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A. Authority

1. The Framingham Zoning Ordinances shall govern land use within Framingham as prepared for and adopted by the Framingham City Council in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.), Chapter (c.) 40A.

2. Hereinafter, these regulations shall be referred to as "Zoning Ordinances" as the collective document, 6 and "Ordinance" for the individual sections, and said document shall be cited as "The City of 7 Framingham Zoning Ordinances."

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of these Zoning Ordinances is to establish such regulations for the uses of land and structures. Such Zoning Ordinances shall protect and promote life, health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Framingham. The interpretation and application of the provisions of these Zoning Ordinances shall be held to be minimum requirements, adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, and overall general welfare.

2. It shall also be the purpose of these Zoning Ordinances to enhance the public welfare by maintaining an adequate supply of affordable housing within Framingham. To accomplish this purpose, all applicants for development or re-development (as defined in Section V.H.2.) of ten or more dwelling units shall be required to provide or to enable the provision of Affordable Housing Units to home buyers or renters in accordance with requirements and standards set forth in these Zoning Ordinances and the Affordable Housing Regulations of the Planning Board. Such development of housing, including those proposed under a special permit process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A §9, and those proposed under the Subdivision Control Law G. L. c. 41 sec. 81K to 81GG inclusive, including divisions of land that do not require subdivision approval, shall require a special permit from the Planning Board, as set forth under Section V.H. Inclusionary Housing.

Any new Housing Plan/Policy or change to an existing Housing Plan/Policy shall be submitted and approved by a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

3. It is not the intent of these Zoning Ordinances repeal, abrogate, annul, or in any way impair or interfere with any existing provisions of these Zoning Ordinances, or with any rules, laws, regulations, or permits previously adopted or issued or which shall be adopted or issued pursuant to law relating to the use of buildings or premises. However, where these Zoning Ordinances imposes a greater restriction upon the use of buildings or premises than is imposed or required by such existing provision of law or ordinance or by such rules or regulations or permits, these Zoning Ordinances shall supersede such existing provisions.

C. Basic Requirements

Except as hereinafter specified in Section I.D., no building, structure, or land shall be used and no building or part thereof or other structure shall be erected, raised, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, or altered, except in conformity with the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located, except that nothing in these Zoning Ordinances shall affect the existing use of any building or lot. No lot may be used for more than one principal use, except as otherwise specifically allowed by these Zoning Ordinances.

D. Non-Conforming Buildings, Structure, Uses, and Lots

1. Applicability

The provisions of these Ordinances shall not apply to any building, structure or use lawfully in existence or lawfully begun, or to a special permit or building permit issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing on any amendment hereto, but shall apply to any alteration

of a building to provide for its use for a purpose, or in a manner, substantially different from the use to which it was put before the alteration.

2. Omitted

3. Purpose and Intent

It is the intent of this Ordinance to ensure that nonconforming uses will ultimately comply with the use requirements of these Zoning Ordinances.

4. Floor Area Ratio

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall not grant a special permit for an increase in Floor Area Ratio greater than what is allowed in the district in which it is located.

5. Change to Nonconforming Single or Two-Family Building or Structure

a. The ZBA shall allow reconstruction, extension or alteration of a lawful, pre-existing nonconforming residential single or two-family structure where the ZBA finds that the reconstruction, extension or alteration does not increase the nonconforming nature of the structure.

b. The ZBA may authorize, by a finding under G. L. c. 40A, § 6, an alteration, extension, or structural change to a lawful pre-existing nonconforming residential single or two-family structure provided such extension or alteration is not substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing nonconformity.

c. Alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change (collectively "alteration") to a non-conforming single or two family residential structure, which is considered a non-conforming structure solely due to its location on a lot with insufficient area, width and/or frontage, shall not be considered an increase in the non-conforming nature of the structure and shall be permitted by right if, at the time of application, the structure and alteration will comply with all then current open space, lot coverage and building height requirements, and the alteration will comply with all then current setback requirements, as set forth in Section IV.E. of these Zoning Ordinances, and further provided that such alteration does not result in the conversion of a structure from a single family use to a two-family use.

d. The provisions of Section I.D.5.d of the Zoning Ordinances shall not apply to the alteration, extension, or structural change (collectively referred to herein as "alterations") to a single or two-family residential structure lawfully in existence under the following circumstances:

1. the proposed alterations do not increase the maximum height of the pre-existing structure; and
2. the proposed alterations comply with the requirements for maximum lot coverage, or if they do not comply, the proposed alterations do not result in an increase in lot coverage; and
3. the proposed alterations comply with setback requirements, or, if they do not comply, the proposed alterations do not result in a decrease in the distance between any lot line and the nearest point of the structure; and
4. the proposed alterations comply with the requirements for minimum open space, or, if they do not comply, the proposed alterations do not result in a decrease in the distance between any lot line and the nearest point of the structure.

For the purpose of these Zoning Ordinances, an alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change meeting the criteria set forth in this subsection d. shall not be deemed to increase the nonconforming nature of the structure, and is allowable as a matter of right. This provision does not preclude the ZBA from determining that other alterations, extensions or structural changes to

a nonconforming single or two-family home do not increase the nonconforming nature of the structure.

6. Change of Use

Except in residential districts, the ZBA may grant a special permit for a change of a lawful, pre-existing, nonconforming use, provided the ZBA makes the findings set forth in Section VI.E.3.a. of these Zoning Ordinances and the following mandatory findings:

a. Said change in use is less detrimental to the abutting properties, ways, and the neighborhood than the existing nonconformity; and

b. Sufficient mitigating measures will be implemented as a requirement of the special permit to compensate for any adverse effects noted in reports from municipal boards; agencies; reports from consultants; and information acquired from public hearings**.**

7. Non-use or Abandonment of a Nonconforming Use or Structure

Any use or structure loses its protection as nonconforming when the non-conformity is abandoned.

a. Any nonconforming use or structure that is made conforming as to any aspect has abandoned the nonconforming protection as to that aspect.

b. Any nonconforming use that is not used for two years loses its protection as a pre-existing nonconforming use. Any nonconforming structure that is not used for any purpose for two years loses its protection as a pre-existing nonconforming structure.

c. Evidence of abandonment may include, but shall not be limited to, one or more of the following, which shall not be conclusive of abandonment:

(1) Removal of customary equipment or supplies for the operation of the use.
(2) Discontinuance of electric, gas or other utility services.
(3) The passage of two years after issuance of a notice of an unsafe structure by the building inspector, without such condition having been repaired.
(4) Failure to renew any certificate or license that is required for the conduct of business.

8. Destruction or Damage or Non-conforming Commercial Buildings

a. Destruction or Damage

A lawful, pre-existing, nonconforming single or two-family structure, which has been destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty may be re-established, restored or rebuilt within two years of occurrence of the damage or destruction. Re-establishment, restoration or rebuilding shall be permitted by-right provided that there is no increase in the degree of the non-conformity, and the reconstruction conforms to the current requirements of these Zoning Ordinances to the maximum extent practicable.

A lawful, pre-existing, non-conforming structure or use other than a single or two-family structure, which has been destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty may be re-established, restored or reconstructed within two years of occurrence of the damage or destruction. Re-establishment or restoration of the pre-existing structure shall be allowed upon determination of the Building Commissioner that the proposed re-establishment or restoration does not increase the non-conforming nature of said structure. Reconstruction[1] of the pre-existing structure shall only proceed if authorized by a Special Permit granted by the ZBA.

b. Change to Non-conforming Buildings or Structures, Other than Single or Two-Family Structures

[1] Reconstruction shall be defined as complete replacement of the existing building, including foundation.

The ZBA shall allow reconstruction, extension, and/or alteration of a lawful, pre-existing nonconforming commercial structure, other than a single or two-family structure, when the ZBA finds that the reconstruction, extension, and/or alteration does not increase nonconforming nature of the structure.

9. Unsafe Buildings

Nothing in these Zoning Ordinances shall prevent the strengthening or restoring to a safe condition of any building, or part thereof, declared unsafe by the Building Commissioner.

10. Exemptions from Dimensional Regulations

a. Single Lot Exemption for Single and Two-Family Use

A lot for single or two-family residential use shall be exempt from any increase in area, frontage, width, setback (i.e., yard), lot coverage or depth requirements resulting from the adoption or amendment of this Ordinance, provided that:

1. The lot was not held in common ownership with any adjoining land at the time of recording or endorsement, whichever occurs sooner;
2. The lot conformed to existing zoning requirements at such time;
3. The lot has at least 5,000 square feet of area and at least 50 feet of frontage; and
4. The lot conforms to the open space and lot coverage requirements and to any other provisions of this Ordinance except for lot area, frontage and setback requirements.

b. Common Lot Exemption for Single and Two-Family Use

A lot for single or two-family residential use shall be exempt from any increase in area, frontage, width, setback (i.e., yard), lot coverage or depth requirements resulting from the adoption or amendment of this Ordinance for five years from the effective date of such adoption or amendment, provided that:

1. The plan for such lot was recorded or endorsed as of January 1, 1976;
2. The lot was held in common ownership with any adjoining land as of January 1, 1976;
3. The lot conformed to the existing zoning requirements as of January 1, 1976;
4. The lot has at least 7,500 square feet of area and at least 75 feet of frontage.

This exemption shall not apply to more than three such adjoining lots held in common ownership.

E. Definitions

1. Terms Defined

For the purpose of these Zoning Ordinances, the following terms shall have the meanings given in the following clauses, unless a contrary intention clearly appears:

Accessory Drive-thru: A Drive-thru Facility associated with a Fast Food Establishment, financial establishment, or pharmacy that provides or dispenses products or services by an attendant or an automated machine to persons remaining in vehicles that are in designated stacking lanes accessory to the principle use.

Accessory Dwelling Unit: An accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is a self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities, attached to or within the principal dwelling. It shall be subordinate in size to the principal dwelling unit.

Accessory Garage: A garage on the same lot or in the same building to which it is accessory and in which no business or industry is conducted. Garage space shall not be provided on such lot for more than two motor vehicles, except that space for one additional motor vehicle may be provided for each 2,000 square feet of area by which the lot area exceeds 4,000 square feet, but space shall not be

provided for more than five motor vehicles in any case. Not more than one commercial vehicle shall be stored on such lot.

Accessory Use or Structure: A subordinate use, building or structure clearly incidental to and customarily found in connection with the principal use, building or structure and which is located on the same lot with the main use, building or structure. A use or activity which is prohibited in the zoning district shall also be expressly prohibited as an accessory use.

Active Farm: Land located in the City of Framingham utilized for agriculture, having a minimum of 15 acres, located in a R-3 or R-4 Single Family Residential Zoning District, enrolled in M.G.L. c. 61 and/or 61A and consisting of one or more contiguous parcels in one ownership throughout or any combination of parcels of land consolidated under a Purchase and Sale Agreement where all such owners jointly apply for an Agriculture Preservation Development Special Permit and that do not have a Conservation Restriction or Agricultural Preservation Restriction on the Active Farm.

Active Farm Parcel: The portion of the Active Farm that shall have an Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR) placed on the area in perpetuity. A minimum of 70 percent of the Active Farm shall remain as an Active Farm in perpetuity.

Adult Bookstore: An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade, books, magazines and other matter which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Chapter 272 Section 31.

Adult Housing: One or more dwelling units intended for and solely to be occupied by one or more individuals who have reached at least 62 years of age as defined in M.G.L. c.151B, sec. 4(6) and 24 CFR Part 100 (Implementation of the Housing for Older Person Act of 1995). Such dwelling(s) may include one or more persons who are at least 62 years of age living with one or more live-in aides who are below the age of 62.

Adult Live Entertainment Establishment: Any establishment which displays live entertainment which is distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Chapter 272 Section 31.

Adult Motion Picture Theater: An enclosed building used for presenting material distinguished by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Chapter 272 Section 31.

Adult Paraphernalia Store: An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock devices, objects, tools, or toys which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Chapter 272 Section 31.

Adult Video Store: An establishment having as a substantial or significant portion of its stock in trade, videos, movies or other film material which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis depicting, describing or relating to sexual conduct or sexual excitement as defined in MGL Chapter 272 Section 31.

Affordable Housing: Housing targeted to and affordable by households that meet specific income eligibility levels, typically households earning below 80% of the metropolitan area's median income (or AMI).

Agriculture and/or Farm: These terms shall include farming in all of its branches and the cultivation and tillage of soils; dairying; the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, floriculture or horticultural commodities; the growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land; the raising of livestock (including horses, the keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise, the keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle and other domesticated animals used for food purposes, bees and fur-bearing animals); and any forestry or lumbering operations performed by a farmer.

Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR): A restriction and agreement in perpetuity with owners of an Active Farm Parcel, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 184, § 31. An APR is a legally binding set of restrictions that is monitored and enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, a city conservation commission and/or a land trust. Owners of Active Farms may voluntarily enter into these agreements by selling the APR for a negotiated price based on the appraised value of the restriction.

Amusement Park: An outdoor amusement facility of a permanent nature, including carnival or midway, with any or all of the following: rides, water slides, concession stands, and games of chance.

Applicant: The owner(s) of land and such duly authorized agent(s), representative(s), assign(s) or attorney(s). The owner(s) of land must be included as an applicant to an application, even if not the proponent. Persons or entities other than the owner may also serve as co-applicants in addition to the owner(s), however, in each instance, such person or entity shall file with the appropriate application authority, sufficient written evidence of authority to act by or on behalf of the owner(s).

Artisan Production/Creative Enterprises: Individual and/or small-scale firms that employ 10 or fewer employees, who are involved in the on-site production of hand-fabricated or hand-manufactured parts and/or custom or craft consumer goods through the use of hand tools or small-scale, light mechanical equipment. Artisan production includes apparel manufacturing, confectionery, jewelry making, wood and metal working, pottery and glass making, and equivalents. Showrooms and ancillary sales of goods produced on-premises are allowed.

Artist Live/Work/Gallery: The use of all or a portion of a structure for living and work by residents engaged in the creation, manufacturing or assemblage of commercial graphic arts; fine arts, including but not limited to painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpting; performing and visual arts including but not limited to dance, photography, music composition, and filmmaking production and pre- and post-production activities (but not to include Adult Entertainment). Sales of resident-created works are allowed on premises.

As-of-right Use: An as-of-right use refers to a use that is allowed without the need for a special permit, use variance, amendment, waiver, and/or other discretionary approval. As-of-right uses may be subject to site plan review to determine conformance with these Zoning Ordinances.

Assisted Living Housing: Housing units and associated facilities designed for the elderly who require daily assistance but who do not require nursing home care. An Assisted Living Housing Unit consists of the same characteristics as a Congregate Living Housing Unit. Associated facilities typically provide additional services beyond Congregate Housing, including daily meals and personal services, medical monitoring and supervision. Assisted Living shall refer to certified Assisted Living Residences only, as defined and certified under M.G.L. c. 19D, and as regulated under 651 CMR 12.00.

Automatic Carwash: Any facility, its structures, accessory uses, paved areas or grounds used wholly or partly to wash and clean the exterior of passenger automobiles, vans, pick-up and panel trucks using conveyors to move the vehicle or equipment that moves over or around the vehicle or other automated equipment intended to mechanically wash such vehicles and which is open to the public. Subject also to the provisions of Section V.C.

Automobile Dealer: An establishment for the sale or rental of motor vehicles or trailers, including, but not limited to, used car dealers; sale and installation of vehicle accessories conducted within an enclosed structure, subject to special regulations Section IV.D., herein. Accessory servicing and repair shall be permitted if sufficiently sound-insulated and confined to premises to protect the neighborhood.

Automobile Repair: An automobile repair garage or paint shop facility located principally within an enclosed structure, subject to special regulations Section IV.D., herein. No vehicles other than those under or awaiting repair or awaiting delivery or pick-up after repair shall be stored overnight on the

premises except commercial vehicles used in connection with the principal use. Sale of new and/or used cars is prohibited on any lot used as an Automobile Repair.

Automobile Storage: The open or enclosed storage of automobiles, excluding outdoor storage of junk or inoperative motor vehicles.

Bed and Breakfast: A Human Habitation that has been deemed historically significant in accordance with Section V.B of the General Ordinances where rooms are let for not more than 14 consecutive days in any one-year period, a breakfast is included in the rent, and all accommodations are reserved in advance. A Bed and Breakfast shall have the characteristics set forth in Section V.B.3 (i)-(x) of these Zoning Ordinances.

Best Management Practice (BMP): The use of structural, nonstructural, or vegetative measures designed to reduce erosion, control the movement of sedimentation, decrease peak storm material discharge, and/or improve the quality of stormwater runoff as well as maintain natural hydrology as described in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Management Handbook and any other applicable local regulations.

Boarding or Lodging House: A dwelling or part thereof which contains one or more rooming units in which space is let or sublet for compensation by the licensee, owner or operator to four or more persons not within the second degree of kindred to the person compensated. A Boarding or Lodging House shall not include inns, bed and breakfasts, dormitories, fraternity houses, or similar places; or convalescent, nursing, or rest homes or group residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the Commonwealth.

Brew Pub: Restaurants that are licensed by the United States Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, under the relevant statutes, to produce and sell beer and/or ale at the location and whose primary business is the sale and preparation of food to be consumed on the premises. Malt beverages including beer, ales and hard ciders produced on the premises may be sold to other establishments but shall not to exceed 50percent of the establishment's production capacity.

Brewery, Distillery, or Winery with Tasting Room: A business located in a building where the primary use is for the production and distribution of malt, spirituous, or vinous beverages. A tasting room, not to exceed 25 percent of the building's gross square footage, is permitted as an accessory use. Any such facility may provide samples at no charge and limited in size as set forth in M.G.L c. 138 shall have a Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued Farmer Series Pouring License. The facility may host marketing events, special events, and/or factory tours. The facility may only sell beverages produced by, and commercial goods branded by, the brewery, distillery, or winery. The facility may sell permitted beverages to consumers for consumption off the brewery premises.

Buildable Parcel: The portion of an Active Farm that may be used for cluster development. The Active Farm Parcel shall not be included in this area.

Building: Any structure or portion thereof, either temporary or permanent, having a roof or other covering, and designed or used for the shelter or enclosure of any person, animal, process, equipment, goods or materials of any kind or nature.

Business or Professional Office: A place in which functions such as directing, consulting, recording keeping, and sales (without the presence of merchandise) of a firm are carried on; also a workplace of a physician, dentist, lawyer, architect, registered engineer, accountant, planner, psychologist, or similar profession.

By-right: please refer to As-of-right Use definition.

Carwash: Any facility with one or more bays, its structures, accessory uses, paved areas or grounds used wholly or partly to wash, clean and dry the exterior and/or interior of passenger automobiles, vans, pick-up and panel trucks and which is open to the public, including both automatic and self-service carwashes; subject also to the provisions of Section V.C.

Center for Performing Arts: A public or private space used to create and present various performing and visual arts, but excluding movie theaters. A center for performing arts may also include educational and training uses associated with the various performing and visual arts.

Change in Use: A change in part or all of an existing structure from one use category or purpose to another use category or purpose. In a mixed or multi-use facility, an exchange or rearrangement of principal use categories or components shall not be construed as a change in use unless the net change in any of the factors in the Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations, requires an addition of l0 or more parking spaces to the amount required by these Zoning Ordinances prior to the change in use. The calculation of change in use of gross floor area shall be determined by the Building Commissioner based on the aggregate of all changes in use undertaken within a consecutive three year term.

Commercial Dealers: Retail dealers in milk, grain, fuel, lumber, and/or structural materials.

Common Open Space: A portion of the Buildable Parcel that may be used for active, passive or leisure activities by the residents of the Agriculture Preservation Development.

Common Open Space Area: A portion of the Open Space Buildable Parcel that may be used for active, passive or leisure activities by the residents of the Open Space Cluster Development.

Complete Streets: The planning, scoping, design, implementation, operation, and maintenance of roads in order to reasonably address the safety and accessibility needs of users of all ages and abilities. Complete Streets considers the needs of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and vehicles, bicyclists, and commercial and emergency vehicles moving along and across roads, intersections, and crossings in a manner that is sensitive to the local context and recognizes that the needs vary in urban, suburban, and rural neighborhoods.

Congregate Living Housing: Housing units and associated facilities designed for elderly occupants who do not require constant supervision. A Congregate Living Housing Unit consists of a room or group of rooms for one or more persons with provisions for living and sleeping for the exclusive use of the individual or household unit. The Congregate Living Housing unit may provide exclusive cooking and sanitary facilities. Associated or shared facilities may include common dining facilities with limited meals, housekeeping services and common space for indoor and outdoor social, educational and recreational activities.

Conservation Restriction (CR): A restriction and agreement in perpetuity for the protection of Open Space, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 184, § 31. A CR is a legally binding set of restrictions that is monitored and enforced by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation Services, the Framingham Conservation Commission and/or a land trust.

Craft Marijuana Cultivator Comprised of residents of the Commonwealth and organized as a limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or cooperative corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth. A cooperative is licensed to cultivate, obtain, manufacture, process, package and brand cannabis or marijuana products to transport marijuana to Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.

Cultural Center: A theater, library, museum, gallery, or any combination thereof.

Cultural and Educational Centers: Centers for cultural and education programs, events and performances, with indoor and outdoor seating capacity not to exceed a total of 200 seats.

Developable Farm: Land currently used for Agriculture and/or Farm as defined in Section I.E shall be considered a Developable Farm if said property has not utilized its Development Rights, nor has it been protected from development, nor has an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) been placed on it. The Developable Farm shall consist of one or more contiguous parcels in one ownership throughout, or any combination of parcels of land consolidated under a joint development agreement.

Developable Open Space Parcel: Land that has not utilized its Development Rights, nor has it been protected from development, nor has a Conservation Restriction (CR) been placed on it. The land

shall consist of one or more contiguous parcels in one ownership throughout, or any combination of parcels of land consolidated under a joint development agreement.

Development: Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation, blasting, soil compaction or drilling operations.

Development Rights: The total square footage of a residential building on a Giving Parcel to be considered to be transferred to a Receiving Parcel shall be in accordance with the Transfer of Development Rights Residential Parcel Chart. Accessory structures shall not be utilized for this calculation. The permitted residential building size allowed within the Transfer of Development Rights Residential Building Size Chart for the given zoning district that the Giving Parcel is located in shall be multiplied by the total number of lots allowed by-right as determined in the Transfer of Development Rights Yield Plan. One square foot of residential building area on a Giving Parcel shall equal one square foot of development potential on a Receiving Parcel.

Disturbed Area: Disturbance to an area and/or soils where the existing condition has been or is proposed to be altered.

Drive-thru Facility: The portion of a financial establishment, fast food establishment, or pharmacy that provides or dispenses products or services by an attendant or an automated machine to persons remaining in vehicles that are in designated stacking lanes.

Dwelling: A structure or portion thereof which is exclusively for human habitation.

Enlargement: An increase in the size of an existing structure.

Erosion: A condition in which the earth's surface, including vegetation, soil or rock fragment, is detached and moved away by the action of water, wind, ice, gravity or other natural environmental means.

Exclusive Use Area (EUA): The outside area adjacent to each residential unit. Whenever a unit is located on a common lot there shall be an area designated as an EUA as determined by the original owner of the unit. Such exclusive use area shall be the width of the respective unit and extend no less than 20 feet from the foundation edge of the structure.

Extension: An increase in the amount of existing floor area within an existing building.

Family Child Care Home: An accessory use to a dwelling, allowing not more than six children in care, as defined in M.G.L. c. 15D, section 1A, provided that said dwelling and provider have received a license from the Department of Early Education and Care to provide family day care, as defined by M.G.L. c. 15D.

Farm and/or Agriculture: Farming in all of its branches including the cultivation and tillage of soils; dairying; the production, cultivation, growing and harvesting of any agricultural, floriculture or horticultural commodities; the growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land; the raising of livestock (including horses, the keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise, the keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle and other domesticated animals used for food purposes, bees and fur-bearing animals); and any forestry or lumbering operations performed by a farmer.

Farmer: A person engaged in agriculture or farming as previously defined, or on a farm incidental to or in conjunction with such farming operation, including preparations for market, delivery to storage or to market or to carriers for transportation to market.

Fast Food Establishment: A food and beverage facility which generally serves ready-to-eat foods and beverages in disposable containers over a general service counter that customers carry to the restaurant's seating facilities or off premises. In the B-1 and B-2 Districts, no special permit may be issued for a Fast Food Establishment with a seating capacity which exceeds 36 seats; safety hazards to pedestrians may not be created; and the design of the building must be architecturally compatible with the nearby building group and neighborhood.

Fill: Any Fill used in connection with a project shall be clean Fill and shall not contain any hazardous waste material, trash, refuse, rubbish, or debris, including but not limited to lumber, bricks, plaster, wire, lath, paper, cardboard, pipe, asphalt, concrete, tires, ashes, refrigerators, motor vehicles, or parts of any of the foregoing.

Fixture: The assembly that holds the lamp (bulb) in a lighting system. It includes the elements designed to give light output control, such as a reflector (mirror) or refractor (lens), the ballast, housing, and the attachment parts.

Floor Area Ratio (FAR): The ratio of the gross floor area of the building or group of buildings on a lot, including accessory buildings, to the lot area. Any land within the lot area which is located in another zoning district in which the principal use of the lot is not permitted shall be subtracted from the lot area for the purposes of calculating the Floor Area Ratio. Any land within the lot area located beneath a river, or beneath a brook, stream or creek wider than 10 feet, the boundary of which is the upper boundary of the bank, shall be subtracted from the lot area for the purposes of calculating the Floor Area Ratio.

Gasoline Service Station: An establishment for the retail sale of gasoline, oil, automotive accessories, and accessory convenience items, and for minor automotive repairs and servicing. Accessory servicing and repair shall be permitted if sufficiently sound-insulated and confined to premises to protect the neighborhood. Sale of new and/or used cars is prohibited on any lot used as a gasoline service station. The use shall be subject to special regulations for Service Stations and Outdoor Auto Sales, Section IV.D.

Giving Parcel: A Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space Parcel that is located within a Residential Zoning District and contains five or more buildable acres.

Glare: Light emitted from a luminaire with intensity great enough to produce annoyance, discomfort or visual impairment.

Gross Floor Area: The sum of the area of all stories of a building measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls or from the centerline of walls separating two buildings, including any floor area below grade when used for residential, office, business, storage, industrial, or other purposes, but excluding any area used exclusively for heating, air conditioning or other mechanical equipment, and excluding floor area intended or designed for accessory off-street parking.

Gross Leasable Area: The total floor area designed for tenant occupancy and exclusive use, including any basement, mezzanines, or upper floors, expressed in square feet and measured from the center line of joint partitions and from outside wall faces.

Ground Coverage: Land occupied by structures, storage spaces, patios, parking areas, roadways and driveways, and other paved or enclosed areas.

Group Residence: A residential, non-profit school which provides services substantially paid for by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to six or fewer individuals who may be handicapped, disabled, or undergoing rehabilitation.

Height Factor: A determination of the required front setback based on the height of a structure that directly fronts a public street where such structures are designed to be located as close to the front setback as possible. The height of the exterior wall that fronts the public way shall be measured from the average finished grade to the start of the roofline. Each five (5) feet of height over twenty (20) feet of an exterior wall shall require an additional five (5) feet added to the front setback requirement of Section IV.E.2 of the Framingham Zoning Ordinance. For example, where the minimum front setback is twenty (20) feet and the front exterior wall (measured from the average finished grade to the start of the roofline) of the structure is planned to be thirty (30) feet in height, the front setback would be increased by ten (10) feet thus resulting in a thirty (30) foot setback. All calculations shall be rounded up to the next five (5) feet (for example, a thirty-seven (37) foot structure would require a forty (40) foot setback).

Home occupation: An activity customarily conducted by the residents of a dwelling unit, inside the principal dwelling unit, requiring only home equipment, including but not limited to type writers and computers. The term "home occupation" shall include but is not limited to the office of a resident physician, dentist, lawyer, architect, engineer, accountant, psychologist, or other member of a recognized profession; studio of an artist, musician, or photographer; the office of a sales or manufacturer's representative; secretarial or computer-related activities; tailoring; millinery; handicrafts; and small group instruction or tutoring. Such use shall be allowed provided no retail or wholesale merchandise transactions are conducted on the premises, with the exception of handicrafts, art work or clothing produced entirely on the premises. The term "home occupation" shall not be interpreted to include the following: clothing rental, barber shop, hairdresser, restaurant, television repair, real estate broker, orchestra or instrumental group, antique shop, animal hospital, and other similar uses. The term "merchandise transaction" shall not include transactions made solely by mail or telephone, but shall include any pick-up or delivery of goods bought or sold as part of the home occupation.

Hospice Facilities: Facilities designed to provide for the physical and emotional needs of the terminally ill.

Hotel: A building or buildings containing rooming units for transient overnight lodging accommodations, and having a common entrance or entrances and which may include accessory uses such as a conference facility or restaurant. Hotel shall not include a boarding house, a lodging house, a rooming house, or a multifamily dwelling.

Human Habitation: The use of a building for living purposes including working, sleeping, eating, cooking or recreation, or a combination thereof, but excluding use for storage only.

Independent Living Housing: Housing units and associated facilities designed for the elderly who are self-sufficient and require no on-site personal or health care services. An Independent Living Housing unit consists of a room or group of rooms designed or intended to provide a habitable unit for one or more persons with provisions for cooking, living, sanitation and sleeping for the exclusive use of the household unit. Associated facilities may include substantial common and socializing areas and other amenities.

Indoor Entertainment Facility: An indoor entertainment, amusement or recreational facility, such as a movie theater, bowling alley, billiard room, or arcade.

Indoor Recreational Facilities: Indoor recreational facilities such as swimming pool, tennis court, skating rink, or children's camp or center.

Innkeeper: The owner, or person(s) employed by the owner residing within the living quarters of the Bed and Breakfast, such living quarters shall contain the Innkeeper's separate cooking, bathroom, and sleeping facilities. The Innkeeper shall be responsible for recordkeeping, maintenance, preparation of food served to guests, and the overall operation of the Bed and Breakfast.

Lamp: The component of a luminaire that produces the actual light.

Landscape Business: The premises of a landscaping business where any of the following activities and/or uses may be conducted by the business: indoor or outdoor storage of equipment, supplies and materials; the parking of wheeled equipment; the parking of two or more motorized vehicles with six or less wheels. Abutting properties shall be sufficiently screened for dust, noise, visual impacts and/or other adverse environmental impacts to protect the neighborhood.

Landscaped Open Space Surface Ratio (also, **Landscaped Surface Ratio** or **LSR**): The ratio between (1) the area of a parcel devoted to pervious landscaping or natural vegetated areas and (2) the total area of the parcel. Both components of this ratio shall exclude any wetland resource area, as defined in M.G.L. c. 131, Sec. 40, except for wetland areas that are located within one hundred feet of an upland area adjoining a developed area of the project.

Large Family Child Care Home: An accessory use to a dwelling, allowing more than six children in care, as defined in M.G.L. c. 15D, section 1A, provided that said dwelling and provider have received a license from the Department of Early Education and Care to provide family day care, as defined by M.G.L. c. 15D.

Level of Service (LOS): A traffic measurement shall be determined according to criteria set forth by the Transportation Research Board of the National Research Council.

Light Trespass: The shining of direct light produced by a luminaire beyond boundaries of the lot on which it is located.

Limited Accessory Structure: See Section IV.E.5.g.

Local Newspaper: A newspaper of general circulation within Framingham, with either a weekly or daily circulation, or, except with regard to publication required by general law, local media.

Lot: A parcel of land, with definite boundaries ascertainable by recorded deed or recorded plan and used or set aside and available for use as the site of one or more buildings or for any other definite purpose, in one ownership and not divided by a street.

Lot Area: The horizontal area of the lot including land over which easements have been granted, but exclusive of any area within the limits of a street or recorded private way, even if fee to such street is in the owner of the lot.

Lot Coverage: The percentage of a lot covered with structures, including driveways, parking areas, walkways, tennis courts, swimming pools or other impervious surfaces. For the purposes of this Ordinance, all such surfaces constructed of impermeable materials (i.e. concrete, bituminous asphalt, gravel, oil and stone and the like) shall be included in the calculation of maximum lot coverage. Up to 50% (fifty percent) of pervious materials (i.e., permeable pavers, pea stone, and the like) shall not count towards Lot Coverage.

Lot Line: A line dividing a lot from a street or from a contiguous lot.

Lot Line, Front: The property line adjacent to a street.

Lot Line, Side: Any lot line that is not a front lot line.

Low Impact Development (LID): A system and/or practice that uses and/or mimics natural processes that result in the infiltration, evapotranspiration, and/or use of stormwater and precipitation in order to protect water quality while maintaining the natural hydrology of a site. Surface flows and groundwater recharge are the key aspects of LID that consider quantity as well as quality. LID is often referenced as “green infrastructure” and the management of wet weather flows that employ these processes and refers to the patchwork of natural areas that provide habitat, flood protection, cleaner air and water. Both LID and green infrastructure practices aim to preserve, restore, and create green space using soils, vegetation, and/or rainwater harvest techniques. Examples of LID and green infrastructure include but are not limited to the following: bioretention facilities, rain gardens, vegetated rooftops, rain barrels, and permeable pavements.

Lumen: A measure of light energy generated by a light source. One foot candle is one lumen per square foot. For purposes of these Zoning Ordinance, the lumen output shall be the initial lumen output of a lamp, as rated by the manufacturer.

Luminaire: The complete lighting unit, including the lamp, the fixture, and other parts.

Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratory a laboratory that is licensed by the Commission and is:

1. accredited to the International Organization for Standardization 17025 (ISO/IEC 17025: 2017) by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Accrediting Cooperation mutual recognition arrangement or that is otherwise approved by the Commission;

2. independent financially from any Medical Marijuana Treatment Center (RMD), Marijuana Establishment or licensee for which it conducts a test; and
3. qualified to test cannabis or marijuana in compliance with 935 CMR 500.160 and M.G.L. c. 94C, § 34.

Marijuana Cultivator An entity licensed to cultivate, process and package marijuana, and to transfer marijuana to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers. A Craft Marijuana Cooperative is a type of Marijuana Cultivator.

Marijuana Establishment A Marijuana Cultivator, Craft Marijuana Cooperative, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer, Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Research Facility, Marijuana Transporter, or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business, except a medical marijuana treatment center.

Marijuana Product Manufacturer An entity licensed to obtain, manufacture, process and package cannabis or marijuana products and to transfer these products to other Marijuana Establishments, but not to consumers.

Marijuana Retailer An entity licensed to purchase and transport cannabis or marijuana product from Marijuana Establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to consumers. Retailers are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers; and from offering cannabis or marijuana products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the premises of a Marijuana Establishment.

Master Plan (Master Land Use Plan): Under the M.G.L. c. 41, Section 81D the Planning Board shall make a master plan of such city.. The Planning Board may further create a neighborhood master plan for parts of the City as advisable. Such master plan shall be a statement, through text, maps, illustrations, and/or other forms of communication that are designated to provide a basis for decision making regarding the long-term physical development of the City. The master plan shall be internally consistent in its policies, forecasts and standards, and shall include: Goals and Policy statements, a Land Use Plan element, a Housing element, an Economic Development element, a Natural and Cultural Resources element, an Open Space and Recreation element, a Services and Facilities element, a Circulation element, and an Implementation Program element. Such master plan shall create, and may be added to or changed from time to time, by a majority vote of the Planning Board and shall be public record.

Medical Office: An office or clinic for medical or dental examination or treatment of persons as out-patients, including laboratories incidental thereto.

Mixed-use: A development and/or redevelopment project that integrates a mixture of at least two or more different uses but must include commercial space.

Mixed-use Building: A development and/or redevelopment of a site that integrates a mixture of at least two or more different uses into one building such as restaurants, medical, educational, offices, research & development, exercise & fitness, residential, recreation, entertainment, and/or retail as permitted in the respective zoning district. In Nobscot Village (B-4), the footprint of the first floor of such structure shall not exceed more than 65% (sixty-five percent) of residential uses and shall not be less than 35% (thirty-five percent) of non-residential uses. For all other areas of Framingham, the footprint of the first floor of such structure shall not exceed more than 35% (thirty-five percent) of residential uses and shall not be less than 65% (sixty-five percent) of non-residential uses.

Mixed-use Complex: A development and/or redevelopment project of a parcel or contiguous parcels, whether or not in common ownership that integrates two or more separate structures, a mixture of at least two or more uses such as restaurants, offices, medical, educational, research & development, exercise & fitness, residential, recreational, entertainment, and/or retail as permitted in the respective zoning district. In Nobscot Village (B-4), the first floor footprint of the total combined structures shall not exceed more than 65% (sixty-five percent) of residential uses and not be less than 35% (thirty-five percent) of nonresidential uses. For all other areas of Framingham, the first floor footprint of the

total combined structures shall not exceed more than 35% (thirty-five percent) of residential uses and not be less than 65% (sixty-five percent) of nonresidential uses.

Motel: A building or buildings intended and designed for transient or overnight occupancy divided into separate rooms within the same building, each of which has a separate outside entrance leading directly to the room, without a common entrance to the rooms, and with or without public dining room facilities, but shall not include a boarding house, lodging house or rooming house, or multifamily dwelling.

Multi-family Dwelling: A dwelling containing three or more residential dwelling units.

Municipal or Municipality: the City of Framingham.

Municipal Services: Public services and infrastructure furnished by the Municipality, including but not limited to, indoor and outdoor recreational facilities, police, fire, schools, public works, inspectional services, finance, water systems, sanitary sewerage systems, disposal plants, communication services, and fire alarm systems.

Nonconforming: A lawful pre-existing building, structure, vacant lot, or use of buildings or land that does not conform to the zoning regulations for the district in which it is located, but did conform at the time it was built or established. The grant or existence of a variance or special permit for the maintenance of any non-compliance with these Zoning Ordinances does not make such non-compliance a non-conformity protected under Section I.D of these Zoning Ordinances.

Nursing Care Facilities: Intermediate and skilled care nursing facilities designed to provide an intensive level of nursing and medical care for patients.

Open Space, Landscaped: The part or parts of a lot designed to improve the visual environment and to provide areas for passive outdoor recreation, including the preservation of existing natural site features and/or the planting or placement of such elements as grass, flowers, shrubs, trees, or permeable ground cover. Such space shall not include lot area used for parking or access drives or any impermeable paved areas.

