



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 **February 9, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.**, conducted remotely (see below for directions) on a Zoning Petition by Amy Oliver, et al, to amend Section 20.30 Green Roofs and add new definitions to Article 2.000 of the Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed revisions would require new construction and “significant rehabs” of buildings with 20,000 square feet or more to install green roof systems. These systems could be vegetative or a combination of vegetative and solar energy systems, referred to as “BioSolar.” The petition stipulates that the green roof system must cover 100% of the roof, with exceptions for “appropriate vegetated free zones and roof gravel,” parking, and some mechanical equipment. If this standard cannot be met, the petition proposes that a payment must be made to a city-controlled “Green Roofs fund” that would be used to provide grants to property owners for the creation of green roofs on existing buildings. The petition proposes adding definitions for “Green Roof,” “Functional Green Roof,” and “BioSolar Roof” to Article 2.000 Definitions.

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