

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) will hold a Joint Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium 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 June 11, 2018. After the Public Hearing the Planning Board and Planning & Development Committee will, as required by law, vote its recommendations on each proposal and report them back to the full City Council.

There is one (1) proposed ordinance amendment addressing 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 x 1.

Summary of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment:

- I: Marijuana Businesses with Retail Sales – Amend the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance to:
 - A. Eliminate the current temporary moratorium on retail sales of marijuana and marijuana-related products within the City of Newburyport (in effect until December 31, 2018);
 - B. Allow marijuana businesses which include retail sales in the following commercial Districts:
 - a. B-1 (Business District) surrounding both Storey Ave and the Route One Traffic Circle;
 - b. B-2 (Downtown Business District) “downtown”;
 - c. B-3 (Neighborhood Business District) “downtown”;
 - C. Require a Special Permit from the Planning Board, for all marijuana-related businesses conducting retail sales within the City of Newburyport, regardless of location.

NEWBURYPORT PLANNING BOARD

Bonnie Sontag, Chair

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