Open Space, Usable: The part or parts of a lot designed and developed for outdoor use by the occupants of the lot for such recreational uses as swimming pools and tennis courts, vegetable gardens, animal enclosures, or patios. Such space may include landscaped open space and impermeable paved areas, but shall exclude areas used for parking or access drives or accessory structures.

Open Space Buildable Parcel: The portion of the Open Space Parcel that may be used for cluster development. The Preserved Area shall not be included in this area.

Open Space Parcel: Land consisting of 15 acres or more located within the Single Family Residential Zoning District (R-3 and R-4) that has not been protected from development, nor has a conservation restriction or easement placed upon it and consists of one or more contiguous parcels in one ownership throughout or any combination of parcels of land consolidated under a Purchase and Sale Agreement where all such owners jointly apply for Open Space Preservation Development Special Permit and that do not have a Conservation Restriction on the Open Space Preserved Area.

Open Space Preserved Area: The portion of the Open Space Parcel that shall have a Conservation Restriction (CR) placed on the area in perpetuity.

Ordinance: any rule, law, or regulations adopted by the municipality in accordance with the charter.

Outdoor Entertainment Facility: An outdoor entertainment facility such as a miniature golf course, driving range, or drive-in theater. The use shall not include an Amusement Park.

Outdoor Recreational Facility: A park, picnic area, play fields and playgrounds; commercial outdoor swimming pools, and tennis courts; golf courses, and country clubs on parcels of at least 50 acres; boat launching ramps; riding trails; and paths or trails for cycling, hiking, jogging, skiing, etc. Specifically excluded are firing ranges and miniature golf courses.

Parcel: A distinct tract of land containing definite boundaries, or contiguous tracts of land held in common ownership.

Parking Facility: An entire portion thereof a building or a lot which is located off-street and contains one or more automobile off-street parking spaces and access thereto including driveways. A parking facility may be a garage, and area of a lot, and/or a parking lot.

Peer Review Consultant: A person who is not a Framingham employee who shall assist the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals, in plan review, impact analysis, inspection or other technical or legal assistance necessary to ensure compliance with all relevant laws and regulations. Such consultants shall be selected and retained by the Planning Board and/or Zoning Board of Appeals, with the actual and reasonable cost for their services to be paid by the applicant.

Personal Health and Exercise Facility, or Health Club: An establishment, providing space or facilities for physical exercise, fitness and health for private members or guest of the private members.

Preservation Area: An area of an Adult Housing project to be preserved in its natural state that may only be improved by natural surface trails, benches, and native vegetation. The calculation of the minimum area required for the Preservation Area shall not include more than 25 percent wetlands and vernal pools and buffers thereto, as defined under M.G.L. c. 131, Section 49 and the regulation promulgated thereunder as 310 C.M.R. 10.00 and the City of Framingham Wetland Bylaws, or rivers and associated riverfronts, or lakes.

Principal Use: The primary or main use of land, building or structure, as distinguished from an accessory use, building or structure. A use or activity not prescribed or permitted in the zoning district shall be expressly prohibited.

Receiving Parcel: A Receiving Parcel consisting of one or more contiguous parcels in one ownership throughout, or any combination of parcels of land consolidated under a joint development agreement where all such owners jointly apply for a TDR special permit, which has been designated as a Chapter 43D: Priority Development site: 1672 Worcester Road, 1800 Worcester Road, 1898RR Worcester Road, 1900R Worcester Road, 1900RR Worcester Road, 100 Crossing Blvd, 149 Crossing Blvd, 150 Crossing Blvd, 175 Crossing Blvd, 200 Crossing Blvd, 225 Crossing Blvd, 150 Gates Street, 100 Staples Drive, 200 Staples Drive, 400 Staples Drive, 500 Staples Drive, 740 Cochituate Road, 750 Cochituate Road, and 156 Speen Street, 0 Pleasant Street Connector , 9 Pleasant Street Connector, 15 Pleasant Street Connector, 10 California Ave, 11 California Ave, 40 California Ave, 1 The Mountain Road, 5 The Mountain Road, 100 The Mountain Road, 0 Pennsylvania Ave, 100 Pennsylvania Ave, 105 Pennsylvania Ave, 115 Pennsylvania Ave, 125 Pennsylvania Ave, 135 Pennsylvania Ave, 137 Pennsylvania Ave, 145 Pennsylvania Ave, 0 New York Ave RR, 1 New York Ave, 2 New York Ave, 31 New York Ave, 33 New York Ave, 45 New York Ave, 47 New York Ave, 49 New York Ave, 51 New York Ave, 55 New York Ave, 74 New York Ave, 84 New York Ave, 86 New York Ave, 86R New York Ave, 88 New York Ave, and 92 New York Ave.

Recognized Profession: A business in which specialized services are provided to clients by a person or persons requiring specialized skills or knowledge, a learned occupation, or special education in the liberal arts or sciences, that may require licensing by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or certification by a private accreditation society, including, but not limited to, physician, dentist, lawyer, architect, registered engineer, accountant, or psychologist.

Rental of Rooms: Refer to 780 CMR State Building Code.

Research, Development and Laboratory: An establishment or laboratory for scientific research and development (R&D), including biotechnology. Uses accessory to activities which are necessary in connection with scientific R&D or related production are allowed.

Restaurant: An eating establishment including lunchrooms primarily for on-premises consumption, which may include outdoor seating. This does not include a fast food establishment.

Retail Services: Stores that sell goods to the general public, including but not limited to a drug or package store; grocery, variety, clothing or shoe store; hardware or household appliance sales and services; music store; computer store; book, card, or stationery store; or newsdealer, and which may include the rendering of associated services incidental to the sale of such goods or merchandise.

Retail Store/Custom Work Shop: A retail store and/or shop for custom work or the making only of articles to be sold at retail on the premises, including but not limited to artisans, jewelry makers, handicrafts and artist studios.

Self-service Carwash: Any facility with one or more bays, its structures, accessory uses, paved areas or grounds used wholly or partly to wash, clean and dry the exterior of passenger automobiles, vans, pick-up and panel trucks using hand held equipment and which is open to the public. Subject also to the provisions of Section V.C.

Service Establishment: An establishment engaged primarily in providing assistance, as opposed to products, to individuals or businesses and other enterprises, including but not limited to a barber or beautician; pickup or self-service laundry or dry cleaning; garment or shoe makers and repairers; florist; printing, publishing or photocopying; photographer's studio; baker, caterer or confectioner; clothes cleaner and presser, decorator, dressmaker, dyer, furrier, hairdresser, hand laundry, manicurist, milliner, newsdealer, optician, photographer, shoe-shiner, tailor, upholsterer.

Setback: The distance between a front or side lot line and the line of a building or projection thereof, measured on a line perpendicular to the lot line.

SPGA: Special permit granting authority

Stone or Monument Works: A stone or monument works shop and/or yard, employing not more than five workers, and providing any stone cutting be done behind a screen between the site of such cutting and any street line or property line.

Story: The portion of a building which is between one floor level and the next higher floor level or the roof. If a mezzanine floor area exceeds one-third of the area of the floor immediately below, it shall be deemed to be a story. Any floor area below finished grade shall be deemed to be a story when its ceiling is four feet six inches or more above grade. Any attic shall be deemed to be a story if more than one-half the floor area has a clear height of seven feet or more.

Street: A way that meets one of the following criteria: (a) a public way or a way which the City Clerk certifies is maintained and used as a public way, or (b) a fully constructed way shown on a plan theretofore approved and endorsed in accordance with the subdivision control law, or (c) a way in existence when the subdivision control law became effective in Framingham, having, in the opinion of the Planning Board, sufficient width, suitable grades and adequate construction to provide for the needs of vehicular traffic in relation to the proposed use of the land abutting thereon or served thereby and for the installation of municipal services to serve such land and the buildings erected or to be erected thereon.

Structure: Any combination of materials assembled at a fixed location providing support or shelter, such as a building, framework, tent, shed, or mast for radio antennas, but excluding sidewalks and paved areas on streets, driveways, parking areas, and patios.

Substantial Alteration: An alteration or improvement of a structure or group of structures under one ownership on the same lot or contiguous lots which results in an increase in gross floor area in excess of either 10 per cent of existing gross floor area or 5,000 square feet, whichever is the lesser amount, or which requires an addition of 10 or more parking spaces to the amount required by these Zoning Ordinances prior to the alteration. The calculation of a substantial alteration shall be determined by the Building Commissioner based on the aggregate of all repairs, improvements, extensions or enlargements undertaken within a consecutive three year term.

Substantial Improvement: An alteration or improvement of a building, the cost of which, including all materials and labor, based on documented estimates or construction costs submitted by the

applicant, equals or exceeds 40 percent of the full value assessment of the building. The calculation of a substantial improvement shall be determined by the Building Commissioner based on the aggregate of all repairs, improvements, extensions or enlargements undertaken within a consecutive three year term.

Technical Review Team (TRT): An informal working group consisting of representatives of the various municipal Departments to review pre-application projects. The TRT meets on a regular basis to provide comments, concerns, recommendations, and a permit/license determination for pre-application projects prior to the submittal of a formal application. The TRT shall include the Building Commissioner, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, the Board of Health, the Division of Planning & Community Development, the Department of Public Works, the Disability Commission, the Fire Department, the Police Department, and/or their designees.

Townhouse: A residential structure containing at least three, but not more than five, single-family dwelling units constructed side-by-side with at least one common firewall. Each residential unit shall have one floor at ground level with its own exclusive separate entrance, unless otherwise modified within these Ordinances.

Transfer of Development Rights (TDR): The Transfer of Development Rights from a Giving Parcel to a Receiving Parcel to allow for the preservation of a Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space Parcel and to increase development potential upon the Receiving Parcels. The Transfer of Development Rights is allowed by a special permit from the Planning Board.

Transfer of Development Rights Yield Plan (TDR Yield Plan): A conceptual site plan developed by a certified professional engineer and/or land surveyor licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that demonstrates the extent of development that could occur by-right on the Giving Parcel. The TDR Yield Plan shall identify all non-buildable areas, which include wetlands, wetland buffers, and Moderate Slopes, and deem this area as non-buildable; non-buildable areas shall not be considered as part of the developable area.

Transit-oriented Development (TOD): A type of community development that focuses on land uses centered around a transit station or within a transit corridor. TOD is characterized by a mixture of uses including: housing, office, retail, and/or other commercial development and amenities; reduction in parking; high quality design; multiple transportation options; and integrated into a walkable neighborhood and located within a walkable distance to quality public transportation.

Truck Terminal: A location that acts as an important interchange or the end of a freight transportation route, where the contents of freight trucks are broken into shipments for other carriers**.** Servicing or repair of such vehicles is prohibited.

Two-Family Dwelling: A building used as living quarters and habitation by two families, containing separate cooking, bathroom, and sleeping facilities in each of the living quarters.

Upland: Land which is not "Land under Water Bodies and Waterways", "Freshwater Wetlands", or "Vernal Pool Habitat" as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Ordinance [General Ordinance Article V, Section 18.2], as well as land which is not an area of special flood hazard, as described under Section III.A.1.

Use: The purpose for which a structure or lot is arranged, designed, intended to be used, occupied, or maintained.

Vehicle Storage Yard: Open or enclosed storage of motor vehicles, excluding outdoor storage of junk or inoperative motor vehicles.

Veterinary Services: An establishment for the provision of veterinary services or animal groomer, with all activity conducted within an enclosed structure.

Wholesale Business: Places of business including storage such as building trade suppliers and lumber yards that sell goods primarily to retailers, industrial, commercial, institutional or professional businesses. Storage of flammable liquids and gas prohibited.

Workforce Housing: Housing intended for households earning between 60 percent and 120 percent of the area median income (AMI). A minimum of 50 percent of the Workforce Housing units at the development must be affordable for households earning at or below 80 percent of the AMI. Such housing shall be governed by an affordable housing deed restriction in accordance with M.G.L. c. 184, sec, 31-33, and shall be reported annually to the Department of Planning and Community Development in Framingham, and/or such other designated organization as required for compliance.

Workshop: The shop of a plumber, carpenter, electrician, upholsterer or similar workshop or repair establishment conducted entirely within an enclosed structure. All work and storage shall be sufficiently sound-insulated and confined to the premises to protect the neighborhood.

2. Terms Not Defined

Terms not defined in this Section or elsewhere in these Zoning Ordinances but defined in the State Building Code or in the Massachusetts General Laws shall have the meanings given therein unless a contrary intention is clearly evident in these Zoning Ordinances.

F. A Temporary Moratorium on New Construction and New Applications for Multi-Family Dwellings within the City of Framingham

1. a. This moratorium shall cease all new construction and new applications blanketing those uses defined as multi-family developments in all districts in which multi-family uses are permitted by right and by special permit. This moratorium does not prohibit the construction of duplex units in districts that are currently allowed.

b. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to allow for a reasonable time period to pause new construction of multi-family developments in consideration of the 1,410 new units that have been permitted since August 4, 2016 to February 27, 2020, with 876 being permitted in the Central Business District.

c. Such pause during this time where there is a current Covid-19 pandemic causing a shelter in place order by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides the environment to conduct the necessary studies to prepare a plan going forward. Such pause provides the City of Framingham the necessary reasonable time period to study and address those critical ongoing issues of concerns regarding traffic and transportation management, public safety, housing needs and associated impacts that can be substantively examined and addressed without causing harm to the ongoing initiative of revitalization of the City.

d. The duration for such Moratorium shall be for a period of two hundred and seventy (270) days, such time period to toll beginning at the adoption date of this Moratorium signed into Order and the end date to be midnight of the two hundred and seventieth day. If an extension is needed to complete the studies and plans needed to be in place to proceed with economic development plans, such extension will not be longer than an additional ninety (90) days.

It is noted that said moratorium is intended to allow time to develop implementation plans relative to economic development and traffic and transportation plans.

CITY OF FRAMINGHAM
ZONING ORDINANCES

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K. NOBSCOT VILLAGE DISTRICT

A. Classes of Districts

For the purpose of these Zoning Ordinances, the City of Framingham is hereby divided into classes of Zoning Districts as follows:

1. **Residence Districts:**
   The purpose of the residential districts is to preserve the character of residential neighborhoods. The City contains five different residential zoning districts: Single Residence (R-1), Single Residence (R-2), Single Residence (R-3), Single Residence (R-4), and General Residence (G). Each district varies in lot area, frontage, setbacks, open space percentage, and height requirements. The R-1 and the G Districts contain the densest single family neighborhoods, while decreasing in density through to the R-4 District which contains the least dense and largest lots within Framingham

2. **Business Districts**
   The purpose of the business districts is to offer a range of existing and proposed commercial and mixed-uses specific to each district. The variety of business districts within the City supports a range of small neighborhood villages to large commercial centers. The City contains five different business zoning districts: Neighborhood Business (B-1), Community Business (B-2), General Business (B-3 and B-4), Central Business (CB), and Business (B).

   a. Neighborhood Business: B-1
   The purpose of the Neighborhood Business District is to preserve and encourage the provision of small scale retail and service uses for nearby residential areas. Development within this District is intended to be pedestrian-oriented and compatible with the scale of surrounding residential areas. This District reinforces historic preservation through the development of traditional neighborhood village centers, with small lots, small setbacks, parking to the side or rear, and a mixed-use of structures containing a variety of businesses. The B-1 District was established to protect adjacent residential neighborhoods from the impacts and encroachment of large scale development.

   b. Community Business: B-2
   The purpose of the Community Business District is to foster small commercial sites and compact commercial centers which provide a variety of services to nearby residential neighborhoods and the community. The emphasis of this District is on uses which will provide services for the nearby residential areas. The B-2 District shall be primarily accessible and inviting to motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists of all ages and abilities. The District allows for a full range of retail, service, and business uses with a local market area. The desired character includes areas which are predominantly built-up, with buildings close to and oriented towards the sidewalk especially at corners. Development is intended to be pedestrian-oriented and buildings with an improved visual quality storefront are encouraged.

   c. General Business: B-3
   The purpose of the General Business District is to foster business and commercial areas that allows for the expansion of consolidated shopping centers and mixed-uses at the local and regional scale. Development within the B-3 and B-4 District encourages the consolidation of small parcels, to establish a high density building coverage, which aims to prevent the scattering of small-lot developments. Furthermore, development is intended to be pedestrian oriented with a strong emphasis on a safe and attractive streetscape. Buildings should be located along the street frontage, with parking in the rear or to the side, while promoting shared-access driveways, circulation, and parking facilities where possible to increase the density of the building or landscaped area and reduce traffic hazards.

   d. Nobscot Village District: B-4
   The purpose of the Nobscot Village District is to foster and attract development opportunities that lead to a direct investment into pivotal areas where junctions or crossroads exist. The intent is to

encourage redevelopment and reinvestment into a neighborhood center in order to re-establish this area as fully integrated and functionally vibrant village center. The Nobscot Village District shall include a mixture of various uses that are able to support and promote business and community within the area. Uses are intended to complement one another and allow for different offerings such as art and cultural spaces, public community space, educational/institutional use, entertainment, residential, office space, retail, and other small business enterprises.

Streetscapes and façades are required to be designed to blend with the context of existing neighborhoods in accordance with the respective design standards set forth for Nobscot Village, while aggressively promoting a walkable community that incorporates the use of bicycles and other non-vehicular modes of transportation in order to reduce short-trip vehicular dependency. The Nobscot Village District is intended to provide all users with a live-work-play-learn environment that accommodates all stages of life and all ability levels.

The Nobscot Village District is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and open space lands. Any development and/or redevelopment within the Nobscot Village District shall be strongly encouraged to be designed in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section II.K Nobscot Village Zoning District Ordinance and Section IV.E.2. Table of Dimensional Regulations of these Zoning Ordinances, to ensure the intent of the Nobscot Village District is maintained as envisioned by the City of Framingham. Therefore, any relief and/or deviation from the previously stated Sections of the Framingham Zoning Ordinances is strongly discouraged to ensure a project remains in context with the vision of the Nobscot Village District.

e. Central Business: CB

The purpose of the Central Business (CB) District is to stimulate a pedestrian- and transit-oriented, mixed-use environment that is supported by a mixture of residential, retail, office, and other commercial uses. The CB District encourages a compact, transit-oriented development setting while preserving the area as the Framingham's financial, civic, cultural, and government center. The CB District is intended to generate a livable downtown environment with a strong presence of a multitude of activities that increase pedestrian access and reduce the number of auto-oriented uses. Development should preserve the historic nature and architecturally significant buildings within the CB District, while promoting new and infill development to support a multi-modal transportation, mixed-use environment.

f. Business: B

The purpose of the Business District is to allow automobile oriented commercial development in areas already predominantly built in this manner. The zone allows for a full range of retail and service business within a local and regional market. The zone's development standards promote attractive development, an open and pleasant street appearance, and compatibility with adjacent residential areas. Development is intended to be aesthetically pleasing for motorists, transit users, pedestrians, bicyclists, and the businesses owners.

3. Office and Professional Districts: P

The purpose of the Office & Professional District is to serve as a transition zone between commercial, manufacturing, and residential zoning districts. The intent of this District is to accommodate professional, medical, financial, and administrative uses while creating a design and landscape that is harmonious with the adjacent residential uses.

4. Planned Reuse Districts: PRD

The purpose of the Planned Reuse District is to encourage the appropriate reuse of land and buildings that are no longer needed or suitable for their original use. This District applies only to land and buildings in municipal ownership. Reuses are to be compatible with the character of the neighborhood and must take into consideration the interests of abutters, neighbors, and the public, especially where the site abuts a residential area or the building(s) merit preservation.

5. Manufacturing Districts

a. Light Manufacturing: M-1

The purpose of the Light Manufacturing District is to provide space for the expansion, attraction, or retention of office, light industrial, research & development, manufacturing, service, and warehouse uses; promoting the development of businesses which incorporate a mix of industrial and commercial activities, including manufacturing and research & development, while accommodating a wide range of other employment activities.

b. General Manufacturing: M

The purpose of the Manufacturing District is to provide areas within Framingham where research & development, large scale corporations, and industrial uses may locate. It is the intent of these Districts to promote viable and attractive industrial areas, with a campus style development, promoting walkability, enhancing employment and economic vitality within the Districts. To minimize conflict and preserve the Manufacturing District for its primary purposes, residential uses are not permitted.

6. Open Space and Recreation Districts: OSR

The purpose of the Open Space and Recreation District is to encourage, preserve, and protect land for recreational uses; and to conserve natural conditions, open space, wildlife and vegetation for the general welfare of the public. Lands that are environmentally sensitive shall be preserved and protected to ensure the continued health, safety, and welfare of the community and may serve as a location for passive recreational activities. This District encourages the establishment of trails for pedestrian and non-motorized activities.

7. Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing Districts: G-E

The purpose of the Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District is to encourage the development of senior housing that is compatible and complementary to its neighborhood scale and context, while providing services and amenities required by seniors, and allows for and encourages neighborhood walkability. Senior housing developments shall provide for superior functional design, quality of construction, appearance, and operational standards.

8. Technology Park Districts: TP

The purpose of the Technology Park District is to allow lands suitable for technology production and development, such as biotechnology, software and hardware development, and electronics, in addition to industrial, professional office, research and development, and manufacturing uses that are part of a master planned development project. Developments within the District shall be designed to provide a pedestrian friendly environment, with a high attention to design and landscape detail.

9.a. Corporate Mixed-use District (CMU)

The Corporate Mixed-use (CMU) District is intended to promote a mixture of uses that result in a vibrant master-planned community. The CMU District shall be designed as a cohesive campus with high-density development and/or redevelopment that integrates pedestrian-friendly and open space features, while decreasing the need for the use of a personal automobile for trips within the CMU and the Technology Park (TP) Zoning Districts. The CMU District is intended to enhance, support and promote retention of the existing business community while providing additional business services to Framingham's offerings as an economic center. The CMU shall serve as an innovation center for additional employment

opportunities, business development, research and development enterprises, and office space that provides amenities such as employment training centers, medical education, commercial, entertainment, and recreational uses to support the business community and the region. The CMU shall follow the regulations outlined in Section II.J (of these Ordinances), in addition to other applicable Sections of these Ordinances.

B. Table of Uses

No building, structure, or land shall be used and no building or part thereof or other structure shall be erected, raised, reconstructed, extended, enlarged, or altered, for any purpose or in any manner other than as permitted as set forth in the Table of Uses or unless otherwise authorized by these Zoning Ordinances, except that nothing in these Zoning Ordinances shall affect the existing use of any building or lot. No lot may be used for more than one principal use, except as otherwise specifically allowed by these Zoning Ordinances

TABLE LEGEND (subject to the footnotes)

Y Uses which are permitted as of right
N Uses which are prohibited
SPZ Uses that require a special permit from Zoning Board of Appeals
SPP Uses that require a special permit from the Planning Board
SP Uses that require a special permit from either Zoning Board of Appeals or Planning Board depending upon the size of the establishment (see footnotes).

For uses with a dash (-), see footnote 8.
Parking codes refer to the numbered uses set forth in the Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations; see that Table for the applicable parking requirements.
For those uses with an * under Parking Code, see the Mixed Use Regulations, Section V.G.

Uses which are defined in Section 1.E are in **bold.**

USE CATEGORY	**R**	**G**	**B-1[1]**	**B-2[2]**	**B-3[3]**	**B-4**	**CB[4]**	**B[3]**	**P[3]**	**PRD[5]**	**M-1[3]**	**M[3]**	**OSR[6]**	**TP[7]**	**CMU**	**Parking code**
1. RESIDENTIAL																
A. Single-family Detached Dwelling	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	1
B. **Two-family Dwelling[8]**	N	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	N	SPZ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	2
C. Multi-family Dwelling	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y[10]	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	2
D. Artist Live/Work/Gallery	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	2

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E. **Mixed-use**	N	N	SPP	SPP	SPP	Y	Y[9]	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y[16]	*
F. **Mixed-use Complex**	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	Y	Y[9]	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y[16]	*
G. **Assisted Living Housing**	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	N	N	N	SPP[17]	3
H. **Congregate Living Housing**	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	N	N	N	N[16]	
2. RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY																
A. **Home Occupation**	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	30
B. **Family Child Care Home**	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	7
C. **Large Family Child Care Home**	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	7
D. **Accessory Garage**	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	none
E. Private stables, barn, similar accessory structures	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	none
F. Accessory swimming pool	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	none
G. Amateur radio tower	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPP	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	none
H. Limited Accessory Structures	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPP	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	none
I. Accessory Dwelling Unit	SPZ	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	28
3. INSTITUTIONAL AND RECREATIONAL																
A. **Municipal Services**	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	23
B. Municipal water towers and reservoirs	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	none

C. Cemeteries	SPP	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	N	SPP	N	N	none
USE CATEGORY	**R**	**G**	**B-1[1]**	**B-2[2]**	**B-3[3]**	**B-4**	**CB[4]**	**B[3]**	**P[3]**	**PRD[5]**	**M-1[3]**	**M[3]**	**OSR[6]**	**TP[7]**	**CMU**	**Parking code**
D. Lodge, club or private non-profit social or fraternal organization	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	9
E. **Cultural Center**.	N	N	SP	SP	SP	Y	SP	N	N	N	SP	SP	N	N	SPP	13
F. Trade, professional, or other school unless exempt	N	N	SP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	Y	7
G. Day care for elderly	N	N	SP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP	N	SP	SP	N	N	Y	7
H. Licensed nursing, rest, or convalescent home, **Hospice Facilities,** and/or **Nursing Care Facilities**	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPP	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	N	N	N	N	11
I. **Outdoor Recreational Facilities**	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPP	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	N	Y	N	Y	5 or 6
J. **Indoor Recreational Facilities**	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	SPZ	N	Y	6
K. **Indoor Entertainment Facility**	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	SP	SP	N	SPP	Y	6
L. **Outdoor Entertainment Facility**	N	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	Y	-	Y	6
M. **Cultural and Educational Centers**	N	N	SPZ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPZ	N	N	N	SPZ	N	Y	13
N. **Center for Performing Arts**	N	N	SPP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPP	N	N	N	N	SPP	Y	13
O. Educational training facilities and conference centers accessory to permitted use	N	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	23
4. AGRICULTURAL																

A. Greenhouses, nurseries, horticulture, forestry, floriculture	Y	Y	SPZ	Y	Y	SPP	SPZ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	17
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B. **Farms and/or Agriculture**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	none
C. Boarding of domestic animals	N	N	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	SPZ	N	SPZ	SPZ	19
5. COMMERCIAL						Y										
A. **Business or Professional Office**	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	15
B **Medical Office**	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	-	Y	14
C. Financial institution such as bank or credit union	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	-	Y	16
D. **Retail Services[12]**	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	-	Y	19
E. **Retail Stores/Custom Work shops**	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPP	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	-	Y	19
F. **Service Establishment**	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	-	Y	18
G. **Veterinary Services**	N	N	SP	SP	SP	Y	SP	Y	N	N	SP	SP	N	-	Y	14
H. Undertaker or funeral establishment.	N	N	SP	SP	SP	Y	SP	Y	N	N	SP	SP	N	N	N	26
I. **Workshop**	N	N	SP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	-	N	21
J. **Restaurant**	N	N	SP	Y	Y	Y	Y[11]	Y	SP	N	SP	SP	N	-	Y	9
K. **Fast Food Establishment**	N	N	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	Y	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	-	SPP	10
L. Brew Pubs	N	N	SP	SP	Y	Y	Y[11]	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	10

M. Accessory drive-thru for financial institution	N	N	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	N	SPP	SPP	N	SPP	SPP	N	-	N	None
USE CATEGORY	**R**	**G**	**B-1[1]**	**B-2[2]**	**B-3[3]**	**B-4**	**CB[4]**	**B[3]**	**P[3]**	**PRD[5]**	**M-1[3]**	**M[3]**	**OSR[6]**	**TP[7]**	**CMU**	**Parking code**
N. **Accessory Drive-thru for Fast Food Establishment or Pharmacy**	N	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	-	N	None
O. **Personal Health and Exercise Facility, or Health Club.**	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	-	Y	6
P. **Gasoline service station**	N	N	N	N	SP	SPP	N	SP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	21
Q. Parking facility	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	-	SPP	None
R. Radio or Television Studio	N	N	N	SP	SP	SPP	SP	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	24
T. **Carwash**	N	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	SPP	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	N	27
U. **Automobile Repair**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	21
V. **Automobile Dealer**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	22
W. **Motel**	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	N	SPP	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	N	4
X. **Hotel**	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	SPP	4
6. <u>MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL</u>																
A. **Research, Development & Laboratories**[13]	N	N	N	SP	SP	SPP	SP	SP	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	25
B. **Wholesale Business**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	Y	N	N	SPP	24
C. Processing, assembly and manufacturing[14]	N[15]	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	Y	N	Y	Y	25

D. **Commercial Dealers**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	N	N	SP	Y	N	SP	SPP	24
USE CATEGORY	**R**	**G**	**B-1[1]**	**B-2[2]**	**B-3[3]**	**B-4**	**CB[4]**	**B[3]**	**P[3]**	**PRD[5]**	**M-1[3]**	**M[3]**	**OSR[6]**	**TP[7]**	**CMU**	**Parking code**
E. Retail and wholesale ice dealers	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	24
G. Bottling works	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	SP	SPP	25
H **Stone or Monument Works**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	25
I. Large scale printing and printing presses	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	25
J. Delivery services	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SP	Y	N	Y	SPP	24
K. Indoor recycling facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	N	N	25
L. Commercial or private landfill, refuse incinerator, solid waste disposal or processing facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	N	N	25
M. Storage and distribution facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	N	Y	N	24
N. Artisan Production/Creative Enterprise	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	SPP	N	N	N	N	N	SPP	
O. Brewery, Distillery, or Winery with Tasting Room	N	N	N	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	SPP	N	N	SPP	SPP	N	N	SPP	25

[1] No individual establishment shall exceed 3,000 square feet in gross floor area per establishment and no building or structure shall exceed 6,000 square feet in gross floor area in the B-1 District, except as regulated herein. The gross floor area of individual establishments for purposes of this District shall exclude all or part of the area used for ancillary storage space which is secondary and incidental to the allowed principal use, such that the excluded area may not exceed 50 percent of the area of the principal use. The Planning Board may, by special permit, grant approval for individual establishments which exceed 3,000 square feet in gross floor area per establishment, subject to the following requirements: 1) The individual establishment shall be located within a building or structure in existence prior to the establishment of the property within a B-1 zone, where such building exceeded 6,000 square feet in gross floor area at such time; 2) No

special permit for size may be issued for individual establishments to exceed 50 percent of the existing building gross floor area, and in no event may a special permit be issued for individual establishments in excess of 10,000 square feet per establishment.

[2] No individual establishment shall exceed 8,000 square feet in gross floor area per establishment and no building or structure shall exceed 8,000 square feet in gross floor area in the B-2 District, except as regulated herein. Uses designated "SP" require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for uses under 8,000 square feet of gross floor area. The Planning Board may, by special permit, grant approval for individual establishments with 8,000 or greater than 8,000 square feet of gross floor area per establishment up to a maximum size of 50,000 square feet in gross floor area per establishment and may, by special permit, grant approval for a building or structure up to a maximum of 60,000 square feet in gross floor area.

[3] Uses designated "SP" require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for uses under 8,000 square feet of gross floor area or a special permit from the Planning Board for uses that are 8,000 square feet of gross floor area or greater.

[4] Uses designated "SP" require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for uses under 8,000 square feet of gross floor area or a special permit from the Planning Board for uses that are 8,000 square feet of gross floor area or greater. A special permit for used car dealers may not be granted in the Central Business District unless it is a renewal of an existing valid special permit.

[5] See Section II.E for further provisions regarding the uses allowed in the Planned Reuse District.

[6] In no case shall the Zoning Board of Appeals issue a special permit for use on any lot within this district

a) such that the gross floor area of all buildings and structures in the district exceed eighteen thousand (18,000) square feet, or

b) such that the floor area ratio of all buildings and structures in the district exceeds one percent, whichever is the lesser. Ancillary administrative, maintenance and sanitary facilities necessary to serve the recreational uses in the District may be allowed by special permit from Zoning Board of Appeals.

[7] See Section II.F for further provisions regarding the uses allowed in the Technology Park District. Retail outlets, accessory to a use permitted by this section, having a gross floor area no greater than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet; and non-automotive commercial uses and services intended for the primary use and convenience of the employees of the Technology Park District such as restaurants, branch banks, financial services, personal services and dry cleaners, provided the same do not occupy more than two thousand five hundred (2,500) square feet each are allowed by special permit from the Planning Board.

[8] The Zoning Board of Appeals shall not grant a special permit for a nonconforming lot or structure. The Lot and structure shall conform to the existing area, frontage, width, setback, and lot coverage requirements applicable to the zoning districts in which they are located. Off-street parking shall be provided for both dwelling units in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section IV.B.

[9] Mixed use structures and mixed use complexes over 30,000 square feet shall require a special permit from Planning Board.

[10] Multi-family structures with over 30,000 square feet shall require a special permit from the Planning Board.

[11] Restaurants and Brew Pubs over 5,000 square feet shall require a special permit from the Planning Board.

[12] Marijuana Retailers shall only be permitted within the Marijuana Retail Overlay District. Such Marijuana Retailer-shall not be located within a 500' buffer of schools, which shall be measured from boundary line of the school owned property to the boundary line the proposed location.

[13] **Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratory** shall be classified under **Research, Development & Laboratories** for the purposes of Section II.B.2 of the Framingham Zoning Ordinances.

[14] **Marijuana Cultivator** and **Marijuana Product Manufacturer** shall be classified under Processing, Assembly and manufacturing for the purposes of Section II.B.2 of the Framingham Zoning Ordinances.

[15] Cultivation of marijuana by a duly licensed Marijuana Cultivator, which may be a sole licensee or co-located with a licensed Marijuana Product Manufacturer under the same ownership, shall be permitted within the R-4 Zoning District only on a parcel of land or one or more contiguous parcels of land in common ownership, consisting of 15 acres or more, and engaged in "farming" or "agriculture" as defined in M.G.L. c. 128 §1A.. Such use(s) shall require Site Plan review pursuant to Section VI.F. A Marijuana Product Manufacturer that is not co-located with a Marijuana Cultivator shall not be allowed in the R-4 district. A Marijuana Cultivation facility, or a Marijuana Cultivation facility co-located with a Marijuana Product Manufacturer, shall not be located any closer than 100' from any residential lot line and shall have a 25' wide buffered screen no more than 60' from the edge of the structure to allow the facility to blend with its landscape.

[16] Residential uses shall not be permitted within the CMU, except for Assisted Living as permitted by Special Permit from the Planning Board..

[17]A Special Permit for Assisted Living may only be granted if such use is on a Lot which has other permitted uses) existing at the time such Special Permit is granted with aggregate square feet in gross floor area equal to or greater than the square foot gross floor area of the proposed Assisted Living use

C. PROHIBITED USES

All uses that pose a present or potential hazard to human health, safety, welfare, or the environment through emission of smoke, particulate matter, noise or vibration, or through fire or explosive hazard, or glare are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts. In addition, the following uses are expressly prohibited in all zoning districts.

a. Abattoir and commercial slaughtering;
b. Manufacturing and storage of corrosive, poisonous or malodorous acids and chemicals;
c. Cement, lime, gypsum and plaster-of-Paris manufacture;
d. Fertilizer manufacture or fat rendering in manufacture of tallow, grease, and oils;
e. Glue, size and gelatin manufacture;
f. Petroleum and kerosene refining or distillation and derivation of by-products;
g. Manufacture, use, storage, transport or treatment, disposal and/or processing of explosive, toxic or hazardous materials;
h. Smelting and reduction of metals or ores;
i. Asphalt plants;
j. Concrete batch plants;
k. Reclamation and reprocessing of asphalt and/or concrete;
l. Lumber mills;
m. Raising and breeding of fur bearing animals;
n. Yard for storage and sale of used building and junk materials;
o. Billboards;
p. Any other use that produces disturbing or offensive noise, vibration, smoke, gas, fumes, odors, dust or other objectionable or hazardous features;
q. Automobile Storage as a principal use;
r. Vehicle Storage Yard;
s. Truck Terminal;
t. Landscape Business;
u. Contractor Yard or Shop.

No use variance shall be granted for any prohibited use set forth in this subsection, within any zoning district in the City of Framingham.

Nothing in these Zoning Ordinances shall prohibit or regulate any use in contravention of M.G.L. c. 40A, §3 or any other applicable state or federal law.

D. HOME OCCUPATIONS

Home occupations as accessory uses within single family dwellings are subject to the following conditions:

(1) The home occupation shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling as a residence, shall be located within the dwelling unit or a single accessory building, and shall not change the residential character thereof.

(2) The area utilized for the purpose of the home occupation shall not exceed the smaller of (a) twenty-five per cent of the total floor area of the dwelling unit or (b) four hundred square feet.

(3) No non-resident employees shall be allowed in a home occupation.

(4) Not more than three customers, clients, pupils, or patients for business or instruction shall be present at any one time. Customers, clients, etc. shall be present only between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

(5) There shall be no exterior display or storage of goods or materials, and no exterior indication of the home office or occupation other than one non-illuminated identification sign not to exceed two square feet in area.

(6) There shall be no noise, vibration, glare, fumes, odors, or electrical interference beyond that which normally occurs in a residential area.

E. PLANNED REUSE

1. Purpose and Intent

It is the intent of the Planning Reuse District (PRD) to permit and encourage the appropriate reuse of land and buildings that are no longer needed or suitable for their original use, and to permit reuses which are compatible with the character of the neighborhood and which take into consideration the interests of abutters, neighbors and the public, especially where the site abuts a residential area or the building(s) merit preservation. The provisions of this section shall apply only to land and buildings in municipal ownership that have been zoned as PRD.

2. Use Regulations

No building or structure shall be used or arranged or designed to be used in any part and no change shall be made in the use of land or premises except for one or more of the following purposes:

a. All uses permissible by right or by special permit in a Single Residence District subject to the same lot size, frontage, and setback regulations as residences in the R-3 Single Residence District.

b. Multi-family or single-family residences at a density greater than that permitted by Section II.E.2.a of these Zoning Ordinances., subject to the Special Reuse Permit provisions of Section II.E.3 of these Zoning Ordinances.

c. Medical, professional, business, banking, or research and development offices, subject to the Special Reuse Permit provisions of Section II.E.3 of these Zoning Ordinances.

d. Retail service establishments or retail stores, including shops for making articles to be sold at retail on the premises, subject to the Special Reuse Permit provisions of Section II.E.3 of these Zoning Ordinances.

