



DELAWARE COASTAL BUSINESS PARK RULES, REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Delaware Coastal Business Park shall be to provide locations for the development of light to moderate industrial manufacturing, warehousing, wholesale and limited research establishments which, because of their type and nature, would be compatible with or adjacent to residential areas while still providing attractive landscaping, and a better working environment. The emphasis will be on employment rather than warehouse space. Also, the purpose is to provide guidelines and performance standards, which will control and confine any offensive features (i.e., noise, vibration, heat, smoke, glare, dust, objectionable odors, toxic wastes or unsightly storage) to the confines of the premises and within enclosed buildings or within a visually enclosed space.

II. LAND USE CRITERIA

1. Permitted uses. Permitted uses shall be as follows:

- a. Manufacturing, assembling, converting, altering, finishing, cleaning, cooking, baking or any other type of manufacturing or industrial processing of any goods, materials, products, instruments, appliances and devices, provided that the fuel or power supply shall be of an approved type. Also included shall be all incidental clinics, offices and cafeterias for the exclusive use of in-house staff and employees.
- b. Research, design, testing and development laboratories.
- c. Printing, publishing, binding, packaging, storage and warehousing.
- d. Business, medical, professional or administrative offices.
- e. Municipal and public services and facilities, such as utility supply areas (i.e., water, sewer and electric), distribution facilities and substations.
- f. Heating, ventilating, cooling and refrigeration manufacturing.
- g. General light industrial, manufacturing, warehousing and storage uses, including enclosed storage of products, materials and vehicles, and including the following uses and any similar uses which are not likely to

create any more offensive noise, vibration, dust, heat, smoke, odor, glare or other objectionable influences than the minimum amount normally resulting from other uses listed, such listed uses being generally wholesale establishments, service industries and light industries that manufacture, process, assemble, store and distribute goods and materials and are, in general, dependent on raw materials refined elsewhere, and manufacture, compounding, processing, packaging or treatment, as specified, of the following products or similar products:

Agricultural, business, commercial or office uses permitted in any business or commercial district; and

Medical and dental equipment, drafting, optical and musical instruments, watches, clocks, toys, games and electrical or electronic apparatus.

- h. Wholesale merchandising or storage warehouses, provided that such uses are not objectionable by reason of odor, dust, noise or similar factors.
- i. Telephone central offices, provided that all storage of materials, all repair facilities and all housing of repair crews are within a completely enclosed area.
- j. Data centers.

All uses must be conducted within a completely enclosed building. There shall be no open storage of raw, in process or finished products, supplies or waste material, except that these items shall be shielded from public view by a landscaped screen that may include a fence or wall.

2. Prohibited Land Use:

- a. No operation or uses shall be permitted or maintained which causes or produces any of the following effects discernible outside the site or affecting any adjacent property:
 - (1) Noise or sound that is objectionable because of its volume, duration, intermittent beat, frequency or shrillness;
 - (2) Smoke;
 - (3) Noxious, toxic or corrosive fumes or gases;
 - (4) Obnoxious odors;
 - (5) Dust, dirt, or fly ash; and

- (6) Unusual fire or explosive hazards.
- b. The operation and use of drilling for and removal of oil, gas, or other hydrocarbon substances on any property subject to these Covenants shall not be permitted without the prior written consent of Sussex County.
- c. The following operations and uses are expressly prohibited on all property subject to these Covenants:
- (1) Residences, including trailer courts.
 - (2) Manufacturing uses involving production of the following products from raw materials: asphalt, cement, charcoal and fuel briquettes; chemicals; aniline dyes, ammonia, carbide, caustic soda, cellulose, chlorine, carbon black and bone black, creosote, hydrogen and oxygen, industrial alcohol, nitrates (both natural and manufactured) of an explosive nature, potash, petrochemical, pyroxylin, rayon yarn and hydrochloric, nitric, picric, phosphoric and sulfuric acids; coal, coke and tar products, including gas manufacturing, explosives, fertilizers, glue and size (animal); linoleum and oil cloth, matches, paint, varnishes and turpentine; rubber (natural and synthetic); and soaps, including fat rendering.
 - (3) Dumps, junkyards, automobile salvage and dismantling plants/yards, storage areas or operations for the storage or resale of used automobile or other machine parts.
 - (4) Operations involving slaughterhouses, stockyards or slag piles.
 - (5) Storage of explosives and bulk or wholesale storage of gasoline above ground.
 - (6) Quarries, stone crushers, screening plants and all associated uses.
 - (7) The following processes: refining, smelting and alloying of iron, tin, zinc and other metal or metal ores; refining petroleum products such as gasoline, kerosene, naphtha and lubricating oil; and reduction and processing of wood pulp and fiber, including paper mill operations.
 - (8) Drilling for the removal of any hydrocarbon substances.

