



Town of Bridgewater
Community and Economic Development Committee

November 2, 2022

6:30 PM

Joint Public Hearing with Planning Board

The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.

To attend via video, click on the link below:

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Meeting ID: 818 5283 2484

MEETING AGENDA

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting for the Town of Bridgewater will be fully remote and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no in person attendance permitted. Citizens who wish to tune in to the meeting may do so via Zoom.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Public Comment**
- C. Legislation Referred**
 - a) Ordinance D-FY23-002: Zoning Ordinance - Amend Section 11 Definitions
- D. Adjournment of Meeting**



Bridgewater Town Council

Introduced By: Councilor Moore
Date Introduced: 9/27/2022
First Reading: 9/27/2022
Second Reading:
Amendments Adopted:
Third Reading:
Date Adopted:
Date Effective:

Ordinance D-FY23-002: Zoning Ordinance - Amend Section 11 Definitions

WHEREAS, In accordance with the provisions of Section 2-6 of the Bridgewater Home Rule Charter relative to amendments to the Town ordinances, and

WHEREAS, with the lack of affordable housing, multi-generation living is becoming more popular as a way of allowing parents and their children to live together where the need and desire exist, and

WHEREAS, allowing for the building or expansion of in-law living area helps promote rehabilitation of housing, increases property values, and increases the supply of affordable housing for a wider range of physical abilities, stages in life and income levels, and

WHEREAS, the average size of new apartment in the United States of America is 941 square feet as of 2018, and

WHEREAS, a multi-generational in-law living area should adequately address the space needs of multiple parents or children, it is therefore

ORDERED that pursuant to MGL, Chapter 40A, the Town Council assembled votes to amend the Bridgewater Zoning Bylaws, as follows:
Amend Section 11 Definitions as follows:

“Expanded Living Space (In-law living area): Shall be limited to one bedroom of no more than 200 square feet or two bedrooms of no more than 150 square feet each. Total living area for expanded living space including bath, kitchen, living room, bedroom shall not exceed ~~600~~ 800 square feet of living area. Unrestricted passage must be maintained on each floor level between units.”

Committee Referrals and Dispositions:

NOT FOR ACTION - FIRST READING

Referral(s)	Disposition(s)
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Attachments: None