



Town of Bridgewater, Massachusetts

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District 4 Representative

Joint Meeting with Planning Board – (Continued from 11/01/2017) Meeting Agenda

November 15, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Academy Building, Council Chambers
66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

- **Committee Discussion/Debate with the Planning Board**

- Ordinance #D-FY18-003 – Zoning Ordinance – Zoning Map Amendment – Easy Street

A public hearing was conducted 11/1/2017. The hearing is closed; therefore, this measure may be voted by the committee this evening.

- Ordinance D-FY18-002: Zoning Ordinance – Temporary Moratorium on the Retail Sale and Distribution of Recreational Marijuana

A public hearing was conducted 11/1/2017. The hearing is closed; therefore, this measure may be voted by the committee this evening.

- Ordinance D-FY18-005: Zoning Ordinance – Prohibiting the Retail Sale of Recreational Marijuana

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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-003

Introduced By: Councilor Shawn George

Date Introduced: September 5, 2017

First Reading: September 5, 2017

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-003

ZONING ORDINANCE – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – EASY STREET

ORDERED, pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A that the Town Council assembled votes to change boundary of Industrial A Zone by rezoning of remaining portion of the lots listed below to Residential A/B

- Map 25, Lot 23
- Map 25, Lot 22
- Map 25, Lot 27
- Map 26, Lot 29
- Map 26, Lot 54
- Map 26, Lot 75
- Map 26, Lot 76
- Map 26, Lot 77
- Map 26, Lot 78
- Map 39, Lot 3
- Map 39, Lot 4
- Map 39, Lot 35
- Map 39, Lot 36
- Map 39, Lot 37
- Including Easy Street

The resultant Industrial A zone will be comprised of the following lots along Plymouth Street, as follows:

- Map 25, Lot 24
- Map 25, Lot 25
- Map 25, Lot 77
- Map 25, Lot 89
- Map 38, Lot 1
- Map 38, Lot 2
- Map 39, Lot 1

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- Map 39, Lot 2

See attached Exhibit “Proposed Zoning Change – June 9, 2017”:

Explanation:

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-002

Introduced By: Councilor Edward Haley

Date Introduced: September 5, 2017

First Reading: September 5, 2017

Second Reading:

Amendments Adopted:

Date Adopted:

Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-002

ZONING ORDINANCE - TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE RETAIL SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

Whereas, by vote at the State election on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes, and

Whereas, by vote of the legislature on July 20, 2017, and signature by the Governor on July 28, 2017, the General Court made changes to the law approved by voters, and altered the date by which the Cannabis Control Commission must promulgate regulations to no later than March 15, 2018, and

Whereas, currently under the Bridgewater Zoning Bylaw, Recreational Marijuana Retailers are not a permitted use in the Town and any regulations promulgated by the State Cannabis Advisory Board are expected to provide guidance to the Town in regulating Recreational Marijuana Retailers, and

Whereas, the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Retailers raise novel and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Retailers and address such novel and complex issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Retailers and other issues related to the regulation of recreational marijuana, and

Whereas, the Marijuana Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Town Council adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Retailers in order to allow the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to adopt provisions of the Zoning Bylaw in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

Now, therefore, for the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town, through its Town Council, adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Recreational Marijuana Retailers extending through December 31, 2018.

Explanation:

During the moratorium period, the Town would undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Advisory Board regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Retailers and related uses, determine whether the town shall restrict any, or all, licenses for Recreational Marijuana Retailers, determine whether the town will prohibit on-site consumption at Recreational Marijuana Retailers and shall consider adopting new provisions of the Zoning Bylaw to address the impact and operation of Recreational Marijuana Retailers and related uses.

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Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Bridgewater Town Council

In Town Council, Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Council Ordinance: D-FY18-005

Introduced By: Councilors Dennis Gallagher and Frank Sousa
Date Introduced: September 5, 2017
First Reading: September 5, 2017
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Proposed Ordinance D-FY18-005

ZONING ORDINANCE – PROHIBITING THE RETAIL SALE OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of MGL, Chapter 40A, and H.3818 it is therefore;

ORDERED, that the Town Council assembled votes to amend Section 6, Use Regulations, of the Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws to read as follows:

“6.4 Marijuana Establishments Forbidden

The Town of Bridgewater prohibits the operation of any marijuana establishment as defined in G.L. c. 94G, § 1, including without limitation a marijuana cultivator, a marijuana testing facility, a marijuana product manufacturer or a marijuana retailers in all zoning Districts of the Town of Bridgewater. This prohibition shall not apply to the sale, distribution or cultivation of marijuana for medical purposes licensed under Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012.

Explanation:

Adoption of the aforementioned ordinance would affect a ban on the sale of recreational marijuana in the Town of Bridgewater.

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

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