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SPECIFIC STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

WORSHIP PLACE

An establishment for religious worship and other religious ceremonies, including religious education, rectories and parsonages, offices, social services, columbaria, and community programs. This use requires a Special Exception application.

WORSHIP PLACE ACCESSORY

1. A zoning permit is required for an Ecclestial Commercial Kitchen located within a Worship Place as an Accessory Use in all Districts. The purpose is to allow commercial kitchens in worship places to be used for leasing purposes to benefit their congregation and support the maintenance of their physical structures. It is recognized activities presently occur throughout the Town, the intent is to provide a mechanism under which the activities can be monitored by the Zoning Enforcement Officer through issuance of a zoning permit, and not for the purpose of limiting the function of worship places in the Town.

The permit shall contain the name of the Worship Place with the signature of the individual authorized to represent the institution/organization as owner/applicant. The Worship Place is the applicant/owner and host for the accessory use, in turn all violations shall be issued to the Worship Place.

- a. The applicant shall first have applied submitting documentation concerning Building Inspector, Fire Marshal, Litchfield Water Pollution Control Authority, and Torrington Area Health District approvals.
- b. No external evidence of the business is visible.
- c. No business signs are erected.
- d. Off-street parking for use by ecclesiastical commercial kitchen workers shall be provided.
- e. No business, excluding kitchen operations, is conducted on the premises except by mail or telephone.
- f. No pedestrian or automobile traffic other than that normally generated by the worship place is permitted.
- g. No hazardous materials other than those common to a worship place use, such as fuel associated with on-site heating, are stored, used or disposed of on the property.
- h. Refuse areas shall be screened from view and subject to all District setbacks.
- i. There shall be no exterior evidence or storage of goods, supplies or other material associated with the accessory use.
- j. No on-street parking shall be permitted.