

City Clerk File No. Ord. 10-052

Agenda No. 3.A 1st Reading

Agenda No. _____ 2nd Reading & Final Passage



ORDINANCE OF JERSEY CITY, N.J.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE
offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

CITY ORDINANCE 10-052

**TITLE: ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC TELEVISION PROGRAMMING
GUIDELINES AND COVERAGE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE OFFERED AND MOVED ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING
ORDINANCE:

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City creates a digital video recording of all Council Meetings;
and

WHEREAS, the goal of JC1TV is to create greater awareness of local government and facilitate
the community's participation in the local decision making process; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to make public proceedings and events more accessible to Jersey City
residents by providing coverage of City Council meetings and other public meetings via cable
television; and

WHEREAS, JC1TV can and will promote special events in the community sponsored by the
City and other non-profit, community organizations; and

WHEREAS, JC1TV can supplement public safety and disaster preparedness activities and
information pertaining to the City of Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, JC1TV is an invaluable tool to document and archive City events and activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City
hereby enacts the following programming guidelines.

A. The following amendments to Chapter 116 (Cable Television) are hereby adopted:

§ 116.1 through 116.3 No change

§ 116.4 **Introduction**

JC1TV is a cable channel granted to the City for the purpose of cable casting government
television programming, including but not limited to coverage of the City Council meetings and
relevant public board meetings.

§ 116.5 **Purpose**

JC1TV exists to provide citizens of Jersey City with local government information and
community information and to assist the City departments with video production services.
Specific objectives include:

(a) provide information about programs and services offered by City departments,
agencies, boards, commissions and government supported agencies.

(b) expand citizens' awareness of government and its decision-making processes by exposing them to government meetings and civic events.

(c) enhance existing public information materials by using cable television as a public information tool.

(d) provide and distribute programming of interest to the residents that will inform, educate and enlighten, as well as encourage participation in government services, activities and decision making.

§ 116.6 Channel Policies

JC1TV shall be guided by the following policies:

A. **Non-editorial:** the channel shall provide direct, non-editorial information concerning the operations, services and deliberations of government to the citizens of Jersey City;

B. **Non-political:** the channel is not intended as a mechanism for building support for a particular ballot issue or candidate for public office. This provision does not preclude the cable casting of non-partisan programs sponsored by a neutral third party designed to inform the citizens of election issues and candidates. Declared candidates for any elective office and persons advocating any cause, viewpoint or proposed policy of a partisan nature will not be eligible to appear on the channel 90 days prior to an election, unless they appear in a forum in which all candidates or sides of an issue are given equal time. For purposes of policy, a person is considered to be a candidate from the time of announcing publicly for any public office until the election has been held. This policy does not apply to persons who receive incidental air time as part of a public meeting being televised, nor to officials acting as part of the regular duties when such actions do not involve partisan policies;

C. **Neutrality:** in any program concerning subjects that may be interpreted to be materially controversial, JC1TV will maintain a position of neutrality, providing unbiased information. Requests for presentation of an opposing viewpoint during a legislative meeting will be directed to the appropriate agency for action on their agenda;

D. **Non-commercial:** JC1TV will not televise any paid advertising or any program that depicts a product, business and/or service that has the purpose of benefitting a profit-making enterprise;

E. **Non-discriminatory:** JC1TV shall not discriminate in the delivery of its services on the basis of race, color, creed, national origination, sex, sexual orientation or mental or physical ability or any other protected category;

F. **Non-sectarian Programming:** JC1TV will not televise any program that exposes or promotes any particular religious group or belief;

§ 116.7 Coverage of City Council Meetings and Caucus Meetings

A. **Coverage of City Council Meetings:** City Council meetings shall be recorded using the digital recording system currently present in the City Council Chambers. The entire meeting shall be recorded and re-aired in its entirety at least four times before the next City Council meeting and with two showings beginning between the times of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Council meetings will take priority over other regular scheduled programming;

B. **Coverage of City Council Caucus Meetings:** In consultation with Comcast, which televises City Council meetings, City Council caucus coverage will be televised at least twice between the time of the caucus and time of the regularly scheduled subsequent Council meeting.

One caucus showing will be aired during the times of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and subsequent showing beginning between the times of 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

§ 116.8 Programming Restrictions:

The following programming is restricted:

- A. any obscene or salacious material;
- B. any material which violates Federal, State or Local laws

§ 116.9 Copyright of Programs


Programs containing copyrighted materials will be used only if copyright clearance has been obtained. The ownership and copyright for any program produced by the City of Jersey City shall be held by the City.

