

CITY OF NEWTON
PUBLIC HEARING LEGAL NOTICE
FOR
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2008

Public Hearings will be held on Monday, June 23, 2008 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.

Notice will be published Monday, June 9 and Tuesday, June 16, in the NEWS TRIBUNE and Wednesday, June 18, 2008 in the NEWTON TAB, with a copy of said notice posted in a conspicuous place at Newton City Hall.

- #108-07 ZONING TASK FORCE recommending amendments to Section 30-15, Table 1, Footnote 7(3), referred to as the fifty percent (50%) demolition rule, by deleting said provision and creating an ordinance with provisions: (1) specifying the method for calculating what constitutes 50% demolition based on total surface area of the walls and roof; (2) defining demolition to include the conversion of an exterior wall to an interior wall; (3) where less than 50% of the building is demolished, limiting total gross floor area of remaining portion of building plus any addition to 140% of the applicable FAR, provided that the resulting structure complies with all other applicable dimensional controls; (4) requiring that the Inspectional Services Department determine that an existing wall not proposed to be demolished is structurally unsound after demolition and/or construction has begun and review and approve plans for replacement with an identical wall prior to such replacement. [04-10-07 @4:17 PM]
- #109-07 ZONING TASK FORCE recommending amendments to Section 30-5(b)(4), referred to as the three-foot grade change ordinance, by deleting the existing language and: (1) add a provision defining structure in Section 30-1 to include retaining walls that exceed five (5) feet in height; (2) substitute language in Section 30-5(b)(4) to allow the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a special permit for the construction of retaining walls that exceed five (5) feet in height; and (3) create an ordinance to require the Engineering Department to review and approve a drainage plan for construction or alteration of single and two-family residences that would increase impervious surface by the lesser of 5% or 500 square feet and for all other types of construction or alteration. [04-10-07 @4:17 PM]
- #111-07 ZONING TASK FORCE recommending amendments to 30-21(3)(c), referred to as the de minimis rule, by amending the existing language with provisions: (1) clarifying the applicability to and effect of the rule on (a) the minimum distance between buildings; and (b) all applicable dimensional controls; and (2) creating a new procedure for approving a de minimis extension of the nonconforming nature of a structure. [04-10-07 @4:17 PM]

Zoning & Planning Committee
Public Hearing Notice
Monday, January 28, 2008