

TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR  
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JRESEY

ORDINANCE 2026-03

TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR ORDINANCE TO  
AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 200  
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST WINDSOR (1999)  
BY CREATING THE R-5E ZONING DISTRICT (200-189.4)

BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Council of the Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 200 of the Code of the Township of West Windsor, Land Use, Part 4, Zoning, Article XXVI, Titles, Purposes, Establishments of Districts; General Conditions, Section 200-142, Establishment of Zoning Districts, is hereby amended by adding after the line “R-5D Residence Affordable Housing” the following:

R-5E Residence Affordable Housing

Section 2. Chapter 200 of said Code, Land Use, Part 4, Zoning, Article XXVI, Titles, Purposes, Establishment of District; General Conditions, Section 200-143, Zoning Map, is amended to read as follows:

The boundaries of said zoning district is hereby established as shown on the Zoning Map, Township of West Windsor, dated July 12, 2021, and revised through March 9, 2026, which, with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and made part of this Part IV. An official copy of said Map, indicating the latest amendments shall be kept up to date in the Office of the Land Use Manager for the use and benefit of the public and shall have the most current revision date shown thereon. The Zoning Map for that shall be the official reference as to the current zoning classification of the land within the boundaries of the Township of West Windsor.

Section 3. The Zoning Map of the Township of West Windsor is hereby amended to change the zoning designation of Block 7.04 Lot 1 to the R-5E District.

Section 4. Chapter 200 of said Code, Land Use, Part 4, Zoning, Article XXVII, Use and Bulk Regulations for Residence Districts, is hereby amended by adding the following new Section 200-189.4.

**§ 200-189.4 R-5E Residence District use, bulk and other regulations.**

- A. Purpose. The R-5E Residence (R-5E) District is intended to encourage the reutilization of Block 7.04 Lot 1 with a mix of residential development with appropriately small-scaled and compatible commercial development with convenient access to the US Route 1 corridor and surrounding commercial centers.
  
- B. Planned commercial development, development application requirements and required uses. Any development application in the R-5E District shall be submitted as a planned development by way of a preliminary site plan application for the entire district. Such application shall describe any phasing of the proposal, together with any onsite and off-tract improvements needed to support such phases. The application for preliminary site plan approval may also include a request for final approval with respect to such phase or phases. The following shall apply:
  - (1) A R-5E development shall be subject to the requirements of this section and to the mandatory findings for a planned development as required by the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-45.
  
  - (2) Up to a maximum of 650 residential units, market and affordable, shall be provided in one or more buildings.
  
- C. Principal permitted uses. In the R-5E District, no building or premises shall be used, and no building shall be erected or altered which is arranged, intended, or designed to be used except for one or more of the following uses:
  - (1) Neighborhood retail uses providing for the sale of goods and services, not exceeding 5,000 square feet of floor area, including, but not limited to, convenience food stores, pharmacies, restaurants (excluding drive-through facilities), cafes, luncheonettes and delicatessens, indoor recreation facilities, including instructional studios and fitness centers, attended laundry and retail dry-cleaning services (not including bulk processing and, in case of dry-cleaning establishments, not providing for the storage of more than five gallons of flammable or toxic cleaning fluid on the premises), book, newspaper, periodical and stationary stores, copy centers, parcel package shipping stores or mailing centers, bicycle shops and bicycle rental facilities,

banks, and personal services establishments (e.g. barber or beauty salon and spa and massage services).

- (2) General and administrative offices and professional offices (e.g., physicians, lawyers and architects); small commercial offices (e.g., realtors and travel agencies); and offices incidental to uses permitted in this section.
- (3) Multi-family dwellings. The residential units shall be subject to a twenty-five percent (25%) low-and moderate-income housing set aside in accordance with Subsection I.

D. Permitted accessory uses.

- (1) Exterior recreational facilities and uses including, but not limited to swimming pools, gazebos, pavilions, kitchens, BBQ and/or fire pits, seating areas, community gardens, sport courts, putting greens, dog parks/runs, walking paths, and rooftop amenity spaces.
- (2) Interior and exterior amenities including, but not limited to lobbies, fitness facilities, club rooms, lounges, libraries, business centers, game rooms, billiard rooms, recreation rooms, private theater rooms, community kitchens for tenant use, locker rooms, mail rooms, package storage areas, valet spaces, leasing/management offices, maintenance rooms, private storage areas, and mechanical equipment/rooms.
- (3) Waste and recycling receptables, storage areas, and/or enclosure areas.
- (4) Signs.
- (5) Fences.
- (6) Retaining walls.
- (7) Temporary leasing and construction trailers.
- (8) Generators.
- (9) Off-street parking and loading, including structured and/or garage parking.

