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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 15, 2023

TO: City Council
Planning and Development Board

FROM: Barney Heath, Director, Department of Planning and Development
Jennifer Caira, Deputy Director Department of Planning and Development
Zachery LeMel, Chief of Long Range Planning
Joe Iadonisi, Planning Associate

RE: **#38-22 Discussion and review relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance regarding village centers**
ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE requesting review, discussion and possible ordinance amendments relative to Chapter 30 zoning ordinances pertaining to Mixed Use, business districts and village districts relative to the draft Zoning Ordinance. (formerly #88-20)
#39-22 Requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice Bill
COUNCILOR CROSSLEY on behalf of the Zoning & Planning Committee requesting discussion on state guidance for implementing the Housing Choice element of the MA Economic Development legislation. (formerly #131-21)

MEETING: September 18, 2023

CC: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
Alissa Giuliani, City Solicitor

Village Center Overlay District (VCOD) Version 3.0

Since opening the public hearing at the end of June 2023, the City Council Zoning and Planning Committee (ZAP) has voted to amend and update the VCOD proposal. In addition, City staff have worked to refine the zoning text so that it fully achieves the intended outcomes and is legally sound.

Version 3.0 of the VCOD text and map, along with all previous versions, of the VCOD can be found here:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/zoning-redesign/village-centers/version-3-0-draft-maps>

All updates and changes to Version 3.0 will be presented at the upcoming ZAP meeting on September 26 in advance of the continued public hearing.