3. Planned Reuse Provisions

a. Requirement

In all instances where a Special Reuse Permit is required by this Section, no structure shall be erected, enlarged or used and no land shall be used except in conformity with said Permit. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall be the permit granting authority for such Permits.

b. Application Procedure

Prior to the filing of an application subject to this Section, the applicant shall submit plans to the Building Commissioner who shall advise the applicant as to the pertinent sections of these Zoning Ordinances. The applicant shall then submit five copies of the application to the ZBA which shall forthwith transmit one copy each to the City Clerk, the Engineering Department, and the Planning Board. Such agencies shall, within 30 days of receiving said copy, submit a report containing recommendations and the reasons therefor to the ZBA, and may recommend conditions deemed appropriate for the proposed use. The ZBA shall not render a decision on any such application until said recommendations have been received and considered, or until the 30-day period has expired, whichever is earlier. Failure of such agencies to submit their respective recommendations shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto. The conduct and notification of

hearings and decisions on applications under this Section shall be in accordance with the procedures for all special permits in M.G.L. Ch. 40A, §9.

c. Contents of Application

To assist the ZBA in rendering its decision on the application, said application shall indicate at least the following:

(1) Locus plan indicating, for the subject site and for all properties within 1000 feet: lot lines, ownership, location of structures and location of significant landscape features.

(2) Existing site plan with contours at a maximum of two feet showing location of structures, parking areas, driveways and walkways, and other significant site features.

(3) Proposed site plan including a plan of the layout of buildings and structures and the proposed use of interior space; a parking plan; a landscaping plan; a drainage plan with contours at a maximum of two feet; a design plan showing the exterior treatment of buildings; and, for areas or buildings having historical or architectural significance, a design plan showing the interior treatment of buildings.

(4) If new construction or additions are proposed, a perspective drawing showing the new construction or additions in relationship to existing buildings on the site and on adjacent land.

(5) A traffic report.

(6) Information pertaining to the financial feasibility and the likelihood of completion of the proposed project.

(7) Other information as may reasonably be required by the ZBA to ensure compliance with the provisions of this Section.

d. Conditions for Approval

The ZBA shall approve only those applications which meet the following conditions:

(1) The proposal protects adjoining premises from characteristics of the proposed use which are incompatible, detrimental, offensive, or unsightly.

(2) The proposal ensures the harmonious relationship of proposed structures and additions to the terrain and to the use, scale, and architecture of existing buildings on the site or in the vicinity that have functional or visual relationship to the proposed structures and additions.

(3) The proposal preserves and enhances open space, trees, plantings and other natural features of the site.

(4) The proposal maximizes the privacy of residents on the site and on abutting parcels.

(5) The proposal ensures that the size, location, design, color, texture, lighting and materials of all permanent signs shall not detract from the use and enjoyment of the site and the surrounding properties.

(6) The proposal protects Framingham's heritage by minimizing removal or disruption of historic, traditional or significant uses, structures or architectural elements, whether these exist on the site or on adjacent properties.

(7) The proposal provides convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site, and in relation to adjacent ways, property or improvements, and the proposed use will not result in a volume of traffic inappropriate to the public ways providing access to the site.

(8) Adequate parking facilities are provided in accordance with Section IV. of these Zoning Ordinances.

(9) The proposal provides adequate methods of disposal and storage of wastes resulting from the uses proposed for the site, and adequate methods of drainage for surface water.

(10) The proposed uses and structures are consistent with any conditions imposed by the City Council on the sale, lease, or transfer of the site.

In approving a Special Reuse Permit the ZBA may attach such conditions and safeguards as are deemed necessary to protect the neighborhood, including a bond or other security to ensure compliance with the conditions of authorization.

F. TECHNOLOGY PARK DISTRICT

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of these Technology Park District regulations is to promote technological and light industrial development so as to enhance employment and economic vitality by allowing a certain mix of land uses at a higher density, without a corresponding increase in traffic, than is otherwise permitted in other zoning districts. In addition, these provisions are intended to ensure that the technology park is served by a sufficient vehicular circulation network and infrastructure to meet the particular demands of the facilities within the park without a corresponding impact on services in surrounding residential neighborhoods and commercial areas in proximity to the park.

2. Applicability

a. The zoning classification of an area of land may be changed to a Technology Park District if the following conditions are met.

i. A vote by City Council in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 5.

ii. The land complies with all of the following requirements:

a) Total land area shall not be less than one-hundred fifty (**150**) acres.

b) The land shall be located within an existing Light Manufacturing ("**M-1**") or General Manufacturing ("**M**") zoning district.

c) The land shall have direct vehicular access onto a divided multi-lane state highway by means of an existing public way or existing curb cut.

b. These regulations shall apply to all new construction as well as all proposals for development within the Technology Park District which must seek a Special Permit from the Planning Board for Off-Street Parking or Site Plan Review.

3. Permitted Uses

No building or structure shall be used, constructed or designed to be used in any part, and no change shall be made in the use of land or premises, except as provided in Section II.B of these Zoning Ordinances.

4. Special Permit for Uses

See Table of Uses, Section II.B of these Zoning Ordinances.

5. Floor Area Ratio Requirements in a Technology Park District

a. Table of Floor Area Ratios

The ratio of the gross floor area of any building or group of buildings on a lot, including accessory buildings but excluding parking garages or structures, to the area of the lot (Floor Area Ratio (FAR)) shall not exceed the Base FAR as specified in the following Table of Floor Area Ratios, except as provided in Section II.F.5.b. of these Zoning Ordinances.

USE	BASE FAR	MAX. FAR
Retail, Commercial, day care	0.25	0.32
Business and professional offices, educational training facilities, conference centers and centers for the performing arts	0.4	0.6
Research and development, processing, assembly, manufacturing, printing, laboratory and associated offices	0.8	1.0
Storage, delivery and distribution facilities	0.8	1.0

b. Special Permit for an Increase in FAR

1) The Planning Board may grant, by special permit, an increase in the "Base FAR" up to the maximum FAR as specified in the Table of Floor Area Ratios, Section II.F.5.a., above, for parcels located in the Technology Park District, if all of the following conditions are met:

a) The increase in FAR will achieve the goals, intent and objectives of these Technology Park District Ordinance.

b) The increased development complies with the standards set forth in Section VI.F.6.a(2),(3),(4),(5),(6), and (7) of these Zoning Ordinances.

c) The applicant agrees to develop a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan and actively participate in a transportation demand management program to reduce the number of peak hour vehicle trips. TDM programs shall include, but are not limited to, membership or contribution to a transportation management organization, carpooling program, public transportation voucher program, public transit system, bicycle trail and lane, pedestrian way, or shuttle service.

The Planning Board shall make written findings prior to approving or disapproving any application for Special Permit for an Increase in FAR.

2) Conditions Limitations and Safeguards
In granting approval of a Special Permit for an Increase in FAR, the Planning Board may attach such conditions, limitations and safeguards as are deemed reasonably necessary to promote the purpose and intent of these Technology Park District Ordinance. Such conditions shall be in writing and shall be part of such approval. Such conditions may include, but not be limited to, the following:

a) The conditions, limitations and safeguards stated in Section VI.F.8. a. through f.

b) In lieu of specific traffic mitigation, the applicant may at the request of the Planning Board, deposit with the Framingham Treasurer, a sum of money equivalent to the requirements of Section VI.F.6.a.(2) of these Zoning Ordinances to be used for construction of roadway or other infrastructure improvements.

6. Special Regulations for Technology Park District

a. Participation in TDM:
All proposals for development within the Technology Park District which must seek a special permit from the Planning Board for Off-Street Parking or Site Plan Review, shall, at a minimum, be accompanied by a transportation demand management plan and evidence of active participation in a transportation demand management program.

b. Off-Street Parking Requirements:
The Base Parking Requirement for Research and Development, Processing, Assembly and Manufacturing, Printing, and Laboratory and for Associated Offices that the Planning Board finds are related and ancillary to these uses shall be 1 space per 800 square feet of gross floor area or 1

space per employee, whichever is greater. Additional parking requirements for the square footage above the Base FAR and up to the Maximum FAR shall be additive to the Base Parking Requirement and shall be calculated at 50 percent of the Base Parking Requirement.

7. Landscaped Open Space Requirements in the District

a. Minimum Landscaped Open Space in the Technology Park District shall be 25 percent (LSR=0.25) for all uses within the district, except Research and Development, Processing, Assembly and Manufacturing, Printing, and Storage and Distribution Facilities which shall have a minimum Landscaped Open Space of 20 percent (LSR = 0.20).

b. Landscaping within the Technology Park District shall be provided substantially in accordance with the goals and objectives of **Section III.E.8.** of these Zoning Ordinances with the following exceptions:

1) Landscaped buffer strips along any public street shall be a minimum of 30' wide. The Planning Board may reduce the buffer to 15' along the public way provided that the Applicant replicates the open space elsewhere on the site in the form of courtyard areas or other types of usable open space, as approved by the Planning Board.

2) Sub-section **h.** "**Landscaping Within off-Street Parking Areas"** of these Zoning Ordinances shall not apply. However, the parking areas shall, whenever feasible, be designed with landscaping which breaks up large expanses of asphalt with divider or terminal islands.

3) Sub-section **i. "Landscaping Adjacent to Buildings"** of these Zoning Ordinances shall only apply to office, education and training facilities, conference centers, centers for performing arts and retail facilities that may be constructed within the Park.

G. ACCESSORY USES

Accessory uses shall be such as do not alter the character of the premises on which they are located or impair the neighborhood.

Any use permitted as a principal use is also permitted as an accessory use provided such use is incidental to and customarily found in connection with the principal use, building or structure and which is located on the same lot with the principal use, building or structure. Any use authorized as a principal use by a SPGA may also be authorized as an accessory use by the same SPGA provided such use is incidental to and customarily found in connection with the principal use, building or structure on the same lot with the principal use, building or structure.

Any use not allowed in a zoning district as a principal use is also prohibited as an accessory use. An accessory use is permitted only in connection with a lawfully existing principal use. A use or activity which is prohibited in the zoning district shall also be expressly prohibited as an accessory use.

In any instance where site plan review approval is required for a principal use, the addition of any new use accessory to the principal use, where such addition exceeds the thresholds established in Section VI.F.2., shall also require site plan review approval as amended from time to time.

G. 1. RESTAURANT OUTDOOR DINING REGULATIONS

a. Purpose and Intent

The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in a spontaneous change to our economic environment, locally, nationally, and internationally. These regulations are in response to the need to allow additional seating for the restaurant community in order to optimize the utility of each respective site. Public health requirements have placed new burdens and challenges on the business community to provide more physical space between customers and staff.

Restaurants have been the most affected by this change. These regulations are intended to continue to allow local restaurants to maintain currently established temporary outdoor seating on sidewalks, parking lots, on-street parking spaces, or landscaped yard areas around their restaurants to provide more space for seating their patrons and picking uptake-out orders.

These regulations are intended to provide more physical space between customers and staff while maintaining the allowed number of seats permitted per site. Since restaurants have been the most affected by this change, these regulations will continue to allow local restaurants to maintain currently established temporary outdoor seating on sidewalks, parking lots, on-street parking spaces, or landscaped yard areas around their restaurants to provide a permanent solution to add more space for seating their patrons and picking uptake-out orders.

This ordinance provides a means for those restaurants currently permitted and those seeking permits in the future by Site Plan Review or Special Permit by the Planning Board as indicated in Section II. B. Table of Uses Section 5. J., to apply for Accessory Use of parking areas for permanent allowance of outdoor table service, in-vehicle "car hop" service or "tailgate style" services, whereby a server delivers food and beverage to patrons seated in a parked vehicle. These regulations will apply to by-right and special permit restaurants in existence as of June 1, 2020 and future special permits approved by the Planning Board for outdoor seating. These regulations shall permanently suspend the requirements of the City of Framingham Zoning Ordinance Section II.G. Accessory Uses for this use only.

(i) Building Permit applications shall be reviewed and determined by the Building Commissioner, acting in lieu of the SPGA, who is authorized to refer such application for approval of the Licensing Commission.

(ii) Outdoor dining areas shall be of an appropriate design, configuration and appearance in conformity with paragraph b below.

b. Parking Design Standards

Outdoor dining areas must be distinguished from their surroundings by some form of perimeter treatments such as a fence or barrier. Appropriate perimeter materials include, but are not limited to, demountable wrought-iron fences, bollards and chains, or individual planters of wood, masonry, or terra cotta. The public way, i.e., sidewalk and street, may not be damaged by the installation of any perimeter treatment. Cafe umbrellas are allowed; umbrellas and furniture should be of a design appropriate to the character of the building. Perimeter treatments, umbrellas, furniture and trash receptacles shall be supplied by the applicant and shall be maintained in a safeand sanitary manner by the applicant. Incases where sidewalk use is permitted, existing public trash receptacles may not be utilized in the plan unless applicant takes full responsibility for the disposal of the waste in such public trash receptacles on a daily basis. All furniture must be secured during the hours not in use. The outdoor seating plan must meet Fire Department standards, including points of egress, access to fire extinguishers, and tent and awning ratings, if applicable. If a tent or canopy is to be used it must be fire rated and the fire rating for the tent must be approved. Certain size or configuration tents will require a separate tent permit as deemed necessary by the Building Commissioner and/or Fire Department.

c. Pedestrian and Wheelchair Passage

Tables and other elements of the outdoor setup shall not block sidewalks, entrances, exits, fire lanes, hydrants, sprinkler connection points, drive aisles, back-up areas, pedestrian or handicapped access. In some cases, the Department of Public Services (DPS) may erect

temporary barriers on the street to allow for the passage of pedestrian and wheelchair traffic around the portion of sidewalks devoted to outdoor seating. The cost associated with the acquisition of the barriers shall be borne by the applicant.

d. Outdoor Food Preparation
Outdoor food preparation is not allowed unless specifically authorized by the City's Board of Health.

e. Alcoholic Beverages
Approval of an outdoor dining area shall not to be construed as an approval for the alteration or extension of premises where alcoholic beverages are served. The serving or consumption of alcohol outside of the premises of a duly licensed establishment to serve alcohol must be approved by the Framingham Licensing Board and Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission on a case-by-case basis.

f. Entertainment
Approval of an outdoor dining area shall not to be construed as an approval for the alteration or extension of premises with respect to live or non-live entertainment.

g. Temporary Seating & Parking Relief
Due to the seasonal and temporary nature of an outdoor dining area and reduced occupancy loads required by emergency regulations, the seating within an outdoor dining area cannot be used to increase the number of seats serving a restaurant or eating establishment, and will not be counted towards any off-street parking requirement.

h. Application Procedure

(i) Applicants shall submit an Application to Amend an Existing Building permit to allow for a permanent outdoor dining license to the Inspectional Services Department for review and approval. Applications may be submitted in electronic format by thumb drive, compact disc or Internet drive files such as Dropbox. In cases where the applicant's plan involves the use of the sidewalk in the CB district or any other district, a copy of the application will also be provided to the City Councilor in which the subject property is located. All plans must comply with any applicable Massachusetts Governor's orders, Massachusetts Department of Public Health orders and guidance documents for social distancing and for food services establishments.

(ii) Where the outdoor seating plan is acceptable and the application form is complete, it will be forwarded to the Board of License Commissioners for approval. Outdoor seating permits may include conditions of approval such as daily cleaning and maintenance of the outdoor seating area.

(iii) The expansion of restaurant outdoor dining area shall require an Integrated Pest Management plan to encompass the outdoor seating area. If additional information is needed or a revision to the seating plan is required, the Inspectional Services Department will contact the applicant.

(iv) An original Application to Amend an Existing Building Permit shall be submitted along with a plan for the outdoor seating area and an insurance certificate covering such outdoor seating area. Plan submittal shall be either full or half size architectural drawings prepared, signed and stamped, by either a licensed professional architect or professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts unless otherwise exempted from this provision under MGL Chapter 1443 Sec. 54A.

v. Any other supporting documentation as may be specified by the SPGA Rules and Regulations.

vi. Once the Application has been deemed complete by the Building Commissioner, a copy of the Application shall be filed with the City Clerk.

vii. The Technical Review Team shall be consulted to review all applications under this section and may issue an administrative approval of the Special Permit for Accessory Use of parking areas for temporary outdoor table service.

i. Plan Requirements

a. A revised site plan shall be submitted detailing the proposed outdoor dining area, the arrangement of outdoor dining furniture, perimeter fencing, cafe umbrellas, outdoor heaters and any other equipment or furnishings planned to be utilized in the area.
b. Areas designated for picking uptake-out food shall also be shown on the plan.
c. The restaurant shall follow all applicable regulations as outlined by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and all City health and safety rules, which are not associated with an outdoor seating plan.
d. Smoking is prohibited in all outdoor dining areas.
e. If a restaurant will be utilizing an existing parking lot or yard area, a plan with the same requirements is required. If a temporary tent or similar structure is proposed, approval of the Building Commissioner is required.
f. Outdoor seating proposed for a parking lot shall not occupy more than 50% of the required parking spaces.

j. Insurance

(i) The licensee shall carry or require that there be carried workers' compensation insurance for all employees and those of its contractors and/or subcontractors engaged in work at the dining facility, in accordance with the state workers' compensation laws. The licensee shall, prior to the issuance of the license, furnish a certificate of insurance to the City's Inspectional Services Department evidencing coverage for workers' compensation insurance.

(ii) In addition, the licensee shall carry comprehensive public liability and property damage liability insurance and, if applicable, liquor liability insurance in accordance with M.G.Q. Ch. 138 §. 12, to cover the licensee and its contractors and subcontractors against claims due to accidents which may occur or result from operations under the license. Such insurance shall cover the use of all equipment related to the provision of sidewalk dining services. The comprehensive general liability policy shall insure against all claims and demands for bodily injury and property damage with respect to the sidewalk dining facilities and services. The minimum amount of liability insurance shall be in the amount of One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00 per occurrence and Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) in the aggregate. Insurance shall be provided by a company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(iii) The City shall be named as an "additionally insured" in all policies for such insurance. The licensee (and their heirs, successors and assigns in interest) shall also agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the City of Framingham and its employees and agents from any responsibility, liability and claims arising out of or related to the operations under the license.

(iv) Where such insurance is renewed or replaced, the licensee shall furnish the City's Board of License Commissioners with a certificate of insurance evidencing same.

k. Approval

(i) Following receipt of a favorable determination by the Building Commissioner, the Board of License Commissioners may approve an outdoor dining license. Upon approval of an outdoor dining area, the Board of License Commissioners and the Building Commissioner will sign the

application stating the permanent approval.

(ii) Determination of an Application shall be made no later than ten (10) days from receipt of a complete application. Decisions shall be made in writing, filed with the City Clerk, and such record kept with the Planning Board.

(iii) Appeals: Any Applicant aggrieved by the determination of the Building Commissioner pursuant to this section may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals in accordance with MGL Ch. 40a sec. 8 & 15.

I. Revocation
If at any time the Building Commissioner determines that the license holder is not complying with these regulations, then the license shall be subject to revocation and notification will be made to the Board of License Commissioners.

m. Amendments
These zoning regulations may be amended from time to time by a super majority vote of the members of the Framingham City Council, provided such amendment follows the required public hearing process for zoning amendments.

n. Effective Date of Adoption
This zoning ordinance shall be adopted following a public hearing and vote of the City Council effective as of that date.

G.2 ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS

1. Purpose and Intent
The purpose and intent of allowing accessory dwelling units is to:

a. Provide flexibility for families to remain in their home as their needs change over time by allowing options that address their needs and care.
b. Protect the stability, property values, and residential character of Framingham's single-family neighborhoods.

2. Eligibility
Only an owner of a lawful, owner-occupied single-family dwelling on a conforming or pre-existing non-conforming lot, lawfully occupied as a single-family dwelling, may be an eligible applicant for an ADU on such lot pursuant to this Section. For the purposes of this Section, the "owner" shall be one or more individuals who hold title directly or indirectly to the dwelling and lot, and for whom the on-site dwelling is their primary residence.

3. Applicability and Procedure

a. Basic Requirements
   i. No ADU shall be allowed except in compliance with the provisions of this Section, and shall require a Special Permit with review and approval as set forth herein.
   ii. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for Special Permits under this Section. The SPGA must determine that such conversion or new construction and the occupancy of each unity shall meet the requirements of this Section.

iii. A Special Permit may be granted by the SPGA pursuant of Section VI.E of this Zoning Ordinance for the conversion of a lawful, owner-occupied single-family dwelling to accommodate an ADU by the partitioning of existing interior space or the construction of an addition.

iv. Floor plans of the ADU and principal residence must be filed with the application for a Special Permit.

b. Permit to Construct

Upon receipt of a Special Permit from the SPGA, the applicant shall apply to the Building Commissioner for a permit to construct an ADU and shall provide written evidence that all conditions as may be part of the Special Permit decision have been satisfied. Prior to issuance of a building permit, the owner(s) must submit an affidavit to the Building Commissioner and shared to the SPGA file of the property stating that the owner will occupy on of the dwelling units on the premises as the owner's primary residence.

4. General Standards and Requirements

a. The owner of the property on which the ADU is to be created must occupy at least one of the dwelling units as their primary residence.
b. No ADU shall be held in separate ownership from the primary dwelling unit.
c. The ADU shall be limited to a maximum of 900 square feet or half the floor area of the principle dwelling, whichever is smaller.
d. The unit will be a complete, separate housekeeping unit containing sleeping, cooking, and sanitary facilities.
e. An ADU may not be occupied by more than two (2) people nor have more than two (2) bedrooms.
f. No variances from Dimensional Regulations as set forth in the Framingham Zoning Ordinance shall be granted for ADUs.
g. There shall be at least one (1) off street parking space(s) provided on the property for the occupants of the ADU in addition to the off-street parking requirements for the primary dwelling unit.
h. An ADU shall be designed to maintain the appearance, character and scale, as viewed from the street, of the primary dwelling unit, subject to the following standards and requirements:

i. Exterior alterations of a structure shall maintain the architectural integrity of the existing structure, including exterior finish material, windows, roof, and trim.

ii. The ADU must conform to all aspects of the Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR.

iii. Where two or more entrances are included on the front façade of a dwelling, only one entrance shall appear to be the principal entrance to the structure and other entrances shall appear to be secondary.

iv. The ADU shall be constructed with universal design principles and design that can be easily modified for accessibility, as practical.

5. Conditions

a. Upon receipt of the Special Permit, the owner of the property shall record with the Registry of Deeds for the Southern District of Middlesex County, or with the Land Court, a certified copy of the Decision of the SPGA authorizing the site for an ADU. Copies of the recorded document

shall be filed with Inspectional Services Department, SPGA, and the Assessing Department. A Certificate of Occupancy may not be issued prior to receipt of recorded documents.

b. When ownership of the property changes, the new property owner shall notify the Building Commissioner and the SPGA within 30 days, at which time the Building Commissioner shall conduct a determination of compliance with this Section and the filed Decision of the SPGA, and all other applicable codes. The new property owner must, within thirty (30) days of the sale, submit an affidavit to the Building Commissioner shared to the SPGA file on the property stating that they will occupy one of the dwelling units on the premises as their primary residence.

c. If an ADU is discontinued, the owner shall provide a notarized letter notifying the Building Commissioner and the SPGA of removal of the kitchen facilities. Said unit shall be removed from the City's ADU Inventory.

d. Property owners shall file with the Building Commissioner and SPGA, a sworn certification attesting to continued compliance with the requirements of this Section, the filed Special Permit, and all applicable public safety codes. Such certification shall be filed every two years on the first business day of January or upon transfer to a new owner as provided above, and the property may be subject to inspection and further documentation, as requested by the Building Commissioner.

6. Administration and Enforcement

a. It shall be the duty of the Building Commissioner to administer and enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

b. The Building Commissioner shall issue violations and fines for any ADUs which are not compliant with this Section.

c. The Building Commissioner shall keep record of all ADUs and provide a yearly report of all ADUs within the City.

d. No ADU shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. The initial occupancy permit shall remain in force for a period of two years from the date of issue, provided that ownership of the premises is not changed. Thereafter, permits may be issued by the Building Commissioner for succeeding two-year periods, provided that the structure and use continue to comply with the relevant provisions of the State Building Code, this Section, and the Special Permit.

e. The Building Commissioner may, in addition to other remedies, revoke permits and order removal of the separate kitchen facilities that were installed to create the ADU, if the unlawful use of an ADU is discovered.

H. TRAILERS

a. No automotive type of trailer, whether mobile or immobile, hereafter put in place upon any land within Framingham, shall be occupied for living purposes or business purposes for a period exceeding 30 days in the aggregate in any one year, except as may be permitted hereinafter.

b. The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), in its discretion, may permit such use on a temporary basis for a longer period, after formal application has been submitted to the ZBA and after a duly advertised public hearing.

c. Temporary on-site trailers used for construction purposes shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section, but shall be subject to the State Building Code.

d. The owner and occupier of a residence which has been destroyed by fire or other natural holocaust shall be permitted to place a manufactured home on the site of such residence and reside therein for a period not to exceed twelve months while the residence is being rebuilt.

I. CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

1. The Central Business (CB) District design standards have been developed to promote quality development that preserves and enhances Downtown Framingham's history and character; and further encourages a walkable, pedestrian- and transit-oriented environment. These design standards are integral to the CB District regulations and must be met as part of any CB District site plan review and approval[1].

2. The Planning Board may require applicants, in need of a special permit for use in the CB District, to utilize façade easements in order to protect the values of historic structures. Such requirement would be applicable only where a development proposal, associated with such special permit, would result in the demolition or major exterior renovation of buildings, which are listed on the Inventory of Cultural Resources or are in a National Register District.

3. To further enhance the development of the CB District applicants are encouraged to utilize the "Central Business (CB) Zoning District Design Guidelines," of the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations.

4. Development within the CB District that requires site plan review and/or special permit shall be subject to the following design regulations. Framingham encourages projects that does not require site plan review and/or special permit approval to incorporate the design regulations and standards into their projects.
   a. Building Scale
      1) The base, middle, and top areas of a building shall be clearly delineated through the use of architectural features.
      2) Ground level ceiling heights along primary roadways (Concord Street, Union Avenue, Waverly Street, and Hollis Street) shall be a minimum of 14 feet to accommodate retail uses.
      3) New buildings' heights may differ, but shall reflect the height of adjacent buildings through aligning façade elements (e.g. cornices), or use of stepbacks to reinforce the scale, massing, and proportions of existing structures.
   b. Facades
      1) Buildings more than 50 feet in width shall be broken into bays to reflect the historic building rhythm of Downtown Framingham.
      2) Flat facades shall be discouraged by the use of balconies, change of materials, or architectural detailing to provide visual appeal and to break down the building scale.
      3) Blank wall surfaces greater than 20 feet in width are prohibited when visible from the street.
      4) Sides of buildings with frontage on a street shall include windows and may include doors, as needed, along with architectural features that create interest to the less visible portion of the building.
   c. Windows
      1) Façades along primary downtown streets (Concord Street, Union Street, Waverly Street and Hollis Street) shall incorporate no less than 60 percent transparent glazing on the ground floor to maximize visibility of street level uses.
      2) Façades along secondary streets shall incorporate no less than 40 percent transparent glazing on the ground floor.
      3) No portion of the façade shall be constructed of glass that prevents pedestrian visibility of interior ground floor activities.
      4) Upper floor windows shall not be larger than ground floor windows.

[1] City staff, through the permitting preview process, will ensure projects meet Design Standards and Design Guidelines, in cases where substantial alterations of existing structures or expansions of existing structures result in a total floor area of less than 3,000 square feet.

5) Wherever possible, window styles shall be compatible with the historic style of adjacent structures.

d. Entrances
   1) Building Entrances
      i. Primary building entrances shall be located on public sidewalks/streets, or on corners wherever possible to emphasize the pedestrian environment.
      ii. Doorways to upper floors shall be separate from ground level retail entrances.
      iii. Doors shall not extend beyond the exterior façade into pedestrian pathways.
   2) Parking Garage Entrances
      i. Parking garage entrances shall be sited in locations that minimize conflict and impacts between pedestrians and vehicles.
      ii. Audible notification and clearly visible signage shall be installed to inform pedestrians when vehicles are exiting the structure.

e. Parking
   1) To encourage an active, pedestrian environment, vehicle parking shall be located behind or to the side of buildings whenever possible. Below grade and structured parking are encouraged.

f. External Materials:
   1) Building materials shall reflect the character of Downtown Framingham. Predominant wall materials utilized within the CB District are brick, stone, and pre-cast concrete.
   2) Fiber board/fiber cement board and wood siding are encouraged adjacent to residential districts.
   3) The use of simulated and/or prefabricated brick or stone, particle board, plywood, and/or aluminum and vinyl siding are strongly discouraged.

g. Awnings and Canopies
   1) Awnings and canopies are encouraged to enliven the ground floor and to provide shelter for ground floor outdoor uses such as dining.

h. Roof Form
   1) Roof forms and lines should complement adjacent buildings within the CB District.
   2) Variations in height are encouraged through the use of architectural elements that may include cornices and parapets. These architectural features shall create interesting and varied rooflines.
   3) Rooftop mechanical equipment shall be screened and designed as a component of the overall roof design. It shall not appear to be an add-on element.
   4) Rooftop screening and mechanicals shall be designed to accommodate soundproofing.

i. Service Areas, Utilities, and Mechanical Equipment
   1) Service and loading areas, utilities, and mechanical equipment shall be located on the side or rear of a building. These features shall be sufficiently screened using architectural forms, fencing and/or landscaping so as to not be visible from streets and public open spaces.
   2) Service areas, utilities, and mechanical equipment shall be designed to accommodate soundproofing.
   3) Chain linked fencing shall not be permitted for screening.

j. Sidewalks
   1) Sidewalks shall provide adequate space for all users, street furniture, trees/plantings, bicycle parking, and/or restaurant seating as part of the project.
   2) Where appropriate, front setbacks should be used to accommodate plantings and/or outdoor restaurant seating.

k. Signage.
   1) All signage design and deployment shall comply with the Framingham Sign Ordinance.

5. **Central Business Parking Regulations**

a. Off-Street Parking Requirements
   1) Residential Parking Requirements:

i. Residential structures and the residential component of mixed-use structures shall comply with the Residential Off-street Parking Requirements Table, herein.

Residential Off-street Parking Requirements Table

Unit Type	Minimum Spaces Per Unit
Studio	1
One bedroom	1
Two bedroom	2
Three bedroom	2

ii. On-site parking requirements may be reduced as determined by the Planning Board if an off-street public parking lot of 20 spaces or more exists within 300 feet of the principal use, and the public parking lot has ample spaces available to serve the immediate area as determined by a survey of occupancy and usage.

iii. The Planning Board shall maintain an inventory of off-street public parking spaces as a basis to fulfill residential parking requirements. This inventory shall preclude the allocation of the same off-street public parking spaces to more than one residential project.

2) Commercial Parking Requirements

i. Ground floor commercial uses within the CB district are exempt from commercial parking requirements with the following exceptions:

a) Restaurants and Brew Pubs over 5,000 square feet shall provide parking at a maximum of 3 off-street spaces per 1,000 gross square feet.

b) Non-medical office uses shall comply with Section IV.B.1.a. Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations

3) The SPGA may consider a reduction of the aisle width requirement and also the inclusion of compact-sized parking spaces.

6. **Central Business District Height Requirements near Residential Districts**

Distance from Residential District**	Building Height
Within 50’	40’
Equal to or greater than 50’ but less than 200’	50’
Equal to or greater than 200’ but less than 300’	60’
Equal to or greater than 300’	70’

**The distance category shall apply where at least 50 percent of the parcel’s total area, in square feet, lies within one of the four categories listed above.

7. All Projects within the Central Business Zoning District shall comply with Section II.I. Central Business (CB) Zoning District Design Standards. However, the Planning Board may waive the requirements for Section II.I. Central Business (CB) Zoning District by a four-fifth vote where such waivers will allow for better design and/or improved protection of historic resources.

J. CORPORATE MIXED-USE DISTRICT

1. Purpose and Intent

The Corporate Mixed-use (CMU) District is designed to encourage a mixed-use, master planned community that supports commercial, office, manufacturing, research & development, retail, education, community space, open space, and mixed-use opportunities. The CMU is intended to provide the tools and support for both entrepreneurs seeking new business enterprise opportunities as well as those established businesses seeking to meet existing and future expansion goals. These regulations have been established to promote an efficient and predictable review process for developers while ensuring a well-designed community for Framingham.

The CMU District is intended to function as an employment center that will possess a high quality diverse workforce while establishing a mixed-use environment where users can work, play, socialize, and study.

2. Circulation, Parking, Transportation

Projects within the CMU are required to meet the directives of the Master Land Use Plan, Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, Transportation Master Plan, and must comply with the Purpose and Intent of Section II.J.1 of these Ordinances, in addition to the following provisions as set forth:

a. Parking and Access

Parking plan designs for the CMU District shall determine the layout of each project. Applicants are encouraged to provide adequate off-street parking to meet the needs of the project, but also are required to preserve land for pedestrian and open space uses wherever possible.

i. Projects within the CMU shall comply with applicable requirements set forth in Section IV.B of these Ordinances unless relief is granted by the Planning Board or alternative design is prescribed within Section II.J of these Ordinances.

ii. Off-street parking standards as required pursuant to Section IV.B.2.a of these Ordinances shall meet maximum rather than minimum requirements. A special permit shall not be required to provide less than the number prescribed in Section IV.B.2.a of these Ordinances but rather a special permit shall be required if the number of off-street parking spaces exceeds the required number of allowed off-street parking spaces.

iii. Projects within the CMU District are strongly encouraged to utilize Section IV.B.1.g of these Ordinances to reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces through the use of shared parking programs and shared off-street parking facilities.

iv. Off-street parking shall be located to the side and/or rear of the structure.

a) The Planning Board may permit a limited number of off-street parking spaces to be located between the public right-of-way and the structure for the purpose of accessible off-street parking and temporary drop-off parking if it finds that the overall façade design, site plan, and operational characteristics of the facility will be improved by the inclusion of such off-street parking. Such drive aisle and off-street parking shall not encroach upon the landscape amenity area (Section II.J.4.b.i of these Ordinances).

v. Land banking off-street parking for future use is strongly encouraged wherever possible.

vi. On-street parking is strongly discouraged within the CMU District.

vii. Below-grade parking, structured parking, and/or parking on the side and/or rear of a building is required for all CMU District projects, except as allowed in Section II.J.2.a.iv.a) of this Ordinance.

b. Curb Cuts and Access Drives

i. Projects within the CMU shall design drive aisles with a maximum of 24' in width regardless of available off-street parking. Therefore, the numbers prescribed in Section IV.B.2.a of these Ordinances entitled "Traffic Circulation" shall not apply.

ii. The reduction and/or consolidation of curb cuts, the use of access driveways and alleyways to connect abutting properties is strongly encouraged to the maximum extent feasible. The use of consolidated curb cuts, alleyways, and access drives shall be permitted by-right within the CMU whenever such use is under project review by the Planning Board.

iii. Curb cuts and access drives shall be designed in accordance with municipal standards and shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Fire Department, and the Police Department to ensure adequate circulation.

c. Transportation and Complete Streets

i. Development within the CMU District shall be designed to prevent and/or mitigate any adverse impacts on the Level of Service (LOS) created by a project.

ii. Impacts to the transportation system within the CMU that degrade the LOS shall be mitigated as follows:

a) A monetary contribution shall be provided to the City that is equivalent to 1.5 percent of the total construction value of the project (less the cost of land and construction labor cost). If necessary improvements are constructed and installed by the Applicant, such monetary contribution shall be waived. Such payments shall be deposited into the Transportation Improvement Fund for the sole purpose of funding transportation improvements as directed by the Master Land Use Plan and Technology Park – CMU Traffic Master Plan, dated October 2016, and any other recommendations contained within relevant City studies regarding the creation of interconnected transportation hubs. Said funds shall be used in the CMU or within a half mile of the respective project boundaries.

b) Unused funds shall be deposited into the Transportation Improvement Fund, as outlined in Section II.J.2.c.iii, herein, and only earmarked to be exclusively utilized for the respective Zoning District.

iii. All projects within the CMU District shall provide a cash payment equivalent to one (1) percent of the total project cost (less the cost of the land or construction labor costs) for the purpose of long-range transportation implementation and maintenance. Such payments shall be deposited into the Transportation Improvement Fund for the sole purpose of funding long-range transportation projects, maintenance, and necessary transportation improvements within the CMU or within a half mile of the respective project boundaries, as determined by the Planning Board, the Department of Public Works (DPW), directed by the Master Land Use Plan and Technology Park – CMU Traffic Master Plan, dated October 2016, and any other recommendations contained within relevant City studies.

d. Complete Streets

i. Projects within the CMU District shall incorporate Complete Streets infrastructure in accordance with the Framingham Complete Streets Policy.

ii. Development within the CMU District shall provide accessibility to users of all ages, abilities, and modes of transportation. Connections to trails and open space are strongly encouraged for all projects within the CMU District.

iii. Sidewalks shall be required along the frontage of all properties in all CMU District projects being developed or redeveloped. The installation of sidewalks shall be constructed and/or improved as part of the project in accordance with the Department of Public Works construction standards and 521 CMR Accessibility Requirements.

iv. Sidewalks, crosswalks, and other pathways shall be strongly encouraged throughout the CMU District where possible. Sidewalks shall provide connectivity to abutting properties and zoning districts.

v. Where necessary, at the discretion of the Planning Board, those projects located within a quarter mile of an intersection that is in need of updating pedestrian infrastructure shall be required to upgrade and/or install sidewalk and crosswalks that comply with Framingham's Public Works Construction Standards and 521 CMR. Said improvements may include, but are not limited to pedestrian traffic signal push buttons and bicycle detector technology at indicated intersections.

vi. Installation of bicycle racks (Section IV.B.7 of these Ordinances), bicycle lockers, indoor bicycle parking, and other amenities to support bicycling is required to be incorporated into each project.

vii. All projects within the CMU shall provide a cash payment equivalent to .5 percent of the total project cost (not including the cost of the land or construction labor costs) for the purpose of streetscape and/or trail improvements. Such fund shall be utilized within the respective CMU for street trees, street furniture, utilities, and associated improvements within the public right of way. Furthermore, such funds can be utilized for open space improvements of trails and sidewalks within the CMU District or within one (1) mile of the boundaries of the District to promote non-vehicular transportation options with the CMU or connecting to the CMU. Funds shall be utilized by the Open Space And Recreation working group coordinator, Parks and Recreation, and/or the Department of Public Works, and approved for use by the Planning Board.

3. CMU Development Impact Report

a. Projects requiring Site Plan Review (Section VI.F of these Ordinances) shall be exempt from Section VI.F.4 of these Ordinances.

b. General Information regarding the CMU Development Impact Report

The proposed CMU Development Impact Report is to be utilized as a development plan for the project within the respective CMU District. Furthermore, the CMU Development Impact Report is to ensure cooperation and coordination between Framingham and the landowners/businesses located within the CMU District since the CMU District is intended to establish a thriving employment center that supports its users. The CMU Development Impact Report shall provide documentation as to how the proposed development and/or redevelopment project will affect Framingham and how the applicant proposes to mitigate those anticipated impacts on the respective CMU District. In doing so, each project shall prepare a Development Impact Report that is intended to be a master plan for the project, and contribute to the neighborhood master plan for the CMU and Technology Park (TP) Zoning Districts.

i. Prior to filing an application for a project within the CMU District, the Applicant shall prepare and submit a proposed CMU Development Impact Report for review to the Planning Board Administrator.

ii. The Planning Board Administrator and the Technical Review Team (TRT) shall review such CMU Development Impact Report and respond to the Applicant within 21 days so that the Applicant may submit a complete CMU Development Impact Report with the project application.

iii. Any missing and/or additional information requested by the Planning Board Administrator and the TRT shall be provided by the Applicant as part of the final CMU Development Impact Report.

c. CMU Development Impact Report

The CMU District shall be designed as a corporate master-planned commercial community. Therefore, an Applicant proposing development and/or redevelopment projects in the CMU District shall submit a final CMU Development Impact Report that shall contain the following, in addition to the information requested in Section II.J.3.e of these Ordinances.

i. Documentation detailing how the project will fit into the existing and projected development and/or redevelopment of the CMU District;

ii. Documentation providing an outline detailing with whom the applicant will work with to complete the project. This should include the following: businesses and landowners within the CMU District; local and state agencies; land use consultant; etc.;

iii. Documentation demonstrating how the project will foster and promote the CMU as a corporate mixed-use commercial district with predominate uses being research & development, technology, distribution, and office related uses. Other supporting uses may include commercial, retail, and educational/community space uses;

iv. Documentation demonstrating a long-range plan with specific realistic, achievable goals addressing ways to alleviate traffic congestion within the Exit 12 area (TP and CMU Zoning Districts); and

v. Documentation of a plan to mitigate any projected adverse impacts to Framingham's existing infrastructure.

d. CMU Development Impact Reports

An Applicant proposing development and/or redevelopment projects in the CMU District shall submit a final CMU Development Impact Report as part of the application package that contains a business plan and the following documentation for review and consideration as part of the CMU Development Impact Report.

i. Environmental Impact Statement (EIS): A statement that outlines the impacts that the project will have on the environment, the ecology of the land, landscape, and topography of the respective CMU District. The EIS shall also include information on stormwater flows, natural resources, historical structures (if any), topography, types of soils, and water resources.

ii. Stormwater Management Statement (SMS): A statement that outlines how the new development and/or redevelopment will incorporate the use of Low Impact Development (LID) and Best Management Practices (BMP) to manage and infiltrate stormwater on-site. Furthermore, this shall include a statement demonstrating potential reuse of rainwater for irrigation, the use of rain gardens within parking lots, and erosion control methods to prevent erosion and reduce stormwater runoff.

iii. Neighborhood Impact Statement (NIS): A statement that outlines how the new development and/or redevelopment will fit in, enhance, and blend with the character of the respective CMU District. The NIS shall further outline how the project will incorporate Complete Streets concepts and how these techniques will support the pedestrian and bicycle community. Furthermore, because the project is strongly encouraged to utilize alternative energy, a statement shall be provided to show how alternative energy shall be used on-site.

iv. Community Impact Statement (CIS): A statement that outlines the impacts that the project will have on the community, the local schools, public parks, and open space. Any potential adverse impacts shall be mitigated by the Applicant and shall be demonstrated within the CIS.

v. Common Area Impact Statement (CAIS): A statement that details the area(s) within the

project that are open to the public including space within buildings that are open for public use. The CAIS shall show the connections within the respective CMU District that offer enhancements towards creating a master planned community.

vi. Infrastructure Impact Statement (IIS): A statement that outlines the impacts that the project will have on municipal infrastructure including specific documentation as to how the adverse impacts to the municipal infrastructure shall be mitigated.

vii. Traffic Connection Statement (TCS): A statement that outlines the impacts on existing roadways, connections to existing and new streets, projected effects to the flow of vehicles on newly created streets and possible consolidation of curb cuts and driveways.

viii. Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS): A statement that outlines both the positive and negative fiscal impacts of the project on the City and specifically includes projected tax revenues, the number of expected jobs created (e.g. construction, part-time, and full time jobs) as well as the need for any new infrastructure or municipal buildings, staff or facilities.

4. Design Standards for the CMU District

Projects within the CMU shall be exempt from the requirements set forth in Section IV.F.5 of these Ordinances. Projects shall be designed to the standards set forth in Section II.J of these Ordinances, unless relief is otherwise granted by the Planning Board.

a. Building Design

i. New and/or redeveloped buildings shall be designed to blend and create a transitional balance between the proposed project and existing development to create a master planned community.

ii. Buildings shall be designed to utilize architectural styles that are modern, progressive, and compatible with the existing architecture within the CMU District while incorporating current state-of-the-art construction design and technology.

iii. Buildings shall be designed to use multiple complementary exterior materials that promote creativity and individuality while ensuring that the building blends with the respective CMU District and creates an overall impression of a master-planned community.

iv. The massing of the building shall be designed to correspond to a pedestrian scale and to ensure that the building is incorporated into a walkable campus.

v. Large-scale buildings are encouraged to vary the heights of building sections to provide interest in design and practical utility particularly at building entrances and lobby areas to enable, enhance and encourage pedestrian use.

vi. Buildings should be designed with adequate views of the exterior site for building occupants. Windows that create transparency on the ground floor near pedestrian areas and roadways are strongly encouraged.

vii. Multiple structures may be located on one lot with more than one allowed principal use. Such structures shall be spaces a minimum of 20 feet apart and comply with the regulations set forth by the State Building Code and the State Fire Code.

b. Landscaping

i. Projects within the CMU District shall create a landscape amenity area that is a minimum width of 50 percent of the distance between the public right-of-way and the building. This area shall be landscaped with street trees, pedestrian amenities, outdoor seating, and similar improvements for the purposes of creating usable open space. Sidewalks and pathways may be incorporated into the landscape amenity area.

ii. CMU District projects are encouraged to incorporate creatively designed plazas, courtyards, and/or terraces to enhance the attractiveness, connectivity and pedestrian environment of the project.

iii. The use of public art within landscaped areas is strongly encouraged.

iv. Lighting within the CMU District is required to enhance the pedestrian experience and provide additional well-lit walkways for the safety of all users.

v. Projects shall be designed to comply with the required Open Space requirement set forth in Section IV.E.2 of the Framingham Zoning Ordinance. A project may increase the lot coverage from 70 percent to 80 percent in the CMU if the project's open space immediately abuts at least 50 percent of the required landscaped area of the adjoining project for a distance of at least 50 feet. The intent of this increase is to allow for connectivity to usable open space areas.

c. Loading Bays and Service Docks, Rooftop Equipment, Infrastructure, and Mechanical Equipment

i. Service bays and loading areas, dumpsters, ground-mounted mechanical equipment, and utilities shall be located on the side or rear of a building and shall not be visible from roadways or open space areas. Such features shall be screened from the public view by using architectural forms, fencing, and/or landscaping materials.

ii. All utilities are required to be placed underground to minimize the visual impact on the district. Where transformers, switchboxes, and other utility cabinets are required, the applicant shall locate these and other such mechanical components away from the front of the building. The use of bollards, fencing, and landscaping shall provide screening and protection for these features.

iii. Rooftop equipment shall be screened and shall not be visible from the ground or adjacent buildings.

iv. Rooftop accessories and equipment shall not exceed 20 feet above the ceiling of the last permitted floor level and shall meet current high efficiency energy and low noise industry standards.

d. Pedestrian Connections

i. Projects shall be designed for all users including pedestrians and bicyclists by incorporating outdoor community places while utilizing the permitted high density within the respective CMU District.

ii. Projects within a CMU District shall be designed as an urban, walkable campus environment where the streets and sidewalks create connections between employment, commercial, and recreational facilities within the CMU District.

iii. The use of catwalks is strongly encouraged to provide optimum physical connections between buildings and parking within the CMU District.

iv. Outdoor dining areas are encouraged but shall not impede pedestrian traffic flow. A minimum unobstructed pathway of 5 feet shall be maintained for pedestrian traffic on sidewalks. Outdoor dining areas shall be separated by fencing to provide separation from pedestrian sidewalks.

e. Solar and Alternative Energy

i. The use of rooftop gardens, green roofs, solar carports, rooftop solar, etc. is strongly encouraged to be incorporated into all projects within the CMU District.

ii. Projects should strive to incorporate alternative energy and energy efficient features, technologies and solar infrastructure within the design and construction of all new and redeveloped buildings within the CMU District.

iii. Structures shall be constructed to be solar ready in accordance with state building code.

f. Stormwater Improvements and Infrastructure Improvements

i. Stormwater drainage systems shall comply with the MS4 regulations and incorporate LID techniques and best management practices to achieve sustainability objectives outlined in the Master Land Use Plan.

ii. The placement of electric, telephone and other utility lines and equipment, such as water, sewer or gas, shall be coordinated together and placed underground and located to eliminate all adverse impacts on the groundwater levels. The proposed method of sanitary sewage disposal and solid waste disposal from all buildings shall be precisely indicated on the plans.

5. Application Review

a. The Planning Board will review projects within the CMU for compliance with Section II.J; VI.F.6, 7, 8, 9, and 10; in addition to other applicable Zoning Ordinances, Section II.J shall be reviewed as an addendum to Site Plan Review for the CMU only. The provisions of Section II.J of these Ordinances shall supersede the provisions of Section VI.F.2, 3, 4, and 5 of these Ordinances.

b. Projects that require review by the Planning Board pursuant to Site Plan Review/Section II.J of these Ordinances shall include:

i. All construction of a new structure or group of new structures or alterations of existing structures that results in an expansions to the structure resulting in greater than

a) 5,000 gross square feet in the CMU

ii. Construction or expansion of a parking lot greater than twenty off-street parking spaces. This shall not include repaving or re-striping where no new additional pavement is added.

iii. Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Installations

iv. Any new structure or alteration of an existing structure or change of use in any structure for an entity claiming exception under G.L. c. 40A, § 3. Site plan review shall be limited in such circumstances to the imposition of reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements.

c. For minor projects, the TRT as outlined below shall perform review. The TRT shall operate under an open and transparent process that is open to the public, pursuant to the regulations outlined in Article 27 of the Framingham Planning Board Rules and Regulations. The respective member of the City Council shall participate in the TRT meeting as the representative of the neighborhood. Projects that require review by the Technical Review Team pursuant to Site Plan Review/Section II.J of these Ordinances shall include the following:

i. All construction of a new structure or group of new structures that do not require any special permits or any alterations of existing structures that result in an expansion to the structure that does not require any special permits

a) 500-4,999 gross square feet in the CMU

ii. Any Modification to a site plan previously approved by the Planning Board that has not been deemed a minor field change and that no additional square footage is being added to an existing structure.

d. Projects that do not trigger review through Section II.J.5 of these Ordinances shall require a statement from the tenant or landowner in accordance with Article 27 of the Framingham Planning Board Rules and Regulations for the purposes of tracking property uses.

e. The review procedures for a project in the CMU shall be in conformance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Sections 9 and 11 and all other State, Federal and local permitting and approval requirements as may be applicable.

f. Applicants who meet with the TRT prior to the submittal of an application package to the Planning Board shall receive expedited review. Under such expedited review, a decision shall be granted within 60 days unless the Applicant requests an extension of time.

g. The Planning Board may require the Applicant to fund a Peer Review Consultant to assist in the technical review as outlined herein and in accordance with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations and M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53D.

h. Site plans for projects within the CMU shall comply with the requirements set forth in the Planning Board Rules and Regulations, Article Number 21.

i. Applicants shall comply with all the procedures and requirements detailed herein without exception, unless waived by the Planning Board. These requirements are also located in Article 26 of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

6. Dimensional Requirements

The Planning Board when reviewing a project may allow dimensional relief up to 25 percent, by special permit from the dimensional requirements set forth in Section IV.E.2. Table of Dimensional Regulations of these Ordinances if the Planning Board determines that the particular location benefits and improves site development and/or configuration of the proposed project and its transition into the surrounding neighborhood. A special permit for such relief may only be granted if the Planning Board finds that such request is consistent with the public good and does not substantially derogate from the intent and purpose of the Framingham Zoning Ordinance or the intent of the Master Land Use Plan. However, this section does not authorize the Planning Board to grant a special permit for a variance or waiver in maximum height regulations.

7. Procedure for Waiver

All projects within the CMU District shall comply with Sections II.J of these Ordinances. The Planning Board may waive the requirements of Section II.J.4 of these Ordinances, by a four-fifth vote where such waivers will allow for better design and/or improved protection of resources. Such waiver requests shall be taken up as first order of business during the opening public hearing.

8. Variance

A variance authorizing a use or activity not otherwise permitted in the CMU District shall be prohibited within the respective CMU District.

K. NOBSCOT VILLAGE DISTRICT

1. Purpose and Intent

Framingham possesses a variety of small neighborhood communities that may be reestablished as village centers throughout the City. These neighborhood communities have served, or have the potential to serve, as key economic centers for a variety of businesses that can support each other, while creating space for entrepreneurs. The purpose of a village center is to provide a central area of commerce that will benefit the neighboring region by supporting local residents, visitors, and the community as a whole.

To establish Nobscot as a village center the Nobscot Village (B-4) District has been developed as follows:

a. Provide a vibrant walkable mixed-use center that may include art and cultural galleries/studios, community space, educational/institutional space, amenity space, entertainment, office space, residential, retail, a mixture of business opportunities.

b. Encourage adaptive reuse of abandoned, vacant, or underutilized properties that will re-energize the neighborhood.

c. Inspire development and support a mixture of businesses and entrepreneurs though targeted workspaces, while allowing the surrounding community to take advantage of business opportunities, job creation, and economic resources.

d. Develop parcels at an appropriate density that supports the vision of a neighborhood village while encouraging ongoing investment and reinvestment in properties within the B-4 District.

e. Allow for a mixture of uses that can support one another while attracting visitors to utilize the amenities and services offered within the Village.

f. Advance an integrated neighborhood community that supports and encourages trails, public transportation, and bicycle-oriented modes of transportation for short trips and recreational opportunities.

g. Investigate and nurture educational and civic opportunities that can sustain viability within the community while growing its user base.

h. Preserve, enhance, and provide opportunities that repurpose historical structures and retain a piece of the neighborhood's history for future uses and events, while supporting opportunities for the structure to flourish and thrive as a new use.

2. Nobscot Village Design

To ensure projects within the B-4 District contribute to the neighborhood village design established for Nobscot, Applicants shall be required to comply with Nobscot Village Design requirements as set forth in Section II.K.2. and II.K.3 of these Ordinances, in addition to the Nobscot Village District Guidelines (NVDG) of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations (Article 27).

a. Nobscot Village Design Guidelines

i. The NVDG are integral to the design of the B-4 District and shall be complied with as part of any site plan review and/or special permit approval for projects in Nobscot. The NVDG is located in the Planning Board Rules and Regulations (Article 27), entitled "Framingham Nobscot Village Design Guidelines."

ii. Projects within the B-4 that do not require site plan review and/or special permit approval shall adhere to the NVDG, pursuant to Sections II.K.2. and II.K.3 of these Ordinances.

iii. Projects that do not comply with the standards of the NVDG, shall not be considered for approval by the Planning Board or other reviewing authority.

b. General B-4 Design Standard Requirements

i. Site - Plazas & Open Space

Vision - Projects within the B-4 District are envisioned to provide opportunity for community engagement and establishment of place. Applicants shall develop a project to create a place of interest for visitors to the site and those that pass by the site. Projects shall focus more on place making rather than off-street parking. Villages tend to have open space and park-like presences within incorporated into the development, which is intended for the B-4 District. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.2.b.i.a)-e), below.

a) Projects shall incorporate plazas, “pocket” parks, public art, courtyards, and/or terraces to enhance connectivity and increase the landscaped amenity areas.

b) Plazas, pocket parks, and/or courtyards should be used to expand the pedestrian sidewalk in strategic locations to accommodate community gathering opportunities.

c) Internal sidewalks must be at least five (5) feet wide and provide access to each building entry, open space, and off-street parking area. Sidewalks along main roadways must be a minimum of ten (10) feet wide. The minimum sidewalk width must be maintained in areas where other activities are present.

d) The use of public art and murals are strongly encouraged within landscaped areas or on structures. Such public art or murals shall not be considered signage so as long as company’s name and/or corporate logo is not incorporated into the design.

e) Outdoor dining areas are strongly encouraged for all projects. Such areas shall be designed to allow proper flow and circulation for all pedestrians.

ii. Site - Landscape and Materials

Vision - Projects within the B-4 shall incorporate landscaping and pedestrian ways throughout. The Applicant shall focus on designing the project to focus on increasing green area and pedestrian circulation to encourage people to park once and become a pedestrian to do business in the B-4 District. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.2.b.ii.a)-e), below.

a) Street trees shall be installed along the entire property frontage and shall be spaced approximately twenty (20) to thirty (30) feet apart.

b) Paved areas shall include granite curbs and sidewalks constructed with brick or paver accents, especially in areas of high pedestrian activity.

c) Projects shall be designed to create a landscape amenity area that enhances the pedestrian environment, establishes open space and park areas, and improves the streetscape while relocating off-street parking to the side and/or rear of the site. The landscape amenity area shall be designed with a minimum width of twenty (20) feet between the edge of the public right-of-way and the structure, along the entire property frontage with the exceptions of access driveways and sidewalk curb cuts. Such area shall incorporate street trees, outdoor seating, public art, patios and terraces (patios and terraces shall not compromise more than 50% (fifty percent)of the area), in addition to other similar improvements for the purpose of creating usable open space.

d) Sidewalks and meandering pathways are strongly encouraged to be incorporated into the landscape amenity area.

e) Trees, shrubs, and landscape materials are required to comply with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations, Article 19.

iii. Site - Furnishings and Lighting

Vision – Projects in the B-4 District are encouraged to utilize lighting, furniture, and decorative accessories to establish a sense of place. Such amenities can be utilized to create interest, while providing a sense of safety for visitors. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.2.b.iii.a)-d), below.

a) Furniture, lighting, and related decorative accessories shall be unique to the respective B-4 District and its particular public streetscape. Such furniture, lighting, and other decorative accessories planned within projects shall be consistent throughout the development site.

b) Pedestrian-scale lighting shall be installed in accordance with Article 22 of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations to enhance the pedestrian experience, provide additional safety, and prevent light pollution and spillover into abutting residential properties.

c) The use of illuminated bollards and ground lighting shall to be incorporated into all B-4 District projects.

d) Chain-link fencing is prohibited for use within the B-4 District.

iv. Site - Service Areas and Utilities

Vision – Projects in the B-4 District require the use of service areas and utilities; however, such features should not be located within general view or degrade the site design. Such features should be located so as not to be seen and not to take away the experience of the project. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.2.b.iv.a)-c), below.

a) Service bays and loading areas, dumpsters, and like equipment shall be located on the side or rear of a building and shall not be visible from roadways, abutting residential property, or open space areas. Such features shall be screened from the public view by using architectural forms, fencing, and/or landscaping materials. Dumpsters shall include a latching door lock system, which shall be closed and locked when not in use.

b) All utilities are required to be placed underground to minimize the visual impact on the district and prevent damage to utility lines. Where transformers, switchboxes, and other utility cabinets are required, the applicant shall locate these and other such mechanical components away from the front of the building. Exposed utility transformers, switchboxes and cabinets shall be protected and screened by the installation of bollards, fencing, and landscaping features.

c) Rooftop equipment shall be adequately screened so as not to be visible from the ground or adjacent buildings.

v. Buildings – Massing and Character

Vision – Projects in the B-4 District are intended to establish a neighborhood village center, one that allows for commercial development, while supporting an area designed at a pedestrian scale. Structures are expected to be designed to promote character of the area while being constructed to the scale of a village neighborhood and not an urban downtown scale. Height and density of projects shall be of great interest and under thorough review to ensure projects are designed appropriately. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.2.b.v.a)-g), below.

a) The massing of buildings shall be designed to correspond to a pedestrian scale and to ensure that the building's design promotes walkability.

b) New and/or redeveloped buildings shall be designed to blend and create a balance and proper transition area between the proposed project and existing development within the B-4 District.

c) Structures shall be designed to use multiple, harmonious exterior materials and color palettes that promote creativity and individuality while allowing the building to blend into the B-4 District.

d) The height and number of floors for projects within the B-4 District should be limited to three (3) floors and forty (40) feet. Relief to increase the number of floors and/or the height is strongly discouraged in the B-4 District. Except as allowed in Section 8.c below, such dimensional criteria shall not be waived by the Planning Board.

e) Structures shall be designed to define a clear base, middle, and top of a structure that allows for visual interest in a traditional approach.

f) Structures shall be designed to reduce massing and to promote a pedestrian scale at the streetscape. Such features may include porches, awnings, balconies, decks, and/or covered entries, in addition to breaking up facades with distinct rooflines, varying heights, and variation in materials and color.

g) All windows on the side facing residential structures and/or open space parcels shall be tinted to prevent light spillage or glare during the evening hours.

3. Multi-modal Circulation, Parking, Transportation

a. Off-street Parking

Vision – Projects within the B-4 District are intended to provide adequate off-street parking for a use, while not dominating the site. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.3.a.i-viii, below.

i. Projects within the B-4 District shall comply with all applicable requirements set forth in Section IV.B of these Ordinances unless the Planning Board grants relief or an alternative design is prescribed within Section II.K of these Ordinances.

ii. Off-street parking standards as required pursuant to Section IV.B.1.a of these Ordinances shall mean maximum rather than minimum requirements. A special permit shall not be required when providing less parking spaces than the number prescribed in Section IV.B.1.a of these Ordinances but rather a special permit shall be required if the number of off-street parking spaces exceeds the required number of off-street parking spaces. The Applicant shall conduct and submit to the Planning Board a parking utilization study prior to filing an application to validate the number of provided off-street parking spaces.

iii. Mixed-use projects with a residential component shall be required to provide a minimum of 1.75 off-street parking spaces per residential unit.

iv. Projects planned for the B-4 District are strongly encouraged to provide adequate off-street parking to meet the needs of the project but also to preserve land for pedestrian and open space uses where possible.

v. Sites shall be designed to encourage pedestrian circulation through continuous connections between sidewalks, off-street parking areas, structures, and open spaces.

vi. Below-grade parking is preferred and strongly encouraged. When such off-street parking options are not viable, a developer shall place off-street parking to the side and/or rear of a structure.

vii. Land banking off-street parking for future use is strongly encouraged where possible.

viii. Projects shall reserve a minimum of two off-street parking spaces near the main entrance of all structures during designated hours for food trucks, community-supported agriculture (CSA) pick-up, pop-up parks, events, and/or fifteen (15)-minute temporary parking.

b. Curb Cuts and Access Drives

Vision – Projects within the B-4 District are intended to be designed to promote connectivity and flow between parcels of land. Developers are encouraged to work collaboratively together to reduce the number of curb cuts, which will result in optimum flow of traffic on-site and within the B-4 District. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.3.b.i-iii), below.

i. The reduction and/or consolidation of curb cuts and the use of access driveways and alleyways with abutting properties is encouraged to the maximum extent possible and shall be permitted by-right within a B-4 District.

ii. Curb cuts and access drives shall be designed in accordance with municipal standards and shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works (DPW), the Fire Department, and the Police Department to ensure adequate circulation.

iii. The Planning Board may permit a drive aisle to be located between the public right-of-way and the structure for the purpose of accessible off-street parking and temporary drop-off parking if it finds that the overall façade design, site plan, and operational characteristics of the facility will be improved by such aisle location. Such drive aisle shall not be constructed to encroach upon the landscape amenity area (Section II.K.2.c.ii.c) of these Ordinances).

c. Transportation Impacts

Vision – Projects within the B-4 District are intended to mitigate post-construction and long-term (5-10 years) impacts, in addition to promoting alternative modes of transportation to decrease vehicular traffic. To incorporate this vision into a B-4 Design, the Applicant shall comply with Section II.K.3.c.i, below.

i. Development within the B-4 District shall be designed to prevent and/or mitigate any adverse impacts on the Level of Service (LOS) created by a project. Impacts to the transportation system within the B-4 District that degrade the LOS shall be mitigated as follows:

a) Project Impact Transportation Improvements

The Applicant shall, as determined by the Planning Board, either conduct the necessary traffic improvements or provide a monetary contribution to the City up to 1.5% (one and one-half percent) of the total construction value of the project (less the cost of land and construction labor cost).

1) Such monetary contributions shall be deposited into the Transportation Improvement Fund for the sole purpose of funding transportation improvements as determined by the Planning Board, in collaboration with the Department of Public Works, the peer review consultants, the Applicant's Traffic Engineer, and/or any other recommendations contained within relevant City studies for the B-4 Zoning District.

2) Said funds shall be used for improvements within a one-mile radius of the B-4 District boundaries.

3) Unused funds shall be deposited into the Long Term Transportation Improvement Fund, as outlined in Section II.K.3.c.i.b), herein, and earmarked to be exclusively utilized for the B-4 Zoning District.

b) Long Term Transportation Improvements
All projects within the B-4 District shall provide a cash payment equivalent to one percent of the total project cost (less the cost of the land or construction labor costs) for the purpose of long-range transportation implementation and maintenance.

1) Such monetary contributions shall be deposited into the Long Term Transportation Improvement Fund for the sole purpose of funding long-range transportation projects, maintenance, and necessary transportation improvements within one mile of the B-4 Zoning District boundaries, as determined by the Planning Board, the Department of Public Works, the peer review consultants, the Applicants Traffic Engineer, and/or any other recommendations contained within relevant City studies.

d. Pedestrian and Alternative Transportation

i. Pedestrian circulation is required to provide continuous connections between public sidewalks, off-street parking areas, building entries, and open spaces.

ii. Pedestrian and bicycle connections should connect to local recreation assets wherever feasible.

iii. Vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access should connect to adjacent properties.

e. Complete Streets and Streetscape Improvements

i. Projects within a B-4 District shall incorporate Complete Streets infrastructure in accordance with the Framingham Complete Streets Policy, as amended.

ii. Development within a B-4 District shall provide accessibility to users of all ages, abilities, and modes of transportation. Connections to trails and open space are strongly encouraged for all projects, where possible.

iii. Installation and/or the replacement of sidewalks along a project's property frontage shall be borne by the Applicant and is required as part of a project.

iv. The Applicant shall install bicycle racks in accordance with Section IV.B.7 of these Ordinances. Furthermore, the installation of bicycle lockers, indoor bicycle parking, and other amenities to support bicycling are required to be incorporated into each project, when possible.

v. Streetscape and Trail Improvements
All projects within the B-4 District shall provide a monetary contribution of .5% (one-half of one percent) of the total project cost (not including the cost of the land or construction labor costs) for the purpose of streetscape and/or trail improvements that connect the B-4 Zoning District with other communities or areas in Framingham.

a) Such funds shall be utilized for street trees, street furniture, utilities, and associated improvements within the public right of way at the determination of the Planning Board. The Planning Board may also determine that such funds may be utilized for open space improvements of trails and sidewalks within the B-4 District or within one mile of the boundaries of the B-4 District to promote non-vehicular transportation options within the B-4 District or connecting to other villages and neighborhoods.

b) Funds shall be utilized by the Open Space and Recreation working group coordinator, or designee, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and/or the Department of Public Works, and require prior approval of the Planning Board for use.

4. Solar and Alternative Energy

a. The use of rooftop gardens, green roofs, solar carports, rooftop solar, etc. shall be incorporated into all projects within the B-4 District, to the maximum extent feasible.

b. Projects should strive to incorporate alternative energy and energy efficient features, technologies and solar infrastructure within the design and construction of all new and redeveloped buildings within a B-4 District.

c. Where feasible, electronic vehicle charging stations may be incorporated into a project. Signage associated with electronic vehicle charging stations shall be reviewed by the Planning Board.

5. Mixed-use within a Village District

a. The layout of a respective B-4 District shall be designed with intersecting ways of a roadway containing the densest development within the B-4 District while providing transition so that density tapers down from the intersection before reaching the perimeter of the B-4 Zoning District.

i. Structures within 300 feet from the public right-of-way of an intersection of two or more roads shall be required to have the entire first floor of a structure within such distance comprised of only nonresidential[2] uses[3].

ii. Structures more than three hundred (300) feet from the public right-of-way of an intersection of two or more roads shall be required to have only the portion of the first floor of a structure that faces a public way be solely comprised of nonresidential[1] uses[2].

iii. Mixed-use projects containing an interior courtyard that is only accessible from the interior of a structure that offers only resident amenities may be designed with the first floor facing the courtyard for residential uses.

b. When there is more than one structure on a lot, at a minimum, such structures shall be spaced in accordance with the State Building Code for fire separation compliance.

c. Mixed-use projects are encouraged to include the following elements:

i. Public spaces, community space, artist gallery space for Artist/Live Work Spaces, cultural space, small business and entrepreneurial space, anchor tenants, medical uses, and/or institutional or educational space, workforce housing.

d. Townhouse and/or row housing along property boundaries that abut a residential zoning district shall be designed to create a transition between the nonresidential uses within the B-4 Zoning District and the abutting residential neighborhoods. Townhouses shall include below structure parking and may be located within twenty (20) feet of the rear and/or side "Landscape Buffer".

6. Mixture of Residential

a. A mixture of affordable housing options shall be required for all residential projects within the B-4 District to aid in providing access to all those who choose to make Framingham their home. Developers are required to comply with Section V.H of the Framingham Ordinances.

b. Residential uses that exceed fifty (50) units shall require 5% (five percent) of the units designated as Workforce Housing Units. The number of units designated as Workforce Housing Units shall be included in the total number of units after deduction of the required number of Affordable Housing Units (AHU). Such Workforce Housing Units shall not increase the Affordable Housing Unit (AHU) requirements pursuant to Section V.H of the Framingham Zoning Ordinances.

c. The provision of more than 5% (five percent) Workforce Housing Units, may provide the basis for the Planning Board to grant waiver requests (Section II.K.11 of these Zoning Ordinances) and dimensional relief (Section II.K.8 of these Ordinances, but shall not be considered for requests of constructing structures over three (3) stories and/or above forty (40) feet in height.

d. Projects within the B-4 District shall provide a mixture of housing options, which may include Workforce Housing, artist live-work housing, over-55 housing, over-62 housing, townhouses, etc. to promote an integrated and diverse community.

7. Reuse of Historic Structures

To promote the reuse of historic structures within Framingham, the Planning Board shall provide additional review provisions solely for those structures that have been deemed historically significant by either the Historical Commission or Historic District Commission. Such projects may be exempt from the Floor Area Ratio (FAR), lot coverage, and/or setback requirements when a historic structure is incorporated into a project within a B-4 District.

8. Dimensional Requirements

[2] The term nonresidential shall not mean accessory to residential use, such as leasing office, fitness center for residents only, resident community space, etc.

[3] Uses as permitted by the Table of Use (Section II.B) of the Framingham Zoning Ordinance

a. In order to provide efficient and consistent review for projects within a B-4 District, the Planning Board may allow by special permit dimensional relief up to 25% (twenty-five percent), from the dimensional requirements set forth in Section IV.E.2.Table of Dimensional Regulations of these Ordinances, except for relief from an increase in height and/or number of floors which shall require approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

b. A special permit for dimensional relief as specified in Section 8.a, herein may only be granted if the Planning Board finds that such request is consistent with the public good, does not propose structures greater than three (3) stories or forty (40) feet in height, except as allowed in Section 8.c below, and does not substantially derogate from the intent and purpose of the Framingham Zoning Ordinance or the intent of the Master Land Use Plan. Such particular dimensional relief must benefit and improve the project and/or configuration of the proposed project, while providing an improved transition area between the project and the surrounding neighborhood.

c. The Planning Board may allow by special permit structures with pitched roofs to exceed the permitted building height in order to accommodate better design of a project. Such increase shall not exceed an additional ten (10) feet, thereby establishing a maximum built height not to exceed fifty (50) feet. Furthermore, such additional height associated with the pitched roof shall not be utilized for habitation.

d. Any dimensional relief requested by the Applicant pursuant to Section II.K.8 of these Ordinances, shall be subject to the following requirements of the Planning Board:

   i. The Applicant shall fund a Peer Review Consultant to ensure that the design is consistent with the intent of the B-4 District for the requested relief.

e. Dimensional relief for projects not under the Planning Board review or that exceed 25% (twenty-five percent), as set forth in Section IV.E.2.Table of Dimensional Regulations of these Ordinances shall require approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

9. Application Review

a. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) for projects within a B-4 District, unless otherwise denoted in Section II.B Table of Use of these Ordinances.

b. The review procedures for projects in the B-4 District shall be in conformance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Sections 9 and 11; Section VI.F of these Ordinances; and other permitting and approval processes as may be applicable.

c. A Pre-Technical Review Team meeting is strongly encouraged for all development and/or redevelopment projects with a B-4 District. Such review ensures that projects comply with municipal requirements prior to the submittal of an application.

   i. Applicants choosing to meet with the Pre-Technical Review Team prior to finalizing and submitting plans to the Planning Board shall be granted a decision by the Planning Board within 60 days unless the Applicant requests an extension of time.

d. Prior to the submittal of an application located within the B-4 District, the Planning Board shall require the Applicant to host two community outreach meetings. One of the meetings shall be held within the B-4 District. The second meeting shall be held during an open meeting with the Planning Board. Notification shall be sent to property owners within 300’ (three hundred feet) of the project property boundaries at the applicant’s expense (such list of property owners shall be prepared by the Framingham Assessors’ Office as a Certified Abutters List), the City Council, the Planning Board Office, and the Mayor’s Office, in addition to the neighborhood association, where applicable.

e. The Planning Board may require the Applicant to fund a Peer Review Consultant to assist in the technical review as outlined herein, in accordance with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations and M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53G.

i. The Planning Board shall require projects with residential components to fund a peer review study to determine the impacts of the project on municipal infrastructure, schools, landscape design, architectural design, and transportation systems. The intent of the peer review is to ensure the project does not degrade present services, is in keeping with the provisions of Section II.A.2.d and ensures that the project mitigates its impacts to Framingham as a whole.

f. Projects that do not trigger review by the Planning Board shall be required to submit a statement and plans to the Technical Review Team (TRT) as to how the project complies with the neighborhoods' respective design guidelines, pursuant to Sections II.K.2- 4 of these Ordinances. The TRT shall meet to provide feedback and request modifications to the proposed plans to ensure compliance with the vision and intent of the B-4 District.

g. Furthermore, the TRT shall be the reviewing and approval authority for the following types of projects:

i. Any redevelopment that does not require permits from the Planning Board but proposes modification to the exterior of the structure;

ii. Any expansion of existing nonresidential or multi-family structures which results in a total floor area between 500-2,999 (five hundred to two thousand nine hundred ninety-nine) gross square feet; or

iii. Any modification to a site plan previously approved by the Planning Board, unless Major or Minor Site Plan Review is required for such modification.

10. Review of Uses

In the event that an applicant proposes a use that is not defined in Section II.B of these Ordinances and/or is a use that the Building Commissioner cannot determine as to what category such use fits under on the Table of Uses, then the following shall apply:

a. The applicant shall be responsible for providing educational and supporting documentation that supports such use;

b. Review and approval by the Planning Board and all other applicable municipal departments shall be required prior to the application of any new technology and/or method being used within Framingham;

c. The Planning Board at its discretion may engage peer review services of experts qualified in a respective discipline to provide additional review and education at the expense of the applicant; and

d. After such review, the Planning Board may approve such use by a four-fifths vote where such use is found to provide a better project, creation of jobs, and compatibility with surrounding uses.

11. Procedure for Waiver

a. All projects within a B-4 District shall comply with Sections II.K of these Zoning Ordinances and Article 27 of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations. The Planning Board may waive the requirements of Section II.K.2. and II.K.3 of these Zoning Ordinances, and/or Article 27 of the Planning Board Rules and Regulations, by a four-fifth vote where such waivers will allow for better design and/or improved protection of resources.

b. The Planning Board shall not grant waiver requests for structures that have received relief from the ZBA for additional floors or height.

c. The TRT shall make a written recommendation to the Planning Board for consideration of such requested relief.

12. Compliance

Projects within a B-4 District shall comply with Sections II.K of these Zoning Ordinances. Wherever a conflict between two Sections occurs, the respective Section II.K of these Zoning Ordinances shall prevail.

13. Village Zoning Review

The Planning Board shall perform a review of the B-4 District Zoning Ordinances and the Framingham Zoning Map commencing no later than July 1, 2022 and to be concluded by December 31, 2022.

14. Variance

A variance authorizing a use or activity not otherwise permitted in a B-4 District shall be prohibited within the B-4 District.