- B. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- C. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Jersey City Code.
- D. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner as provided by law.
- E. The City Clerk and the Corporation Counsel may change any chapter numbers, article numbers and section numbers if codification of this ordinance reveals a conflict between those numbers and the existing code, in order to avoid confusion and possible accidental repealers of existing provisions.

Note: All new material is underlined; words in [brackets] are omitted. For purposes of advertising only, new matter is **boldface** and repealed matter by *italics*.

4/7/10

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM



Corporation Counsel

APPROVED: _____

APPROVED: 

Business Administrator

Certification Required

Not Required

CITY OF JERSEY CITY



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Re. JC1TV Ordinance

The City Council is currently considering an ordinance regarding the coverage of City Council meetings on Channel One. I have had a chance to review this ordinance with members of my staff who deal with the day-to-day operations of Channel One, and believe that changes need to be made prior to adoption of this ordinance.

I have amended the ordinance, which I respectfully ask you to review prior to adoption of the current ordinance in its present version. I believe that the compromise ordinance I have suggested will accomplish the goals that the City Council has set forth.

Very truly yours,


Jennifer Morrill
Press Secretary

c: Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy
Brian O'Reilly, Business Administrator
Dominick Pandolfo, Chief of Staff
Robert Byrne, City Clerk
William Matsikoudis, Corporation Counsel

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ORDINANCE OF JERSEY CITY, N.J.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE
offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

CITY ORDINANCE 10-053

TITLE:

ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TIDEWATER BASIN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – GRAND AND MARIN SUBDISTRICT, FOR HEIGHT, BULK, AND USE

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City adopted the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan on November 10, 1999, amended the Plan in June 17, 2007, September 9, 2009, and again amended the Plan on March 24, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Board, at its meeting of March 23, 2010, determined that the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan would benefit from amendments, specifically changes to the Grand and Marin Subdistrict to modify the bulk, height, and use standards in order to encourage development compatible with the character of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Planning Board's recommended amendments to the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan is attached hereto, and made a part hereof, and is available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City that the aforementioned amendments to the Village Study Area Redevelopment Plan be, and hereby are, adopted.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT:

- A. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- B. This ordinance shall be a part of the Jersey City Code as though codified and set forth fully herein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Jersey City Code.
- C. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner as provided by law.
- D. The City Clerk and the Corporation Council be and they are hereby authorized and directed to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and section numbers in the event that the codification of this ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing code, in order to avoid confusion and possible repealers of existing provisions.
- E. The City Clerk is hereby directed to give notice at least ten days prior to hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the County Planning board and to all other persons entitled thereto pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-15 and N.J.S. 40:55D-63 (if required). Upon the adoption of this Ordinance after public hearing thereon, the City Clerk is further directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of the Ordinance as finally adopted with the Hudson County Planning Board as required by N.J.S. 40:55D-16. The clerk shall also forthwith transmit a copy of this Ordinance after final passage to the Municipal Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S. 40:49-2.1.

Robert D. Cotter, PP, AICP
Director, Division of City Planning

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

Corporation Counsel

APPROVED:

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Business Administrator

Certification Required

Not Required

ORDINANCE FACT SHEET

1. Full Title of Ordinance:

ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TIDEWATER BASIN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – GRAND AND MARIN SUBDISTRICT, FOR HEIGHT, BULK, AND USE

2. Name and Title of Person Initiating the Ordinance, etc.:

Carl Czaplicki, Director of Housing, Economic Development, and Commerce

3. Concise Description of the Program, Project or Plan Proposed in the Ordinance:

This ordinance adjusts the use and bulk standards of the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan in order to permit buildings of 45'-57' in height and mixed uses in the Grand and Marin Subdistrict.

4. Reasons (Need) for the Proposed Program, Project, etc.:

The existing Grand and Marin Subdistrict of the Plan permits a maximum of 15' building height. These amendments will allow more substantial development on the parcels in the subdistrict.

5. Anticipated Benefits to the Community:

Will encourage development.

6. Cost of Proposed Plan, etc.:

\$0.00. Plan was prepared by Division of City Planning staff.

7. Date Proposed Plan will commence:

Upon Adoption.

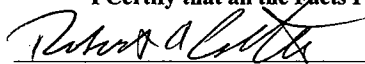
8. Anticipated Completion Date: N/A

9. Person Responsible for Coordinating Proposed Program, Project, etc.:

Robert D. Cotter, Director, City Planning 547-5050

10. Additional Comments:

I Certify that all the Facts Presented Herein are Accurate.



