

Planning Commission Reporting Form for Municipal Bylaw Amendments

This report is in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §4441(c) which states:

“When considering an amendment to a bylaw, the planning commission shall prepare and approve a written report on the proposal. A single report may be prepared so as to satisfy the requirements of this subsection concerning bylaw amendments and subsection 4384(c) of this title concerning plan amendments. The report shall provide(:)

(A) brief explanation of the proposed bylaw, amendment, or repeal andinclude a statement of purpose as required for notice under §4444 of this title,

Article XVI: Signage amendment: Updating this section of the Bylaws to provide greater clarity about signage requirements and to provide for signage as is found in the municipality already. The change provides for more entities with signs to be in conformity with the bylaws. The proposed changes provide for more proportional signage for entities within the business districts (Village & Main, Commercial, Industrial).

Bylaw clean up (to improve clarity and consistency throughout the document. These amendments do not change the substance of the bylaw, but provide changes to language that improves comprehension of the document) to the following:

Article IV:

4.7 Update of language to reflect correct reference document.

4.9 Update of language to correctly identify the type of vehicle the article is referring to, using “recreational vehicle” rather than “mobile home”

ARTICLE VI: Update of language to correspond with previously amended definitions and terms, including *Lodging Establishment, Retail Store or Service, Restaurant and Bar/Cocktail lounge/Tavern/Brewery*, and correctly identify the Development Review Board as the entity that would conduct a site plan review and determine the number of parking spaces required, not the Planning Commission.

ARTICLE VII: Update the information in 7.7.4 and 7.9.6 about filing the final plat for a minor and major subdivision to match language from State Statute 24 VSA 4463(b)(1) to provide for an additional 90 days to file if final local or State permits or approvals are still pending.

ARTICLE XVII DEFINITONS- proposed changes to the following:

“medical clinic” the use of a structure or part of a structure to provide healthcare services to people **or animals** as outpatients.

“structure” means an assembly of materials with a fixed location on the ground or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground, intended for occupancy or use. This term includes, but is not limited to, a building, mobile home, trailer, tractor trailer, ~~billboard~~ or sign. **For the purpose of this bylaw, the term structure does not include a wall or fence.**

(A)nd shall include findings regarding how the proposal:

- 1. Conforms with or furthers the goals and policies contained in the municipal plan, including the effect of the proposal on the availability of safe and affordable housing:*

Yes, these proposed amendments further the goals and policies contained in the municipal plan, most specifically Action 1.1 “Adopt revised land use and development regulations that will implement the vision, goals, objectives, and policies of this plan...” A goal for the Town of Lyndon is to be a town “that has a diversified economy that attracts, supports, and maintains creative, innovative, and traditional businesses and services, with a vibrant, active downtown full of cafes, restaurants, breweries, pubs, art galleries, etc., where there is never a lack of things to do.” The proposed signage bylaw amendments will support businesses within the Town and Village to proportionally announce their establishment to the community through signage. The bylaw clean up changes are also consistent with Action 1.1, by keeping the Bylaws as an ever changing, and updating document. The proposed changes do not have an effect on the availability of safe and affordable housing.

- 2. Is compatible with the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan:*

Yes, the proposed amendments are compatible with the proposed future land uses and densities of the municipal plan. The signage bylaw amendment proposal continues to support compact village center development, by supporting the proportional signage of businesses within the districts of Village & Main, Commercial, and Industrial. No zoning district changes are being made.

- 3. Carries out, as applicable, any specific proposals for any planned community facilities.”*

NA

Dated in Lyndon, Vermont
April 21, 2023
Town of Lyndon Planning Commission