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City of New York Board of Standards and Appeals 40 Rector Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10006-1705

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STATEMENT OF FACTS AND FINDINGS

Premises: 28-30 Avenue A

New York, New York

This application is filed pursuant to Section 73-36 of the 1961 New York City Zoning Resolution.

as amended (hereinafter the "Zoning Resolution") for a special permit to allow the operation of a

Physical Culture Establishment (PCE) at the subject premises. As of the date of the filing of this

application the facility has not yet opened. The facility is known as New York Sports Club. Zoning

Resolution Section 73-36 allows the operation of a PCE provided that findings are made which

show that the proposed use (a) "is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future

use or development of the surrounding area, and (b) contains "facilities for classes, instruction and

programs for physical improvement ..."

The subject premises has the address of 28-30 Avenue A, New York, New York, and is known as

Block 398, Lot 2 on the New York City tax map. The site is situated within a C2-5 (R7A/R8B)

zoning district. The site has a depth of 120' and extends 20' feet beyond the C2-5 zoning district

into the residential zoning district. Whereas commercial use would usually not be allowed within

the residential zoning district, Zoning Resolution Section 77-11 permits same to occur on the basis

that the zoning lot existed prior to December 15, 1961, more than 50% of the zoning lot is within the permitted zoning district (100' of the 120'), and the portion that extends into the other zoning district does not exceed 25't (the portion is only 20'). Accordingly, the zoning district boundary may be "re-located" and the use is permitted on the entire site.

The site contains a five (5) story and basement commercial building. The current Certificate of Occupancy for the building, dated January 19, 1961, shows full commercial occupancy of the building and the building is currently occupied for commercial use. The subject PCE facility will be located on the second through fifth floors of the subject building with an entrance on the first floor. The facility will occupy 21,262 square feet of floor area. The PCE's FAR is 4.03 within the existing building which has a FAR of 4.79 and has a grandfathered non-conforming status. Handicapped access is achieved at a street level lobby with an elevator to the second floor.

Operational Plan

Proposed days and hours of operation for the facility are Monday to Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Friday 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The facility offers classes and instruction and machines for physical exercise and improvement. There are approximately twenty (20) staff persons at the facility daily, several of whom such as trainers who work only for several hour periods, not full time. There are approximately 200 to 300 patrons per day. The peak period is 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with approximately 35-40 patrons.

Fire Safety Measures

Fire safety measures at the facility are as follows:

An approved interior fire alarm system will be installed in the entire PCE space;

The system includes the following items:

- Area smoke detectors;
- Manual pull stations at each required exit;
- Local audible and visual alarms; and
- Connection of the interior fire alarm to a FDNY approved central station.

DOB and ECB Violations

There are no open Department of Buildings (DOB) violations or Environmental Control Board (ECB) violations at the subject premises.

DOB Objection

On April 9, 2013, the Department of Buildings issued the following objection, "Proposed Physical Culture and Health Establishment at the first (1st) through fifth (5th) floors is not permitted as of right in C2-5 within R7A and R8B zoning districts and is contrary to Z.R. 32-31 of the Zoning Resolution; BSA Special Permit for Physical Culture Establishments are permitted pursuant to the provisions of Sect. 73-36 of the Z.R."

Pursuant to Sections 73-36, 73-01 and 73-03 the Zoning Resolution, the Board has the power to grant special permit uses, and to impose appropriate conditions and safeguards in connection with these uses. A review of the instant application and the accompanying materials shows that the subject use qualifies as a physical culture establishment, and that it is appropriate for the site and surrounding community.

