



**CITY COUNCIL Agenda Item #19-102**

**Date: March 27, 2019**

**Consent \_\_\_ Discussion X**

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing on the proposed emergency zoning fixes

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Planning & Community Development

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Council should review the drafts, take public comments and questions, and, when ready to adopt, make a motion “to adopt as an interim zoning amendment the Planning Commission’s recommendations for sections 3007 and 3203” (“as amended” if applicable).

**STRATEGIC OUTCOME:** Thoughtfully planned built environment; Housing.

**EXPENDITURE REQUIRED:** None

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:** Interim zoning changes are adopted under 24 V.S.A. 4415.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Planning Commission has been reviewing a list of about 100 changes (many small) to the recently adopted zoning. These changes were discovered as the zoning was being used - some areas were unclear while other rules simply didn’t work. The Commission has broken them into two sets- one of critical changes that the council should adopt quickly through an interim zoning fix; and a second set of clarifications/typos that will go through the full adoption (along with making these interim changes permanent). The Planning Commission voted on December 10<sup>th</sup> to forward the critical fix list to the council for consideration. Those items include a change to the prohibition of development on slopes greater than 30% and an overhaul of the landscaping and screening requirements.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** [Click here to view the clean and striked-out documents with zoning changes.](#)

**INTERESTED PARTIES:** Planning Commission

**CITY MANAGER’S APPROVAL:**

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