YES			
	•	Specific land forms:			Yes No
		Impact on Water	,	-	
3.		Proposed Action affect any water body designated as protected? der Articles 15, 24, 25 of the Environmental Conservation Law,			
		NO YES			
	Exa	mples that would apply to column 2 Developable area of site contains a protected water body.			Yes No
	•	Dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from channel of a protected stream.	الــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــــ		Yes No
	٠	Extension of utility distribution facilities through a protected water body.			Yes No
	•	Construction in a designated freshwater or tidal wetland.			Yes No
	÷	Other impacts:			Yes No
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١.	wate	Proposed Action affect any non-protected existing or new body of er?  NO YES			
	•	mples that would apply to column 2 A 10% increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease.			Yes No
		Construction of a body of water that exceeds 10 acres of surface area.			Yes No
	•	Other impacts:			Yes No

		1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact B <b>e</b> Mitigated by Project Change
	ill Proposed Action affect surface or groundwater quality or untity?			
E:	camples that would apply to column 2 Proposed Action will require a discharge permit.			Yes No
•3	Proposed Action requires use of a source of water that does not have approval to serve proposed (project) action.			Yes No
•	Proposed Action requires water supply from wells with greater than 45 gallons per minute pumping capacity.			Yes No
٠	Construction or operation causing any contamination of a water supply system.			Yes No
	Proposed Action will adversely affect groundwater.			Yes No
(* <b>*</b> ))	Liquid effluent will be conveyed off the site to facilities which presently do not exist or have inadequate capacity.			Yes No
٠	Proposed Action would use water in excess of 20,000 gallons per day.		<u> j</u>	Yes No
ě	Proposed Action will likely cause siltation or other discharge into an existing body of water to the extent that there will be an obvious visual contrast to natural conditions.			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will require the storage of petroleum or chemical products greater than 1,100 gallons.			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will allow residential uses in areas without water and/or sewer services.			Yes No
3.0	Proposed Action locates commercial and/or Industrial uses which may require new or expansion of existing waste treatment and/or storage facilities.			Yes No
•	Other impacts:			Yes No
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		1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Chang <b>e</b>
6.	runoff?			
	■ NO YES			
	Proposed Action would change flood water flows			Yes No
	Proposed Action may cause substantial erosion.			Yes No
	Proposed Action is incompatible with existing drainage patterns.			Yes No
	Proposed Action will allow development in a designated floodway.	<u>محمد ا</u>		Yes No
	Other impacts:			Yes No
	IMPACT ON AIR			
7.	Will Proposed Action affect air quality?  NO YES			
	Examples that would apply to column 2     Proposed Action will Induce 1,000 or more vehicle trips in any given hour.			Yes No
	<ul> <li>Proposed Action will result in the incineration of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.</li> </ul>			Yes No
	<ul> <li>Emission rate of total contaminants will exceed 5 lbs. per hour or a heat source producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.</li> </ul>			Yes No
	<ul> <li>Proposed Action will allow an increase in the amount of land committed to industrial use.</li> </ul>			Yes No
	Proposed Action will allow an increase in the density of industrial development within existing industrial areas.	- N/A - N/A		Yes No
	Other impacts:			Yes No
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	IMPACT ON PLANTS AND ANIMALS			
8.	Will Proposed Action affect any threatened or endangered species?  NO YES			
	Reduction of one or more species listed on the New York or Federal list, using the site, over or near the site, or found on the site.			Yes No

			1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
	•	Removal of any portion of a critical or significant wildlife habitat.			Yes No
	*	Application of pesticide or herbicide more than twice a year, other than for agricultural purposes.			Yes No
	•	Other impacts:			Yes No
9.		ll Proposed Action substantially affect non-threatened or non- dangered species?  NO YES			
	Ex:	amples that would apply to column 2 Proposed Action would substantially interfere with any resident or migratory fish, shellfish or wildlife species.		late of	Yes No
	•	Proposed Action requires the removal of more than 10 acres of mature forest (over 100 years of age) or other locally important vegetation.			Yes No
	•	Other impacts:			Yes No
10.	Wil	IMPACT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND RESOURCES  Proposed Action affect agricultural land resources?  NO YES			The second secon
	Exa •	Imples that would apply to column 2  The Proposed Action would sever, cross or limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc.)			Yes No
	•	Construction activity would excavate or compact the soil profile of agricultural land.			Yes No
	•	The Proposed Action would irreversibly convert more than 10 acres of agricultural land or, if located in an Agricultural District, more than 2.5 acres of agricultural land.			Yes No

			1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
	•	The Proposed Action would disrupt or prevent installation of agricultural land management systems (e.g., subsurface drain lines, outlet ditches, strip cropping); or create a need for such measures (e.g. cause a farm field to drain poorly due to increased runoff).			Yes No
	•	Other impacts:			Yes No
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		IMPACT ON AESTHETIC RESOURCES			
11.		Il Proposed Action affect aesthetic resources? (If necessary, use visual EAF Addendum in Section 617.20, Appendix B.)  NO YES			
	Exa	amples that would apply to column 2 Proposed land uses, or project components obviously different from or in sharp contrast to current surrounding land use patterns, whether man-made or natural.			Yes No
		Proposed land uses, or project components visible to users of aesthetic resources which will eliminate or significantly reduce their enjoyment of the aesthetic qualities of that resource.			Yes No
	•	Project components that will result in the elimination or significant screening of scenic views known to be important to the area.			Yes No
	٠	Other impacts:			Yes No
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	I	MPACT ON HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES			
		Proposed Action impact any site or structure of historic, historic or paleontological importance?  NO YES			
	Exa •	Imples that would apply to column 2 Proposed Action occurring wholly or partially within or substantially contiguous to any facility or site listed on the State or National Register of historic places.			Yes No
	•	Any impact to an archaeological site or fossil bed located within the project site.			Yes No
,	•	Proposed Action will occur in an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NYS Site Inventory.			Yes No

		Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
•	Other impacts:			Yes No
	IMPACT ON OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION		A Committee of the Comm	
	Will proposed Action affect the quantity or quality of existing or future open spaces or recreational opportunities?  NO YES			
	Examples that would apply to column 2  The permanent foreclosure of a future recreational opportunity.			Yes No
1	A major reduction of an open space important to the community.			Yes No
•	Other impacts:			Yes No
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	IMPACT ON CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS			
p	Vill Proposed Action impact the exceptional or unique haracteristics of a critical environmental area (CEA) established ursuant to subdivision 6NYCRR 617.14(g)?  NO YES  ist the environmental characteristics that caused the designation of			
	ie CEA.			
E	xamples that would apply to column 2 Proposed Action to locate within the CEA?			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource?			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will result in a reduction in the quality of the resource?			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will impact the use, function or enjoyment of the resource?			Yes No
•	Other impacts:			Yes No

		1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
	IMPACT ON TRANSPORTATION			
15. W	fill there be an effect to existing transportation systems?  NO YES			
•	xamples that would apply to column 2 Alteration of present patterns of movement of people and/or goods.			Yes No
*	Proposed Action will result in major traffic problems.			Yes No
	Other impacts:			Yes No
	IMPACT ON ENERGY			
	ill Proposed Action affect the community's sources of fuel or ergy supply?			
	NO YES			
E)	camples that would apply to column 2  Proposed Action will cause a greater than 5% Increase in the use of any form of energy in the municipality.			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two family residences or to serve a major commercial or industrial use.			Yes No
3(1)	Other impacts:			Yes No
	NOISE AND ODOR IMPACT			22.20
	Il there be objectionable odors, noise, or vibration as a result of Proposed Action?			
	NO YES			
Ex	amples that would apply to column 2 Blasting within 1,500 feet of a hospital, school or other sensitive facility.			Yes No
•	Odors will occur routinely (more than one hour per day).			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will produce operating noise exceeding the local ambient noise levels for noise outside of structures.			Yes No
•	Proposed Action will remove natural barriers that would act as a noise screen.			Yes No
•	Other impacts:			Yes No

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		IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH			
18.	Wi	ill Proposed Action affect public health and safety?  NO YES			
	2.5	Proposed Action may cause a risk of explosion or release of hazardous substances (i.e. oil, pesticides, chemicals, radiation, etc.) in the event of accident or upset conditions, or there may be a chronic low level discharge or emission.			Yes No
	•	Proposed Action may result in the burial of "hazardous wastes" in any form (i.e. toxic, poisonous, highly reactive, radioactive, irritating, infectious, etc.)			Yes No
		Storage facilities for one million or more gallons of liquefied natural gas or other flammable liquids.			Yes No
	•	Proposed Action may result in the excavation or other disturbance within 2,000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.			Yes No
		Other impacts:			Yes No
		IMPACT ON GROWTH AND CHARACTER OF COMMUNITY OR NEIGHBORHOOD		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
9.	Wil	Proposed Action affect the character of the existing community?  NO  YES			
	Exa	amples that would apply to column 2  The permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located is likely to grow by more than 5%.			Yes No
	•	The municipal budget for capital expenditures or operating services will increase by more than 5% per year as a result of this project.			Yes No
	•	Proposed Action will conflict with officially adopted plans or goals.			Yes No
	•	Proposed Action will cause a change in the density of land use.			Yes No
	• 2	Proposed Action will replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures or areas of historic importance to the community.			Yes No
	•	Development will create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire, etc.)			Yes No

			1 Small to Moderate Impact	2 Potential Large Impact	3 Can Impact Be Mitigated by Project Change
	•	Proposed Action will set an important precedent for future projects.			Yes No
	•	Proposed Action will create or eliminate employment.			Yes No
	•	Other impacts:			Yes No
20.	ls th	nere, or is there likely to be, public controversy related to potential			
	adv	erse environment impacts?  NO YES			

If Any Action in Part 2 is Identified as a Potential Large Impact or If you Cannot Determine the Magnitude of Impact, Proceed to Part 3

# Part 3 - EVALUATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPACTS

# **Responsibility of Lead Agency**

Part 3 must be prepared if one or more impact(s) is considered to be potentially large, even if the impact(s) may be mitigated.

Instructions (If you need more space, attach additional sheets)

Discuss the following for each Impact identified in Column 2 of Part 2:

- 1. Briefly describe the impact.
- 2. Describe (if applicable) how the impact could be mitigated or reduced to a small to moderate impact by project change(s).
- 3. Based on the information available, decide if it is reasonable to conclude that this impact is important.

To answer the question of importance, consider:

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- I The duration of the impact
- Its irreversibility, including permanently lost resources of value
- I Whether the impact can or will be controlled
- ! The regional consequence of the impact
- I its potential divergence from local needs and goals
- I Whether known objections to the project relate to this impact.

