

**SECTION 23**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE, REPEAL, VALIDITY, AND AMENDMENTS**

23.1 Effective Date and Repeal

23.1.1 Effective Date. These Regulations, and any amendment or change hereto, shall be full force and effect from the date established by the Zoning Commission in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut. Specifically, these Regulations shall take effect on January 11, 1941, and as amended thereafter. Whenever in these Regulations phrases such as "the effective date of these Regulations" are used, they shall be deemed to refer to the aforesaid effective date, or the effective date of any subsequent amendment to the subject provision. The adoption hereof shall revoke any inconsistent provision of any prior zoning regulation, but shall not alter the continuity of any prior consistent provision, nor commence a new date for the determination of a legal nonconforming use, building or structure which was nonconforming to prior regulations and remains nonconforming to these Regulations.

23.1.2 Repeal of Prior Provisions, Effect Thereof. The Zoning Regulations of the Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut, previously adopted, all amendments thereto, are repealed coincident with the effective date of these Regulations. The repeal of those regulations, and all amendments thereto, shall not affect or impair any act done, offense committed or right accruing, accrued or acquired or any liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred prior to the time such repeal took effect, but the same may be enjoyed, asserted, enforced, prosecuted or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if such repeal had not been effected.

[Foregoing From former Section 56, Amended Effective 3-7-08]

23.2 Validity

23.2.1 If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of these Regulations is adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply only to the section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision so adjudged and the remainder of these Regulations shall be deemed valid and effective.

23.2.2 If any section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision of these Regulations is adjudged to be invalid as applied to a particular building, structure or lot, such adjudication shall apply only to such building, structure or lot, and the general application of such section, paragraph, subparagraph, clause or provision to other buildings, structures or lots shall not be affected.

[From former Section 55, renumbered but not amended effective 3-7-08.]

### 23.3 Amendments

23.3.1 Amendment of Regulations by Zoning Commission. These Regulations, including the Zoning Map and Zoning Districts, may from time to time be amended or changed by the Zoning Commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 124 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Proposed amendments and maps of any changes shall be in form satisfactory to the Zoning Commission in accordance with applicable Connecticut Statutes.

23.3.2 Rules for Submission of Petitions to Amend Regulations. Any person, firm or corporation may submit to the Zoning Commission a written petition proposing an amendment or change in these Regulations, including the Zoning Map and Zoning Districts, which petition shall be prepared and include information as follows:

23.3.3 Petition and Fee. Eight (8) copies of the written petition, all signed by the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney or agent duly authorized, shall be submitted together with a petition fee in accordance with the Town ordinance entitled, "Ordinance Establishing Procedures for Fee Schedules for Processing Land Use Applications," as the same may be amended from time to time. The petition may state the petitioner's reasons for the proposed amendment or change.

23.3.3 Amendment of Text. Petitions proposing amendment or change in the text of the Regulations, including permitted uses and standards in Zoning Districts, shall be accompanied by eight (8) copies of both the existing text and the text proposed by the petitioner, with the changes clearly indicated by underlining or otherwise.

23.3.4 Amendment of Zoning Map. Petitions proposing amendment of the Zoning Map and Zoning Districts shall be accompanied by eight (8) copies of the following:

- a. a metes and bounds description of the land to be included in the change and a metes and bounds description of the lot or lots with respect to which the change is requested; and
- b. a map, drawn to a scale of not less than 1"=100', covering the area of the proposed change and all area in the Town within 500 feet of the proposed change, and showing for such area the existing and proposed Zoning District boundary lines, the existing property lines and the names of the current owners of each lot and their addresses as indicated in the Old Lyme Assessor's records; the list of owners and addresses may be separate from the map if properly keyed to the map to identify which owner owns which lot, and the map may be prepared on copies of the Town Assessor's maps if sufficient to show the required information; and
- c. the petition map may show additional information such as existing contours, wetlands, watercourses, wooded areas, buildings, structures and

site improvements as may support identification and understanding of the proposed change.

[From former Section 54, Amended Effective 3-7-08]