- (9) Fertilizer or Compost Facilities.
- (10) Commercial Excavation of Building or Construction Materials.
- (11) Distillation of Bones.
- (12) Dumping, Disposal, Incineration, or Reduction of Garbage, Sewage, Offal, Dead Animals or Refuse.
- (13) Animals of any kind including the Raising of Pets or Livestock or other animals.

3. No Immoral or Unlawful Use.

No immoral, improper, offensive or unlawful use shall be made of the Property nor any part thereof, and all valid laws, zoning ordinances and regulations of all governmental bodies having jurisdiction shall be observed and followed at all times.

III. SPACE ALLOCATIONS AND DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

1. Building-to-Land Ratio:

The ratio of building coverage (building structure only) to the Site area will be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County.

2. Setbacks:

The placement of any structure or improvement and the distance to a property line on any Site will be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County.

3. Exceptions to Setback Limitations:

Any exception to a setback limitation, including Roof overhang, steps, walks, and access drives from the street, paving and associated curbing, and landscaping will be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County.

4. Off-Street Parking Areas:

Off-street parking will be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County and shall be in compliance with Sussex County Zoning Code, Article XXII. Off-Street Parking, §115-162, *et. seq.*

5. Off-Street Loading Areas:

Off-street loading will be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County and shall be in compliance with Sussex County Zoning Code, Article XXIII. Off-Street Loading, §115-167, *et. seq.*

IV. ARCHITECTURAL AND AESTHETIC STANDARDS

1. Landscaping and Limitations on Cutting Natural Growth:

- a. Every site on which a building shall have been placed shall be landscaped according to plans approved by Sussex County as specified herein and maintained thereafter in a slightly and well-kept condition.
- b. Any part or portion of the Site which is not used for buildings, other structures, loading or parking spaces and aisles, sidewalks are designated storage areas shall be planted with an all-season ground cover and shall be landscaped with trees and shrubs in accordance with an overall landscape plan and shall be in keeping with natural surroundings. A replacement program for non-surviving plants should be included.
- c. The Site Lessee, lessee or occupant shall landscape and maintain unpaved areas between the property lines and the building. The area between paved streets and the setback lines shall be used exclusively for landscaping except for walks and driveways crossing the required landscape area.
- d. The Site Lessee, lessee or occupant shall provide hose bibs in the vicinity of the landscaped areas on improved properties.
- e. Landscaping as approved by Sussex County shall be installed within ninety (90) days of occupancy or completion of the building, whichever occurs first, or as soon as weather will allow if such period falls within winter months.
- f. The Lessee or occupant of any Site shall at all times keep the landscaping in good order and condition. Should the Lessee or occupant of any Site fail to remedy and deficiency in the maintenance of the landscaping within twenty (20) days after written notification, Sussex County hereby expressly reserves the right, privilege and license and license to make any and all corrections or improvements in landscape maintenance at the expense of the Site Lessee.
- g. The Site Lessee shall preserve as much of the natural growth on a Site as practically possible. Special care should be exercised during any construction so that existing trees are not damaged.
- h. The plot plan must show a satisfactory method of irrigating all planted areas. This may be either by a permanent water system or by hose.

- i. Building interior ceiling height must be a minimum of 20 ft., floor to outside walls.

2. Exterior Construction, Permitted Materials, Prohibited Materials, Approved Construction Methods, Design:

- a. Any building erected on a Site will be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County and shall conform to the following construction practices and meet the Sussex County Building Code in effect at the time.

(1) Exterior front and side walls must be finished on the exterior with the following:

- (a) architectural masonry units, (excluding concrete block and cinder block);
- (b) natural stone;
- (c) precast concrete with prior approval by Sussex County.
- (d) steel;
- (e) aluminum;
- (f) glass materials; or
- (g) their equivalent as approved by Sussex County. Rear exterior walls may be block masonry as defined below.

Minimum standards shall require that thirty (30) percent of the front building exterior and any front lots abutting Park Avenue be approved masonry finish as defined above. Side building walls facing interior park roadways must also have a minimum of thirty (30) percent of approved masonry finish. A masonry block wall (i.e., concrete or cinder block) may be used for a rear building wall only, if the masonry block wall is appropriately painted and meets the approval of Sussex County. These requirements also apply to any accessory building other than temporary structures as defined in paragraph 2 below.