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SECTION III.
OVERLAY DISTRICTS

A. FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS

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A. FLOODPLAIN DISTRICTS

1. Establishment of Districts

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within Framingham designated as Zone A and AE on the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The map panels of the Middlesex County FIRM that are wholly or partially within Framingham are panel numbers 25017C0501F , 25017C0502F , 25017C0503F , 25017C0504F, 25017C0506F, 25017C0508F, 25017C0509F, 25017C0511F, 25017C0512F, 25017C0514F, 25017C0516F, 25017C0517F, 25017C0518F, and 25017C0519F, dated July 7, 2014. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 7, 2014. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the City Clerk, Department of Public Works, Department of Inspectional Services (Building Department), the Division of Planning & Community Development, and Conservation Commission

2. Applicability

a. All proposed development in a Floodplain District shall require a permit from the Building Commissioner.

b. In addition to a permit from the Building Commissioner, any construction, enlargement, extension, or substantial improvement of a new or existing building for human habitation, normally allowed by right or authorized by special permit in a land area underlying a Floodplain District, shall require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

c. In the regulatory floodway, any development or encroachment, including fill, which would result in any increase in flood levels during the base flood shall be prohibited. In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

d. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres, whichever is the lesser, within unnumbered A zones. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

(1) Such proposals minimize flood damage;

(2) All public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and

(3) Adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.

3. Application Procedure

Prior to the filing of an application subject to this section, the applicant shall submit plans to the Building Commissioner. The Commissioner shall advise the applicant as to the pertinent sections of these Zoning Ordinances and the State Building Code, 780 CMR. If a special permit is required, the applicant shall then submit seven copies of the application to the ZBA, who shall forthwith transmit one copy each to the City Clerk, the Conservation Commission, the Board of Health, the Department of Public Works, the division of Planning & Community Development, and the Planning Board. Such agencies shall, within 30 days of receiving said copy, submit a report containing recommendations and the reasons therefor to the ZBA, and may prescribe conditions deemed appropriate for the proposed use. The ZBA shall not render a decision on any such application until said recommendations have been received and considered, or until the 30-day period has expired,

whichever is earlier. Failure of such agencies to submit their respective recommendations shall be deemed concurrence thereto.

To assist the ZBA in rendering its decision on the application, said application shall indicate at least the following:

a. All information normally required in a building permit application.

b. If approval for development must be obtained from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States Government or any agency or subdivision thereof, such approval shall be obtained, and a copy of the document setting forth such approval, and any conditions imposed thereon, shall be filed with the ZBA as part of this application.

c. The boundary of the special flood hazard area and the regulatory floodway shall be drawn on a plan of the site which shall also include contour lines at a maximum of two foot intervals. Base flood elevation on this site plan shall be certified by a registered professional engineer, architect, or surveyor. In unnumbered A zones base flood elevation data from sources other than the FIRM shall be obtained and reasonably utilized.

d. Location of existing and proposed sewer disposal facilities, leaching fields, and other utilities.

e. For any building to be occupied as a residence, certification by a registered professional engineer, architect, or surveyor that the proposed structure has been planned and designed to have the lowest floor, including the basement, elevated above the level of the base flood.

f. For any building not to be occupied as a residence, either certification as above that the lowest floor will be elevated above the level of the base flood, or certification by a registered professional engineer or architect that the building is planned and designed so that it will be watertight and anchored to resist forces associated with the base flood.

g. Other information as may reasonably be required by the ZBA to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section.

4. Conditions for Approval

In rendering its decision, the ZBA shall evaluate the extent to which the application meets the following conditions:

a. All other necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State Law.

b. New construction (including prefabricated buildings and mobile homes) and substantial improvements will be anchored to prevent flotation and lateral movement, and will be constructed with flood-resistant materials and methods.

c. Proposed development, including utilities, drainage, and paved areas, is located and designed to be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.

d. The site plan includes all required information, including base flood elevation data.

e. New water and sewer systems (including on-site systems) are located and designed to minimize infiltration.

f. New and substantially improved residential buildings have been planned and designed to have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level.

g. New and substantially improved non-residential buildings have been planned and designed to have the lowest floor (including basement) elevated to or above the base flood level; or be floodproofed to or above that level.

h. Where floodproofing is used in lieu of elevation, the floodproofing methods used are adequate to withstand the forces associated with the base flood.

i. Proposed development will not encroach on the regulatory floodway.

5. Occupancy Permit

No building newly constructed or substantially improved within a Floodplain District shall be occupied or used without an occupancy permit signed by the Building Commissioner which permit shall not be issued until the development complies in all respects with the site plan approved by the ZBA and any conditions imposed by the ZBA on the granting of a special permit for development in a Floodplain District. No occupancy permit shall be signed by the Building Commissioner until a Post Construction Elevation Certificate/Flood proofing Certificate has been submitted certifying that the building has been elevated above the level of the base flood or, for non-residential buildings, that the building has been floodproofed at least to the base flood elevation. In cases where a variance has been granted by the ZBA permitting construction below the base flood level and/or without adequate floodproofing, an occupancy permit may be granted in accordance with the conditions imposed by the ZBA on the granting of a variance.

6. Notification of Watercourse Alteration

In a riverine situation, the City Engineer shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

a. Adjacent communities affected by the alteration of the watercourse;

b. NFIP State Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation; and

c. NFIP Program Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I.

B. PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of a Planned Unit Development (**PUD**) District is to allow by special permit from the Planning Board an alternative use and pattern of land development for large tracts of land zoned for manufacturing, light manufacturing or business, by allowing single-family and multi-family clustered residential development and other uses as permitted in this Section while encouraging the conservation of significant open space in the district and providing affordable housing opportunity, all in conformance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 9. The PUD is a flexible zoning tool designed to meet the following public objectives:

a. to preserve significant areas of open space in perpetuity;

b. to encourage housing and land development which is harmonious with natural features and the environment;

c. to encourage a variety of housing types, sizes, characteristics, and price ranges;

d. to provide affordable housing to meet the housing needs of persons of low and moderate income;

e. to allow a limited neighborhood commercial area for the convenience of residents within the PUD District;

f. to provide recreational facilities within the District;

g. to promote more efficient uses of land and to preserve and protect natural resources such as wetland areas, woodlands, fields, natural habitats, significant vegetation, water bodies, and water supplies; and,

h. to preserve sites and structures of historical importance.

In the PUD, dwelling units should be constructed in appropriate clusters which are harmonious with neighborhood development and will not detract from the ecological and visual qualities of the environment. The overall site design and amenities should enhance the quality of living for the residents of the development and the city generally. Attention shall be given by the Planning Board as to whether the proposed site design, development layout, number, type and design of housing constitutes a suitable development for the neighborhood within which it is to be located.

2. Applicability

The Planned Unit Development District is an overlay district that may be superimposed upon a parcel or contiguous parcels of land having an area of at least fifty acres and located within a "**M**" **General** Manufacturing, "**B**" Business, or "**M-1**" Light Manufacturing, district by a vote of at least two-thirds of the City Council. The area to be included within the PUD District may include strips of land not to exceed one-hundred feet in width through any zoning district solely for the purpose of providing access to the parcel from public streets. Any roadway within said access strip shall include suitable plantings or materials to provide a visual buffer between the road and adjacent uses. If City Council votes to place such a parcel of land in an overlay PUD District, the applicant thereof may file an application for a special permit with the SPGA in accordance with the requirements of Section III.B.9. of these Zoning Ordinances. The application for a PUD Special Permit shall include the entire parcel or parcels placed into the PUD District by vote of the City Council. The SPGA shall not accept applications for a special permit under this Section which do not include the entire parcel or parcels of land designated as a PUD District. In the event a PUD Special Permit is issued pursuant to this Section and the rights granted pursuant thereto are exercised by the owner/applicant, no land included within said district may be removed from the provisions of this Section and used in accordance with the underlying zoning district.

3. Definitions

a. Terms Defined

For the purpose of this PUD Ordinance, the following terms shall have the meanings given in the following clauses:

Affordable Housing Unit: A housing unit offered for either sale or rental at such terms, conditions and restrictions so as to be qualified as affordable to persons or families of low or moderate income by the Executive Office of Communities and Development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (EOCD). Said units shall be offered for sale or rental by or through one or more of the following: a program administered by the EOCD; the Framingham Housing Authority; a non-profit land trust or limited dividend entity; each such affordable housing unit shall be governed by adequate and enforceable deed restrictions or other agreements acceptable to the Planning Board ensuring the continuing affordability of the unit. Affordable housing units shall be compatible with and nearly indistinguishable from the exterior appearance of the market-rate units in the PUD district and should be located throughout the PUD district.

Applicant: The person or persons, including a corporation or other legal entity, who applies for issuance of a special permit hereunder. The applicant must own, or be the beneficial owner of, all the land included in the planned development site proposed, or have authority from the owner(s) to act for him or hold an option or contract duly executed by the owner(s) and the applicant giving the latter the right to acquire the land to be included in the site within a period of sixty days from the time that the applicant shall notify the owner(s).

Congregate Housing: Housing units designed for elderly occupants in a facility which permits persons who do not require constant supervision or intensive health care as provided by an institution, to maintain a semi-independent life-style while providing services such as common dining facilities, a nursing staff, and other services and amenities as needed. Each such housing unit may provide one or more bedrooms and may have a separate living room, kitchen, dining area and bathroom. The total number of congregate housing units within the PUD District shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total allowable housing units within the PUD District.

Developable Land: All land located within the PUD District exclusive of wetlands as said terms is defined in the Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131, Section 40 of Massachusetts General Laws).

Floor Area Ratio: As used in this Section, the floor area ratio is the ratio of the gross floor area of all buildings within the PUD District to the area of developable land within the PUD District

provided, however, that the gross floor area of garages, attics and basements which are not designed to be used or occupied as living areas shall be excluded.

Housing Unit: A room, group of rooms, or dwelling forming a habitable unit for one family with facilities for living, sleeping, cooking and eating, and which is directly accessible from the outside or through a common hall without passing through any other dwelling unit.

Long Term Health Care Center: A nursing home or similar geriatric health care facility accessory to and operated in conjunction with congregate housing for the elderly within the PUD District. The number of beds contained within said facility shall not exceed twenty-five percent of the total number of congregate housing units within the PUD District.

Neighborhood Commercial Uses: Commercial uses intended for the primary use and convenience of the residents within the PUD District, including retail sales and services (except automotive sales or services which are not permitted); restaurants (except drive-through or take-out window service which is not permitted); branch banks and financial services; business and professional offices; personal services and day-care centers.

b. Terms Not Defined

Any terms not defined in this Section but defined elsewhere in these Zoning Ordinance sor in the State Building Code or in Massachusetts General Laws shall have the meanings given therein to the extent the same are not inconsistent with this Section.

4. Basic Requirements

a. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance to the contrary, no building permit shall be issued for, and no person shall undertake, any use or improvement in a PUD District unless an application for a special permit has been prepared for the proposed development in accordance with the requirements of this Section, and unless such special permit has been approved by the SPGA. The SPGA for a special permit granted under this Section shall be the Planning Board.

b No occupancy permit shall be granted by the Building Commissioner until the Planning Board has given its approval that the development or any phase thereof and any associated off-site improvements conform to the approved application for a special permit under this Section including any conditions imposed by the Planning Board. No temporary occupancy permits shall be granted under this PUD District Ordinance.

c. If a PUD special permit is not applied for within 3 years of a City Council vote to create a PUD overlay zone for a parcel of land, such land shall, after said three years, not be eligible for a PUD special permit. The City Council may, by two-thirds vote, extend this time limit.

5. Permitted Uses

No building or structure shall be constructed, used or arranged or designed to be used in any part and no change shall be made in the use of land or premises except for one or more of the following purposes:

a. Single-family detached and attached residences, multifamily residential buildings and congregate housing for the elderly, including a long term health care facility associated therewith. Not less than ten percent (10%) of all such housing units, including units for both sale and rental, shall qualify as affordable housing as said term is defined in Section III.B.3. of these Zoning Ordinances. Each phase of the development shall have approximately ten percent (10%) of its units qualify as affordable, and said affordable units shall be dispersed throughout the development and in various housing types. Not more than twenty percent of the housing units within the PUD District, exclusive of any congregate housing units for the elderly and affordable housing units, shall be rental units. The remainder of the units shall be owner-occupied.

b. Neighborhood commercial uses intended for the primary use and convenience of the residents within the PUD District as defined in Section III.B.3. of these Zoning Ordinances . As a general rule, no such establishment shall occupy more than 2,500 square feet and shall be subject to

reasonable restrictions and conditions relating to size and hours of operation imposed by the Planning Board. The Planning Board may refuse to authorize a commercial use which in its judgment is inappropriate for location within the PUD District. The Planning Board may permit larger neighborhood commercial establishments, up to a limit of 4,000 square feet, based on a clear demonstration by the applicant and a finding by the Planning Board that such larger size meets the needs of the residents in the PUD District.

c. Recreational facilities intended for the primary use and convenience of the residents thereof, such as swimming pools, exercise facilities, tennis courts and athletic fields (but not including driving ranges, miniature golf, or commercial amusement parks which are not permitted).

6. Dimensional and Area Regulations

a. Applicability

The dimensional and area regulations set forth in this Section shall apply to the total area of developable land within the PUD District and shall not regulate individual lots therein.

b. Maximum Allowable Density

The total number of residential housing units shall not exceed seven per acre of developable land within the PUD District. For purposes of this density calculation, every two bedrooms within a congregate housing facility as defined in Section III.B.3. these Zoning Ordinances shall be counted as one residential housing unit. Notwithstanding the aforesaid density limitations, the Planning Board may reduce the maximum allowable density within a PUD District; provided, however, that any such reduction be limited to that which is reasonably necessary to satisfy the objectives of a PUD District as defined herein. The Planning Board may also take into consideration the density of development on land surrounding the PUD District and the presence, or lack thereof, of undevelopable land and open space contained within and abutting the PUD District.

c. Floor Area Ratio Requirement

The ratio of the gross floor area of all buildings, residential and commercial, within the PUD District, to the total area of developable land within the District shall not exceed 32% (0.32).

d. Ground Coverage Requirement

(1) The ground coverage of all residential and commercial buildings and parking lots and impervious landscaping within the PUD District shall not exceed 40% of the total area of developable land within the District. The ground coverage of all roadway areas and associated sidewalks shall be excluded from this requirement.

(2) The ground coverage of all land and buildings used for commercial purposes, including associated parking lots, loading areas and impervious landscaping within the PUD District shall not exceed 2% of the developable land area of the District.

e. Setback Requirements

Setbacks within PUD Districts shall conform to the following requirements; provided, however, that the Planning Board may reduce the setback requirements or may require greater setbacks to provide additional buffers to residences abutting the PUD District or to enhance the aesthetic appearance or planning objectives of this project.

(1) Setbacks Abutting Other Districts

All structures within a PUD District shall have a minimum setback requirement of 50 feet from the PUD District boundary line.

(2) Front Setback Requirements

All structures within a PUD District shall have a minimum setback from any front lot line or any street line of 30 feet.

(3) Separation of Buildings

All buildings within the PUD District shall have a setback of at least 30 feet from any other building therein. The required setback for any building which exceeds forty feet in height shall equal to the height of that building.

f. Maximum Height Requirement

The maximum height of any building in a PUD District shall not exceed three stories or forty feet except for accessory structures or appurtenances normally built above the roof level and necessary for the operation of the building or use. Such structures shall not be intended for human occupancy and shall be erected only to serve the purpose for which they are intended. Except for chimneys and penthouses for stairways and mechanical installations, no such accessory structure or appurtenance shall exceed a height of 40 feet from the average grade.

g. Solar Orientation of Buildings

Spacing of buildings and landscaping, wherever possible and practical, shall be oriented to optimize solar exposure for buildings within the PUD District.

7. Open Land Requirements

a. Basic Requirement

Open space shall be provided in a PUD District in accordance with the requirements of this section.

b. Public Open Space

Significant areas of land within the PUD District which are not developable and are classified as wetlands in accordance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch.131 Section 40) and the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) promulgated thereunder, including the wildlife protection regulations, shall be designated as "Public Open Space". Said areas shall be preserved as open space in perpetuity and either conveyed to the Framingham Conservation Commission, or to a non-profit organization whose principal purpose is the conservation of open space, or shall be protected by means of a conservation restriction imposed on the land pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 184, Section 31.

c. Common Open Space

A minimum of 25% of the total developable land within the PUD District, exclusive of land set aside for streets within the district, shall be designated "Common Open Space". Common Open Space shall include all developable land not dedicated to roads, parking areas, buildings and structures. At least 50% of the required common open space shall be suitable for passive or active recreational use by residents of the PUD District. Common Open Space may be used for recreational facilities, as delineated in Section III.B.5.(c); and for passive open space and buffer areas. Common open space shall have a shape, dimension, character and location suitable to assure its use for park, recreation, conservation or agricultural purposes by residents of the PUD district; and, where possible, be located such that significant areas of continuous open space are distributed throughout the PUD District. There shall also be significant areas of common open space near areas containing high concentrations of housing units.

The approximate location of major areas of Public Open Space and Common Open Space shall be identified as part of the Preliminary Development Plan. The granting of a special permit for this plan shall include as a condition that the large areas of open space identified on the Preliminary Development Plan be preserved approximately as shown, with the understanding that the precise definition of such open space might be altered with the submittal and approval of Definitive Development Plans.

d. Ownership of Common Open Space, Restrictions Thereon

The required open land shall be conveyed to a non-profit corporation or trust comprising a condominium or homeowner's association. In order to ensure that the association will properly maintain the land deeded to it under this section, the developer shall cause to be recorded at the

Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions which shall, at a minimum, provide for the following:

(1) mandatory membership in an established association, as a requirement of ownership of any condominium unit, rental unit, building or lot in the tract.

(2) provisions for maintenance, assessments of the owners of all condominium units, rental units, buildings or lots in order to ensure that the open land is maintained in a condition suitable for the uses approved by the home's association. Failure to pay such assessment shall create a lien on the property assessed, enforceable by the association.

(3) provisions which, so far as possible under the existing law, will ensure that the restrictions placed on the use of the open land will not terminate by operation of law.

(4) provisions for limited easements to significant areas of open space and natural resources for recreational use by residents of Framingham, and to provide linkages to open space of abutting properties.

The developer shall be responsible for the maintenance of the common land and any other facilities to be held in common until such time as the association is capable of assuming said responsibility.

8. Design Standards, Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements

a. Basic Requirements

The Project shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Subdivision Design of the "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN FRAMINGHAM".

b. Off-Street Parking

Off-street parking facilities for structures and uses within a PUD District shall conform to all regulations and design standards set forth in Section IV.B. of these Zoning Ordinances. In addition to the setback and landscaping requirements set forth in Section IV.B., the Planning Board may require that any parking lot which contains more than 12 parking spaces be suitably screened by a landscaped area with trees which are of a type that may be expected to form a permanent screen.

c. Off-Street Loading

Off-street loading facilities for structures and uses within a PUD District shall conform to all regulations and design standards set forth in Section IV.C. of these Zoning Ordinances.

d. Garages

The construction of individual garages attached to or within housing units is encouraged where feasible, taking into consideration the topography, layout, type, architectural design and price of the unit.

9. Special Permit Applications and Review Procedure

a. It is the intent of this section to allow for phased construction of buildings and improvements within a Planned Unit Development district over a period of years, and to permit the phased submittal of certain plans and information. The special permit application, review and approval process provides for filing of a "Preliminary Development Plans" followed by one or more "Definitive Development Plans" together with the reports and information required by Section III.B.9 of these Zoning Ordinances.

b. The Applicant shall submit to the Planning Board a letter of intent to apply for a Special Permit for a Planned Unit Development. The Planning Board shall set up a Pre-Application Conference with department heads within the Technical Review Team (TRT)The Pre-application Conference allows the Applicant the opportunity to present to city officials a description of the proposed project with a sketch plan of the entire tract, and to receive comments regarding important areas of concern to be addressed in the planning process for the development.

c. The Applicant shall file with the Planning Board ten copies of the Application for a PUD Special Permit, a Preliminary Development Plan and, at the option of the applicant, one or more Definitive Development Plans for the initial phases of the development, conforming to the requirements of Section III.B.10. The Application shall be accompanied by the required filing fee as established by the Planning Board. One copy of the application shall be filed simultaneously with the City Clerk. The Planning Board shall immediately review the applications for completeness and shall, within 14 days, notify the applicant if it finds the application to be incomplete. Failure of the applicant to complete the application within 14 days of Planning Board notice will result in disapproval of the special permit without prejudice.

d. Upon receiving a completed application as set forth above, the Planning Board shall forthwith transmit one copy each to the TRT for review and comment.

e. Such agencies shall, within 35 days of receiving said copy, report to the Planning Board on (1) the adequacy of the data and the methodology used by the applicant to determine the impacts of the proposed development and (2) the effects of the projected impacts of the proposed development. Said agencies may recommend conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the proposed development. Failure by any such agency to report within the allotted time shall constitute approval by the agency of the adequacy of the submittal and also that, in the opinion of that agency, the proposed project will cause no adverse impact. If reasonably necessary to properly evaluate the proposal, the Planning Board may require additional reports or studies to be performed by an outside consultant and to be paid for by the applicant. If necessary, the Planning Board shall request the written consent of the applicant to extend the time allowed to hold a public hearing or take action on the application.

f. The Planning Board shall not render a decision on said application until it has received and considered all reports requested from city departments and boards, or until the 35-day period has expired, whichever is earlier. Where circumstances are such that the 35-day period is insufficient to conduct an adequate review, the Planning Board may, at the written request of the applicant, extend such period.

g. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on any properly completed application within 65 days after filing of a complete application, shall properly serve notice of such hearing, and shall render its decision within 90 days of the close of said hearing. The hearing and notice requirements set forth herein shall comply with the requirements of G.L.c.40A, Sections 9 and 11. All costs of the notice requirements shall be at the expense of the applicant.

h. Within 30 days after receiving a letter of intent to apply for a special permit for a Planned Unit Development, the Planning Board shall appoint an ad hoc Design Review Committee after consideration of recommendations for membership from the Planning Board Administrator. The Design Review Committee shall consist of seven residents of the City and whenever possible shall be composed as follows:

(1) two residents of the general area surrounding the proposed PUD,

(2) a land use planner or similar consultant,

(3) an architect or similar consultant,

(4) a landscape architect or similar consultant,

(5) a civil engineer or similar consultant, and

(6) the City Councilor of the Neighborhood District in which the land is located.

No Design Review Committee member may have a financial interest of any kind in the PUD. At the direction of the Planning Board, the committee shall meet with the Applicant and the Applicant's consultants to discuss and review the land planning and architectural features of the proposed development, including site layout, roadway system, location and design of recreational areas and open space, architectural design and groupings of buildings. During the special permit process, the

Design Review Committee shall make recommendations and/or comments to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall adopt rules and regulations governing the selection process of committee members and its function in the hearing and review process in accordance with this Section.

i. In reviewing the impacts of a proposed Planned Unit Development, the Planning Board shall consider the information presented in the Application for a PUD Special Permit, including all items specified in Section III.B.10., all reports of the TRT submitted to the Planning Board pursuant to Section III.B.9.(e); reports, comments or recommendations of the ad hoc Design Review Committee, and any additional information available to the Planning Board, submitted to the Planning Board by any person, official or agency, or acquired by the Planning Board on its own initiative or research.

j. The Planning Board shall grant the special permit only if it finds that the application satisfies the objectives of a PUD as defined in Section III.B.1., and only if it can make the specific findings required by Section VI.F.7. of these Zoning Ordinances.

k. A PUD Special Permit granted pursuant to this Section shall establish and regulate the following as conditions for approval:

(1) location of all primary streets and ways within the development, including access to existing public ways, with the layout, design, construction and other relevant standards for such streets and ways to conform to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham;

(2) locations of significant areas of public open space and common open space;

(3) boundaries of lots to be created within the development, if any;

(4) overall project density, including the distribution of housing units to avoid undue concentration of development, as well as maximum number of housing units that may be built within the development, including maximum number of building permits that may be issued within any twelve month period;

(5) location and boundaries of each development phase;

(6) location of commercial establishments;

(7) development timetable;

(8) off-site traffic improvements and environmental mitigation measures, if any to be performed by the Applicant, including timetables and procedures for implementation of the same;

(9) requirements for instruments to be executed by the owners of the land and recorded with the Registry of Deeds, or filed with the Registry of District of the Land Court as appropriate waiving all rights to previously issued permits and approvals for commercial or industrial buildings and uses for the land, if any, and to future uses of the land which would be otherwise permitted by the zoning district in which it is located, except as specifically allowed by Section III.B of these Zoning Ordinances.

(10) such other terms, conditions or restrictions as the Planning Board may deem appropriate.

10. Contents and Scope of Application

An application for a PUD Special Permit under this section shall be prepared by qualified professionals, including a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Registered Architect and a Registered Landscape Architect, and shall include the following items and information:

a. Pre-application Conference Submittal

The following materials are to be provided for the Pre-Application Conference by the Applicant. An approximately scaled sketch plan of the entire tract which shows in schematic detail the location of proposed uses and major buildings, proposed development density, housing types, layout of roads by function, location of entrances, and layout of common and public open spaces.

The sketch should be accompanied by a brief narrative that describes general design and architectural policies for the PUD, location and treatment of environmentally sensitive land located in the project tract, and the proposed time frame for phased development.

b. Preliminary Development Plan

(1) A legal description of the land, including ownership.

(2) A narrative of the project, including a statement of planning objectives, size of the parcel, number of residential units proposed, proposed coverage and densities, amount of non-residential construction proposed, recreational facilities planned for the development, construction schedule and a description of how the project satisfies the objectives of the PUD District Ordinance set out in Section III.B.1 of these Zoning Ordinances.

(3) A plan to be entitled "Preliminary Site Plan of Planned Unit Development for (identity of project)" prepared at a scale of one inch equals forty feet (1"=40') or such other scale as may be approved by the Planning Board containing the following information: site boundaries and names of all abutters, site area, location of all primary streets and ways within the site, including access points to existing public ways, the proposed system of drainage, including adjacent existing natural waterbodies, location of significant natural features and vegetation of the site, including wetland areas, water bodies and floodplain areas, boundary lines of existing and any proposed lots within the site, designation of each proposed phase of development, location of major recreational areas and open space, location of amenities such as swimming pools and tennis courts, and setting forth the total number of residential units to be constructed within the development.

(4) A locus plan at a scale of one inch equals 100 feet (1"=100'), showing the entire development and its relation to existing areas, buildings and roads for a distance of 1,000 feet from the project boundaries, or such other distance as may be approved or required by the Planning Board.

(5) A development impact statement prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section VI.F.4.a(5) through (10) (Site Plan Review) of these Zoning Ordinances , to be evaluated in accordance with the “Site plan review criteria” of Section VI.F.6. of these Zoning Ordinances, and subject to the requirements and conditions of Sections VI.F.7. and VI.F.8. of these Zoning Ordinances.

c. Definitive Development Plan

Each phase or sub-phase of a Planned Unit Development shall require the filing and approval by the Planning Board of a Definitive Development Plan prepared by qualified professionals, including a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a Registered Architect and a Registered Landscape Architect, and shall include the following items and information:

(1) A site plan at a scale of one inch equals forty feet (1"=40'), or such other scale as may be approved by the Planning Board, containing all items and information normally required to be included in a Site Plan under Section VI.F, and also indicating water service, sewer, waste disposal, and other public utilities on and adjacent to the site. For convenience and clarity, this information may be shown on one or more separate drawings.

(2) A landscape plan at the same scale as the site plan, showing the limits of work, existing tree lines, and all proposed landscape features and improvements including planting areas with size and type of stock for each shrub or tree.

(3) An isometric line drawing (projection) at the same scale as the site plan, showing the entire project and its relation to existing areas, buildings and roads for a distance of 100 feet from the project boundaries.

(4) Building elevation plans at a scale of one-sixteenth inch equals one foot (1/16"=1'-0") or one-eighth inch equals one foot (1/8"=1'-0"), showing all elevations of all proposed buildings and structures and indicating the type and color of materials to be used on all facades.

(5) Condominium documents and/or other instruments to be reviewed and approved by the City Solicitor and which

(a) adequately provide for and ensure the preservation and maintenance of public and common open space within each phase or sub-phase shown on the aforesaid site plans and

(b) provide that no more than twenty percent of the housing units, exclusive of any congregate housing units for the elderly and affordable housing units, shall be rental units and that the remainder shall be owner-occupied.

11. Relation to Subdivision Control Law

In the event the Applicant seeks subdivision approval for streets and lots within the PUD District pursuant to the Subdivision Control Law (M.G.L. Chapter 41, Sections 81K thru 81GG), the Applicant shall file an "Application for Approval of Definitive Plan" pursuant to the RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN FRAMINGHAM. In order to facilitate processing the Planning Board shall consider said application simultaneously with the application for a PUD Special Permit, and may adopt regulations establishing procedures for the simultaneous submission and consideration of the applications; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be deemed to require approval of streets and ways within a PUD District under the Subdivision Control Law. Any subdivision of land within the PUD District shall in no way diminish the effect of any conditions, agreements or covenants imposed or made as part of the grant of a PUD special permit.

12. Administration

a. The Planning Board shall establish and may periodically amend rules and regulations relating to the administration of this Section, including additional regulations relating to the scope and format of reports required hereunder.

b. The Planning Board shall establish and may periodically amend a schedule of fees for all applications under this Section. No application shall be considered complete unless accompanied by the required fees.

c. The Planning Board shall be responsible for deciding the meaning or intent of any provision of this Section which may be unclear or in dispute.

C. ADULT USES DISTRICTS

1. Purpose and Intent

These Adult Uses District Ordinance is enacted pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A Section 9A to serve Framingham's compelling interests of preventing the clustering and concentration of adult entertainment enterprises as defined herein because of the deleterious effect on the character and values of adjacent areas.

2. Applicability

a. An area of land may be placed within an Adult Uses Overlay District by vote of at least two-thirds of City Council.

b. Individual developments may be subject to Site Plan Review and Off-Street Parking Plan provisions as provided in these Zoning Ordinances.

c. A special permit issued under this Section shall lapse upon any one of the following occurrences:

1) There is a change in the location of the adult use;

2) There is a sale, transfer or assignment of the business or the license;

3) There is any change in ownership or management of the applicant.

3. Establishment of Districts and Relationship to Underlying Districts
The Adult Uses Overlay Districts are established as districts which overlay the underlying districts, so that any parcel of land lying in an Adult Use Overly District shall also lie in one or more of the other zoning districts in which it was previously classified, as provided for in these Zoning Ordinances.

4. Permitted Uses
All uses permissible and as regulated within the underlying district.

5. Special Permit Uses
The following uses shall require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals:
Adult Bookstore, Adult Video Store, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Motion Picture Theater or Adult Live Entertainment Establishment

6. Special Permit Standards for Adult Uses
No special permit may be granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals for an Adult Bookstore, Adult Video Store, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Motion Picture Theater or Adult Live Entertainment Establishment unless the following conditions are satisfied:

a. Locational Conditions:
No Adult Bookstore, Adult Video Store, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Motion Picture Theater or Adult Live Entertainment Establishment may be located less than 1,000 feet from a residential zoning district, school, library, church or other religious use, child care facility, park, playground, recreational areas where large numbers of minors regularly travel or congregate, or another Adult Bookstore, Adult Video Store, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Motion Picture Theater or Adult Live Entertainment Establishment. The 1,000 feet distance shall be measured from all property lines of the proposed use.

b. Display Conditions
No signs, graphics, pictures, publications, videotapes, movies, covers, or other implements, items, or advertising, that fall within the definition of Adult Bookstore, Adult Video Store, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Motion Picture Theater or Adult Live Entertainment Establishment merchandise, or are erotic, prurient, or related to violence, sadism, or sexual exploitation shall be displayed in the windows of, or on the building of any Adult Bookstore, Adult Video Store, Adult Paraphernalia Store, Adult Motion Picture Theater or Adult Live Entertainment Establishment, or be visible to the public from the pedestrian sidewalks or walkways or from other areas, public or semi-public, outside such establishments.

c. Applicant Conditions
No special permit shall be issued to any person convicted of violating the provisions of MGL Chapter 119 Section 63 or MGL Chapter 272 Section 28.

7. Any special permit granted under this section shall lapse within two years of the date of grant, not including the time required to pursue or await the termination of an appeal referred to in MGL Chapter 40A Section 17, if substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the case of permit for construction, if construction has not begun within two years of the date of grant, except for good cause.

D. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. Purpose of District
The purpose of this Groundwater Protection District is to:

a. promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community by ensuring an adequate quality and quantity of drinking water for the residents, institutions, and businesses of the City of Framingham;

b. preserve and protect existing and potential sources of drinking water supplies;

c. conserve the natural resources of the City; and
d. prevent temporary and permanent contamination of the environment.

2. Scope of Authority

The Groundwater Protection District is an overlay district superimposed on other zoning districts. This overlay district shall apply to all new construction, reconstruction, or expansion of existing buildings and new or expanded uses. Applicable activities/uses in a portion of any of the underlying zoning districts that fall within the Groundwater Protection District must additionally comply with the requirements of this district. Uses prohibited in the underlying zoning districts shall not be permitted in the Groundwater Protection District.

3. Definitions

For the purposes of this section, the following terms are defined below:

Aquifer: Geologic formation composed of rock, sand or gravel that contains significant amounts of potentially recoverable water.

Groundwater Protection District: The zoning district defined to overlay other zoning districts in the City of Framingham. The groundwater protection district may include specifically designated recharge areas.

Hazardous Material: Any substance or mixture of physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics posing a significant, actual, or potential hazard to water supplies or other hazards to human health if such substance or mixture were discharged to land or water in the City of Framingham. Hazardous materials include, without limitation: synthetic organic chemicals; petroleum products; heavy metals; radioactive or infectious wastes; acids and alkalis; solvents and thinners in quantities greater than normal household use; and all substances defined as hazardous or toxic under M.G.L. c. 21C and 21E and 310 CMR 30.00.

Impervious Surface: Material or structure on, above, or below the ground that does not allow precipitation or surface water to penetrate directly into the soil.

Landfill: A facility established in accordance with a valid site assignment for the purposes of disposing of solid waste into or on the land, pursuant to 310 CMR 19.006.

Low Impact Development (LID): A stormwater management system that integrates hydrologic controls into a site's design by replicating predevelopment conditions.

Non-sanitary Wastewater: Wastewater discharges from industrial and commercial facilities containing wastes from any activity other than collection of sanitary sewage, including, but not limited to, activities specified in the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes set forth in 310 CMR 15.004(5).

Open Dump: A facility that is operated or maintained in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 4004(a)(b)), or the regulations and criteria for solid waste disposal.

Potential Drinking Water Sources: Areas that could provide significant potable water in the future.

Recharge Areas: Areas that collect precipitation or surface water and carry it to aquifers. Recharge areas include areas designated by Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) as Zone I, Zone II, or Zone III.

Septage: The liquid, solid, and semi-solid contents of privies, chemical toilets, cesspools, holding tanks, or other sewage waste receptacles. Septage does not include any material which is a hazardous waste, pursuant to 310 CMR 30.000.

Sludge: The solid, semi-solid, and liquid residue that results from a process of wastewater treatment or drinking water treatment. Sludge does not include grit, screening, or grease and oil, which are removed at the headworks of a facility.

Treatment Works: Any and all devices, processes and properties, real or personal, used in the collection, pumping, transmission, storage, treatment, disposal, recycling, reclamation, or reuse of waterborne pollutants, but not including any works receiving hazardous waste from off the site of the works for the purpose of treatment, storage, or disposal.

Very Small Quantity Generator: Any public or private entity, other than residential, that produces less than 27 gallons (100 kilograms) a month of hazardous waste or waste oil, but not including any acutely hazardous waste as defined in 310 CMR 30.136.

Waste Oil Retention Facility: A waste oil collection facility for automobile service stations, retail outlets, and marinas that is sheltered and has adequate protection to contain a spill, seepage, or discharge of petroleum waste products in accordance with M.G.L. c. 21. § 52A.

4. Establishment and Delineation of Groundwater Protection District

For the purposes of this district, there are hereby established within Framingham certain groundwater protection areas, consisting of aquifers or recharge areas that are delineated on a map. This map is entitled Groundwater Protection District Map, City of Framingham. This map is hereby made a part of the se Zoning Ordinance and is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

5. District Boundary Disputes

If the location of the District boundary in relation to a particular parcel is in doubt, resolution of boundary disputes shall be through a special permit application to the Planning Board. Any application for a special permit for this purpose shall be accompanied by adequate documentation. The burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) of the land to demonstrate that the location of the district boundary with respect to their parcel(s) of land is uncertain. At the request of the owner(s), the City of Framingham may engage a Register Professional Engineer licensed within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hydrologist, geologist, or soil scientist to determine more accurately the boundaries of the district with respect to individual parcels of land, and may charge the owner(s) for the cost of the investigation.

6. Permitted Uses

The following uses are permitted within the Groundwater Protection District, provided that all necessary permits, orders, or approvals required by local, state, or federal law are also obtained:

i. conservation of soil, water, plants, and wildlife;

ii. outdoor recreation, nature study, boating, fishing, and hunting where otherwise legally permitted;

iii. foot, bicycle and/or horse paths, and bridges;

iv. normal operation and maintenance of existing water bodies and dams, splash boards, and other water control, supply and conservation devices;

v. maintenance, repair, and enlargement of any existing structure, subject to Section 7 and Section 9 of this Ordinance;

vi. residential and commercial development, subject to Section 7, Section 8, and Section 9 of this Ordinance;

vii. farming, gardening, nursery, conservation, forestry, harvesting, and grazing, subject to Section 7 and Section 9 of this Ordinance; and

viii. construction, maintenance, repair, and enlargement of drinking water supply related facilities such as, but not limited to, wells, pipelines, aqueducts, and tunnels.

7. Uses Permitted by Administrative Approval

The following uses shall not require a special permit pursuant to Section III.D.9 of these Zoning Ordinance and are permitted within the Groundwater Protection District, provided that all necessary permits, orders, or approvals required by local, state, or federal law are also obtained, and further provided that the use has been approved by the Department of Public Works (DPW) Director or designee after review of plans and documentation deemed appropriate by the DPW Director.

i. Existing lots, either occupied, or proposed to be occupied, by single or two-family residences and not subject to subdivision review provided that recharge shall be attained through site design that incorporates natural drainage patterns and vegetation in order to maintain pre-development stormwater patterns and water quality to the maximum extent practicable.

