

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE #09-2020

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MENDHAM, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,
AMENDING CHAPTER 215, ZONING, OF THE BOROUGH CODE TO ESTABLISH AN EAST BUSINESS
AFFORDABLE HOUSING ZONE TO INCLUDE IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING RETAIL USES A LIMITED
PORTION OF THE ZONE TO PERMIT RESIDENTIAL USE**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mendham entered into settlement agreements with Fair Share Housing Center (“FSHC”) and V-Fee Realty Investments, LLC (“V-Fee Realty”) to settle its affordable housing declaratory judgment action entitled In the Matter of the Application of the Borough of Mendham, Docket No. MRS-L-1637-15 (the “Mendham DJ Action”), which settlement agreements were approved by the Court by Order on Fairness and Preliminary Hearing issued on February 3, 2020, by the Honorable Michael C. Gaus, J.S.C.; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of approval, the Borough is required to create a realistic opportunity for the construction of low- and moderate-income housing on land that is available for development to meet its fair share obligation under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act and the constitutional obligation to provide affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, to help meet this obligation, and in accordance with the court-approved settlement agreements, the Borough wishes to establish an East Business Affordable Housing Zone (EB-AH Zone) to provide for retail sales and services to accommodate the general public, and to provide a location that creates a realistic opportunity for the construction of low-and moderate-income housing in the Borough of Mendham on land that is available for development.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham, County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 215, Zoning, of the Borough Code is hereby amended and supplemented to create new Article X1X, East Business Zone – Affordable Housing (EB-AH ZONE) to read as follow:

Article X1X East Business Zone – Affordable Housing (EB-AH ZONE)

§ 215-71 Purpose

The purpose of the East Business Affordable Housing Zone is to provide for retail sales and services to accommodate the general public and to provide a location that creates a realistic opportunity for the construction of low-and moderate-income housing in the Borough of Mendham on land that is available for development, thereby addressing the Borough’s fair share housing obligation under the New Jersey Fair Housing Act and constitutional obligations to provide affordable housing. The EB-AH Zone also promotes compatible land uses of attractive buildings, to ensure the compatibility of the development within the zone with adjacent residential areas and to improve and provide for the efficient and safe flow of traffic.

§ 215-72 Location

The Zone Boundary applies to Block 801, Lot 20 (as it exists at the time of ordinance), also known as the “Tract.” The municipal zone map is hereby amended to reflect the same.

§ 215-73 Uses permitted

Within the East Business Affordable Housing Zone, no building or land may be used in whole or in part for any use other than the following specified uses:

- A. Any use permitted in any residential zone.
- B. Any use permitted in the Historic Business Zone.
- C. In addition to the above, the following retail and service uses:
 - (1) Automotive sales and services.
 - (2) Automotive gasoline station.

- (3) Automotive service station.
 - (4) Automotive sales lot.
 - (5) Laundry (retail only).
 - (6) Dry-cleaning establishments (retail only).
 - (7) Clinic, Medical or Dental.
 - (8) Building supplies (retail only).
 - (9) Garden supplies (retail only).
 - (10) Planned Commercial Development
 - (11) Health Clubs and Recreational Facilities
- D. Dwelling, Multi-family. For the provision of inclusionary affordable housing, including market rate and affordable housing up to a maximum of 75 units.
- E. Accessory uses and structures customarily incidental to permitted uses, including required off-street parking, structured parking and solar panel systems subject to the standards set forth in § 215-31.1, subsections E to G. The storage of all goods and materials shall be in the rear of any structure and shall be screened from view by a solid fence or wall enclosure. All repairs shall be done within the principal structure. Accessory uses and structures in the EB-AH zone shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:
- (1) Residential amenities such as fitness centers, lounges, and tenant storage.
 - (2) Residential accessory uses such as leasing and management offices, maintenance buildings, and model units.
 - (3) Fences and walls.

§ 215-74 Development standards

The following development standards shall be applicable to all permitted uses and development in the East Business Affordable Housing District:

- A. The area, height and setback requirements as set forth the East Business Zone in Schedule I, Schedule Limiting Height and Area of Improvements, and Schedule II, Minimum Building Setbacks shall apply to the EB-AH zone, except as indicated below:
- B. The area, height and setback requirements for Multifamily Dwellings within the EB-AH district are listed below:
- (1) Minimum lot size 3.0 acres, which may be subdivided from the Tract provided that appropriate access and maintenance agreements are applied to all shared components of the development including access and parking;
 - (2) Maximum number of units is 75;
 - (3) Unit Mix and Affordability Requirements
 - i. Twenty percent (20%) of the total number of units actually constructed shall be affordable to low-and moderate-income households, with the balance being market-rate units. Inclusionary residential housing shall comply with the requirements set forth in the Borough’s affordable housing ordinance.;
 - ii. No more than fifty percent (50%) of the market-rate units shall be two-bedroom units and no more than fifty percent (50%) of the remaining market-rate units shall be one-bedroom units or studio units. The applicant may, in its discretion, include up to two three-bedroom market-rate units.
 - iii. The affordable units shall be family rental units and shall not be age restricted.
 - iv. The affordable units shall consist of moderate-income, low-income, and very low-income units in accordance with UHAC (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.).
 - v. The affordable units shall provide a preference for qualifying veterans in accordance with the requirements of the N.J.S.A. 52:27D-311(j).
 - (4) Minimum lot, bulk and setback requirement:
 - i. Minimum lot width: 200 feet
 - ii. Minimum front yard: 700 feet, to property line at the Main Street ROW (NJ-124)
 - iii. Minimum side yard: 50 feet (as measured from the nearest point of any building to any property line. Parking areas shall be located no closer

SECTION 3. This Ordinance may be renumbered for the purpose of codification.

SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 5. All ordinances of the Borough of Mendham that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect in accordance with law.

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