

The Board of Adjustment shall not be required to return the original papers acted upon by it, but it shall be sufficient to return certified or sworn copies thereof of such portions as may be called for by such writ. The return shall concisely set forth such other facts as may be pertinent and material to show the grounds of the decision appealed from and shall be verified by affidavit.

If, upon the hearing, it shall appear to the Court that testimony is necessary for the proper disposition of the matter, it may take evidence in open court, or direct that evidence be taken by one of the standing examiners of said Court, and report the same to the Court, and upon which the determination of the Court shall be made. The Court may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify, the decision brought for review.

Costs shall not be allowed against the Board, unless it shall appear to the Court that it acted with gross negligence or in bad faith or with malice in making the decision appealed from.

All issues in any proceeding in this section shall have preference over all other civil actions and proceedings.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That in case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained; or any building, structure or land is used in violation of this Act, or in violation of any ordinance or other regulation made under authority conferred hereby, the City Solicitor, in addition to other remedies, may institute any appropriate action or proceedings to prevent any unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance or use, to restrain, correct or abate such violation, or to prevent the occupancy of such building, structure or land, or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business or use in or about such premises.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That wherever the regulations made under authority of this Act require a greater width or size of yards, courts, or other open spaces, or require a lower height of building or less number of stories, or require a greater percentage of lot to be left unoccupied, or impose other higher standards than are required in any other statute or local ordinance or regulation, the provisions of the regulations made under authority of this Act shall govern. Whenever the provisions of any other statute or local ordinance or