8. Prohibited Uses

The following uses are prohibited within the Groundwater Protection District:

i. landfills and open dumps as defined in 310 CMR 19.006;

ii. automobile graveyards and junkyards, as defined in M.G.L. c. 140B, §1;

iii. landfills receiving only wastewater and/or septage residuals including those approved by the DEP pursuant to M.G.L.c. 21, §26 through §53; M.G.L.c. 111, §17; M.G.L c. 83, §6 and §7, and regulations promulgated thereunder;

iv. facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste that are subject to M.G.L.c. 21C and 310 CMR 30.00, except for:

- **a)** very small quantity generators as defined under 310 CMR 30.000;
- **b)** household hazardous waste centers and events under 310 CMR 30.390;
- **c)** waste oil retention facilities required by M.G.L. c. 21, §52A;
- **d)** water remediation treatment works approved by the DEP for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters;

v. petroleum, fuel oil, and heating oil bulk stations and terminals including, but not limited to, those listed under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 5983 and 5171, not including liquefied petroleum gas.

vi. storage of liquid hazardous materials, as defined in M.G.L.c. 21E, and/or liquid petroleum products unless such storage is:

- **a)** above ground level, and;
- **b)** on an impervious surface, and
- **c)** either
  - **(i)** in container(s) or above ground tank(s) within a building, or;
  - **(ii)** outdoors in covered container(s) or above ground tank(s) in an area that has a containment system designed and operated to hold either 10% of the total possible storage capacity of all containers, or 110% of the largest container's storage capacity, whichever is greater;

vii. storage of sludge and septage, unless such storage is in compliance with 310 CMR 32.30 and 310 CMR 32.31;

viii. storage of deicing chemicals unless such storage, including loading areas, is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;

ix. storage of animal manure unless covered or contained within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;

x. earth removal, consisting of the removal of soil, loam, sand, gravel, or any other earth material to within 4 feet of historical high groundwater as determined from monitoring wells and historical water table fluctuation data compiled by the United States Geological Survey, except for excavations for building foundations, swimming pools, roads, or utility works;

xi. discharge to the ground of non-sanitary wastewater including industrial and commercial process waste water, except:

- **a)** the replacement or repair of an existing treatment works that will not result in a design capacity greater than the design capacity of the existing treatment works;
- **b)** treatment works approved by the Department of Environmental Protection and designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface water and operating in compliance with 314 CMR 5.05(3) or 5.05(13); and
- **c)** publicly owned treatment works;

xii. stockpiling and disposal of snow and ice containing deicing chemicals brought in from outside the district; and

xiii. storage of commercial fertilizers, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 128, §64, unless such storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate.

9. Uses and Activities Requiring a Special Permit

The following uses and activities are permitted only upon the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board under such conditions as they may require:

i. enlargement or alteration of existing uses that do not conform to the Groundwater Protection District;

ii. those activities that involve the handling of toxic or hazardous materials in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use, permitted in the underlying zoning (except as prohibited under Section III.D.8). Such activities shall require a special permit to prevent contamination of groundwater;

iii. any use, other than those permitted by administrative approval pursuant to Section III.D.7 of these Ordinances herein, in which more than 15% or 2,500 square feet of the lot coverage, whichever is greater, is rendered impervious. In such instances, a system for groundwater recharge must be provided that does not degrade groundwater quality. A stormwater management plan shall be developed that provides for the artificial recharge of precipitation to groundwater through site design incorporating natural drainage patterns and vegetation and through the use of constructed (stormwater) wetlands, wet (detention) ponds, water quality swales, sand filters, organic filters or similar site appropriate best management practices capable of removing nitrogen and other contaminants from stormwater and meeting the Stormwater Management Standards and technical guidance contained in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Stormwater Management Handbook, Volumes 1 and 2, as may be amended from time to time, for the type of use proposed and the soil types present on the site. Such runoff shall not be discharged directly to rivers, streams, and other surface water bodies, wetlands or vernal pools. Dry wells shall be prohibited.

Except when used for roof runoff from non galvanized roofs, all such wetlands, ponds, swales or other infiltration facilities shall be preceded by oil, grease and sediment traps or other best management practices to facilitate control of hazardous materials spills and removal of contamination and to avoid sedimentation of treatment and leaching facilities. All such artificial recharge systems shall be maintained in full working order by the owner(s) under the provisions of an operations and maintenance plan approved by the permitting authority to ensure that systems function as designed.

10. Procedures for Issuance of Special Permit

A. The SPGA under this Groundwater Protection District Ordinance shall be the Planning Board. Such special permit shall be granted if the Planning Board determines, in conjunction with the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and Department of Public Works, that the intent of this Ordinance, as well as its specific criteria, are met. The Planning Board shall not grant a special permit under this section unless the petitioner's application materials include, in the Planning Board's opinion, sufficiently detailed, definite, and credible information to support positive findings in relation to the standards given in this section. The Planning Board shall document the basis for any departures from the recommendations of the other Framingham boards or agencies in its decision.

B. Upon receipt of the special permit application, the Planning Board shall transmit one copy to the Board of Health, the Conservation Commission, and Department of Public Works for their written recommendations. Failure to respond in writing within 35 days of receipt from the Planning Board shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto or no desire to comment by said agency. The necessary number of copies of the application shall be furnished by the applicant.

C. The Planning Board may grant the required special permit only upon finding that the proposed use meets the following standards, those specified in Section III.D.9 of these Zoning Ordinances, and any regulations or guidelines adopted by the Planning Board. The proposed use must:
   1. in no way, during construction or thereafter, adversely affect the existing or potential quality or quantity of water that is available in the Groundwater Protection District; and
   2. be designed to minimize disturbance of the soils, topography, drainage, vegetation, and other water-related natural characteristics of the site to be developed.

D. The Planning Board may adopt regulations to govern design features of projects. Such regulations shall be consistent with Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham, as may be amended from time to time.

E. The applicant shall file 15 copies of a site plan and attachments. The site plan shall be drawn at a proper scale as determined by the Planning Board and be stamped by a professional engineer registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. All additional submittals shall be prepared by qualified professionals. The site plan and its attachments shall at a minimum include the following information where pertinent:
   1. a complete list of chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, fuels, and other potentially hazardous materials to be used or stored on the premises in quantities greater than those associated with normal household use;
   2. for those activities using or storing such hazardous materials, a hazardous materials management plan shall be prepared and filed with the Hazardous Materials Coordinator, Fire Chief, and Board of Health. The plan shall include:
      a. provisions to protect against the discharge of hazardous materials or wastes to the environment due to spillage, accidental damage, corrosion, leakage, or vandalism, including spill containment and clean-up procedures;
      b. provisions for indoor, secured storage of hazardous materials and wastes with impervious floor surfaces;
      c. evidence of compliance with the Regulations of the Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Management Act 310 CMR 30, including obtaining an EPA identification number from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection;
      d. proposed down-gradient location(s) for groundwater monitoring well(s), should the Planning Board deem the activity a potential groundwater threat.

F. The Planning Board shall hold a hearing, in conformity with the provision of MGL Chapter 40A, § 9, within 65 days after the filing of the application and after the review by various municipal boards, departments, and commissions. Notice of the public hearing shall be given by publication and posting and by first-class mailings to "parties of interest" as defined in MGL Chapter 40A, §11. The decision of the Planning Board and any extension, modification, or renewal thereof shall be filed with the Planning Board and City Clerk within 90 days following the close of the public hearing. Failure of the Planning Board to act within 90 days of the close of the public hearing shall be deemed as a granting of the permit.

E. HIGHWAY OVERLAY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the Highway Overlay District Regulations Ordinance is to manage the intensity of development and the quality of design along major highway corridors so as to protect the public health, welfare and safety and to enhance the economic vitality of the area. In particular, the provisions set forth are designed to limit congestion, to preserve environmental qualities, to improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation, and to provide for mitigation of any adverse impacts resulting from increased development in a complex regional center. In addition to these purposes, the open

space and landscaping provisions of this section are designed to foster development that is of high visual and aesthetic quality.

Furthermore, it is a specific purpose of this Ordinance to establish parallel and consistent zoning regulations for highway corridor areas which are shared by the municipalities of both Framingham and Town of Natick, in order to achieve a unified development character for such areas and to avoid substantive and procedural conflicts in the regulation and administration of land uses within such areas.

This Ordinance establishes a system whereby a development may attain a greater density than allowed by right, in return for providing public benefit amenities which compensate for one or more specific effects of increased density. These amenities may include traffic improvements (to accommodate increased traffic), pedestrian or transit improvements (to reduce traffic generation), creation of additional open space and public parks (to compensate for increased congestion and concentration of economic activities), provision of public assembly areas (to foster more balanced development and a sense of community).

The provision of increased development density in return for such amenities is specifically authorized by MGL Ch. 40A, Sec. 9, with respect to open space, traffic and pedestrian amenities, and is also generally authorized for other amenities.

2. Definitions

The following terms shall be specifically applicable to these Highway Overlay District Regulation Ordinance and shall have the meanings provided below.

Bonus: The construction of floor area in excess of that permitted as of right by the applicable FAR maximum.

Bonus Project: A project for which the applicant is seeking any one or more of the bonuses provided in Section III.E.9 of these Zoning Ordinances.

Change In Use: A change in part or all of an existing structure from one use category or purpose to another use category or purpose. In a mixed or multi-use facility, an exchange or rearrangement of principal use categories or components shall not be construed as a change in use unless the net change in any of the factors in the [Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations, Section IV.B.1(a)], requires an addition of 10 or more parking spaces to the amount required by this Ordinance prior to the change in use.

Divider Island: A landscaped element running in a direction parallel to a vehicular travel lane, used to separate parallel rows of parking spaces.

Excess Pervious Landscaping: Pervious landscaping exclusive of wetlands, as defined herein, in excess of the amount required by the applicable LSR.

Floor Area Ratio (FAR): The ratio between (1) the gross floor area of all buildings on a parcel, including accessory buildings, and (2) the total area of the parcel.

Landscape Surface Ratio (LSR): The ratio between (1) the area of a parcel devoted to pervious landscaping or natural vegetated areas and (2) the total area of the parcel. Both components of this ratio shall exclude any wetland resource area, as defined in M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 40, except for wetland areas that are located within one hundred feet of an upland area adjoining a developed area of the project.

Major Alteration: An alteration or expansion of a structure or group of structures, on the same lot or contiguous lots, that results in an increase in gross floor area equal to or greater than 15% over the gross floor area in existence on January 1, 1992; or which is equal to or more than eight thousand (8,000) square feet, or, if the parcel on which the subject structure is located is within two hundred (200) feet of a residential district, more than five thousand (5,000) square feet, which ever is the lesser amount.

Minor Alteration: An alteration or expansion of a structure or group of structures, on the same lot or contiguous lots, that results in an increase in gross floor area of less than 15% over the gross floor area in existence on January 1, 1992; or which is less than eight thousand (8,000) square feet, or, if the parcel on which the subject structure is located is within two hundred (200) feet of a residential district, less than five thousand (5,000) square feet, which ever is the lesser amount.

Nonbonus Project: A project for which the applicant is not seeking a bonus.

Open Space Public Benefit Amenity: A public benefit amenity in the form of a park or excess pervious landscaping, available for passive or active recreation, or leisure use, by the public.

Parcel: All lots utilized for any purpose in connection with creating a development, e.g. buildings, parking and detention basins.

Park: A continuous area of open space which is directly accessible to the public for scenic, recreational or leisure purposes.

Pedestrian Circulation Improvement: A public benefit amenity in the form of a pathway, off- site sidewalk or pedestrian bridge designed to facilitate pedestrian movement.

Pedestrian Bridge: A structure designed to convey pedestrians over a watercourse, railroad, or public or private right of way.

Pedestrian Tunnel: A structure designed to convey pedestrians under a watercourse, railroad, or public or private right of way.

Pervious Landscaping: Area that is principally covered with natural materials such as grass, live plants or trees.

Public Assembly Space: A room or facility, such as a meeting room, theater, amphitheater or auditorium, which is available on a not-for-profit basis for use by members of the public for civic and cultural events.

Public Benefit Amenity: An improvement, facility or financial contribution for the benefit of the general public, provided in connection with a development in order to qualify for an increase over the Base FAR.

Public Transit Endowment: A contribution to a trust fund, maintained by City Council or other government body designated by the City Council, established for the purpose of providing long-term financial support for local or regional transit systems serving the Regional Center district.

Service Road: A road that is designed to provide access to abutting properties so that the volume of traffic entering onto or exiting from major roadways is reduced.

Terminal Island: A landscaped element running in a direction parallel to individual parking spaces and having a minimum length equal to the length of any abutting parking space found at the end of a row.

Transit Amenity: A public benefit amenity which contributes to the use and/or long-term availability of public transit and is either a transit-related lane widening or public transit endowment.

Transit-Related Lane Widening: A new or expanded lane on an existing street, designed and reserved for use by high occupancy vehicles, such as buses and vans.

3. Establishment of Districts

a. General

The Highway Overlay Districts are established as districts which overlay nonresidential zoning districts abutting major arterial highways. There are two such overlay districts: the **REGIONAL CENTER** (**RC**) Overlay District and the **HIGHWAY CORRIDOR** (**HC**) Overlay District.

b. Regional Center (RC) District

1) The RC district shall be bounded as follows:

- Easterly by the Framingham-Natick municipal boundary;

- Southerly by the boundary line between the General Business district and the R-1 Single Residence district on the southerly side of Worcester Road (State Route 9);
- Westerly by the intersection of Worcester Road and Cochituate Road (Route 30);
- The Northerly boundary shall include all parcels, or groups of contiguous parcels serving a common use, whether or not in common ownership, which are used for non-residential purposes as of January 1, 1992 and any portions of which are located within 200 feet of that portion of the northerly right-of-way of Cochituate Road, between Worcester Road (Route 9) and the Framingham-Natick municipal boundary

2) If, as of January 1, 1992, any portion of the area of a parcel falls within the RC district, then the entire parcel shall be deemed to fall within the district.

c. Highway Corridor (HC) District

The HC District shall include all parcels, or groups of contiguous parcels serving a common use, whether or not in common ownership, which are used for non-residential purposes as of January 1, 1992 and any portions of which are located within 200 feet of the right-of-way of Worcester Road (Route 9), but excluding (a) parcels that are included in the RC district as set forth above; (b) parcels located on the northerly side of Worcester Road between Edgell Road and the westerly ramp leading onto Route 9 (the Framingham Center); (c) the parcels known as the Framingham Industrial Park; and (d) and the parcels known as 9/90 Crossing.

d. Relationship to Underlying Districts

1) The Highway Overlay Districts shall overlay, all underlying districts, so that any parcel of land lying in a Highway Overlay District shall also lie in one or more of the other zoning districts in which it was previously classified, as provided for in these Zoning Ordinances.

2) All regulations of the underlying zoning districts shall apply within the Highway Overlay Districts, except to the extent that they are specifically modified or supplemented by other provisions of the applicable Highway Overlay District.

3) Requirements for off-site contributions under Site Plan Review:

a) For non-bonus projects, the requirements of Sections VI.F.6(a) and VI.F.8.(c) regarding contributions for off-site improvements shall apply.

b) For bonus projects which comply in all other respects with the requirements of this Section E. and other provisions of these Zoning Ordinances, the provisions of this Section E. regarding contributions for off-site improvements and public benefit amenities shall supersede and replace the requirement for off-site improvements under Section VI.F.6.(a) and VI.F.8.(c).

4. Use Regulations

a. General

1) The Highway Overlay Districts are herein established as overlay districts. The underlying permitted uses are permitted. However a developer must meet the additional requirements of this Section III.E of these Zoning Ordinances.

2) Lots in a Highway Overlay District exclusively used or zoned for single or two-family residential development are exempt from these regulations, regardless of the underlying Zoning District classification.

b. Multiple Use Developments

Multiple use developments are specifically allowed in a Highway Overlay District to the extent that each individual use is allowed in the district.

5. Intensity Regulations

a. Base Floor Area Ratio (FAR) for Nonresidential Development

For any nonresidential development, the floor area ratio (FAR) shall not exceed 0.32, except as modified below in this section.

b. Increase in FAR for New Construction with Public Benefit Amenities in the RC District

The Planning Board may, by Special Permit, grant an increase in the maximum floor area ratio above 0.32, up to a maximum FAR of 0.40, for parcels located in the Regional Center (RC) zoning district, subject to the following requirements:

1) Increased pervious landscape surface shall be provided in accordance with Section III.E.6(b) of these Highway Overlay Districts Regulations.

2) Public benefit amenities shall be provided as required herein, and the increase in permitted floor area shall be determined in accordance with the schedule of bonuses set forth in Section 9 of these Highway Overlay Districts Regulations. A FAR increase shall be granted only if the Board makes the Findings required in Section III.E.5.g of these Ordinances.

c. Increase in FAR for Consolidation of Lots in the RC or HC Districts

In order to encourage consolidation of lots, the Planning Board may, by special permit, grant an increase in the floor area ratio above 0.32. Such increase shall not exceed 20% of the combined gross floor area of the buildings on the lots to be consolidated, or 12,000 square feet, whichever is lesser, up to a maximum FAR of 0.40.

A FAR increase shall be granted only if the Planning Board determines that the proposed consolidation will achieve, to the maximum extent feasible, the Objectives and Standards set forth in Section III.E.5.c.1) and makes the Findings required in Section III.E.5.g of these Ordinances.

1) Objectives and Standards

a) The coordinated development shall be designed to provide access improvements and reduce the number of curb cuts as well as improve signage, unify landscaping, and achieve a higher standard of site design than would be possible with separate development of the individual lots.

b) Only lots which were in separate ownership as of January 1, 1992 may be consolidated for purposes of qualifying for a FAR increase in a Highway Overlay District.

c) The coordinated development need not involve consolidation of ownership. However, the continued use of improvements achieved through consolidation must be guaranteed through appropriate mechanisms (such as easements).

d. Increase in FAR for Projects Involving Minor Alterations in the RC or HC Districts

The Planning Board may, by Special Permit, grant an increase in the existing FAR over 0.32 for minor alteration up to a maximum FAR of 0.40. Such increase shall be granted only if the Planning Board makes Findings required in Section III.E.5.g of these Zoning Ordinances. A special permit, under Section III.E of these Zoning Ordinances, is not required for a minor alteration which does not exceed a FAR of 0.32.

e. Areas Excluded from FAR Computation

The floor area of the following types of facilities shall *not* be included in the gross floor area of a structure or structures for the purposes of computing the floor area ratio on a parcel in the HC or RC district:

1) Day care facilities licensed by the State Office for Children

2) Off-street parking facilities and associated ramps and aisles;

3) Facilities dedicated to public or private transit facilities, or to trip reduction activities such as carpooling and van pooling. Such facilities may include waiting areas, ticket offices or offices for the administration of transportation management and trip reduction activities.

4) Cafeterias for the primary use of the employees who work at the site.

f. Density on Parcels Where Portion Dedicated to Framingham or the Commonwealth

Subject to the other provisions of this section, if the owner of a parcel, with the concurrence of the Planning Board, dedicates to Framingham or the Commonwealth a portion of the parcel for public ownership of a bonus facility, then the permissible density at which the remainder of the parcel may be developed shall be based on the total parcel area including the area so dedicated.

g. Findings Required for a FAR Increase

In granting a FAR increase the Planning Board shall make a specific Finding, in writing, that the increase shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the existing structure or use, and in the case of new construction, that the increase shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the project at the Base FAR, and that all of the conditions set forth below are met. As the basis for its decision, the Planning Board shall consider factors which shall include, but not be limited to, the impact of the waiver on traffic; municipal services and facilities; the character of the neighborhood including environmental and visual features. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to demonstrate conformance with the following standards as part of the request for a FAR increase.

1) The increase will achieve the goals, objectives and intent of these Highway Overlay District Regulations.

2) The increase will achieve compliance with these Highway Overlay District Regulations to a substantially greater degree as compared with the degree of compliance present in the existing development. In the case of new construction, the increase will achieve compliance with these Highway Overlay District Regulations to a substantially greater degree as compared to development at the Base FAR.

3) The proposed development complies with all other applicable requirements set forth in these Zoning Ordinances, including, when required, site plan review (Section VI.F) and/or off-street parking requirements in Section IV., thereof, subject to the following exception:

That such requirements are specifically superseded by these Highway Overlay Districts Regulations,

6. Open Space Requirements

a. Base Landscape Surface Ratio (LSR)

The base landscape surface ratio (LSR) shall be 0.20 for retail, consumer service and manufacturing uses, and 0.40 for office, research and development and other similar non-retail, nonresidential uses.

b. Increased LSR for Bonus Projects

For bonus projects, the minimum required landscape surface ratio shall be the sum of (1) the base LSR specified above for the applicable use, and (2) one-half of the difference between the proposed FAR and 0.32.

c. Multiple Use Projects

The minimum required LSR for multiple use developments shall be computed as a blended ratio of the LSR requirements applying to the individual components of the development, as follows:

1) Non-bonus projects:
Minimum LSR= (Retail, service or manufacturing floor area percentage x 0.20) + (Office, R&D or other similar non-retail, non-residential uses floor area percentage x 0.40)

2) Bonus projects:

Minimum LSR=[(Retail, service or manufacturing floor area percentage x 0.20)
+ (Office, R&D or other similar non-retail, non-residential uses floor area percentage x 0.40)]
+ (one-half of the difference between the proposed FAR and 0.32)

d. Applicability

The requirements of this Section III.E.6 shall apply to any new structure which requires ten or more parking spaces, and to any major alteration, or change of use of an existing structure which requires the addition of ten or more parking spaces.

7. Dimensional Regulations

a. Height:

1) Height limitations shall be as specified for the underlying zoning district(s).

2) The maximum height of new structures or altered structures where building height is increased, which are located adjacent to residential zoning districts shall be as follows:

DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	BUILDING HEIGHT
less than **50** feet	**30** feet
equal to or greater than **50** but less than **200** feet	**40** feet.
equal to or greater than **200** but less than **300** feet	**50** feet.
equal to or greater than **300** but less than **400** feet	**60** feet.
equal to or greater than **400** feet	**80** feet

b. Setbacks:

1) Minimum front setbacks shall be as specified for the underlying zoning district(s).

2) Structures shall be set back a minimum of fifteen feet from all side and rear property lines, or the setback required by the underlying zoning, whichever is greater, except as modified by subparagraph c., below.

c. Where Abutting Residential Districts

The minimum setbacks for structures located adjacent to residential districts shall be thirty feet.

8. Landscaping Requirements

a. General Purpose and Intent

The requirements and standards set forth in this Section III.E.8 are intended to achieve specific performance objectives, as described below, to enhance the visual quality of the areas within the Highway Overlay Districts, to encourage the creation and protection of open space, to avoid expansive development of impervious surfaces, to protect and preserve the area's ecological balance and to ensure that landscaping is an integral part of development. In the event the applicant desires to deviate from the specific standards set forth below, the Planning Board may approve alternative plans if it finds that such alternative is clearly more feasible and/or preferable and that the proposed arrangement meets the general purpose, intent, and objectives of this Section III.E.8.

b. Objectives

In order to accomplish the General Purpose and Intent of these Highway Overlay Districts Regulations specific objectives shall be accomplished by landscape plans, which shall include the following:

1) Buffer strips at the front of lots shall contribute to the creation of tree-lined roadways and shall create a strong impression of separation between the street and the developed area of the site without necessarily eliminating visual contact between them.

2) Buffer strips adjoining or facing residential uses or residential zoning districts shall provide the strongest possible visual barrier between uses at pedestrian level and create a strong impression of spatial separation.

3) Landscaping within parking areas shall provide visual and climatic relief from broad expanses of pavement and shall be designed to define logical areas for pedestrian and vehicular circulation and to channel such movement on and off the site.

4) All required landscaping shall be located entirely within the bounds of the parcel.

5) To the greatest feasible extent, existing healthy, mature vegetation shall be retained in place or transplanted and reused on site.

c. Applicability

The requirements of this Section III.E.8 shall apply to any new structure which requires ten or more parking spaces, and to any major alteration, or change of use of an existing structure which requires the addition of ten or more parking spaces.

d. Technical Requirements

All off-street parking site plans and special permits required hereunder shall include a landscape plan and planting schedule prepared by a registered landscape architect unless waived in accordance with Section III.E.10.b.

e. Occupancy Permits

1) No occupancy permit, whether temporary or permanent, shall be granted by the Building Commissioner, until the Planning Board has voted its approval that all landscaping and buffer strips conform to the approved landscape plan and planting schedule, or thirty days shall have passed since the request was submitted to the Planning Board.

2) In cases where, because of seasonal conditions or other unforeseeable circumstances, it is not possible to install or complete landscaping prior to initial occupancy of the building(s), an occupancy permit may be granted by the Building Commissioner, upon the approval of the Planning Board, under the following conditions:

a) the owner shall make a payment to the City, to be held in escrow by the Planning Board, to ensure that required landscape planting is installed and maintained

b) the amount of the escrow payment shall be set by the Planning Board and shall be equal to the remaining estimated cost of materials and installation, with allowance for escalation and contingencies.

3) Release of any escrow amounts, or approval of issuance of an occupancy permit, shall be conditioned upon the receipt by the Planning Board of written certification by a registered landscape architect that the specified plant materials to be included in the project landscaping have been installed according to the approved landscape plan.

f. Landscaped Buffer Strips

1) General Standards

In the highway corridor and regional center areas, a landscaped buffer strip shall be provided separating all buildings, parking areas, vehicular circulation facilities, or similar improvements from the right-of-way line of any public street, or any private way which is adjudged by the Planning Board to perform an equivalent function. Plantings in landscaped buffer strips shall be arranged to provide maximum protection to adjacent properties and to avoid damage to existing plant material. The landscaped buffer strip shall include the required planting as set forth herein, and shall be continuous except for required vehicular access points and pedestrian circulation facilities. All required landscaping amenities shall be located within the bounds of the parcel. Signs shall be designed to be integrated into the landscaping.

2) Specific Standards

a) Depth

Unless a greater depth of landscaping is required in the underlying zoning district, landscaped buffer strips shall be one-third of the distance between the street right-of-way and any building line, but shall not be less than fifteen feet in depth, and need not be greater than fifty feet in depth. Sidewalks may be considered in the calculation of the buffer depth. Landscaped buffer strips adjoining or facing residential districts or residential uses shall be a minimum of fifteen feet in depth.

b) Composition

The buffer strip shall include a combination of deciduous and/or evergreen trees and lower-level elements such as shrubs, hedges, grass, ground cover, fences, planted berms, brick or stone walls. When necessary for public safety or to prevent adverse impacts on neighboring properties, the Planning Board may require that the buffer strip contain opaque screening.

c) Arrangement

Arrangements may include planting in linear, parallel, serpentine, or broken rows, as well as the clustering of planting elements. The following provisions set forth the form of arrangement of plantings. The form of plant arrangement is as follows:

1) At least one tree shall be provided per twenty-seven linear feet of street frontage or portion thereof. There shall be a minimum of three trees in the entire buffer strip. Trees may be evenly spaced or grouped. Groups of trees shall be spaced no further apart than fifty feet.

2) At least four shrubs shall be provided per one hundred square feet of landscaped area in the buffer strip.

d) Opaque Screens

An opaque screen may be comprised of walls, fences, berms, or evergreen plantings, or any combination thereof, providing that the Planning Board may require evergreen trees or shrubs instead of fences when deemed appropriate. Opaque screens shall be opaque in all seasons of the year. For developments adjoining or facing residential districts or residential uses, or when necessary for public safety or to prevent adverse impacts on neighboring properties, a buffer strip shall contain opaque screens as follows:

1) The screen shall be opaque from the ground to a height of between two and one-half to six feet when planted or installed as determined by the Planning Board.

2) Walls or fences exceeding four and one-half feet in height shall have plantings on the side facing the residential district, and may be required to have plantings on both sides.

3) Evergreen trees or shrubs shall be spaced not more than five feet on center.

4) The Planning Board may require ornamental or shade trees in addition to an opaque screen, planted in conformity with the standards set forth in Section III.E8.f.2) c) above, depending upon the type, size and proximity of adjoining residential uses.

e) Berms

When berms are used to meet the requirements for a buffer strip they shall be planted with living vegetation. The minimum top width of a berm shall be three feet, and the maximum side slope shall be 3:1. No more than twenty-five per cent (25%) of the coverage of a planted berm shall be mulch or non-living material.

f) Mulches

When used in required landscaping or buffers, mulches shall be limited to bark mulch or decorative stone. No more than twenty-five per cent (25%) of the coverage of the landscaped area shall be mulch or non-living material.

g. Intersection Sight Distance Restrictions

Landscaped buffers and screening shall not restrict sight distances at intersections or driveway entrances. Site distance requirements, location and specification of site zones shall be determined by reference to the current edition of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Public Works Highway Design Manual, or any successor publication. As a guide, no fence or other structure may be erected, and no vegetation may be maintained, between a plane two and one-half feet above curb level and a plane seven feet above intersecting roadway levels within the zone required for site distance, subject however to actual roadway profiles of the intersecting streets and/or driveways.

h. Landscaping within Off-Street Parking Areas

1) Standards for Landscaping Within Parking Area**s:**

a) Parking areas shall be broken into sections not to exceed one hundred forty cars per section. Sections shall be separated by landscaped buffers to provide visual relief. At a minimum, the buffers shall consist of islands which shall be a combination of “divider islands” and “terminal islands”.

b) Each landscaped island shall have a minimum area of one hundred fifty square feet and shall consist of pervious landscaping. Landscaped islands may be curbed or without curbing as follows: Curbing, at least five inches in height, shall surround each landscaped island as protection from vehicles. No tree shall be planted less than four feet from the curbing. Rain gardens shall be designed to meet LID standards and other applicable stormwater management Best Management Practices (BMP’s) and may be designed without curbing where appropriate.

1) Divider Islands: The following additional design standards shall apply to divider islands:

(a) At least one landscaped divider island shall be provided for every four parallel rows of parking.

(b) Trees shall be spaced not more than twenty-seven feet on center.

(c) At least one shrub shall be provided for every five linear feet, or one shrub per thirty-five square feet of ground area, whichever results in a greater number of shrubs.

2) Terminal Islands: The following additional design standards apply to terminal islands:

(a) Terminal islands shall be used either (1) to separate parking spaces from driveways and other vehicular travel lanes, or (2) to break up large numbers of parking spaces in a single row of spaces.

(b) Landscaped terminal islands shall be provided at the ends of rows of parking where such rows are adjacent to driveways or vehicular travel lanes. In addition, terminal islands shall separate groups of parking spaces in a row, such that no continuous line of adjoining spaces contains more than twenty-five parking spaces.

(c) As an alternative to separating groups of parking spaces with small internal terminal-islands, additional landscaped area may be provided. Such additional landscaped area shall be provided as additional depth in the buffer strip (above

the minimum depth otherwise required in Section III.E.8.b. above), terminal and divider islands adjacent to rows exceeding twenty-five spaces, and shall be provided at a ratio of at least 1.2:1.0. However, no more than thirty-five adjoining parking spaces may be provided in a row of spaces, regardless of the size of the landscaped islands at the ends of the row.

(d) Terminal islands shall contain at least two trees when abutting a double row of parking spaces.

(e) Landscaped terminal islands shall contain evergreen shrubs planted three feet or less on center, in order to prevent damage due to pedestrian traffic.

(f) Grass or ground cover may be substituted for shrubs in divider islands and terminal islands with the approval of the Planning Board.

2) Increase of impervious areas: Notwithstanding the limitation on paved areas set forth elsewhere in Section III.E.8.h.1)b), a landscaped island may be up to thirty-three per cent (33%) impervious surface, provided that all such area is used for pedestrian walkways and that such walkways are adequately buffered from the parking areas.

3) Use of porous paving materials: In order to minimize the amount of storm water runoff from paved areas, the use of porous paving materials is encouraged where feasible.

i. Landscaping Adjacent to Buildings

Landscaped areas at least ten feet in depth shall be provided adjacent to buildings on every side of such buildings that has a public access point and shall contain trees and shrubs. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Board in cases where it is impractical to provide the specified depth of landscaped area due to the size, shape or other characteristics of the parcel; however, in no case shall any parking space or vehicular travel lane be located less than five feet from the building.

j. Standards for Plant Materials

1) All trees, shrubs and hedges must be species that are hardy in Plant Hardiness Zone 5, as defined by the American Standards for Nursery Stock and shall be resistant to salt spray and urban conditions where appropriate.

2) Plantings shall be selected and designed so as not to require high water use for maintenance.

3) Deciduous trees must be at least two and one-half to three inches caliper, six inches above the top of the root ball, at the time of planting; and must be expected to reach a height of at least twenty feet within ten years, when considering the expected normal growth patterns of the species.

4) Evergreen trees must be at least eight feet in height at the time of planting.

5) Ornamental or specimen trees must be at least eight feet in height at the time of planting.

6) Shrubs and hedges must be at least three and one-half feet in height or have a spread of at least twenty-four inches at the time of planting.

7) Shade or canopy trees shall be provided within parking lots, and within buffer strips.

k. Design for Pedestrian Circulation

1) Pedestrian Access Through Buffers and Screens

Landscaped buffers should, to the greatest extent possible, serve as usable open space, providing an environment for pedestrian access between uses. Therefore, buffers shall be designed to include appropriate means of pedestrian access and crossing, both along the landscaped area (i.e., in a parallel direction with the property line) and across the buffer (i.e., providing pedestrian access to the site, separate from vehicular access points). Buffers and screens shall provide for appropriate hard-surfaced pedestrian access points and walkways

where property lines abut existing or planned public streets, whether or not such streets have been constructed.

2) Pedestrian Circulation in Parking Facilities

a) Parking facilities and appurtenant driveways shall be designed so as to gather pedestrians out of vehicle travel lanes and to maximize the safety and convenience of pedestrians walking between parked cars and business entrances as well as between external points and locations on site.

b) Pedestrian walkways shall be (i) integrated, to the extent possible, into the interior and/or perimeter landscaping of parking lots; (ii) constructed with a paved or similarly firm surface, at least six feet in width; and (iii) separated from vehicular and parking areas by grade, curbing and/or vegetation, except for necessary ramps.

l. Maintenance

1) The owner(s) and/or developer(s) of any lot shall be responsible for the maintenance of all landscaped open space and buffers. Landscaping shall be maintained in good condition so as to present a healthy, neat and orderly appearance and shall be kept free from refuse and debris.

2) A permanent water supply system, sufficient in the Planning Board's determination, shall be provided by the installation of a sprinkler system and/or hose bibs placed at appropriate locations. Whenever possible, "gray" or re-used water, or wells, shall be used as the water source.

3) Maintenance bond: The Planning Board may require a bond to ensure that required landscape plantings are maintained and survive for up to one growing season following completion of planting.

m. Pervious Landscaping

Up to five per cent of the area counted as pervious landscaping may include pedestrian circulation components such as walkways. Parking areas surfaced with porous pavement shall not be considered pervious landscaping.

9. Bonus Density Provisions

a. Eligibility for Bonus Floor Area

If a proposed improvement or facility in the Regional Center district complies with the standards set forth in Section III.E.5.b. above, it shall be eligible for bonus floor area in accordance with the requirements set forth in paragraphs b through f of this Section 9.

b. Public Benefit Amenity

To qualify for bonus floor area a public benefit amenity must be specifically listed in the Schedule of Benefits below. A public benefit amenity that is a physical space shall be one to which the public is assured access on a regular basis, or an area that is dedicated to and accepted by the City for public access purposes. Furthermore, to be considered a public benefit amenity, a specific improvement or facility must be determined to provide a public benefit and to be appropriate to the goals and character of the area. In addition, the following requirements must be met:

1) Parks

To be eligible as a public benefit amenity a park must meet all of the following standards:

- be at least 2,500 square feet in area;
- have a minimum width of 50 feet;
- be buffered and/or screened from nearby roads, parking areas and other vehicular circulation facilities; and
- not be located within the landscape buffer strip required under Section III.E.8.f.

For purposes of computing bonus credits, no more than one-third of the area of the park shall consist of wetlands, water bodies, steep slopes (over 25%), or other areas not usable for public recreation or leisure activities. On-site park area which meets the above standards and which is not wetlands may be used to satisfy the minimum landscape surface ratio (LSR) requirement. On- or off-site park area may be used to qualify the project for bonus floor area.

2) Pedestrian Circulation Improvement
Such improvements shall be directly accessible to the pedestrian circulation system, and shall where possible connect with existing pedestrian circulation improvements on adjacent parcels and/or provide for connection to such improvements which can reasonably be expected to be developed on adjacent parcels. The following standards shall also be applicable:

a) Pathway (Off-Site)
A pathway shall be at least fifty feet from a vehicular circulation improvement for at least ninety per cent of its length.

b) Sidewalk (Off-Site)
A sidewalk shall not be on land owned by the applicant or on public or private right-of-way immediately adjacent to frontage of land owned by the applicant.

c) Pedestrian Bridge/Tunnel
Bridges or tunnels should have clear functional relationships to adjoining commercial properties and/or public open space amenities. To be eligible as a public benefit amenity, a pedestrian bridge or tunnel shall not be located entirely on the applicant's property, nor shall it connect a principal use with an accessory use such as a parking structure.

3) Service Roads
Driveways and other facilities which principally serve the internal circulation needs of a project, and which provide only a marginal public benefit, shall not qualify as service roads under the provisions of this Section III.E.9.

c. Schedule of Bonuses
Bonus floor area shall be available in accordance with the bonus ratios listed in the following "Schedule of Bonuses", up to the maximum FAR permitted in this Section 9 if the Planning Board deems that the amenity offered by the applicant accomplishes the objectives of this Section III.E. The bonus ratio is the ratio of (1) the unit of public benefit amenity provided to (2) the floor area permitted for bonus projects in excess of a FAR of 0.32. For example, a bonus ratio of one to three (1:3) and an amenity unit of "Square Foot" means that for each square foot of the amenity the project shall be eligible for three additional square feet of floor area for permitted uses.