Finish building material shall be applied to all sides of a building, which are visible to the general public as well as from neighboring property and streets. Colors shall be harmonious and compatible with colors of the natural surroundings and other adjacent buildings. Any exception to the exterior construction standards, methods, or design shall be subject to the review and approval of Sussex County.

- (2) Temporary Improvements – No temporary improvements of a temporary nature, including trailers, incomplete buildings, tents or shacks shall be permitted on the Property. Temporary improvements used solely in connection with the construction or sales of permanent approved improvements may be permitted provided they are located as

inconspicuously as possible and are removed immediately after completion of such construction.

3. Signs:

Plans and specifications for the construction, installation, or alterations of all outdoor signs including traffic or directional signs shall be first submitted to and have the written approval of Sussex County.

The following signs shall be permitted:

a. Those identifying the name of the person or firm occupying the Site subject to the following criteria:

- (1) Signs shall be limited to one (1) per Site. Each sign may be lighted but shall not exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in size.
- (2) Electronic Messaging Centers shall be prohibited.
- (3) All signs mounted on a building must identify the primary company name only and shall not be an advertising vehicle. Generally, an identifying sign may be mounted on one wall except that, at the discretion of Sussex County, a smaller sign or logo may be permitted on another exposure.
- (4) Logos: A logo for a single or multi-line sign, or a logo to be mounted separately, must be sized with the total sign area allowed.
- (5) No logos or other signs may be mounted so as to project above the roofline of any facility nor can same be ground mounted under any circumstances.
- (6) Prior to installation of a sign on any Site, Lessee shall submit sign proposals to Sussex County for its approval and consent as to the size, height, type, and location of any on premise sign Lessee seeks to install. Final approval will be based on reasonable architectural standards and overall balance as same applies to identification displays. It should also be understood that Sussex County must approve the manner in which the sign is constructed, lighted and mounted.
- (7) All Lessees shall maintain its sign and keep it in good repair during the term of its Lease. Lessee shall be responsible for any damage resulting from the installation or removal of any such sign, device, fixture or other attachment.
- (8) Lessee shall keep its sign lighted at such reasonable times as Lessor may require under these Rules and Regulations, and as may be amended from time to time.

- (9) Upon the expiration or termination of any Site Lease or the Site Lessee's right to possession of the Site, or the Site Lessee's vacation of the Site, Lessee shall, at Lessee's sole cost and expense, remove any signage and restore and repair that portion of the Site affected by the installation or removal of the signage to the condition satisfactory to Sussex County.

4. Outdoor Storage:

- a. Unless specifically approved by Sussex County in writing, no materials, supplies or equipment (including company owned or operated vehicles) including but not limited to trash and garbage receptacles, shall be stored in any area on a Site except inside a closed building, or behind a visual barrier screening such areas from the view of adjoining properties and/or public street.
- b. Screening of Service Containers: Garbage and refuse containers shall be concealed by means of a screening wall of material similar to and compatible with that of the building. These elements shall be integral with the concept of the building plan, be designed so as not to attract attention, and shall be located in the most inconspicuous manner possible. Unless specifically approved by Sussex County in writing, no materials, supplies or equipment shall be stored on the Property except inside a close building, or behind a visual barrier screening such areas so that they are not visible from neighboring streets and property.

5. Maintenance Requirement, Refuse Collection, and Prohibition of Junk Storage:

- a. Each Site Lessee, or occupant shall at all times keep his premises, buildings, improvements and appurtenance in a safe, clean, neat, and sanitary condition and shall comply with all laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to health and safety. Each Site Lessee shall provide for the removal of trash and rubbish from his premises. The Sites shall not be used for storage of any scrap materials without the prior written approval of Sussex County.
- b. During construction, it shall be the responsibility of each Site Lessee to insure that the construction sites are kept free of unsightly accumulations of rubbish and scrap materials and that construction materials, trailers, shacks, and the like are kept in a neat and orderly manner.