- (10) A maintenance building for snow removal and other maintenance equipment customarily incidental to multifamily residential use.
  - (11) Above and/or below ground detention basins, retention basins, and/or stormwater management uses and/or structures which shall have no buffer or setback requirements except along the US Route 1 corridor.
  - (12) Above or below-ground utilities including but not limited to sanitary sewer pump station, cable television and telephone boxes, manholes, fire hydrants, electrical transformers, and other utilities that are customary to a residential development of this type.
  - (13) Accessory uses and buildings customarily associated with residential uses
- E. Minimum tract size. The entirety of the district, which shall be planned and developed in a comprehensive manner as a single integrated entity with one development application showing the proposed development for the entire district.
- F. Maximum permissible development density. 28.5 units per acre, which shall result in a maximum of 650 residential units.
- G. Location of nonresidential uses. Non-residential uses shall be located on the ground floor of buildings.
- H. Maximum improvement coverage. The maximum improvement coverage shall be fifty-five percent (55%).
- I. Twenty-five percent of the residential component shall be low-and moderate-income housing meeting all of the applicable standards and requirements for affordable units, including those set forth in Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (UHAC), N.J.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq., and Section 200-237 of the Code. At least fifty percent (50%) of the affordable units shall be made affordable to low-income households and at least thirteen percent (13%) of affordable units shall be made affordable to very low-income households earning thirty percent (30%) or less of the regional median household income by household size, which very low-income units shall be included as part of the low-income requirement. The remaining affordable units shall be made affordable to moderate-income households. The affordable units shall be located on site and shall be reasonably dispersed throughout each residential building phased in accordance with the affordable housing construction schedule set forth in N.J.A.C. 5:97-6.4(d). The state-wide non-residential

development fee shall apply to the non-residential portion of the development to the extent it includes other than residential uses.

J. Building standards.

- (1) Building heights shall not exceed six (6) stories and seventy (70) feet.
- (2) Yard dimensions:
  - [a] Front yard. One hundred and twenty-five (125) feet.
  - [b] Side yard: Forty (40) feet.
  - [c] Rear yard: Forty (40) feet.
- (3) Buffer requirements:
  - [a] Along the US Route 1 Corridor. A buffer of 75 feet or no closer than the line of improvement coverage existing at the date of the adoption of this ordinance, whichever is less.
  - [b] Along Nassau Park Boulevard. A buffer of 120 feet as measured from the curb line
  - [c] Along the Northerly Access Drive. A buffer of 30 feet as measured from the curb line.

K. Required off-street and on-street parking.

- (1) The off-street parking standards set forth in § 200-27B shall apply, except as follows:
  - [a] The number of residential parking spaces shall be provided at a standard of 1.7 parking spaces per unit.
  - [b] Off-street parking for all retail, personal service business or office uses shall be a minimum of one space per each 500 square feet of gross floor area. The applicant shall demonstrate that parking is sufficient for each use.

[c] Amenity uses for residents only shall not have an off-street parking requirement.

(2) Parking spaces shall be permitted in any yard.

L. Pedestrian and bicycle accessibility.

(1) The applicant shall provide paved pedestrian linkages to those portions of Nassau Park and Nassau Pavilion proximate to the project.

(2) Safe and secure (enclosed) bicycle parking shall be provided.

M. Architectural design standards and guidelines.

(1) Buildings shall generally relate in scale to the surroundings buildings in the development. Buildings shall reflect a continuity of treatment obtained by maintaining the building scale or by subtly graduating changes; by maintaining base courses; by extending horizontal lines of fenestration; and by reflecting select architectural styles and details, design themes, building materials, and colors used in surrounding buildings.

(2) Buildings shall avoid long, monotonous, uninterrupted walls or roof planes. Building wall offsets, including projections such as balconies, canopies, and signs, recesses, and changes in floor level, shall be used in order to add architectural interest and variety and to relieve the visual effect of a simple, long wall. Similarly, roofline offsets, dormers, or gables shall be provided in order to provide architectural interest and variety to the massing of a building and to relieve the effect of a single, long roof.

(3) The architectural treatment of the front façade shall be continued in its major features around all visible exposed sides of a building. All sides of a building shall be architecturally designed to be consistent with regard to style, materials, colors, and details. Blank wall or service area treatment of side and rear elevations visible from the public views is discouraged.

(4) Fenestration shall be architecturally compatible with the style, materials, colors, and details of the building. Windows shall be vertically proportioned wherever possible. To the extent possible, upper-story windows shall be vertically aligned with the location of windows and doors on the ground level.

- (5) All entrances to a building shall be defined and articulated by architectural elements such as lintels, pediments, pilasters, columns, porticoes, porches, overhangs, railings, balustrades or others, where appropriate. Any such element utilized shall be architecturally compatible with the style, materials, colors and details of the building as a whole, as shall the doors.
- (6) Heating, ventilating and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems, utility meters and regulators, exhaust pipes and stacks, satellite dishes and other telecommunications receiving devices shall be screened or otherwise specially treated or placed to be, as much as possible, inconspicuous as viewed from the public right-of-way and adjacent properties.
- (7) Street furniture such as benches, streetlamps, bicycle racks, receptacles for litter, including mandatory recycling receptacles, bus stops, landscape planters and hanging baskets shall be provided, if applicable. A standard street furnishing plan shall be established for the entire district. Options shall be established in order to permit variety. Furnishings manufactured from recycled materials shall be considered. Furnishings manufactured from local or regional sources shall be considered.

N. Snow storage and removal. Procedures for snow storage and removal shall be identified on the site plan.

Section 5. In the event of any conflict between the provisions and requirements of this section and the provisions and requirements of any other section of this chapter, the provisions and requirements of this section shall govern.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect twenty days after action or inaction by the Mayor as approved by law, or an override of a mayoral veto by the Council, whichever is applicable; upon filing with the Mercer County Planning Board; and upon publication according to law.

Introduction: February 9, 2026

Planning Board Approval:

Public Hearing:

Adoption:

Mayor Approval:

Effective Date: