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Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Thursday, November 14, 2024

7:00 pm

City Council Chambers (Room 207)

The Zoning and Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma-gov.zoom.us/j/87089867941> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 870 8986 7941.

Item Scheduled for Discussion:

Public Hearing

Chair's Note: *The following three items will be a joint meeting with the Planning & Development Board.*

#311-24 Requesting discussion and possible amendments to dormer regulations in Chapter 30 Zoning

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to dormer length regulations for Residential Buildings in Chapter 30 Zoning Section 1.5.4.G.

Public Hearing

#317-24 Requesting discussion and possible amendments to retaining wall regulations in Chapter 30 Zoning

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting amendments to retaining wall regulations for Multi-Family/Commercial/Industrial/Civic Buildings in Chapter 30 Zoning.

Public Hearing

#385-24 Requesting amendment to Section 9.1 of Chapter 30, Zoning

HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting a minor technical amendment to the opt-in requirements for Village Center Overlay Districts in Section 9.1 of Chapter 30, Zoning.

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

#383-24 Appointment of Charles Eisenberg as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Charles Eisenberg, 4 Ashford Road, Newton as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on November 18, 2025. (60 Days: 12/20/24)

#391-24 Appointment of Deborah Crossley as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Deborah Crossley, 26 Circuit Avenue, Newton as an associate member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of office to expire on November 18, 2025. (60 Days: 12/20/24)

#85-24 Request for discussion and possible amendments to enhance the preservation of existing homes.

COUNCILORS BAKER, OLIVER, MALAKIE, KALIS, GETZ, LUCAS, LOBOVITS, AND WRIGHT requesting a discussion and possible amendments to Chapter 30 Zoning or other City Ordinances to enhance the preservation of existing homes over their replacement by larger and more expensive structures.

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 02/15/24

Zoning & Planning Held 6-0 (Councilor Albright Not Voting) on 03/11/24

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 04/08/24

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 07/22/24

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 09/09/24

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 10/10/24

#41-24 Amend the setbacks in the MR zones to encourage preservation of existing buildings

COUNCILORS ALBRIGHT, DANBERG, KRINTZMAN, AND LEARY seeking a discussion with the Planning Department to consider ordinance amendments that would revise the metrics in the multi-residence (MR1, MR2 and MR3) zones, to regulate the size of new buildings better, enable a wider range of housing options close to public transit, and better incentivize preservation and renovation of existing housing stock.

Zoning & Planning Held on 02/15/24, 03/11/24

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 04/08/24

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 07/22/24

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 09/09/24

Zoning & Planning Held 7-0 on 10/10/24

Zoning & Planning Held 8-0 on 10/28/24

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Lisle Baker, Chair