



Town of Ashland

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ASHLAND

The Ashland Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 7:15 PM via a Zoom video conference meeting accessed via <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86512646250?pwd=R1NKNG9yQ3M4WTdXTXh6bmNFZIRaQT09>

to see if the Town will vote to adopt the Town of Ashland Zoning Bylaw Chapter 282, Section 7.8, Affordable Housing. The purpose of the bylaw is to expand Affordable Housing options in Ashland in furtherance of the Town's housing goals articulated in the Town's Housing Production Plan (HPP), including: Provide and preserve housing for all incomes and ages; Adopt inclusive zoning that facilitates the development of diverse housing typologies and Affordable Housing; and Affirmatively further fair housing to promote equal housing opportunities for people of color and all classes protected under the federal and state Fair Housing laws. This zoning amendment implements priority recommendation one of the Town's HPP: to adopt an inclusionary housing by-law. The inclusionary housing by-law will require housing developments over six units to include affordable housing or support affordable housing through a payment in lieu of affordable units, while allowing density and parking adjustments. This article also strikes affordable housing requirements from Sections 7.3 (Cluster Development), 8.6 (Wildwood Mixed Use Special District), and 8.8 (Pond Street Mixed Use Overlay District), and adds definitions to Section 10 (Definitions).

The proposed zoning amendment language is available at the Town Clerk's Office by appointment during regular Town Hall hours or on the website:

<https://www.ashlandmass.com/193/Planning>

Parties wishing to be heard on this matter should submit comments to the Planning Board ahead of time and/or appear at the time and place indicated above. For more information or to submit comments, please contact Peter Matchak at (508) 532-7927 or at Ashland.planningboard@ashlandmass.com

Tricia Kendall, Chair
Ashland Planning Board