



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will hold public hearings on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, Second Floor, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on two City Council petitions to amend the provisions in Article 2.000 Definitions, Article 5.000 Dimensional Standards, and Article 22.000 Sustainable Design and Development of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance.

The Article 22 (Green Building Requirements) Zoning Petition would create new definitions in Article 2.000 and would amend the standards in Section 22.20 applicable to Green Building Projects. The required performance standard would be increased for Green Building Projects using the “LEED” rating system, and Green Building Projects would be allowed to use either the “Passive House” or “Enterprise Green Communities” rating system as an alternative to the “LEED” rating system.

The Insulation Zoning Petition would amend provisions in Section 22.43.2, “Yard Exceptions for Added Exterior Insulation,” and move such provisions to Section 5.24.2.1, pursuant to the “Yards” Section of Article 5.000. In cases where insulation is proposed to be added to the outside of an existing exterior wall, provided such wall is not moved or demolished except to remove and replace its exterior wall covering, the permitted increase in wall thickness would be 8 inches and the permitted distance from the resulting outer wall plane to the property line would be 3 feet, unless the Board of Zoning Appeal grants a special permit to exceed such dimensional limitations.

Copies of the petitions 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 Liza Paden at 617/349-4647 or lpaden@cambridgema.gov.

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