Division Director

25 MARCH 2010
Date



Department/ Director Signature

25/March 2010
Date

Summary Sheet:

**ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY
CITY ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE TIDEWATER BASIN
REDEVELOPMENT PLAN – GRAND AND MARIN SUBDISTRICT, FOR
HEIGHT, BULK, AND USE**

This ordinance adjusts the use and bulk standards of the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan in order to permit buildings of 45'-57' in height and mixed uses in the Grand and Marin Subdistrict.

TIDEWATER BASIN REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

November 10, 1999

Amended June 27, 2007 : Ord. 07-109

Amended Sept 9, 2009: Ord. 09-092

Amended March 24, 2010: Ord. 10-0136

Proposed Amendment as Recommended by the Planning Board on March 23, 2010

CITY OF JERSEY CITY
DIVISION OF CITY PLANNING

I. Introduction

The purpose of the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan (hereinafter referred to as the “Plan”), is to provide for comprehensive redevelopment designed to ensure coordinated and harmonious growth within the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Plan Area (hereinafter referred to as the “Area”).

The redevelopment plan takes into consideration the surrounding neighborhoods and takes into account the character and nature of current and proposed land-uses. Bordering the Tidewater Basin area to the east is the Colgate Redevelopment Area. Until recently the Colgate area was dominated by vacant lots and unused industrial buildings. It is planned to become a mixed use area with office, commercial and residential uses. This area is now active with construction as this project moves forward. The Paulus Hook Historic District, a quiet neighborhood of nineteenth century brownstones, borders the Tidewater Basin area to the north and to the east. The Liberty Harbor North Redevelopment Plan Area borders the Area to the west. Liberty Harbor North is planned as a predominantly residential, waterfront community.

A common element throughout all of these neighborhoods and the Area is the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Transit System which will connect them all by means of a modern trolley service, and the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway, which connects these neighborhoods by means of a pedestrian ribbon park along the water’s edge.

II. Boundary Description

See the Boundary Map for the boundary illustration.

III. Redevelopment Objectives and Minimum Standards

All new development, rehabilitation, or adaptive re-use must conform to, and be consistent with the following objectives and minimum standards:

- A. At street level, human-scale development to compliment the neighboring Paulus Hook Historic District is required. New development, especially infill housing, shall be consistent in height, scale, material and design with the predominant form of housing – the brick rowhouse – of the neighborhood.
- B. Eliminate incongruous land uses by reinforcing, through acquisition and demolition, if necessary, the dominant residential pattern of the neighborhood.
- C. Encourage the elimination of obsolete and deleterious land uses and structures and the rehabilitation of deteriorated structures, including dilapidated piers and bulk-heading.
- D. Improve vehicular and pedestrian traffic through the re-establishment of a public

neighborhood street grid, while improving the circulation through the neighborhood by addressing traffic direction, R-O-W width, cartway width and sidewalk design to discourage vehicular through traffic while improving pedestrian and bicycle access and by incorporating into all waterfront projects the public pedestrian walkway system known as the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway.

- E. Provide for decorative streetscape and site improvements for the beautification of the redevelopment plan area and adjacent neighborhoods.
- F. Provide for the enhancement of the Paulus Hook Historic District through improvement of its waterfront access, redevelopment of industrial sites and historically sensitive treatment of vacant sites within and immediately contiguous to the historic district.
- G. Encourage the preservation and promotion of the buildings contributing to the area's historic and cultural fabric, and the protection and re-establishment of view corridors along existing and new public streets to accentuate views of Manhattan Island, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Liberty State Park.
- H. Develop a network of public open space nodes along the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway which shall be designed to improve pedestrian circulation, act as a catalyst for residential development and help to improve valuable and desirable vistas.

IV. Types of Proposed Redevelopment Actions

This plan will improve and upgrade the Tidewater Basin Redevelopment Area substantially through a combination of redevelopment actions. These include, but are not limited to:

- Clearance of dilapidated, deteriorated, obsolete or under-utilized structures.
- Assembly of vacant and/or underutilized land into developable parcels.
- Construction of new structures and complementary facilities.
- Provisions for public infrastructure necessary to service and support the new development, including separated storm and sanitary sewers, through special assessment, if necessary, so that the low-lying areas of the Redevelopment Area can experience improved drainage as a result of this Plan's implementation.
- Designation of pedestrian and vehicular Rights of Way to be improved in conjunction with project area development and dedicated to the City.

