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### NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**DATE:** December 4, 2023

**FROM:** Michael DeLuca, Community Development Director

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Development

**SUBJECT:**

A MOTION TO OPEN AND HOLD a Public Hearing on several text revisions to Chapter 731 of the Code of the Town of Narragansett entitled "Zoning", for the purpose of complying with General Assembly mandates enacted in the 2023 legislative session.

**SUGGESTED ACTION:**

In June, 2023, ten (10) bills were passed into law by the RI General Assembly that impact city and town development-related regulations. The Planning Board divided up into three sub-committees in September to initiate the first steps in drafting the specific text changes as well as to note areas of existing text to be revised or deleted. An outline of the bills and their primary effects was provided to the Town Council and a presentation of the scope of these statutes was made at a work session on October 23rd.

Since that meeting the Planning Board finalized their draft text incorporating the mandated zoning text changes which include making necessary revisions related to comprehensive permitting of affordable housing and specific standards related to special use permits. On October 26, 2023 the Planning Board voted to advance this ordinance to the Town Council for hearing.

The ordinance as advertised and the Planning Board's recommendation are attached.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Rec PB to TC Zoning Text Changes - November 2023 -FINAL.doc](#)  
[12-04-2023 REVISED AD PH Zoning Amendments 2023 statute changes FINAL.pdf](#)  
[Ad PH Chapter 731 Discretionary change in response to 2023 State Legislation.pdf](#)  
[Ad PH Chapter 731 Zoning Amendments 2023 Statute Change- Supplemental.pdf](#)