SCHEDULE OF BONUSES

PUBLIC BENEFIT AMENITY	AMENITY UNIT	BONUS RATIO*
Open Space Amenities		
Park	Square foot	1:1
Excess Pervious Landscaping	Square foot	1:0.5
Pedestrian Circulation Improvements		
Off-Site Sidewalk	Square foot	1:1
Pathway/Bikeway	Square foot	1:1
Pedestrian Bridge/Tunnel	Square foot	1:1
Public Assembly Space	Square foot	1:5
Traffic Improvements		
Service Road (24-30 foot paved width)	Square foot	1:3
Transit Amenities		
Transit-related Lane Widening	Square foot	1:2
Public Transit Endowment	Dollar ($)	20:1

***Note: BONUS RATIO= Amenity: Floor Area**

d. State-Mandated Amenities

The Planning Board may grant bonus floor area for a public benefit amenity that is not specifically listed in paragraph b above, only when the cost of such amenity exceeds 3% of the total cost of the project and if:

1) the provision of such amenity has been mandated as part of a State approval process; and,

2) the provision of the alternative improvement furthers the objectives of this Section 9; and,

3) the improvement is at least equivalent in value and effect to a listed public benefit amenity which would qualify the development for the proposed amount of bonus floor area.

e. Prospective Bonus Agreements

A project in the RC district, which proposes to provide a public benefit amenity but not to use the full FAR increase which the amenity makes possible, may enter into a prospective bonus agreement (PBA) with the Planning Board as a condition of the Planning Board's granting of a Special Permit and/or Site Plan Approval. The PBA shall define the specific nature of the public benefit amenity and the amount of FAR and additional floor area for which the parcel shall become eligible as a result of provision of the improvement. The maximum term of a PBA shall not exceed five years, following which the rights to any unused FAR increase shall become null and void. If, for any reason, a change of use of a parcel that has been approved for an FAR increase which is in whole or in part unused is proposed within the affective term of a PBA, the owner must obtain the approval of the Planning Board to take advantage of such remaining increase.

The only effect of a PBA shall be to increase the allowable FAR of the development, subject to all other requirements of this Section III.E.9. The approval of a PBA by the Planning Board shall not be deemed to supersede or waive any of the other provisions of this Section, nor shall such approval be considered to represent the granting of site plan approval or special permit approval for any future development.

f. Continuing Obligation for Bonuses

1) Where a bonus is granted, the applicant shall covenant to ensure the continued use of the bonus facility or improvement for the purpose for which the bonus was granted. Such covenant shall be recorded as a condition of the special permit and shall run with the land.

2) An applicant who constructs a pedestrian circulation improvement shall be responsible for the maintenance, upkeep and provision of insurance for the improvement, unless it has been dedicated to and accepted by the City. If the improvement is not maintained, the City may, at its sole option, place a lien on the property, maintain the improvement, and seek reimbursement from the owner.

10. Administration

The review procedures set forth herein are intended to apply to the ***RC*** and ***HC*** districts, in addition to the requirements of the underlying zoning district. In administering such procedures and requirements, the Planning Board shall apply the standards of the underlying zoning district if such standards, procedures and requirements are more restrictive than set forth in these Highway Overlay District Regulations.

The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for all special permits granted under these Highway Overlay District Regulations.

a. Thresholds for a Special Permit for Non-Bonus Projects

A development which requires site plan review and a special permit in conformance with the underlying zoning shall be required to conform with the additional requirements of these

Highway Overlay Districts Regulations. No additional special permit or site plan review shall be required.

b. Thresholds for a Special Permit for Bonus Projects

1) An additional special permit is required for any proposed development which will exceed the base Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of 0.32, as described in Section III.E 5, of those Ordinances.

2) Procedure:

a) When required, the procedures for site plan submission, review and approval shall be as set forth under Section VI.F. of these Zoning Ordinances, except that the traffic impact standards of Section VI.F.6.(a) and VI.F.8.(c) including the requirements for off-site traffic improvements, are superseded by the provisions of Sections III.E.3.d.3) and 5.b. In the event that multiple special permits are required either by these Highway Overlay District Regulations or by these Regulations and the Underlying Regulations, the review process employed shall occur simultaneously, with a separate vote recorded for each, to minimize, to the greatest feasible extent, the decision-making time period.

b) The calculation of a major or minor alteration shall be determined by the Building Commissioner.

c. Modifications and Waivers

The Planning Board may modify and/or waive strict compliance with one or more of the standards, regulations and objectives set forth in these Highway Overlay District Regulations in accordance with the following procedures.

1) Findings Required for a Waiver: The Planning Board shall make a specific Finding, in writing, that a waiver and/or modification will not create conditions which are substantially more detrimental to the existing site and the neighborhood in which the site is located, than if the waiver and/or modification were not granted. As the basis for its decision, the Planning Board shall consider factors which shall include, but not be limited to, the impact of the waiver on traffic; municipal services and facilities; the character of the neighborhood including environmental and visual features; and whether the objectives of these Highway Overlay Districts Regulations are achieved.

2) Performance Standards for Waivers: The applicant will be required to demonstrate that the waiver, if granted, will accomplish the following design and performance objectives, as are applicable:

a) Landscaped buffer strips which create a strong impression of separation between developed areas and adjacent streets and/or residential areas.

b) Landscaped parking areas and landscaped areas adjacent to buildings to provide shade and visual relief from large expanses of impervious surfaces.

c) Improved pedestrian circulation within the subject site and, where possible, create pedestrian access to adjoining sites.

d) Maintenance of all landscaped spaces and buffer areas.

e) Improved vehicular access, reduced curb cuts for access drives, improved on-site circulation.

f) Improved building architecture and facade to achieve compatibility and harmony with the surrounding neighborhood.

g) Improved site signage.

d. Mutual Review

It is the intent of this Section III.E is to provide an opportunity for regional review of proposed developments in the Regional Center district as described below: Review and comment by the Planning Board of the Town of Natick is specifically encouraged. In its review of a site plan, the Planning Board shall consider any comments submitted by the Planning Board of the Town of Natick.

1) If the size of the proposed structure is equal to or greater than 50,000 square feet, the applicant shall submit one complete set of application documents to the Town of Natick and shall meet with the Planning Board of Natick to describe the project, if requested by the Natick Planning Board.

2) If the size of proposed structure is less than 50,000 square feet, the applicant shall submit one complete set of application documents to the Town of Natick. The Planning Board of Natick shall be notified of the dates of all public hearings regarding the project.

F. COMMERCIAL GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Installation Ordinance is to provide a permitting process and standards for the creation of new Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations. This Ordinance provides standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations; while protecting public safety, protecting against undesirable impacts on residential property and neighborhoods, protecting scenic, natural and historic resources and protecting and/or providing for wildlife corridors. Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations shall not diminish abutting property values and provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

The provisions set forth in this section shall apply to the construction, operation and/or repair of Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations.

2. Definitions

Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250kW Direct Current (DC).

Designated Locations: The locations of a Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewal Energy Installation Overlay District designed by the City Council, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5. Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations may be sited as-of-right, but are subject to site plan review under Section VI.F. Said locations are shown on the Framingham Zoning Map pursuant to General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 4. This Framingham Zoning Map is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

3. Applicability

Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Installations is an overlay district that may be superimposed by a vote of the City Council on a parcel or parcels of land. Designating land that requires significant tree cutting is discouraged. Land in industrial or commercial zoning districts, or vacant, disturbed land is encouraged for designation. Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations are prohibited in all Residential Zoning Districts.

No Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations shall be erected or installed except in compliance with the provisions of this section and other applicable sections of

these Zoning Ordinances, as well as state and federal law. Such use shall not create a nuisance by virtue of noise, vibration, smoke, dust, odors, heat, glare and radiation, unsightliness or other nuisance as determined by the Planning Board under Site Plan Review, Section VI.F of these Zoning Ordinances.

The construction and use of a Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations within any overlay zoning district designated by a vote of the City Council as set forth in the immediately preceding paragraph shall be as-of-right and shall undergo Site Plan Review prior to construction, installation or modification as provided in this section.

4. General Requirements

A Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation may be permitted on a lot which contains a contiguous area of not less than four acres and meets the setbacks and maximum lot coverage under Any Other Principal Use of the Table of Dimensional Regulations Section IV.E.2 for the underlying zoning district.

a. Visual Impact

The visual impact of the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation, including all accessory structures and appurtenances shall be mitigated. All accessory structures and appurtenances shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Structures shall be shielded from view and/or joined and clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts as deemed necessary by and in the sole opinion of the Planning Board. Methods such as the use of landscaping, natural features and opaque fencing shall be utilized.

b. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

The construction and operation of Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations shall be consistent with all applicable municipal regulations and by-laws, ordinances, and state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code and approved by the Building Commissioner.

c. Utility Notification

No Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation shall be constructed until evidence has been given to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator. Proof of a fully executed mutual agreement with the utility company shall be provided to the Planning Board. Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement. If the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation goes on grid, it shall be required to immediately comply with this requirement, and proof of such compliance shall be provided to the Building Commissioner within seven days.

d. Maintenance

The Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the Fire Chief, Police Chief and Public Works Director and Planning Board. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and any access road(s), unless said access road(s) is/are accepted as a public way(s).

e. Emergency Services

The Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation owner or

operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and the approved site plan to the Fire Chief. The owner or operator shall provide an emergency response plan to the Planning Board, Fire Department, Police Department, and the Department of Public Works. The emergency response plan is subject to the review and approval of the Planning Board, Fire Department, Police Department and the Department of Public Works, and shall include at a minimum, explicit instructions on all means of shutting down the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation, which shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation and immediately notify the aforementioned parties of any change to the responsible person and/or his/her contact information.

f. Safety and Security

Safety and measures of security shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board, Fire Department, Police Department and the Department of Public Works. The owner or operator shall be required to provide emergency services with training on all equipment and procedures referenced in the emergency response plan or which might otherwise be necessary for emergency services to operate or perform.

The owner or operator shall be required to provide a Knox Box (a secure, tamper-proof storage box for keys or other access tools) at each locked entrance to the facility and maintain a complete set of all keys or devices required to gain emergency access to all areas, buildings and equipment of the facility in each Knox Box.

g. Design Standards

(a) Lighting

Lighting of the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation, including all ancillary structures and appurtenances, shall not be permitted unless required by the Planning Board or State Building Code. Where used, lighting shall be subject to the standards of Section VI.F.

(b) Utility Connections

All utility connections from the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations shall be underground unless specifically permitted otherwise by the Planning Board. Electrical transformers, inverters, switchgear and metering equipment to enable utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

(c) Land Clearing, Soil Erosion and Habitat Impacts

Clearing of natural vegetation and trees shall be limited to that which is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations and ordinances.

(d) Structures and Panels

All structures and panels and all associated equipment and fencing including Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation shall be subject to all applicable Zoning Ordinances for the underlying Zoning District concerning the bulk and height of structures, lot area setbacks, open space, parking and building and lot coverage requirements, and may not exceed 50% of the total lot area.

(e) Modifications

All material modifications to a Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation made after issuance of the site plan decision shall require modification to the decision in compliance with Section VI.F.

(1) Abandonment

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating

circumstances, the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without having obtained the Planning Board's written consent to so suspend operation. If the owner or operator of the Commercial Solar- Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning the city may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

(2) Removal Requirements
Any Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation, which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned, shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning. The owner or operator shall notify the Building Commissioner by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal.

Decommissioning shall consist of:

i. Physical removal of all Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
ii. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
iii. Stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Building Commissioner may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

i. Financial Security

The owner or operator of Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation projects shall provide a non-cancellable surety bond or other form of surety approved by the Planning Board to cover the cost of removal in the event the city must remove the installation and remediate the landscape. The amount and form of the surety bond or other form of surety shall be determined by the Planning Board, but in no event shall exceed more than 150 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein, as determined by the Planning Board. The applicant shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

Before issuance of any building permits for the Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installation, such construction and installation shall be secured in accordance with this Ordinance and/or any regulations adopted pursuant to this Ordinance for this purpose.

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CITY OF FRAMINGHAM
ZONING ORDINANCE

SECTION IV.
DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS

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A. GENERAL PARKING REGULATIONS

l. Purpose and Intent:

In order to promote desirable community planning, minimize traffic congestion, air pollution, and the risk of motor vehicle and pedestrian accidents, design of all off-street parking, loading spaces, circulation, and access shall be required to protect or enhance the desired character of a given center, neighborhood or corridor. Moreover, the intent of the General Parking Regulations Ordinance (Section IV.A) and Off-street Parking Ordinance (Section IV.B) is to:

a. Promote a "park once" environment that will encourage shared parking and enable users to conveniently park and access a variety of commercial and civic enterprises in pedestrian friendly environments.

b. Ensure there are adequate parking and loading facilities to serve the use or uses of a site;

c. Ensure that parking facilities are designed to provide proper circulation, reduce hazards to pedestrians, and protect the users of adjoining properties from nuisance caused by the noise, fumes, and glare of headlights which may result from the operation of vehicles parking off street;

d. Reduce street congestion and contribute to traffic safety;

e. Encourage alternate modes of travel that will reduce dependence upon the single occupancy automobile, including requiring bicycle parking areas;

f. Reduce fragmented, uncoordinated, inefficient, single purpose parking;

g. Avoid adverse parking impacts on neighborhoods adjacent to redevelopment areas;

h. Provide flexibility for redevelopment of small sites;

i. Encourage Low Impact Development (LID) techniques such as pervious paving and natural infiltration systems, where appropriate; and

j. Provide sufficient off-street parking space to meet the needs of persons employed at or making use of a site;

2. Applicability

The regulations of this Section shall not apply to parking or loading facilities in existence or for which building permits have been issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing on this Ordinance, provided such facilities conformed with all applicable regulations in effect when established and provided the use of the structure served by the parking facility does not change. Any parking or loading facility accessory to a new or substantially altered or substantially improved structure, or accessory to a new use of an existing structure, or the new construction or expansion of a parking or loading facility shall be subject to the requirements of Section IV. No building permit or certificate of occupancy for (a) a new structure, or (b) a change in use, or (c) substantial alteration or substantial improvement of an existing structure shall be approved by the Building Commissioner unless off-street parking and loading facilities have been laid out and approved in accordance with the requirements set forth in this section.

3. Reduction of Existing Spaces

Off-street parking and loading facilities provided in connection with an existing use on the effective date of this Ordinance, or provided in accordance with this Ordinance subsequent to such date, shall not be reduced in total extent after their provision, except when such reduction is in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

4. Conformance with Use Regulations

a. Means of Access

Access through a residential zone to non-residential zones shall be prohibited except by a public way.

b. Parking Facility

No land area shall be used for an off-street parking or loading facility which is accessory to a use or structure prohibited in the district in which the off-street parking or loading facility would be located.

5. Special Permits

The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for all special permits specified under Section IV.B. Off-Street Parking.

B. OFF-STREET PARKING

1. Number of Spaces Required

a. Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations

Off-street parking facilities shall be provided for each type of use in accordance with the following table:

TABLE OF OFF-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS

PRINCIPAL USE	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES[1]
1. Single-family Dwelling	**2** per dwelling unit
2. Two-Family and Multi Family Dwellings	**2** per dwelling unit;
3.Assisted Living; Congregate Living Housing	**1** per dwelling unit; **plus** **1** per employee
4. Lodging House; Hotel or Motel	**1.** per unit; **plus** **1** per two employees
5. Golf Course or Country Club	**50** per nine holes; **plus** 1/2 the requirements for restaurant, club or recreation facility specified below
6. Healthclub; Entertainment, amusement or recreation facility[2] except theatre;	**1** per three occupants, **or**, in the case of a non-structural facility, **1** per three persons the facility is intended to accommodate
7. School or day care facility[2]	**1** per four occupants; **plus** **1** per two employees
8. Group residence	**1** per three occupants
9. Restaurants, clubs, theaters and other similar places of assembly;	**1** per three occupants; **plus** **1** per two employees
10. Fast Food Establishments	**1** per two occupants; **plus** **1** per two employees
11. Licensed Nursing, Rest, or Convalescent Home	**1** per four occupants; **plus** **1** per two employees
12. Hospital	**1** per 750 s.f. of gross floor area
13 Church, Library, Museum, Cultural and Educational Centers or similar place of assembly	**1** per eight occupants; **plus** **1** per two employees
14. Offices of a physician, veterinarian, chiropractor, dentist or similar medical practitioner; or clinic	**1** per 150 s.f of gross floor area
15. Non-Medical Offices	**1** per 250 s.f. or gross floor area
16. Bank	**1** per 175 s.f. of gross floor area; **plus** **1** per 250 s.f. of gross floor area for areas not devoted to customer service
17. Commercial greenhouse	**1** per 50 s.f. of public floor area; **plus** **1** per two employees
18. Service Establishment	**1** per 200 s.f. of gross floor area
19. Retail services	**1** per 200 s.f. of gross floor area;
20. Regional Shopping Center (a center with at least 500,000 s.f. of gross leasable area	**1** per 200 s.f. of gross leasable area
21. Automobile repair, gasoline service station or other workshop;	**1** per 400 s.f. of gross floor area; **plus** **1** per bay
22. Automobile sales or rental	**1** per 250 s.f. of gross floor area;
23. Other business, institutional or professional uses not specified	As determined by the Planning Board, but not less than: **1** per 200 s.f. of gross floor area; **plus** **1** per two employees
24. Wholesale or non-retail business; warehouse or other storage facility	**1** per 1,200 s.f. of gross floor area
25. R&D establishment, manufacturing, industrial services, or extractive industry	**1** per 800 s.f. of gross floor area
26. Funeral Home	**1** per 50 s.f. of gross floor area
27. Carwash	**1** per employee

[1] When used to calculate the number of parking spaces required, occupants means design occupancy load as determined by the State Building Code and the number of employees shall be construed as the maximum number of persons employed on the premises at any one time.

[2] Any such facility intended primarily for children under driving age may provide only one-half the specified requirement.

ACCESSORY USES	MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES[1]
28. Renting rooms or taking boarders in single family dwellings	**1** per room offered for rent
29. Dormitory[2]	**1** per bed
30. Home occupation or home office	**1** per room used for office, or occupation space; **plus** **1** per non-resident employee;

b. The Building Commissioner shall determine the off-street parking requirement where no off-street parking minimum has been designated for a specific use in Section IV.B.1.a, herein and the use is not comparable to any of the listed principle uses. Applicants may submit a parking analysis completed in accordance with the standards set by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the Urban Land Institute (ULI), and/or other comparable source, in addition to information regarding the capacity of the building and/or facility, other like uses, and/or analysis of associated uses.

c. Fractional Numbers
When a calculated number of off-street parking spaces yields a fractional number; the number of off-street parking spaces is rounded up to nearest whole number.

d. Maximum Number of Off-street Parking Spaces
The total number of off-street parking spaces shall not be greater than 125 percent of the minimum number of off-street spaces for a given use, in accordance with Section IV.B.1.a., herein. The maximum number of required off-street parking spaces shall not be less than one per unit of measurement (beds/units/gross square feet/employees). Except for off-street parking spaces contained within an off-street parking structure such footprint of a structure containing one or more uses, including rooftops, at-grade, or below grade, spaces shall not be counted towards the maximum. Structured off-street parking facilities are strongly encouraged.

e. Reduction in the Required Number of Off-street Parking Spaces
The Planning Board may grant by special permit, a reduction in the required number of off-street parking spaces where deemed appropriate. Project proposals are encouraged to provide shared parking, cooperative parking, bicycle accommodations, increase in Stormwater facilities (Low Impact Design, Best Management Practices, etc.), landbanked parking spaces, consolidation of curb cuts and driveways, and other on-site amenities to alleviate the demand for parking as well as to mitigate the adverse impacts of impervious surfaces.

Requests for reductions in off-street parking spaces shall be accompanied with an analysis of off-street parking demands. Examples of an acceptable analysis report include, but are not limited to, the following: parking management summaries or other similar use parking demand studies and/or reports accepted by the Planning Board; parking program summaries to reduce parking demand, and any other documentation necessary to adequately review the request for the reduction in the required number of off-street parking spaces. Such documentation may be prepared in accordance with the standards by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), the Urban Land Institute (ULI) or other appropriate source.

f. The Planning Board may grant a special permit for a reduction in the required number of off-street parking spaces if the reuse or change in use of an existing building with existing off-street parking does not conform to this Ordinance. The Planning Board's findings must include the following:

1. The existing off-street parking area constitutes the most reasonable method of providing off-street parking for the building and provides adequate off-street parking spaces for the use.
2. No other land is available as a practical matter for off-street parking purposes.
3. Public safety will not be compromised.
4. Reasonable alternative design is proposed and the Applicant has made every effort to meet the intent of the off-street parking regulations.
5. Adverse impacts on the abutters or the character of the neighborhood will be satisfactorily mitigated.

g. Parking Programs for Reductions in Off-street Parking

One or more of a combination of the following Off-street Parking Reduction Programs may meet off-street parking requirements. The use of a Off-street Parking Reduction Program may be permitted for a principle use to be compliant with the Table of Off-street Parking Regulations, herein. A reduction in the required number of off-street parking spaces shall require a special permit from the Planning Board, at which time the Applicant shall demonstrate need for the requested reduction. Off-street parking spaces for each uses shall only be counted once, unless shared with a use with an opposite peak demand utilizing the space.

If an approved Off-street Parking Reduction Program is significantly modified or is otherwise terminated, the use shall be considered non-conforming, any and all approvals shall be subject to revocation. Expansion or continuance of the use, building, and/or facility shall be prohibited unless the use is brought into compliance with the Off-Street Parking Regulations, Section IV.B. The Applicant shall be required to post a performance bond of 20 percent of the annual lease agreement for the use of the off-street parking facility.

1) Cooperative Parking and Shared Parking

   i. A Cooperative Parking Facility may be employed for one or more individual uses. A Cooperative Parking Facility shall be located at an off-street parking facility that is not located on the same property as the intended uses, building, and/or facility site or on a direct abutter's property. The Cooperative Parking Facility shall be located within 1,000 feet from the use, building, and/or facility in which it is intended to serve and shall be measured along a pedestrian way. `The total requirement for off-street parking shall be the sum of all individual uses unless it can be shown that the peak off-street parking demands for each use are able to be off-set by sharing spaces.

   ii. Shared off-street parking areas shall be located on the property of use or property directly abutting the use. The total requirement for off-street parking shall be the sum of all individual uses unless it can be shown that the peak off-street parking demands for each use is offset and spaces can be shared.

   iii. Cooperative and Shared Off-street Parking Facilities shall provide a notarized written lease agreement between the owners and/or lessee's, which shall be executed for a minimum of 10 years. A copy of the lease agreement shall be provided to the Planning Board Administrator and City Solicitor for review. Said copy of the lease agreement shall be maintained in the project file.

2) Shuttle Service

   A reduction of required off-street parking spaces may be granted based on substantiated projections of reduction in parking demand, or for any building or use that institutes and maintains a continuous, personalized shuttle service. The applicant shall provide a plan note on all plan submittals that the Shuttle Service Plan has been permitted by the Planning Board and the justification for allowing or requiring the deviation and/or conditions of approval.

3) Car-Sharing Program

   A car-share program may be utilized for up to 5 percent of the required number of off-street parking spaces. The active car-sharing program may be made available to residents and/or employees where cars for the car-share program are available on the site or within a 700-foot walking distance of the use, building, and/or facility.

4) Carpooling /Vanpooling

   A reduction of up to 15 percent of the required off-street parking spaces, based on substantiated projections of reduction in parking demand, may be granted for any building or use exceeding 50,000 square feet of gross floor area that institutes and maintains a locally approved carpooling/vanpooling program. The applicant shall note on plan submittals the Carpooling/Vanpooling Plan and justification for allowing or requiring the deviation and/or conditions of approval as indicated by the Planning Board.

5) Proximity to a Rail Transit Station
The Planning Board may approve a reduction in the minimum number of required off-street parking spaces for nonresidential and/or residential uses where the main entrance of the use, building, and/or facility is located within a half-mile walking distance of a rail transit station.

2. Dimensional Off-street Parking Facility Regulations

Off-street parking facilities shall be designed to ensure safe, adequate, and convenient access and circulation for all users. These dimensional off-street parking requirements shall be adhered to except where the Applicant can adequately demonstrate that a lesser standard is necessary or appropriate due to topography, location of existing or proposed structure, lot configuration, and/or the need to preserve existing trees and natural vegetation. When relief is indicated to be necessary, the Planning Board, at its discretion, may grant a special permit. All off-street parking facilities shall comply with the dimensional off-street parking requirements, herein.

a. Minimum Parking Dimensions for Stalls, Aisles, Sidewalks, and Crosswalks
The minimum dimensions of stalls shall be as follows for standard off-street parking spaces:

Angle of Parking Space	**Width of Parking Space**	**Length of Parking Space**
Parallel	9’	22’
45° Angle	12.’	20’
60° Angle	11’	21’
90°Angle	9’	18’

The minimum dimensions of drive-aisles, sidewalks, and crosswalks shall be as follows for standard off-street parking facilities:

Traffic Circulation	**Total width of drive-aisle**	**Sidewalk width**	**Crosswalk width**
1-way circulation for drive aisles with no parking spaces	11’	5’	6’
2-way circulation for drive aisles with no parking spaces	22’	5’	8’
1-way circulation with parking spaces	24’	5’	6’
2-way circulation with parking spaces	28’	5’	8’

b. Dead End Aisle
Off-street parking areas should be designed to prevent creating dead ends. A sufficient area must be provided for an unimpeded turnaround if no other design alternative exists.

c. Parking for Disabled Persons
Off-street parking spaces for persons with disabilities shall comply with current ADA accessibility guidelines and Architectural Access Review Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Accessible off-street parking spaces shall be a minimum of 9 feet wide with an adjacent access isle at least 5 feet wide. Accessible parking spaces shall be designated as reserved for the disabled by corresponding signage and appropriate pavement markings for each space.

d. Tandem Parking Spaces
Off-street parking facilities shall be designed so that each motor vehicle may proceed to and from the parking space provided for it without necessitating the movement of any other motor vehicle.

A Special Permit may be granted at the discretion of the Planning Board for the following circumstances:

1) Stacked and/or valet parking where an attendant is present to move vehicles. A written notarized guarantee must be filed with the Planning Board Administrator if stacked parking is used for the required number of off-street parking spaces to ensure that an attendant will always be present when the lot is in operation. Stacked and/or valet off-street parking may be permitted to reduce the required area of a parking space to 8'x16'.
2) Tandem parking for a two-family, multi-family, mixed-use residential project or dedicated employee only, off-street parking facility may be permitted.

e. Shopping Plaza and Regional Shopping Centers
Off-street parking spaces that are perpendicular to retail storefronts may decrease the stall size to 8'x16' with proper signage noting the decrease in stall size.

3. Location of Driveways and Off-street Parking Spaces

a. Location of Entrance/Exit Driveway
1) Driveways shall be setback a minimum of 100' from an intersection or blind bend in the roadway. Where possible, the use of joint access drive-ways, connector roadways, or the consolidation of drive-ways is strongly encouraged for all projects.
2) Any establishment that may have lines of vehicles queuing for admission or service shall be required to provide sufficient on-site space for such lines of queuing without requiring vehicles to stand on any public way. The queuing of vehicles on a public way shall not be permitted.

b. Location of Off-street Parking Spaces

To the greatest extent feasible, off-street parking spaces shall be located to the side or rear of the building and/or use. Off-street parking spaces shall not be located within the front building setback of the property or between the building and a public street. The Planning Board may grant a special permit at its discretion to allow a maximum of 15 percent of the required off-street parking spaces to be located between the building and the front setback line if either of the following conditions is met:

1) In lieu of allowing the required parking within the front setback of the building the Applicant shall provide the equivalent of 20 percent of the area of the off-street parking spaces to the side or rear of the building, such area to be utilized for open space and or pocket parks. (Example: 15 parking spaces, 9x18 = 162x15 = 2,430 x 20% = 486 sf uses as open space/pocket park); or

2) A special permit may be granted for off-street parking spaces located within the front of a building, only if solar carports are installed over the total number of parking spaces permitted in the front setback of the building. The solar carport spaces can be located over any of the off-street parking spaces on-site, as long as the number of off-street parking spaces that are permitted in the front equals the number of spaces covered by a solar carport onsite.

Where sites do not permit parking to the side or rear of the building for its use, and only parking in the front of the building is available on the site, the Applicant shall provide a landscaped buffer running the length of the parking lot that is a minimum of 15' in width between the public roadway and the parking lot.

c. Residential Front Yard Off-street Parking in Residential Zoning Districts
Required off-street parking spaces in any residential zoning district shall not be located within a required front yard setback. Furthermore, no paved area shall be allowed within a required front yard setback area abutting a public street except where such paved area abuts an alley and/or access drive. This prohibition of paved off-street parking spaces extends from the edge of the public right-of-way into the required front yard setback for the entire width of the dwelling unit

except in cases of front loading garages. . Only during winter parking bans will off-street parking within a front yard setback be allowed.

d. Drive-aisles and Driveways Layout
   1) Driveways and off-street parking areas shall be designed to allow for the free flow and access of vehicles at all times.
   2) Driveways and off-street parking areas shall be designed to reduce conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians. Off-street parking areas shall be designed for all users.
   3) Locations for deliveries shall be designed so as not to block off-street parking spaces, flow of vehicles within the site, or pedestrian activity.
   4) The layout of the off-street parking area shall allow for sufficient space for the storage of snow during the winter months. The minimum required number of off-street parking spaces shall not be used for snow storage unless the required off-street parking spaces have been landbanked. Snow storage shall not be located within off-street parking spaces or obstruct sight lines for persons operating vehicles on and adjacent to the site. The Applicant will remove excess snow from the site as may be necessary within forty-eight hours after the snow fall ends, in order to preserve public safety. In order to preserve public safety, snow storage shall be on-site in the snow storage areas designated on the Final Approved Site Plan.

4. Off-street Parking Facility Design Standards

a. All off-street parking areas and driveways shall be maintained, in perpetuity, as follows:
   1) The footprint of surface off-street parking spaces shall not exceed the gross floor area of the building. In the event that the off-street parking area must exceed the gross floor area of the building, the Planning Board shall require the difference between the off-street parking area and the gross floor area to be constructed as pervious parking spaces (Example: 35 off-street parking spaces 9’x18’ = 162 x 35 = 5,670 square feet; building gross square feet = 4,000; 5,670 – 4,000 = 1,670/162 = 10.30 off-street parking spaces shall be constructed with a pervious material.
   2) All off-street parking facilities shall contain a dust free, all weather surface that properly drains and disposes of all surface water in perpetuity. Off-street parking areas that are not required for year round use but are used only occasionally during the year shall be maintained in perpetuity with grass, pervious pavers, or other Best Management Practice (BMP) feature(s), unless deemed prohibitory due to natural resources and/or is within an environmentally sensitive area.
   3) All off-street parking facilities shall incorporate Complete Streets infrastructure as outlined in the Framingham Complete Streets Policy. Furthermore, all projects shall be accessible to all users of different ages, abilities, and modes of transportation.
   4) Required off-street parking spaces shall be clearly striped in white, marked, and one-way driveways shall have the direction of travel clearly indicated both on the on the pavement and through signage (Directional signs should not be internally illuminated).
   5) Required off-street parking areas shall be used for vehicle parking only. Neither the parking of vehicles nor any accessory uses of vehicles for sale, storage, repair work, dismantling, and/or service of any kind shall be permitted. Examples of prohibited parking uses are construction and landscape business and/or yard trucks and trailers, vehicles for sale, repair, or tow storage.
   6) Parking areas shall be graded, surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or other suitable non-erosive material, and drained in a manner deemed adequate by the Planning Board to prevent nuisance of erosion or excessive water flow across public ways or abutting properties, and natural drainage courses shall be utilized insofar as possible.
   7) Curbing, with the addition of guard rails wherever deemed necessary by the Planning Board, shall be placed at the edges of surfaced areas, except driveways, in order to

protect landscaped areas and to prevent the parking of vehicles within required setback areas. Entrance and exit driveways shall be clearly defined by curb cuts, signs, and striping. All curbing installed within the public way of such driveways shall be of granite.

8) Off-street parking areas and driveways shall be designed to illuminate areas with shielded lights that are arranged to prevent glare, and light spillover onto abutting buildings, properties, or other natural areas.

b. Off-street Parking Facility Lighting

All off-street parking facility lighting shall comply with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations: Site Lighting, as may be amended from time to time. Lighting shall not be directed or focused such as to cause direct light from the luminaire to be cast toward buildings on adjacent or nearby land, or to create glare perceptible to persons operating motor vehicles on public ways. The luminaire shall be redirected, shielded, or its light output controlled as necessary to eliminate such conditions. There shall be no light trespass by a luminaire beyond the property boundaries of the lot on which it is located. Further, lighting shall be designed to complement the character of the City or neighborhood.

1) A Photometric Plan shall be submitted to the reviewing authority for new or redevelopment projects. The Photometric Plan shall include the location, height, shield type, and lumen rating for all of the existing and/or proposed outdoor luminaires.
2) Light fixtures shall use energy efficient technology and alternative energy sources where feasible.
3) Wall Mounted Fixture - A wall mounted fixture attached to the exterior of a building or structure for area lighting at a maximum mounting height of fifteen feet above the finished grade may be allowed if it is determined such action is in the public interest. A Wall Mounted Fixture shall be shielded to control glare.
4) Pole Mounted Fixture - Pole mounted fixtures shall conform to the following design standards:

   i. shall be maximum pole height of eighteen feet;

   ii. may be installed upon a maximum of a 6” base above the finished grade; and

   iii. shall be setback a minimum of three feet from the curb line.

   All bases shall be set above the frost line but no higher than six inches above finished grade. The base of the pole shall be capped and exposed bolts are not permitted. Lamp(s) of up to 1200 watts per pole mounted fixture and up to four pole mounted fixtures per luminaire are allowed. Exposed bases shall be of a natural color or tinted to match the color of the light pole.

5) Ceiling Mounted Fixture - A luminaire mounted on an exterior ceiling such as under a canopy shall be mounted with the refractor or lens flush with or recessed in the ceiling or fixture.
6) Security Lighting - Low-level lighting sufficient for the security of persons or property on the lot is permissible, provided the average illumination on the ground or on any vertical surface is not greater than one half (.5) foot candle.

   The Planning Board may impose reasonable requirements or limitations to minimize the impacts on abutting properties or uses based upon the nature of the application The Planning Board reserves the right to limit and regulate the amount and timing of illumination on a project site.

   Light trespass from a site is prohibited, for both new and existing lighting. The Applicant shall have a lumen of zero at all lot lines.
7) Lighting shall be designed not to exceed the light levels necessary for the use and location. Lighting shall be designed to provide a safe and adequately illuminated outdoor area.

8) All luminaires must be fully shielded to decrease levels of light trespass onto adjacent properties, roadways, or environmentally sensitive areas.
9) Strobes, searchlights, flashing lights, and laser illumination, are prohibited.

c. Sidewalks and Crosswalks

1) Sidewalks within a non-residential off-street parking facility shall be a minimum of 5' in width and constructed of concrete or pervious material. Sidewalks shall be designed not to permit vehicle bumpers to overhang the sidewalk.
2) Crosswalks within an off-street parking facility shall be a minimum of 8' in width and constructed of colored stamped concrete with contrasting color from the pavement. Stamped concrete shall not be painted but shall be entirely of a solid color. Raised crosswalks are strongly encouraged in areas of high volume.
3) Sidewalks and crosswalks within the off-street parking facility shall be constructed to ADA and Architectural Access Review Board standards.
4) Sidewalks and pedestrian ways shall be designed for all users, with appropriate lighting and light levels.
5) Telephone poles and light poles shall not be placed within the sidewalk.

d. Best Management Practices and Alternative Energy

1) The use of Low Impact Development (LID), Best Management Practices (BMP), and energy efficient features shall be utilized throughout the site.
2) Maximum on-site stormwater infiltration shall be achieved through BMP stormwater management techniques, such as pervious pavement and pavers, slits in curb cuts, catch basins under pocket parks and open space, rain gardens, etc.
3) Solar Car Ports and the use of solar technology is strongly encouraged as part of site design.

e. Special permit for Dimensional Relief to Off-Street Parking Design Standards

A special permit may be granted by the SPGA to alter the Design Standards for parking facilities as set forth within Section IV.B. Any space saved under a special permit for Dimensional Relief to Off -street Parking Design Standards shall be used for landscaped open space in addition to that required in these Zoning Ordinances.

5. Off-street Parking Landscaping and Open Space

a. Requirements for Surface Parking Lots

1) Surface Off-street Parking Lot Landscape Requirements: For new parking lots a minimum of one 3½" caliper tree shall be planted for every 27'of the total width of all off-street parking spaces required for a project, plus one shade tree shall be planted for every five off-street parking spaces required for the off-street parking facility. For existing parking lots one shade tree shall be planted for every five off-street parking spaces required for the off-street parking facility. These trees shall be located within the off-street parking area and shall not be counted towards the required number of street trees as required in Section VI.F.5.e herein. If the Applicant can successfully demonstrate that the site cannot adequately provide for the required number of off-street parking facility trees, the Applicant may gift to the Department of Public Works the required number of off-street parking facility trees, or the Applicant may contribute the cash equivalent of the trees to the City, which shall be deposited within the City's Open Space Maintenance Account. A minimum of three shrubs shall be planted for every two parking spaces, and located within the off-street parking facility area.

b. Requirements for Structured Parking Lots

1) A minimum of one shade tree shall be provided for every 20-30' of the structure's length.
2) A minimum of five shrubs shall be provided between every shaded tree required above.
3) Where possible, rooftop runoff shall be infiltrated into rain gardens

a. Parking lots shall be broken up into sections containing no more than 40 off-street parking spaces while containing integrated landscaping and bio-retention features.
b. The use of bio-swales, pervious pavers and pavement, underground storage and infiltration of stormwater systems/facilities, green roofs, rainwater use for irrigation, shared parking/Stormwater facilities, and/or rain gardens shall be incorporated into the site.
c. A landscaping performance bond in the amount equivalent to 20 percent of the total landscaping cost is required for all installed landscaping. The landscaping performance bond shall be held for two years and returned to the Applicant upon final inspection by the Planning Board Administrator or peer review consultant.
d. Internal Off-street Parking Area Landscape requirements
    1) For off-street parking areas

Off-street Parking spaces	Percentage of area designed for off-street parking facility to be landscaped*
≤6	5%
7-20	10%
21≥	15%

*This shall be in addition to the required number of off-street parking facility trees. Landscaping within the end islands, pocket parks, and landscaped pedestrians areas may be count towards this requirement.

