

CITY OF NEWBURYPORT



NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5 (The Zoning Act) and the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance, Section XXII-B (Adoption and Amendment), that the Newburyport Planning Board and City Council (acting through its Planning & Development Committee and Committee of the Whole) will hold a Joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at Newburyport City Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to present, and hear testimony and comment from interested persons relative to, proposed amendments and additions to the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Newburyport, said amendments being submitted to the City Council for consideration on November 12, 2019. After the Public Hearing the Planning Board will, as required by law, vote its recommendations on each proposal and report them back to the full City Council.

There are two (2) proposed ordinance amendments both of which address marijuana-related businesses. A summary is provided below. Copies of the full text of such ordinances and maps thereof are available for review by interested parties in the Offices of the City Clerk and Office of Planning & Development (City Hall, 60 Pleasant Street, Newburyport, MA 01950) during regular business hours. Questions regarding these ordinances may be directed to the Director of Planning & Development, Andrew R. Port, at (978) 465-4400.

Summary of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments:

- 1: Marijuana Businesses with Retail Sales (ODNC044_11_12_19) – Amend the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance to:
 - A. Prohibit Marijuana businesses or establishments conducting retail sales (“marijuana retailers”) within the City of Newburyport, with exemption for state approved Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (MMTCs) as required by statute.
 - B. Modify existing limitations and zoning requirements applicable to marijuana businesses or establishments, such as retailers and/or cultivation facilities, including but not limited to parking requirements, permissible number of businesses or establishments, and buffer zones to so-called “protected uses.”

- 2: Marijuana Businesses with Retail Sales (ODNC045_11_12_19) – Amend the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance to:
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Bonnie Sontag, Chair

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