6. Utilities Placement and Design:

Without limiting the generality of any of the foregoing, the following use restrictions shall be maintained and enforced with respect to the property:

- a. Antennas: No antenna for transmission or reception of television signals or any other form of electro-magnetic radiation shall be erected, used or maintained on the Property outside any building whether attached to an improvement or otherwise, without the prior approval of Sussex County.
- b. Utility Service: No lines, wires, or other devices for the communication of transmission of electric current or power, including telephone, television and radio signals, shall be constructed, placed or maintained anywhere in or upon the Property unless the same shall be contained in conduits or cable, constructed, placed and maintained underground or concealed in, under, or on buildings, or other improvements as approved by Sussex County, Site Lessee, provided electrical transformers may be permitted if properly screened and approved by the Sussex County. Nothing herein shall be deemed to forbid the erection and use of temporary electric or telephone services incident to the construction of approve improvements.
- c. Mail Boxes: No mail or other delivery boxes shall be permitted on the Property unless approved by Sussex County.
- d. Mechanical Equipment: All mechanical equipment, including roof mounted shall be enclosed or screened so as to be an integral part of the architectural design.

7. Repair of Buildings:

No building or other improvement shall be permitted to fall into disrepair and each improvement shall at all times be kept in good condition and repair and adequately painted or otherwise finished.

8. Compliance with Governmental Authorities:

Construction and alteration of all improvements shall be performed in accordance and comply with the requirements of all applicable governmental authorities.

V. IMPLEMENTATION

1. Architectural Review and Approval of Building Plans – Procedures:

Before applying for a building permit and commencing the construction or alteration of all buildings, enclosures, fences, loading areas, parking facilities, or any other structures or permanent improvements (“improvements”) on or to any Site, the Lessee of any Site shall first submit plans and specifications and landscape plans to Sussex County for its written approval, as hereinafter provided.

No improvement, as that term is hereinabove defined, shall be erected, placed, altered, maintained, or permitted to remain on any land subject to these Covenants until plans and specifications showing plot layout an all-exterior elevations, with materials and colors therefore and structural design, signs, and

landscaping, shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by Sussex County, and a copy of such plans and specifications prepared by the signature of the Lessee of the Site or his authorized Agent specifying for which part of such plans and specifications approval is sought.

Approval shall be based, among other things, on adequacy of Site dimensions, storm drain considerations, conformity and harmony of external design with neighboring sites, relation of topography, grade and finished ground elevation of the Site being improved to neighboring sites; proper facing of main elevation with respect to nearby streets; and conformity of the plans and specifications to the purpose and general plan and intent of these covenants.

Sussex County shall have the right to refuse to approve any such plans or specifications or proposed use of the premises for any reason which Sussex County, in its sole discretion, may deem in the best interests of the Industrial Park and the Lessees or prospective lessees of other sites therein.

If Sussex County fails either to approve or disapprove such building and site plans and specification within sixty (60) days after the same have been submitted to it, it shall be conclusively presumed that Sussex County has disapproved said plans and specifications.

Neither Sussex County nor its successors or assigns shall be liable in damages to anyone submitting plans to them for approval, or to any Lessee of land affected by this Declaration, by reason of mistake in judgment, negligence or nonfeasance arising out of or in connection with the approval or disapproval or failure to approve any such plans. Every person who submits plans to Sussex County for approval agrees, by submission of such plans, and every Lessee of any said Property agrees, by acquiring a leasehold interest therein, that the Lessee will not bring any action or suit against Sussex County to recover such damages. In case of conflict between plan review and the Covenants herein contained, these Covenants shall govern the rights and obligations of the parties.

Building must be constructed in accordance with the plans as approved by Sussex County. Any modification to the approved plans, during construction, which affects the intent of these Covenants, must be approved by Sussex County before the modification to the building is constructed. Lesser shall give written notice of completion of improvements to Sussex County upon completion of said improvements.

2. Enforcement:

Said Covenants shall be jointly and severally enforceable by Sussex County and its successors and assigns and by any Site Lessee and its successors and assigns, provided, however, that only Sussex County or its assignees, shall have the right to exercise the discretionary powers herein reserved to Sussex County.

Violation of any of said Covenants, or breach of any Covenant or agreement herein contained shall give Sussex County or its assignees in addition to all other remedies, the rights (but not the obligation) to enter upon the land which such violation or breach exists and summarily to abate and remove any structure or correct any condition that may constitute such violation or breach at the expense of the then Lessee of such land, which expense shall be a lien on such land enforceable in Equity; provided, however, that no such entry shall be made unless the violation or breach has not been remedied and corrected within thirty (30) days after delivery of written notice of such violation or breach from Sussex County or its said assignees to the Lessee of the premises on which the violation or breach has occurred or in the alternative within thirty (30) days after mailing such notice, by certified or registered mail, postage prepaid, to the Lessee of such premises at his or its last known address.

