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NARRAGANSETT TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

DATE: December 4, 2023

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DEPARTMENT: Community Development

SUBJECT:

A MOTION TO INTRODUCE, READ, PASS AND ACCEPT as a First Reading, "An Ordinance in Amendment of Chapter 731 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Narragansett, RI, entitled, "Zoning", as it relates to several text revisions to various sections of the Zoning Ordinance 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 text as proposed in ordinance format is attached.

ATTACHMENTS:

[12-04-2023 ORDINANCE FORM -Mandatory Zoning Amendments 2023 statute changes.docx](#)