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and dangerous place where legitimate businesses are hardly able to survive.

While the balance between free speech and the right of a community to preserve itself remains delicate and difficult, reasonable and even experimental zoning solutions can now be lawfully sought. New York's hands have ceased to be tied.

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In a recent decision upholding Detroit's attempt to zone "adult" movies, the Supreme Court ruled that a city has the right to try "to preserve the quality of urban life" and in doing so must be allowed "a reasonable opportunity to experiment with solutions."

Land-use regulation, or zoning, is appropriately viewed as an innovative and legitimate tool for the protection of a neighborhood. Just as innovative is the concept that the city, or the community, has rights as well as the individual.

What this means to New York is that the city no longer has to sit by and watch the heart of Manhattan turn into a sexual slum. Workers, shopkeepers and visitors in the area who are engaged in non-pornographic activities need no longer continue to be the victims of "victimless crime." The city can proceed to deal in a fundamental way with the abuses that have created the destructive blight that has made Times Square a sordid

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