

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, March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council 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 January 27, 2020. 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 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: Add to the Newburyport Zoning Ordinance a new residential use category referred to as "Short Term Rental Units," defined as "The use of a Residential Unit for residential occupancy by a person or persons for a period of fewer than thirty (30) consecutive days for a fee," and specify which zoning districts said use is permitted within (as-of-right or by Special Permit), subject to compliance with a License issued therefor by the Newburyport Licensing Commission, pursuant to a separate general Ordinance amendment also being considered at this time by the City Council and its License and Permits Committee.

NEWBURYPORT PLANNING BOARD

Bonnie Sontag, Chair

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