

**AN ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
By Goodman**

**Amending Title 20, Chapter 530 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Site Plan Review.**

**The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:**

**Section 1. That Section 530.120 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:**

(b) *Entrances, ~~and windows,~~ and active functions.*

(2) *Nonresidential uses.* Principal entrances shall be clearly defined and emphasized through the use of architectural features such as roofs, or other details that express the importance of the entrance. Multiple entrances shall be encouraged. Thirty (30) percent of the walls on the first floor and ten (10) percent of the walls on each floor above the first that face a public street, public sidewalk, public pathway, or on-site parking lot, shall be windows as follows:

g. In multiple tenant buildings, each individual ground level tenant space that faces a public street, public sidewalk, public pathway, or on-site parking lot shall comply with the minimum window requirements of this section.

(3) *Ground floor active functions.* Except for industrial uses in Table 550-1, Principal Industrial Uses in the Industrial Districts, the first floor or ground level of buildings shall be designed to accommodate active functions by ensuring that parking, loading, storage, or mechanical equipment rooms are limited to no more than thirty (30) percent of the linear building frontage along each wall facing a public street, public sidewalk, or public pathway.

(d) *Parking garages.* The exterior design of parking garages shall ensure that sloped floors do not dominate the appearance of the walls and that vehicles are screened from view. In addition to compliance with the minimum window requirements of this article, principal and accessory parking garages shall comply with provisions of this article requiring active functions on the ground floor. In the downtown districts, the more restrictive parking garage provisions of chapter 549, Downtown Districts, shall apply. At least thirty (30) percent of the first floor building wall that faces a public street, public sidewalk or public pathway shall be occupied by active uses, or shall be designed with architectural detail or windows, including display windows, to create visual interest.

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**Amending Title 20, Chapter 535 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Regulations of General Applicability.**

**The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:**

**Section 1. That Chapter 535 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Section 535.60 to read as follows:**

**535.60. Ground floor active functions.** Buildings shall maintain compliance with the ground floor active functions requirements of Chapter 530, Site Plan Review. A building nonconforming as to these requirements shall have all the rights of a conforming building, except that said building shall not be enlarged, altered, or relocated in such a way as to increase its nonconformity with these requirements.