Compliance with Z.R. Section 73-36

(a) In C1-8X, C1-9, C2, C4, C5, C6, C8, M1, M2 or M3 Districts, and in certain special districts as specified in the provisions of such special district, the Board of Standards and Appeals may permit *physical culture or health establishments* as defined in Section 12-10, including gymnasiums (not permitted under Use Group 9), massage establishments other than *adult physical culture establishments*, for a term not to exceed ten years, provided the following findings are made:

- (1) that such *use* is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future use of development of the surrounding area; and
 - (a) The subject physical culture establishment use will have no adverse impact on the block or to the area, but is in keeping with the mixed use residential and commercial character of the neighborhood. As with most health clubs and yoga centers, the majority of this facility's clientele will be drawn from the immediate vicinity. Under these circumstances, most of these people will walk to the premises. For those individuals who will not arrive by foot but will seek alternate means of transportation, the site is well served

by mass transit as it is located near several bus and subway lines. With regard to noise and vibration issues, the facility will occupy the majority of the building. The use is also a commercial use in a commercial building and will not adversely effect the single other tenant in the first floor of the building. No issues are anticipated and no attenuation measures have been put in place at this time as the aerobics studio and spinning studio are on the fourth and fifth floors, substantially removed from the first floor tenant. In sum, the proposed use is so located as not to impair the essential character or the future use or development of the surrounding area or the occupants within the subject building.

(2) that such use contains:

- (I) one or more of the following regulations size sports facilities: handball courts, basketball courts, squash courts, paddleball courts, racket ball courts, tennis courts; or
 - (ii) a swimming pool of a minimum 1,500 square feet; or
- (iii) facilities for classes, instruction and programs for physical improvement, body building, or weight reduction, aerobics or martial arts; or
 - (iv) facilities for the practice of massage by New York State licensed masseurs or masseuses.

Therapeutic or relaxation services may be provided only as *accessory* to programmed facilities as described in paragraphs (a)(2)(I) through (a)(2)(iv) of this Section.

With regard to the operation of the physical culture establishment's activities, the plans show that the interior space is specifically arranged for a physical culture establishment with areas for machines and workout studios for classes, instruction and programs for physical improvement. The operator of the facility will be New York Sports Club, an established company.

- (b) In C4-7, C5-2, C5-3, C5-4, C5-5, C-4, C5-7, C6-5, C6-6, C6-7, C6-8 or C6-9 Districts, the Board may permit *physical culture or health establishments* located on the roof of a *commercial building* or the commercial portion of a *mixed building*, provided the following additional findings are made:
 - (1) that such use shall be an incidental part of a permitted physical culture or health establishment located within the same commercial or mixed buildings;
 - (2) that such use shall be open and unobstructed to the sky;
 - (3) that such use shall be located on a roof not less than 23 feet above curb level;
 - (4) that the application for such *use* shall be made jointly by the owner of the *building* and the operator of such *physical culture or health establishment*; and
 - (5) that the Board shall prescribe appropriate controls to minimize adverse impacts on the surrounding area, including but not limited to, requirements for the location, size and types of signs, limitations on the manner and/or hours of operation, shielding of floodlights,

adequate screening, and the control of undue noise including the amplification of sound, music or voices.

There is no portion of the physical culture establishment that is located on the roof of the premises, and therefore this section is not applicable to this application.

© No special permit shall be issued pursuant to this Section unless:

(1) the Board shall have referred the application to the Department of Investigation for a background check of the owner, operator and all principals having an interest in any application filed under a partnership or corporate name and shall have received a report from the Department of Investigation which the Board shall determine to be satisfactory; and

(2) the Board, in any resolution granting a special permit, shall have specified how each of the findings required by this Section are made.

The Board shall retain the right to revoke the special permit, at any time, if it determines that the nature or manner of operation of the permitted *use* has been altered from that authorized.

The Board may prescribe appropriate conditions and safeguards including locations of signs and limitations on the manner and/or hours of operation in order to minimize adverse effects on the character of the surrounding community.

Compliance with Z.R. Section 73-03

The Board of Standards and Appeals shall have the power, as authorized by Section 73-01 paragraph (a) or (b), and subject to such appropriate conditions and safeguards as the Board shall prescribe, to grant special permit *uses* or modifications of *use*, or *bulk* regulations as specifically provided in this Chapter, provided in each case:

