



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD

CITY HALL ANNEX, 344 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

The Planning Board of the City of Cambridge will continued a public hearing opened on January 22, 2019 to **Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Annex, Second Floor, 344 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts on a revised petition by the City Council to amend Section 4.22.1 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance entitled "Accessory Apartments," said amendment to be viewed as a zoning solution to the challenges posed by current zoning constraints regarding accessory dwelling units. The petition also proposes to amend the definition of Accessory Apartment in Article 2.000 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance to read as follows:

Accessory Apartment. An accessory use with one or more rooms with separate kitchen and bathroom facilities, constituting a dwelling unit, located with and under the same ownership as the primary dwelling per Section 4.22.1 and designated for the occupancy of a single family.

The substituted proposed amendments to Section 4.22.1 would allow accessory apartments to be permitted within accessory structures, subject to additional criteria for approval, would amend some of the conditions under which an accessory apartment is allowed, and would add the provision that "The accessory apartment does not count towards determination of lot area per dwelling unit," among other changes. The revised petition would also create the following conditions; Accessory apartments are exempt from FAR calculations to determine allowable gross floor area of a lot; and any Accessory Apartment or basement egress or stairwell may extend beyond the minimum yard regulations within the meaning of Section 5.24.2 in all districts.

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 Liza Paden at 617/349-4647 or lpaden@cambridgema.gov.

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