

Chapter 169, ARTIST LOFTS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Common Council of the City of Peekskill 12-11-2000 (Ch. 109 of the 1984 Code). Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Zoning -- See Ch. 575.

§ 169-1 Certification procedure for occupancy in an approved artist loft.

- A. To qualify to reside in a live/work artist loft, one or more of the household members must meet the definition of "artist" in § 575-60 of the City of Peekskill Zoning Ordinance. [Amended 5-27-2008 by L.L. No. 9-2008]
- B. Qualifying field.
- (1) To determine whether an applicant qualifies as an artist, an application shall be submitted that includes the following:
 - (a) Completed questionnaire, including references from professional peers. A detailed resume should be attached. (The detailed resume should identify appropriate education, work and other related experience demonstrating ongoing involvement in an eligible field.)
 - (b) Written essay or statement from the applicant(s) to express in some detail his (their) professional qualifications. This statement is to be limited to two typewritten pages.
 - (2) The applicant(s) should be prepared to provide the following items to the review committee:
 - (a) A portfolio or samples of work (slides or reproductions acceptable) should be brought to the certification meeting and be available for the committee's review.
 - (b) Any other illustrative materials (e.g., exhibit reviews, client lists and commissions) supporting qualification in an eligible field.
- C. Compatibility of artistic process. There should be a demonstration that the process, procedures and/or materials used in the creative process are reasonable and appropriate to the circumstances of the building location, surrounding uses within and adjacent to the building, and type of building structure and that such processes, procedures and/or materials meet local building codes and zoning requirements. The City Building Inspector shall make the

determination under this category.

§ 169-2 Certification Committee.

- A. The Artist Certification Committee shall review applications for a determination of eligibility. The Committee selects the Chairperson. The Committee is a seven-person committee, including the Director of Planning, Development and Code Assistance (or designee) as the City representative on the Committee. The other six members shall be artists, as defined in § 575-60 of the Peekskill City Code, or otherwise involved in the arts in Peekskill. [Amended 5-27-2008 by L.L. No. 9-2008]
- B. The Certification Committee will make all final determinations regarding certification. All determinations will be made by a simple majority vote based on all of the information provided. The Committee meetings must be attended by a quorum (four members) for a valid vote to be taken.