- (a) The board shall make all of the findings required in the applicable sections of this Chapter with respect to each such special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations shall find that, under the conditions and safeguards imposed, the hazards or disadvantages to the community at large of such special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations at the particular site are outweighed by the advantages to be derived by the community by the grant of such special permit. In each case the Board shall determine that the adverse effect, if any, on the privacy, quiet, light and air in the neighborhood of such special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations will be minimized by appropriate conditions governing location of the site, design and method of operation.
 - (a) The subject use will have no adverse impact on the community. There are no potential hazards that impact on the privacy, quiet, light and air of the neighborhood as the facility is located within an existing structure.
- (b) In all cases the Board shall deny a special permit whenever such proposed special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations will interfere with any public improvement project (including housing, highways, public buildings or facilities, redevelopment or renewal

projects, or right-of-way for sewers, transit or other public facilities) which is approved by or pending before the Board of Estimate, Site Selection Board or the City Planning Commission as determined from the calendars of each such agency issued prior to the date of the public hearings before the Board of Standards and Appeals.

- (b) The subject project will not interfere with any public improvement project.
- (c) When the applicable findings the Board is required to determine whether the special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk restrictions is appropriately located in relation to the street system, the Board shall in its discretion make such determination on the basis of the Master Plan of Arterial Highways and Major Streets on the official City Map. Whenever the Board is required to make a finding on the location of a proposed special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations in relation to secondary or local streets and such classification of streets is not shown on the Master Plan, the Board in its discretion shall request the City Planning Commission to establish a report on the appropriate classification of such street.
 - © The subject project will not interfere with the existing street system.
- (d) For applications relating to Sections 73-243, 73-48 and 73-49, the Board in its discretion shall request from the Department of Transportation a report with respect to the anticipated traffic congestion resulting from such special permit *use* or modification of *use*, parking or *bulk* regulations in the proposed location. If such a report is requested, the Board shall in its decision or determination give due consideration to such report and further shall have the power to

substantiate the appropriate finding solely on the basis of the report of the Department of Transportation with respect to the issue referred.

- (d) The subject project does not relate to Sections 73-243, 73-48 or 73-49, and therefore this provision is not applicable.
- (e) If a term of years is specified in the applicable section, the Board shall establish a term of years not to exceed such maximum. For those special permit special permit uses or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations for which a maximum term has not been specified, the Board may fix an appropriate term for any such special permit use special permit use or modification of use, parking or bulk regulations.
 - (e) The applicable section, Section 73-36, sets forth a maximum ten (10) year term, and it is requested that the Board grant the subject special permit for a term of ten (10) years.
- (f) On application for renewal of any such special permit authorized in the Chapter, the Board shall determine whether the circumstances warranting the original grant still obtain. In addition, the Board shall ascertain whether the applicant has complied with the conditions and safeguards theretofore described by the Board during the prior term. In the event that the Board shall find the applicant has been in substantial violation thereof, it shall deny the application for renewal.
 - (f) This is a new application, and therefore the renewal provisions of this item are not applicable.

- (g) The board may permit the *enlargement* or *extension* of any existing *use*, which, if new, would be permitted by special permit in the specified districts under the provisions of Section 73-01 and other applicable provisions of this Chapter, provided that before granting any such permit for *enlargement* or *extension* within the permitted districts, the Board shall make all of the required findings applicable to the special permit *use*, except that:
 - (1) in the case of colleges or universities in R1 or R2 Districts, the Board may waive all such required findings set forth in Section 73-121 (Colleges and universities); and
 - (2) in the case of public utility *uses*, the Board may waive all such required findings set forth in Sections 73-14 (Public Service Establishments) or 73-16 (Public Transit, Railroad or Electric Utility Substations).

No such *enlargement* or *extension* shall create a new *non-compliance* or increase the existing degree of *non-compliance* with the applicable *bulk* regulations, except as may be permitted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 73-62 to 73-68, inclusive, relating to Modification of Bulk Regulations.

(g) The enlargement or extension provisions relating to an existing use are not applicable, as this is a new use.

Conclusion

It is submitted that the instant application meets the criteria of Sections 73-03 and 73-36. We therefore respectfully request that the Board of Standards and Appeals grant this special permit to allow the operation of a physical culture establishment / health club at the subject premises. The use is in keeping with the character of the neighborhood, will create no adverse impacts, and will be of positive benefit to the community.

Respectfully,

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