Sussex County hereby claims any and all statutory or other liens which it may have upon the equipment, furniture, fixtures, real and personal property of any Lessee or Sub-Lessee placed upon the improvements, and Lessee agrees that Sussex County has such a lien to the extent provided by statute or otherwise. Sussex County agrees to subordinate its lien right to the lien of any mortgage, deed of trust, or security instrument given by Lessee for the construction of the improvements and purchase of the equipment, furniture, fixtures and personal property placed upon the property. Lessee shall furnish Sussex County copies of all such security instruments.

If Sussex County prevails in any legal or equitable proceeding seeking to restrain the violation of or enforce any provision herein, of challenging the enforceability of any provision herein, Sussex County shall be entitled to attorneys' fees in the trial and appellate court proceedings; and costs and expenses of investigation and litigation, including expert witness fees, deposition costs (appearance fees and transcript charges), injunction bond premiums, travel and lodging expenses, all fees and charges, and all other reasonable costs and expenses. All remedies provided herein or at law or in equity shall be cumulative and not exclusive.

3. Repurchase Rights:

In the event any Lessee or its assigns shall not have substantially completed the construction of a permanent building upon a Site within two (2) years of the date of the execution of the Lease by Sussex County conveying a leasehold interest in that Site said Lessee, Sussex County shall have an option to repurchase said Site for the original purchase price and enter into possession of said Site. This option to repurchase must be exercised in writing within ninety (90) days after the expiration of the two (2) year period following the execution of the Lease referred to above. Settlement of the repurchase shall take place within sixty (60) days of the exercise of the option to repurchase and shall be at location to be designated by Sussex County. All costs of recording, transfer taxes, documentary stamps and all other excise taxes arising from said Settlement, will be paid for by said Lessee or assigns.

Anything in this paragraph V.3. to the contrary notwithstanding. Sussex County, its successors and assigns may extend, in its sole discretion and in writing, the time in which such construction must be completed by Lessee upon Sussex County's receipt of a request for extension by Lessee upon Lessee's demonstration of its diligence in pursuing completion of said construction.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Failure to Enforce Not a Waiver of Rights:

Any waiver or failure to enforce any provision of these Covenants in a particular situation shall not be deemed a waiver or abandonment of such provision as it may apply in any other situation or to the same or similar situation at any other location in the Industrial Park or of any other provision of these Covenants. The failure of Sussex County or any Site Lessee to enforce any Covenant herein contained shall in no event be deemed to be a waiver of the right to do so thereafter nor of the right to enforce any other Covenant.

2. Mutuality, Reciprocity:

Runs with Land. All covenants, conditions, and agreements contained herein are made for the direct, mutual and reciprocal benefit of each and every part and parcel in favor of every other parcel; shall create reciprocal rights and obligations between the respective lessees of all parcels and privities of contract and estate between all grantees of said parcels, their heirs, successors, and assigns, operate as Covenants running with the land for the benefit of all other Sites. Sussex County reserves the right, however, from time to time hereinafter to delineate, plot, grant or reserve within the remainder of the Industrial Park not hereby conveyed such public streets, road, sidewalks, ways and appurtenances thereto, and such easements for drainage and public utilities, as it may deem necessary or desirable for the development of the Industrial Park (and from time to time to change the location of the same) free and clear of these restrictions and Covenants and to dedicate the same to public use or to grant the same to the County of Sussex and/or to appropriate public utility corporations.

3. Fee:

Each year, as part of the fiscal year and budget of the Sussex County Government, the Council shall include an estimate of the total amount which it considers necessary to pay the cost of the maintenance, management, operation, repair and replacement of and in the common area and provide for an assessment for fees against each lessee in a proportion to their respective site to the total number of sites available in the Delaware Coastal Business Park. Said assessment shall be invoiced at the same time as the annual taxes and to be paid within 30 days of invoice.

Pricing Plan Table

Lot Size (Acres)	Price per Acre/Year	Total Rent per Year
2	\$14,000	\$28,000
3	\$12,500	\$37,500
4	\$11,000	\$44,000
5	\$9,500	\$47,500
6	\$8,000	\$48,000
7	\$7,000	\$49,000
8	\$5,000	\$40,000

Base Rent with Employee Discount

Lot Size (Acres)	Price per Acre/Year	1-50 Employees	51-100 Employees	101-250 Employees	251+ Employees
2	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$13,300	\$12,600	\$11,900
3	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$11,875	\$11,250	\$10,625
4	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$10,450	\$10,000	\$9,350
5	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$9,025	\$8,550	\$8,075
6	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$7,600	\$7,200	\$6,800
7	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$6,650	\$6,300	\$5,950
8	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,750	\$4,500	\$4,250