The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold a public hearing on March 29, 2021 at 6:30 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, as part of their compliance with the Net Zero Narrative in Zoning section 22.25.1(c)2, an accounting of greenhouse gas emissions generated by construction, the expected annual emissions generated by routine building operations, lifetime expected emissions until the year 2050, and total expected emissions. This requirement would not apply to any residential buildings that include affordable units. The Zoning Petition identifies specific types of emissions that shall and shall not be included in each of these calculations.

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 Mason Wells at 617-349-9794 or mwells@cambridgema.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: This hearing will be held remotely in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, signed into law on June 16, 2021. 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. E-mail is preferred, but comments may also be mailed to Cambridge Planning Board, 344 Broadway, Third Floor, Cambridge, MA 02139. 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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A link to attend the meeting virtually will be posted in advance on the Meeting Agenda: https://cambridgema.iqm2.com/citizens/default.aspx?

If you do not have a computer or e-mail address, please call Swaathi Joseph at 617-349-4668.