

# City of Providence

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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### PETITION TO THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

*The undersigned respectfully petitions your honorable body*

I, Nicholas J. Hemond, Esq., hereby petition this Honorable City Council of the City of Providence to amend Section 2001 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Providence, entitled "Non-Conforming Uses" as follows:

A nonconforming use of a structure or land cannot be expanded, except as otherwise provided herein. This includes expansion, extension, or relocation of a nonconforming use to any other structure on the lot, additional gross floor area devoted to the nonconforming use, or occupying any land area currently not occupied by such nonconforming use.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything contained in this Ordinance to the contrary, the gross floor area of a nonconforming use may be expanded by obtaining a special use permit from the Zoning Board of Review. In addition to meeting the requirements for a special use permit pursuant to Section 1901 of this Ordinance, an applicant seeking to expand the gross floor area of a nonconforming use shall also present evidence to the Zoning Board of Review that:

1. The expansion of the use is not an increase in excess of five percent of the total gross floor area of the use;
2. All uses on the property shall be brought into conformance with all applicable use standards listed in Article 12.
3. The entire property shall be brought into conformance with the landscaping regulations of Article 15.

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