

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF RYE, NEW YORK**

LOCAL LAW NO. ___-2021

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OF THE CITY OF RYE**

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Section One. Section 197-86 of the City of Rye Zoning Ordinance shall be amended by adding a new section (15) entitled “R-2 Senior Living Facilities” to Table A, Column 2, under the heading “R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, R-5, R-6, RS and RT Districts”, which shall state as follows:

(15) R-2 Senior Living Facilities. In the R-2 District, an age restricted, multi-family residential facility in a campus setting providing a variety of housing types, including, but not limited to: independent living units, assisted living facilities, ambulatory services, and domiciliary care facilities, with healthcare support, including but not limited to availability of accessible units and assistance for residents with activities of daily living, and including other appropriate ancillary and accessory uses typically found in senior residential communities including, but not limited to, communal space, associated office space, equipment storage, residences for staff, support facilities, food preparation and service facilities, provided that:

- (a) Residents of R-2 Senior Living Facilities shall be limited to: (i) a single person 55 years of age or older; (ii) two or three persons, all of whom are 55 years of age or older; (iii) a married couple, live-in companion, or partner, one of which is 55 years of age or older; (iv) the surviving spouse of a person 55 years of age or older, provided that the surviving spouse was duly registered as a resident of the development at the time of the elderly person's death; and (v) one adult 18 years of age or older residing with a person who is 55 years of age or older, provided that said adult is essential to the long-term care of the elderly person as certified by a physician duly licensed in New York State.

[1] Notwithstanding the foregoing, up to four (4) dwelling units within the community may be set aside to be occupied by a superintendent, building manager, or other staff member and their family, to which the limitations on occupancy set forth above shall not apply.

[2] Persons under the age of 55 not specifically permitted to be occupants shall not be permitted to be permanent residents of dwelling units. For the purposes of this section, a “permanent resident” shall mean any person who resides within the dwelling for more than three consecutive weeks or in excess of 30 days in any calendar year, or has listed the residence as an abode for any purpose whatsoever, including, but not limited to, enrollment in public or private schools. Temporary occupancy by guests of families shall be

permitted, provided that such occupancy does not exceed a total of 30 days in any calendar year.

[3] The limitations on occupancy shall be included in the marketing materials for the development as well as within the rules and regulations or terms of any leases, bylaws or covenants and restrictions for the development. Violations of the limitations on occupancy shall be enforceable by the City of Rye Building Inspector against the owner or lessee or the agent of any of them and shall be punishable by a fine of \$250 per day or by imprisonment not exceeding 15 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Exceptions to these regulations shall be granted if any limitations are determined to be in violation of any state or federal law.

[4] The Planning Commission shall have the right to require that the owner execute agreements and covenants as it may deem to be required during any site plan approval process as it may reasonably deem to be required to ensure compliance with the stated intent of this section. Said agreements or covenants shall be recorded in the office of the Westchester County Clerk and constitute a covenant running with the land. Such covenant or agreement may be modified or released only as set forth in said covenant or agreement or by the City Council.

- (b) The site for an R-2 Senior Living Facility shall have a minimum of 50 contiguous acres.
- (c) The floor area ratio shall not exceed 0.45.
- (d) Lot building coverage shall not exceed 15% and total impervious coverage shall not exceed 35%.
- (e) Building height shall not exceed four (4) stories or 60 feet. Where proposed buildings are set back at least 240 feet from the all property lines and wholly located within an area of said setback that can contain a horizontal square with 200-foot sides, the permitted maximum building height may be increased to five (5) stories and 65 feet.
- (f) There shall be a minimum yard requirement of 160 feet for front yards and a minimum yard requirement of 160 feet for side and rear yards.

[1] Where an R-2 Senior Living Facility adjoins or is located across the street from a single-family residence or school, the required yard shall be planted and maintained with appropriate landscaping in keeping with the existing setting so as to provide effective visual screening, and shall contain no buildings or storage. Nothing in this Chapter shall prohibit the placement of stormwater management facilities, sidewalks, gardening and passive recreation features, and/or access drives within the required minimum yard.

[2] The minimum yard requirement from Osborn Road shall be 300 feet.

[3] Where an R-2 Senior Living facility adjoins or is located across the street from a use other than a single-family residence, Senior Citizens Apartment (RA-5 District), or school, required yard setbacks may be reduced to no less

than 100 feet, provided that the maximum permitted area of the encroachment of the structure into this reduced setback shall be no more than 30% of the total area between each yard line and the standard 160-foot setback. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for all new buildings and structures, a minimum setback of 160 feet shall be maintained from Old Boston Post Road.

[4] The provisions of § 197-52 shall not apply to R-2 Senior Living Facilities.

- (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of the foregoing paragraph (f), new parking areas and roadways may be located in required yards, but in no case shall a parking area or non-access roadway be located closer than 40 feet to a property line or 240 feet to a property line bordering Osborn Road.
- (h) There shall be a minimum distance of 20 feet between all buildings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, buildings may be connected by exterior paved pathways or interior corridors. The provisions of § 197-70 shall not apply to R-2 Senior Living Facilities.
- (i) For independent living units in R-2 Senior Living Facilities, the minimum amount of residential floor area in each unit shall be 750 square feet for one bedroom units, 900 square feet for two bedroom units, and 1,100 square feet for three bedroom units. For assisted living units, the minimal amount of residential floor area shall be 200 square feet. The provisions of § 197-44.B shall not apply to R-2 Senior Living Facilities.
- (j) On any lot used for an R-2 Senior Living Facility, at least 60% of the property shall be preserved as open space. The provisions of § 197-68 shall not apply to R-2 Senior Living Facilities.
- (k) Off-street parking for R-2 Senior Living Facilities shall be provided as follows:
 - [1] For independent living units: 1.0 spaces per dwelling unit.
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- (l) The provisions of Chapter 197, Attachment 1, entitled “Table A: Residence Districts” shall not apply to R-2 Senior Living Facilities.
- (m) The provisions of § 197-8.A and C shall not apply to R-2 Senior Living Facilities.
- (n) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, any building, structure or use existing on the effective date of this section which does not conform to the provisions of this section may be continued subject to the requirements of Article III of this chapter.

Section Two. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or other portion of this Local Law is, for any reason, declared invalid, in whole or in part, by any court, agency, commission, legislative body or other authority of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate distinct and independent portion. Such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof, which other portions shall continue in full force and effect.

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