

# City of Newton, Massachusetts

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## **ZONING REVIEW MEMORANDUM**

Date: May 25, 2021

To: John Lojek, Commissioner of Inspectional Services

From: Jane Santosuosso, Chief Zoning Code Official

Neil Cronin, Chief Planner for Current Planning

Cc: Guy Campagnone, Applicant

Barney S. Heath, Director of Planning and Development

Jonah Temple, Assistant City Solicitor

RE: Request to allow a ground floor residential use

Applicant: Guy Campagnone		
Site: 1295 Boylston Street	<b>SBL:</b> 55054 0015	
Zoning: BU2	Lot Area: 2,452 square feet	
Current use: Single-family dwelling	Proposed use: No change	

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The subject site consists of a 2,452 square foot lot improved with a 250 square foot single-family dwelling built in 1970 with surface parking located on Boylston Street between Chestnut Street and Quinobequin Road. The petitioner seeks a special permit to legitimize the single-family use in the Business district.

The following review is based on plans and materials submitted to date as noted below.

- Zoning Review Application, prepared by Guy Campagnone, Applicant, dated 4/26/2021
- FAR worksheet, submitted 4/26/2021

### **ADMINISTRATIVE DETERMINATIONS:**

1. The property is located in the Business 2 zone and is used as a single-family dwelling. Documents available in Inspectional Services indicate the building was permitted for an office use in 1968. At some point in the 1980s, the office was converted into a single-family dwelling without permitting and has been used as such since that time. Per section 4.4.1, a special permit is required to allow residential uses on the ground floor in a Business 2 zoning district. The petitioner seeks a special permit to allow the residential use on the ground floor in the Business 2 zone to legalize the single-family dwelling use.

## See "Zoning Relief Summary" below:

Zoning Relief Required		
Ordinance		Action Required
§4.4.1	Request to allow ground-floor residential use	S.P. per §7.3.3