

CITY OF NEWTON
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
FOR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Public Hearings will be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 7:45 PM, Second Floor, NEWTON CITY HALL before the ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE and the PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD, for the purpose of hearing the following petitions, at which time all parties interested in these items shall be heard. Complete text for these items in on file in the office of the clerk of the board of aldermen, first floor of Newton City Hall.

Notice will be published Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 17, 2009 in the NEWS TRIBUNE and Wednesday, February 18, 2009 in the NEWTON TAB, with a copy of said notice posted in a conspicuous place at Newton City Hall.

- #109-07(2) DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT recommending that Chapter 30 of the revised Ordinances of Newton, 2007, be amended by deleting in the existing language of §30-5(b)(4) and replacing it with language requiring special permits for retaining walls exceeding four (4) feet in height; by adding in §30-5(c) a requirement for the City Engineer's technical review and approval; and, by adding to §30-1 new definitions for retaining wall and berm, and amending the existing definition for *structure* to include *retaining walls*.
- #108-07(2) DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT recommending that Chapter 30 of the Revised Zoning Ordinances, 2007, as amended, be further amended by deleting in Section 30-15, Table 1, Footnote 7 in its entirety.
- #94-08 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT BOARD, ALD. JOHNSON & LINSKY recommending the deletion of certain provisions and the addition of new provisions to regulate home businesses by amending Section 30-1, Definitions; Section 30-8, Use Regulations for Single Residence Districts; Section 30-8(b) and (c), Special Permits in Single Residence Districts; Section 30-9(b), Special Permits in Multi Residence Districts; Section 30-19(d), Number of Parking Stalls; and Section 30-20(e), Regulation of Signs in Residence Districts. The proposed amendments would revise or remove specific home occupations in the current definition of home businesses; modify the definition of home business; institute a registration requirement for some home businesses; allow multiple home businesses at the same residence provided that all home businesses combined do not exceed the limitations in the ordinance; revise the number of clients and employees non-resident to the business allowed on site at a given time without a special permit; amend and clarify limitations on storage, signage, and sale of merchandise; revise the

list of prohibited neighborhood impacts; allow businesses in accessory apartments under certain circumstances; set a limit on the number of trips that may begin or end at a home business and the number of parking stalls demanded or utilized by the business without a special permit; revise the limit on the percentage of a dwelling unit that may be used for a home business without a special permit; require a special permit for home businesses involving the care and keeping of more than three animals; and revise the number of parking stalls required by a home business.
