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, February 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Said hearing shall be located either in the function hall at the Senior/Community Center, 331 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950 or online via remote participation (or both) with confirmation and access information to be posted on the City Website meetings calendar at www.cityofnewburyport.com/calendar. All interested parties should look to the meetings calendar on the City website as the hearing date approaches for confirmation of details

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 December 13, 2021. 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 is one (1) proposed ordinance amendment. A summary is provided below. Copies of the full text of such ordinances and maps thereof are available for review by interested parties on the City website and 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. (ODNCO46_01_27_2020): Add to the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance a new residential use category referred to as "Short Term Rental Units," and specify additional requirements and/or restrictions applicable to such use, including, but not limited to the requirement for a Special Permit and/or a license issued by the Licensing Commission pursuant to a related non-zoning Ordinance amendment also under consideration.

NEWBURYPORT PLANNING BOARD

Bonnie Sontag, Chair

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