



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on **June 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.**, conducted remotely (see below for directions) on a Zoning Petition by the City Council to amend Article 22.000 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cambridge to add a new section 22.24.4 Emissions Accounting.

The proposed amendments would require applicants of most Green Building Projects to provide an accounting of the emissions generated by construction to the Community Development Department (CDD) before receiving an occupancy permit. This requirement would not apply to any residential buildings that include affordable units. The submission would include information about expected annual emissions, lifetime expected emissions, and total emissions. The Zoning Petition identifies specific types of emissions that shall and shall not be included in each of these calculations. The amendments would also require applicants to present a payment schedule for how to zero out the total emissions of the building, using a social cost of carbon formula approved by CDD, with the outstanding balance acting as a lien on the property in case it is sold and a specified list of acceptable offsets.

Copies of the petition are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts and at the Community Development Department, 344 Broadway, and online at www.cambridgema.gov/cdd/zoninganddevelopment/zoning/amendments. Questions concerning the petition may be addressed to Daniel Messplay at 617-349-4652 or dmessplay@cambridgema.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to statewide emergency orders limiting the size of public gatherings in response to COVID-19, this meeting will be held with remote participation and will be closed to in-person attendance. Members of the public can view the meeting online or on cable television within Cambridge, attend virtually online or by telephone, and provide comments before the meeting in writing to planningboardcomment@cambridgema.gov. Written comments received by 5:00 P.M. the day before the meeting will be considered by Board Members in advance of the meeting. Comments received later will be entered into the record.

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www.cambridgema.gov/CDD/zoninganddevelopment/planningboard/remotepanningboardmeetings

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<https://cambridgema.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx?DepartmentID=1071>

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