***Voter Guide***

**Proposed 2019 Town of Newington Zoning Ordinance (NZO) Amendments**

Zoning Amendment # 1:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Article II Definitions** -Add the following new definition:

**Warehouse** – “An enclosed structure or room for the storage of merchandise or commodities or other items related to a principal use in the zoning district. This does not include a self-storage facility or the like.”

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Zoning Amendment # 2:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Article II Definitions** -Add the following new definition:

**Self-storage** – “Buildings that are used for storage. Typically, a single self- storage facility will contain a variety of individual units that are rented out for storing of personal belongings.”

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Explanation for # 1 and #2: At present, the terms Warehouse and Self-storage are used in the NZO and are not defined. In the past, the Planning Board determined that a self-storage could be considered a warehouse. Based on experience, the Board determined that these are two separate uses that should be defined separately.

Zoning Amendment # 3:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

***Delete* Article VIII – Air Pollution Mitigation** – The US EPA has determined that the ozone quality in the Seacoast region has improved to an attainment level and the provision is no longer justified.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Explanation: The Planning Board recognizes that the NH DES and US EPA have the responsibility for air quality and air mitigation in the state of New Hampshire. The Planning Board no longer has authority in this matter.

Zoning Amendment # 4:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Article III, Section 1** – **Residential “R” A – Description and Purpose**, – Change the last sentence to: Any future development which does not perform a neighborhood function is not allowed. ~~may require additional conditions of approval imposed by the Planning Board on a case by case basis.~~

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Explanation: Since the Planning Board has the authority to impose conditions of approval on a subdivision, the stricken language is not needed.

Zoning Amendment # 5:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Article III, Section 6, Waterfront Industry and Commerce District “W”,** B Uses Permitted: ***Delete***all of 9) Residential uses for watchman, caretaker or janitor. The industry or business shall annually certify by April 1st that the resident is a bona fide employee serving as a watchman, caretaker or janitor. Failure to do so shall make the use Not Permitted.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Explanation: The Board determined that modern technology (i.e. cameras, sensors et cetera) provides adequate security for an industry. Therefore, an industry no longer needs a “watchman, caretaker or janitor” to monitor the situation. The Board also thought that a business could establish a residence where one is not needed.

Zoning Amendment # 6:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

Add a new provision to **Article IV General Provisions:**

**Article IV, Section 13 – Existing Employee residences:** For existing residences established in nonresidential districts as a caretaker, watchperson or manager for a particular business, the industry or business shall annually certify by April 1st using certified payroll presented to the Town Clerk that the resident is a bona fide employee of the business or industry and works as a caretaker, watchperson or manager. If the resident is no longer an employee of the business, the building shall no longer be used as their residence.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Explanation: If amendment # 5 passes, there should be a process in place to ensure the resident of a “grandfathered” residence is a bona fide employee of the business. Only employees can use an existing residence established under the “watchman, caretaker or janitor” provision.

Zoning Amendment # 7:

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7, as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town’s Zoning Ordinance as follows?

**Article XVI – Small Wind Energy Systems: In Section 2 Procedure: A – Location:** Add the following new language – “except in the Residential District “R” zone.” Now reads: Small wind energy systems and MET towers are an accessory use that is permitted in all zoning districts, *except in the Residential District “R” zone.*

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

Explanation: The Planning Board thought “small wind energy systems” would be inconsistent with the purpose of the Residential R zoning district. The proposal states that small wind energy systems would be allowed in all zoning districts, except the Residential district.”

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