    2) End islands shall be provided at the ends of each row of parking for all off-street parking areas and shall be a minimum of 8 feet wide and equivalent to the length of the off-street parking spaces in which they are intended to protect. A minimum of one off-street tree shall be planted using best practice to ensure maximum survival of the tree. Where possible, the island shall be t-shaped with the shade tree placed in the center of the end island. Pedestrian ways may be constructed as part of the required end island.
    3) Landscaped pedestrian islands
        i. For off-street parking areas with 50 or fewer off-street parking spaces a landscaped pedestrian island, a minimum of 8’ in width shall be provided between four rows of off-street parking spaces.
        ii. For facilities with 51 or greater off-street parking spaces a landscaped pedestrian strip shall be required to separate every four rows of off-street parking spaces. Such landscaped pedestrian strip shall be a minimum width of 15’and shall contain a 5’ wide sidewalk, pedestrian sitting area, and adequate landscape buffering for pedestrian use.
        iii. Vehicle bumper overhang in end islands, landscaped islands, and in landscaped pedestrian strips shall be discouraged through the use of curbing, landscaping, wheel stops, and/or bollards.
        iv. The Planning Board may grant a waiver by a four-fifths vote to permit an Applicant to provide an alternative design that may combine the required landscaped pedestrian strips into a larger single or multiple landscaped pedestrian strip.
    4) Plantings within the off-street parking area shall be appropriate native species, or an approved hybrid species.
    5) Off-street parking areas and drive-aisles shall be designed and screened with landscape features to minimize and prevent headlight glare, light reflection and other negative visual impacts onto adjacent properties, as well as to maximize shade and provide a buffer to minimize noise pollution.

f. Open Space

1) Landbanked Off-street Parking Areas

i. The Planning Board may require that an area be preserved and identified as "Landbanked Parking spaces" equivalent to the total amount or a portion of the reduced number of off-street parking spaces on the site plan.

ii. Each landbanked parking space shall be equal to 9'x18'.

iii. The landbanked parking space shall be properly designed as an integral part of the overall parking plan, and in no event shall any landbanked parking space be located within the front or side yard setbacks, unless permitted within the Zoning District.

iv. At the request of the Planning Board, the Applicant may be required to provide a parking monitoring program in order to determine if and when the "Landbanked Parking Spaces" are needed.

v. If, after the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the Planning Board or the Applicant finds that all or a portion of the landbanked parking spaces are needed, the Applicant shall submit a written request for a minor modification to the site plan stating such need and, if approved, denotes the revision on the site plan of the un-landbanked parking spaces.

2) Pocket Parks

The Applicant will be encouraged to provide a minimum of two off-street parking spaces as a pocket park in the following Districts: A non-residential use located within a Single Family (R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4) Zone, General Residential (G) Zone, Neighborhood Business (B-1) Zone, Community Business (B-2) Zone, or the Office & Professional (P) Zone with 15 or more off-street parking spaces. Spaces shall be landscaped with accessories such as benches and tables.

3) Parking for Trails

When an off-street parking facility is within 100' of a public trail head, the Applicant may be required to provide two off-street parking spaces. Appropriate signage for Trail Parking shall be provided by the City. Overnight parking shall not be permitted for these parking spaces with signage indicating same.

6. Maintenance of Parking Areas

No required parking facility shall be used for servicing, repair, storage, or display of merchandise or vehicles for sale or rental or for any other purpose that interferes with its availability for required parking.

Parking facilities and required screens and landscaping shall be continuously maintained in good condition and appearance through regular fertilization, pest control, pruning, and irrigation. Whenever necessary, surfacing, lighting, barriers, markings, and planting materials shall be repaired or replaced with new materials to insure continued compliance with provisions of this Ordinance. Failure to maintain the same shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the enforcement procedures contained in Section VI., herein.

7. Bicycle Parking

a. Bicycle parking spaces shall be provided for all new buildings, addition or enlargement to an existing building, or for any change in the occupancy of a building that results in the need for additional vehicle parking spaces. Bicycle parking spaces shall not be required for single- or two-family residences, funeral establishment, automotive repair or body shops, or car washes.

b. Bicycle Parking Spaces Required

1) For multi-family residences, college dormitories, Neighborhood Cluster Development (Section V.K), or Active Adult Housing (Section V.I) development projects a minimum of 2 bicycle parking spaces per 10 dwelling units shall be provided. Projects within 200 feet of a public transit station (e.g. train, bus, etc.) shall provide a minimum of 2 bicycle parking spaces per 5 dwelling units.

2) For all non-residential surface parking lots, there shall be 2 bicycle parking spaces provided for every 10 off-street parking spaces required, under Section IV.B.1.a., herein.

3) For all structured parking facilities, a minimum of 4 bicycle parking spaces shall be provided per floor.

4) After 25 bicycle parking spaces have been provided for a use, additional spaces are required at one-half of the requirement.

5) The Planning Board may reduce the required number of bicycle parking spaces by a majority vote if the applicant can demonstrate to the Planning Board's satisfaction that fewer bicycle parking spaces are required.

c. Design Criteria for Bicycle Parking Spaces:

1) Where possible bicycle parking spaces that serve long term or extend stay should be located under a shelter, within a building, or other structure that protects the entire bicycle from the elements.

2) Bicycle parking spaces are to be located in a safe, illuminated, and convenient location on a paved area.

i. For all commercial projects requiring ten or less bicycle parking spaces, spaces shall be located within a reasonable distance from the main entrance of the building.

ii. For all commercial projects requiring ten or more bicycle parking spaces, 50 percent of the required bicycle parking spaces shall be located within a reasonable distance from the main entrance of the building.

iii. For all residential projects requiring bicycle parking spaces, spaces shall be located within a central location within the project.

3) All bicycle racks must be securely anchored to the ground, designed to accommodate both chain and U-shaped locking devices, and support a bicycle frame in two locations.

4) Bicycle parking spaces shall be sufficiently separated from motor vehicle parking areas to protect parked bicycles from damage by motor vehicles. The separation may be accomplished through grade separation, distance or physical barriers, such as curbs, wheel stops, poles, vegetation, or other similar features.

5) Each ground mounted bicycle parking space shall be a minimum 2 feet in width by 6 feet in length.

6) Each vertical bicycle parking space shall be a minimum of 44 inches in width by 66" in length, with 6 feet clearance.

7) Bicycle parking spaces shall have a minimum aisle width for the following:

i. A minimum 5 feet wide pedestrian aisle behind bicycle parking spaces;

ii. A minimum 60 inches spacing between the central upright post of the bicycle racks that are side-by-side and 96 inch spacing between the central upright post of the bicycle racks for bicycle racks that are end-to-end;

iii. A minimum 36 inch aisle between the central upright post of the bicycle rack to a parallel wall or other obstruction;

iv. A minimum 30 inch aisle between the central upright post of the bicycle rack to a from a perpendicular wall; and

v. A minimum 14 feet from a curbside fire hydrant and 6 feet from a wall fire hydrant.

vi. Bicycle parking racks and hardware shall be installed according to its manufacturer's instructions, and maintained in perpetuity.

8. Structured Parking

a. Structured parking and underground parking garages are strongly encouraged throughout Framingham.

b. Structured parking garages should be designed to blend in with the abutting structures, through the use of architectural features and similar façade materials.

c. The façade of above grade structured parking garages with residential, commercial, and/or office components on top of the structure shall be designed to mask the structured parking garage and incorporated as part of the building.

d. Where possible, structured parking garages shall be located within the center of a project.

9. Special Provisions for Neighborhood Business District

a. Purpose

The purpose of this section is to further the intent of the Neighborhood Business District (B-1), which is to reinforce the historic development pattern of Framingham'straditional commercial centers.

b. Exemption by Special Permit

In the Neighborhood Business District a special permit may be granted to exempt parking facilities from the minimum number of spaces required in Section IV.B.1(a) herein, and from the proximity requirements specified in Section IV.B.2(a) herein. The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for special permits under this section.

c. Contents of Application

1) An application for a special permit under this section shall include a parking plan including all information specified in Section VI.F.4(9) and (10), regardless of the number of parking spaces proposed to be provided; or, if the proposed development is subject to the major Site Plan Review provisions of these Zoning Ordinances, an application for Site Plan Review.

2) Where off-street parking facilities are to be provided upon private premises not owned by the applicant, an application for a special permit under this section shall also include executed instruments establishing to the satisfaction of City Solicitor that the applicant has sufficient legal interest in such premises to assure their permanent availability for off-street parking in connection with the proposed use.

d. Procedure for Special Permit

1) The procedure for application, review, hearing, and decision shall be in accordance with Section VI.E.

2) The public notice and hearing process required for the special permit application shall be concurrent with the Planning Board's Site Plan Review, if applicable. In the case of a proposed development subject to Site Plan Review, the Planning Board shall hold a combined public hearing for both the special permit and the site plan review application.

e. Conditions for Approval of Special Permit

The SPGA shall not approve an application for a special permit under this section unless it finds that in its judgment all of the following conditions are met:

1) The exemptions requested are consistent with the intent and purpose of the Zoning District.

2) There are adequate parking facilities of reasonable proximity to the premises.

f. Effect of Special Permit

A special permit granted under this section shall constitute the granting of an exemption from the minimum number of spaces requirement, or the proximity requirement, or both; and shall be deemed to be based on a specific plan or application for Site Plan Review, as applicable. Subsequent amendments to the approved plan or Site Plan Review Approval require amendment of the special permit.

10. Procedure for the issuance of a Special Permit

The Planning Board may grant a special permit for relief from the provisions set forth in Section IV.B.3., 4., 5., 7., and 8., herein. The applicant shall be required to submit appropriate documentation supporting the need for special permits under this section. The Planning Board may request additional information and/or a peer review to determine if such special permit shall be granted under this Section.

C. OFF-STREET LOADING

1. Applicability

The requirements of Section IV.C Off-street Loading shall apply to individual users of new and substantially altered structures, provided that when a building existing on the effective date of this Ordinance is altered or expanded so as to increase the gross floor area by at least 5,000 square feet, only the additional gross floor area shall be counted toward the off-street loading requirements.

2. Table of Off-Street Loading Regulations

Principal Use	First loading facility required for area shown below	One additional loading facility required for area shown below
Institutional Uses	10,000	50,000
Dormitory and Hotel or Motel		
Recreation and Entertainment Uses		
Restaurant and Fast Food		
Office Uses	15,000	50,000
Retail Services	5,000	20,000
Personal and Consumer Services	5,000	25,000
Vehicular Services		
Industrial Uses		
Wholesale and Storage Uses	10,000	25,000

3. Location and Design

Off-street loading facilities shall be located and designed in the following manner:

a. Loading Bays

Each required loading space shall be at least 12 feet wide and 25 feet long, exclusive of drives and maneuvering space, and shall be located entirely on the lot being served. All lighting, surfacing, drainage, and maintenance of loading facilities shall be provided in the same manner as off-street parking facilities, as specified in Section IV.B.4.a and d., and Section IV.B.6. Loading bays shall be enclosed in a structure if located within 50 feet of a Residential District and if the use served by such bay(s) involves regular night operations, such as a restaurant, bakery, hotel, bottling plants, or similar use.

b. Exemption by Special Permit

The Planning Board may modify by special permit the provisions of this section if said Planning Board determines that literal compliance is impracticable due to the nature of the use or the location, dimensions, or grade of the lot.

D. SERVICE STATIONS AND OUTDOOR AUTO SALES

Gasoline service stations and outdoor automobile rental or sale, and storage for rental or sale shall be designed according to the following standards:

1. Location and Width of Driveways

No portion of a driveway at the street line shall be closer than 10 feet from a side lot line or 20 feet from any portion of another driveway on the same lot. The maximum width of driveways at the lot line shall be 30 feet and the minimum width, 20 feet. The minimum curb radius shall be 15 feet.

2. Dimensional and Landscaping Regulations

Such facilities shall be required to provide year-round opaque screening; comprised of walls, fences, berms, or evergreen plantings; where such facilities abut residential districts or residential uses. In the case of outdoor automobile rental or sale, and storage for rental or sale, such outdoor facilities shall also be subject to the landscaping requirements for parking facilities, as specified in Section IV.B.5.

3. Curbing, Surfacing, and Lighting

A raised curb at least 6 inches high shall be constructed along all lot lines abutting a street except at driveway openings. The area of the lot not landscaped or occupied by structures shall be graded, surfaced with asphalt or other suitable material and drained in a manner deemed adequate by the Planning Board to prevent nuisances or erosion or excessive water flows onto any other property or street. All illumination on outdoor areas and sales lots shall be shielded so as to prevent direct glare onto any other property or street.

4. Access and Circulation

Gasoline Service Stations (with or without an allowed accessory use) shall have adequate access, circulation, and vehicle storage for queues, which will not conflict with other uses. Gasoline service stations (with or without an allowed accessory use) may not gain their access through a parking lot serving another separate use. Access and circulation for a gasoline service station (with or without an allowed accessory use) must be clearly defined and separated from off-street parking areas serving other uses, so that there will not be a circulation conflict.

E. DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS

1. General Requirement

No division of land shall be made which results in the creation of any lot having dimensions smaller than the minimum required by this Section for the building or use located thereon within the district in which such lot is located.

2. Table of Dimensional Regulations

Minimum lot area, frontage, lot width, setbacks and open space, and maximum height, lot coverage and floor area shall be as specified in the following Table of Dimensional Regulations, subject to the further provisions of this Section:

District	Principal Building or Use	Lot Minimum		Minimum Setback		Minimum Landscaped Open Space Surface Ratio	Minimum Height	Building Maximums		
		Area (s.f.)	Frontage (ft.)	Front (ft.)	Rear/ Side (ft.)			Height Story/ft.	Lot Coverage	Floor Area Ratio
Single Residence **R-4**	One-family detached dwellings	43,560	100	30	30	50%		3/35	15%	-
	Any other principal use	43,560	150	30	30	50%		3/35	15%	-
R-3	One-family detached dwellings	20,000	100	30	15	40%		3/35	25%	-
	Any other principal use	43,560	150	30	30	50%		3/35	15%	-
R-2	One-family detached dwelling	12,000	65	30	12	35%		3/35	30%	-
	Any other principal use	43,560	150	30	30	50%		3/35	15%	-
R-1	One-family detached dwelling	8,000	65	30	10	30%		3/35	35%	-
	Any other principal use	43,560	150	30	30	50%		3/35	15%	-
General Residence **G**	One-family or two-family detached dwelling	8,000	65	30	10	30%		3/40	35%	-
	Any other principal use	43,560	150	30	30	50%		3/40	15%	-
Neighborhood Bus **B-1**	Any residential use	8,000	65	30	10	30%		3/40	35%	-
	Any other principal use	4,000	-	[b]	-	5%[a]		3/40	33%	-
Community Bus **B-2**	Any residential use	8,000	65	30	10	30%		3/40	35%	-
	Any other principal use	8,000	65	25	15	20%		3/40	-	0.32
General Bus **B-3**	Any residential use	8,000	65	30	10	30%		3/40	35%	-
	Any other principal use	8,000	65	25	15	20%		3/40	-	0.32
B-4	Any principal use or mixed-use	8,000	75	20[i]	15[j]	20%[k]		3/40[l]	80%	-
Business **B**	Any residential use	8,000	65	30	10	30%		340	35%	-
	Any non-residential use	6,000	50	25	15	20%		6/80	-	0.32
Central Business **CB** [c]	Any residential use	5,000	-	10[b]	-	20%	2/25	3/40	60%	2.0
	Any other principal or mixed use	5,000	-	10[b]	-	15%	2/25	3/40	60%	2.0
Central Business **CB** [e]	Any residential use	20,000	-	10[b]	-	20% [d]	2/25	6/70	80%	3.0
	Any other principal or mixed use	20,000	-	10[b]	-	5%		6/70	80%	3.0
Office and Professional **P**	Residential structure	8,000	65	30	15	30%		3/40	35%	
	Any other principal use	6,000	50	30	15	20%		3/40	20%	0.32

[a] A portion of this requirement may be provided in the public right of way (street trees, etc.)

[b] Minimum front setback as regulated, except where building lines have already been established in which case building lines must be maintained; to be used for landscaping, pedestrian and vehicular access. No parking in the front setback.

[c] Projects with a minimum land area of 5,000sf to a maximum land area of 20,000sf

[d] Up to 50% of minimum landscaped open space may include private balconies or be located on the roof of the structure as a garden or sitting area.

[e] Projects with a land area of 20,000sf or greater.

[f] See §IV.E.8 for additional Dimensional Regulations for Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District Uses, including regulations on setback requirements, floor area ratio calculations, and minimum landscape open space requirements within this district.

[g] See §II.F.5 and II.F.7 for additional Dimensional Regulations for Technology Park District uses, including floor area ratio regulations and minimum landscaped open space requirements within this District.

[h] See Section II.J.4.b.v of the Framingham Zoning Ordinance

[i] Height Factor shall apply to projects within the Nobscot Village (B-4) Zoning District

[j] When a development abuts a single-family residential property, said structures shall be setback a minimum of an additional 30 feet, from the required 20 foot "Landscape Buffer" along the residential property boundary. The "Landscape Buffer" shall include trees, residential scale fencing, and other landscape elements to create a separation between the residential property and the development within the Nobscot Village (B-4) Zoning District.

[k] Landscaped open space shall not include parking lot islands or areas that are less than four (4) feet wide and less than twenty (20) feet long.

[l] Please reference Section II.K.8 of these Ordinances.

District	Principal Building or Use	Lot Minimum		Minimum Setback		Minimum Landscaped Open Space Surface Ratio	Minimum Height	Building Maximums		
		Area (s.f.)	Frontage (ft.)	Front (ft.)	Rear/ Side (ft.)			Height Story/ft.	Lot Coverage	Floor Area Ratio
Planned Re-use **PR**	One-family or two-family detached dwellings	20,000	100	30	15	40%		3/40	25%	-
	Other uses permissible in Single Res. Districts	43,560	150	30	30	50%		3/40	25%	-
Light Manufacturing **M-1**	Any residential use	8,000	65	30	10	30%		3/40	35%	-
	Any non-residential use	6,000	50	50	15	20%		6/80	-	0.32
General Manufacturing **M**	Any non-residential use	6,000	50	50	15	20%		6/80	-	0.32
Open Space/ Recreation **OSR**	Golf course or country club	50 ac.	200	100	100	90%		3/40	5%	-
	Any other principal use	5 ac.	200	100	100	80%		3/40	10%	-
Geriatric/Elderly **G/E** [f]	Any Principal Use	3.5 ac.	200	20	15	-		3/40		0.32
Technology Park **TP** [g]	Any Principal Use	43,560	100	30	15	-		6/100	_	_
Corporate Mixed-use **CMU**	Any principal use or mixed-use	20,000	75	30	5	25%[h]		-/100	75%[h]	

3. Lot Area Regulations

a. Lot Area Requirement

Where a minimum lot area is specified in Section IV.E.2., no principal building or use shall be located on any lot of lesser area (such minimum lot area to be determined as set forth in these Lot Area Regulations, Section IV.E.3.), except as may be permitted hereinafter; and no such area shall include any portion of a street.

b. Omitted

c. Irregularly-Shaped Lots

When the distance between any two points on lot lines is less than 50 feet, measured in a straight line, the smaller portion of the lot which is bounded by such straight line and such lot lines shall be excluded from the computation of the minimum lot area unless the distance along such lot lines between such two points is less than 150 feet in such cases where the Minimum Lot Area is less than 20,000 square feet, as set forth in the Table of Dimensional Regulations, Section IV.E.2. Otherwise, when the distance between any two points is less than 80 feet, measured in a straight line, the smaller portion of the lot which is bounded by such straight line and such lot lines shall be excluded from the computation of the minimum lot area, unless the distance along such lot lines between such two points is less than 240 feet. In all cases, the principal use shall not be located on such excluded area of the lot.

d. Uplands Area Requirement

For the purpose of this Section, any lot laid out to be a buildable lot must contain upland area totaling at least 100 percent of the minimum lot area requirement for the zoning district in which the land is situated. In addition, a minimum of 70 percent of the required minimum lot area must be contiguous upland area, and shall be the location for the principal structure on the lot. Portions of a lot excluded from the computation of a minimum lot area, as provided under subsections IV.E.3.c., above, shall not be used to meet the upland area requirements, herein.

A lot for single or two family residential use, shall be exempt from this subsection d. Uplands Area Requirement, provided such lot conformed to all zoning requirements at the time of recording or endorsement.

e. Moderate Slope Requirement

Any lot laid out to be a buildable lot must contain 100 percent of the minimum lot area requirement for the zoning district in which the land is situated, excluding areas that satisfy the moderate slope requirement defined herein. In addition, a minimum of 70 percent of the required minimum lot area must be contiguous, and shall be the location for the principal structure on the lot. Portions of a lot excluded from the computation of a minimum lot area, as provided under subsections IV.E.3.c.and d., above, shall not be used to meet the moderate slope requirement.

A lot for single or two family residential use shall be exempt from this Section IV.E.3.e. Moderate Slope Requirement, provided such lot conformed to all zoning requirements at the time of the recording or endorsement.

The term "moderate slope" is defined and measured by the procedure as prescribed herein as all areas of the entire lot prior to subdivision of the land into individual parcels with slopes natural and unaltered greater than or equal to fifteen percent (15) over a horizontal distance of 100 feet, as measured perpendicular to the contour line as prescribed herein. For Lots lacking a horizontal distance of 100 feet, the Slope will be calculated as an elevation change across a horizontal distance of 50 feet as measured perpendicular to the contour line. Contours shall be at 2 foot intervals based on the most recent National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD). Plans shall note the collection source of the contour data. Final slope shall be reviewed and confirmed by the City Engineer and/or by a Peer Review Consultant.

4. Lot Frontage and Width Regulations

a. Lot Frontage Requirement

Where a minimum lot frontage is specified in Section IV.E.2., no principal building or use shall be located on a lot which fronts a lesser distance on a street. No principal building or use shall be constructed or located on a lot unless adequate vehicular access exists or can be constructed to the buildable portion of the lot, proposed structure or use from the street providing the minimum lot frontage required by Section IV.E.2. Vehicular access shall be provided from the lot frontage to the principal building or use, provided that the Planning Board by special permit may allow an alternative vehicular access to the lot. Frontage shall provide both rights of access and potential vehicular access across that lot line to a potential building site. Frontage shall be measured in a single contiguous, uninterrupted line along a street or streets. A lawful pre-existing lot for single or two family residential use that pre-dates the enactment of this section, shall be exempt from this lot access requirement, provided such lot conformed to all zoning requirements at the time of recording or endorsement.

b. Lot Width Requirement

Each lot shall have a width such that the center of a circle having a minimum diameter of 80% of the required frontage of the lot can be passed along a continuous line from the sideline of the street along which the frontage of the lot is measured to any point of the building or proposed building on the lot without the circumference intersecting any side lot line.

In addition, each lot shall have a width such that the entire portion of the parcel from the lot frontage to the required front setback line shall have a minimum width equal to the required lot frontage as specified in Section IV.E.2., and such that the portion of the lot where any line passes through a principal building on the lot shall also have a minimum width equal to the required lot frontage as specified in Section IV.E.2.

5. Setback Regulations

a. Front and Side Setback Requirements

Where a minimum depth of setback is specified in Section IV.E.2., no building or structure shall be erected within the specified distance from the applicable lot line, except as permitted hereinafter.

b. Projections into Setbacks

1. Uncovered steps and ramps, and walls and fences no greater than six feet in height above the natural grade, may be permitted in a setback.
2. A portico over a front or a side doorway, or both, including a pediment, triangular-shaped or otherwise, supporting columns and decorative pilasters, over a landing or an entrance area, open or enclosed; the entrance area not being more than fifty square feet in area, may be permitted in a setback. Excluded from this exception are porticos in excess of one-story height.

c. Corner Clearance

In any district where a front setback is required, no building, fence or other structure may be erected and no vegetation may be maintained between a plane two and one-half feet above curb level and a plane seven feet above curb level within that part of the lot bounded by the sidelines of intersecting streets and a straight line joining points on such sidelines 25 feet distant from the point of intersection of such sidelines or extensions thereof.

d. Side Setback Abutting Residential District

Where a side lot line of a lot in a non-residential district, abuts a Single Residence or General Residence Zoning District, there shall be a minimum side setback requirement for buildings on such lot of 30 feet; except in the Neighborhood Business (B-1) Districts, where such minimum side setback requirement for buildings on such lot shall be 10 feet. This setback regulation for such lot in a non-residential district shall not be applicable if such lot is for a single family or two family residential use, in which case the setbacks in the Table of Dimensional Regulations shall apply.

e. Determination of Lot Lines

Where the designation of a front or side lot line for the purpose of determining required yards is unclear because of the particular shape or type of lot, the Building Commissioner shall designate the appropriate front or side lot line.

f. Exception for Existing Alignment

In Single Residence, General Residence and Office and Professional Districts, if the alignment of existing principal buildings on adjacent lots on each side of a lot fronting the same street in the same district is nearer to the street line than the required front setback, the average of the existing alignments of all such buildings within 200 feet of said lot shall be the required front setback.

g. Limited Accessory Structures

1. Limited accessory structures may be placed within the minimum side setback, provided that the structures meet the criteria of this section.
2. Dimensional Regulations for Limited Accessory Structures
   A limited accessory structure:
   - **a.** Shall be no larger than 120 square feet of gross floor area,
   - **b.** Shall not be more than twelve feet in height as measured from the average natural grade at a distance of up to three feet from the structure,
   - **c.** Shall not be located within the required front setback or any closer to that setback than the primary structure.
   - **d.** The accessory structure may be located at a distance from the lot line not less than one-half of the required minimum side setback.
3. No more than two limited accessory structures shall be permitted within the required side setbacks on any one lot.

h. Indoor Amusement Facility: Noisy activities shall be at least 100 feet away from any lot line and effectively sound-insulated or screened to protect the neighborhood.

i. Outdoor Entertainment Facility: Noisy activities shall be at least 100 feet away from any residential lot line and effectively screened from abutters to protect the neighborhood.

j. Veterinary Services: Noisy activity shall be at least 100 feet from any residential lot line and effectively sound-insulated or screened to protect the neighborhood.

6. Open Space Regulations

a. Open Space Requirement

Where a minimum percentage of open space is specified in Section IV.E.2., no building or use shall be located or substantially altered on any lot in which such space is not provided.

b. Open Space in Front Setback

In any district where a front setback is required, landscaped open space ten feet in depth shall be provided along the entire width of the lot at the front lot line. Said strip may be interrupted by necessary vehicular and walkway entrances and exits.

c. Usable Open Space for One-family and Two-family Dwellings

All one-family and two-family detached dwellings shall have a minimum of 800 square feet of usable open space per bedroom.

d. Open Space in Setback Abutting Residential District or Uses

In any district where a non-residential use abuts or faces a residential zoning district or a single family or two family use, a landscaped open space buffer at a minimum depth of fifteen feet, shall be provided and maintained in order to separate, both physically and visually, the residential use from the non-residential use; except in the Neighborhood Business (B-1) Districts where such minimum open space depth shall be five feet. The landscaped open space buffer strip shall be continuous except for required vehicular access and pedestrian circulation.

The buffer strip shall include a combination of deciduous and/or evergreen trees and lower-level elements such as shrubs, hedges, grass, ground cover, fences, planted berms, and brick or stone walls. Such open space buffer strips shall provide a strong visual barrier between uses at pedestrian level and shall create a strong impression of spatial separation.

e. Landscaping Requirement

In every district and for all uses and structures, which are subject to site plan review, landscaping shall be provided in accordance with the purpose, intent, objectives and standards of Section III.E.8. of these Zoning Ordinances, as feasible. All off-street parking plans and site plans, required under Sections IV.B. or VI.F. shall include a landscape plan and planting schedule prepared by a registered landscape architect. Landscaped buffer strips along street right of ways shall be in accordance with this Section IV.E.6. Open Space Regulations, except in Districts where a larger buffer is required. Site constraints shall be considered in applying the standards of Section III.E.8, which may be waived in accordance with Section III.E.10.c.

7. Building Height, Bulk, and Utilities and Mechanical Equipment Screening Regulations

a. Maximum Height Requirement

Where a maximum height of buildings is specified in Section IV.E.2., no building or part of a building shall exceed the specified number of stories and furthermore, no building or part of a building shall exceed the specified feet above average finished grade, except as permitted hereinafter.

b. Exceptions to Maximum Height Requirement

1. The maximum height requirement specified in Section IV.E.2. shall not apply to accessory structures or appurtenances normally built above the roof level and necessary for the operation of the building or use, except in the Single Residence Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4, and General Residence Districts. Such structures shall not be intended for human occupancy, and shall be erected only to serve the purpose for which they are intended. These structures include but are not limited to chimneys, penthouses for stairways and elevators, mechanical installations, and screening and parapets. Accessory structures or appurtenances may be built twenty-five percent above the maximum building roofline in the Technology Park and fifteen percent above the maximum building roofline in all other zoning districts,

except in the Single Residence Districts R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4, and General Residence Districts.

2. Steeples, monuments and towers not used for communication purposes and not intended for occupancy may be erected to a greater height than specified by Section IV.E.2 if a special permit is granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals after a public hearing.

3. Accessory structures above the building roofline shall be screened on all sides of the accessory structure, except as required for clearances by the Building Code. The design of the screen shall be incorporated into the architectural features of the building and constructed of a material and color compatible with other elements of the building.

c. Bulk (Lot Coverage and Floor Area) Requirements

For any building or group of buildings on a lot, including accessory buildings, the percentage of the lot covered by such buildings (Lot Coverage) or Floor Area Ratio shall not exceed the maximum specified in Section IV.E.2.

d. Height Requirements Near Residential Districts

In addition to the height limitations as set forth under subsection a. and subsection b. herein, the following additional requirements shall apply for all buildings (except for those in single-family or two family use), in non-residential zoning districts, when such building is in close proximity to a single residence or general residence zoning district.

1. Buildings located less than 50 feet from a single residence or general residence district shall be a maximum of 30 feet in height above finished grade.

2. In the Neighborhood Business District (B-1), buildings located less than 50 feet from a single residence or general residence district may be exempted by the above height restriction, up to a maximum of 40 feet in height above finished grade, by special permit, in accordance with the requirements of Section VI.E. of these Zoning Ordinances, if the SPGA determines that the proposed building would be consistent with the historic development pattern of the existing commercial center of the area, and that such building would not be more intrusive on the residential district than a building 30 feet in height. The Planning Board shall be the SPGA under this subsection.

3. In all non-residential zoning districts where the maximum building height for a use is designated as 6 stories and 80 feet above finished grade, as specified in Section IV.E.2. Table of Dimensional Regulations, the following height requirement shall apply when such use is in close proximity to a single residence or general residence zoning district:

DISTANCE FROM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT	BUILDING HEIGHT
equal to or greater than **50** but less than **200** feet	**40** feet.
equal to or greater than **200** but less than **300** feet	**50** feet.
equal to or greater than **300** but less than **400** feet	**60** feet.
equal to or greater than **400** feet	**80** feet

For the purposes of this subsection, when a zone line runs along a street, the width of the right of way of the street shall be included in the calculation for distance from a residential zoning district.

e. Utilities and Mechanical Equipment Screening

1. **U**tilities and mechanical equipment shall appear to be part of the building form. Materials utilized in the construction of the building shall be used to screen and/or buffer the appearance of the service area, utilities, and/or mechanical equipment.
2. Utilities and mechanical equipment shall be fully screened as a component of the overall roof design, when these features are located on the roof. The screening of these features shall not appear to be an add-on element to the roof.

3. Utilities and mechanical equipment shall be located on the side or rear of a building. These features shall be sufficiently screened using architectural forms, fencing and/or landscaping so as to not be visible from streets and public open spaces.
4. Utilities and mechanical equipment shall be designed to accommodate soundproofing.

8. Dimensional Regulations for Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District Uses

a. Special Setback Requirements

Buildings on adjoining lots within the Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District must meet the setback requirements specified by Section IV.E.2. for the district, but may be integrated with walkways and breezeways which interconnect buildings and provide pedestrian connections. Further, a minimum setback from the Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District boundary line shall be as follows: 70 foot setback for a one-story or two-story building within the District, and 100 feet setback if building exceeds 2 stories, but a 50 foot setback from an Open Space and Recreation District boundary line, regardless of height.

b. Floor Area Ratio Calculation Exemptions

Floor area ratio calculations within a Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District shall not include the gross floor area of garages, attics, and basements of independent living housing units which are not designed to be used or occupied as living areas.

c. Open Space Requirements in the District

Minimum Landscaped Open Space shall be 30 percent of the total lot area.

10. Used Car Dealers

A used car dealer may not be located within 1,000 feet of another used car dealer unless it is a legal pre-existing use of the land. Such required separation distance shall be measured from all property lines of the proposed use.

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SECTION V.
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A. ASSISTED AND CONGREGATE LIVING HOUSING

Assisted Living and Congregate Living Housing maybe granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) only if the application is in compliance with the following conditions (1) - (10) for all new construction and for all rehabilitation/reconstruction of such use in an existing building where the existing footprint or floor area ratio (FAR) have increased; and subject to the following conditions (7) - (10) only for the rehabilitation/ reconstruction of such use in an existing building where the existing footprint and floor area ratio (FAR) have not increased:

(1) the development shall be on a parcel or parcels of land of not less than 5 acres, or not less than 1 acre per 10 units or fraction thereof, whichever acreage calculation is greater in Single Residence and General Residence Districts;

(2) the development shall be permitted only on a parcel or parcels of land located on a primary or collector roadway or with direct access to a primary or collector roadway;

(3) the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) shall not exceed .25 in Residential zones. In a Business District or Office and Professional District, the specified Floor Area Ratio for the District shall apply;

(4) the minimum front setback shall be 150 feet, of which at least 75 feet from the street line shall be landscaped open space;

(5) the minimum side setback shall be 50 feet, except where the development abuts a lot in single-family, two-family or three-family use, in which case the minimum side setback shall be 200 feet;

(6) the maximum height of a structure (excluding chimneys, antennas and other appurtenances necessary for the operation of the building) in a Single Residence or General Residence District shall not exceed 2 1/2 stories and shall not exceed 35 feet when set back more than 300 feet of a single family, two-family or three-family residential lot line and shall not exceed 2 stories and shall not exceed 26 feet within 300 feet of a single family, two-family, or three-family residential lot line; in a Business District or Office and Professional District, the underlying height requirement shall apply;

(7) developments adjoining or facing residential uses, shall provide year-round opaque screening at the time of occupancy, comprised of walls, fences, berms, or evergreen plantings;

(8) all parking areas shall be provided with year-round opaque screening at the time of occupancy, comprised of walls, fences, berms, or evergreen plantings;

(9) developments located in a Single Residence District or General Residence District shall be designed for compatibility with the residential character of the area;

(10) developments shall be subject to Site Plan Review.

The provisions of this Section V. A. shall not apply to Assisted Living developments within the Corporate Mixed-Use District.

B. HISTORIC RE-USE

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the Historic Reuse Ordinance is to preserve and enhance historically significant buildings and/or properties while maintaining the integrity of the neighborhood in which they were built. Historic preservation is encouraged through the redevelopment and/or reuse of such historic properties by allowing a variety of uses and incentives for such efforts. All such uses shall comply with the dimensional regulations of the zoning district in which the property is located

An Historic Reuse project shall be developed with the following intent:

a. Preserve historically significant buildings through redevelopment and/or reuse that provides a variety of allowed uses.

b. Maximize the retention of distinctive materials, features, spaces, and/or spatial relationships of the building and/or buildings.
c. Comply with the design standards set forth by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (36 CFR 67). Maintain the historic character of a property while providing incentives for preservation rather than razing an historic building.
d. Preserve architectural, cultural, and unique features common to an historic building and the time periods it represents, while utilizing distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques that emphasize the particular character of the property.
e. Support the Master Land Use Plan, Housing Plan, Historic Preservation Plan, and other associated planning efforts of the City.

2. Applicability and Procedure for Historic Reuse Projects

a. Applicability and Allowed Uses

i. Structures to be considered for historic reuse and preservation under the Historic Reuse Ordinance shall be a minimum of 75 years of age and deemed historically significant by the Historical Commission or Historic District Commission.
ii. Such structures that have been deemed historically significant shall be located within the R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, B, P, and CB.
iii. Historically significant buildings may be utilized for the following uses: uses permitted within the underlying zoning district; Two-family Dwelling, (Section II.B.1.B); Multi-family Dwelling (Section II.B.1.C); Home Occupation (Sections II.B.B.2.a and II.D); Business or Professional Office (Section II.B.5.A); Artist Live/Work/Gallery (Section II.B.1.D); Bed and Breakfast; and a mixture of uses as allowed within this Section V.B.2.a.iii.
iv. Renovation of existing carriage houses, barns, and other historic outbuildings is strongly encouraged.

b. Permit Granting Authority and Permit Procedure

i. The Applicant shall seek a determination of historic significance from either the Historical Commission or Historic District Commission prior to filing with the Planning Board.
   a) Structures shall be a minimum of 75 years of age to be considered for historical significance and use of this Ordinance.
   b) The historic significance of properties in any of the City's Local Historic Districts as defined by the General Ordinances Article VII, Section 5, shall be determined by the Historic District Commission.
      - The Historic District Commission shall grant a Certificate of Appropriateness or Certificate of Non-Applicability for any proposed work that falls under General Ordinances Article VII, Section 5, before the Applicant can utilize Section V.B
      - In the event that modifications are made to the project after the Certificate of Appropriateness or Certificate of Non-Applicability is granted, the Applicant shall seek approval for said modifications from the Historic District Commission.
   c) For properties outside of the City's Local Historic Districts, as defined by the General Bylaws Article VII, Section 5, the Historical Commission shall make a Determination of Significance and shall provide a list of historic features to be maintained.
      - In the event that modifications are made to the project after the Determination of Significance and list of historic features is provided, the Applicant shall seek approval for said modifications from the Historical Commission. The Historical Commission or the Historic District Commission may utilize Peer Review Consultants for the architectural review.
ii. In the event that modifications are to be made to the project after the Determination of Significance and list of historic features is provided, the Applicant shall first seek approval for said modifications from the Historical Commission. The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for the Historic Reuse Ordinance.

iii. All Historic Reuse applications shall be subject to the written procedures outlined in Special Permits (Section VI.E); Site Plan Review (Section VI.F); the allowed use identified in Section V.B.2.a.ii; and the Historic Reuse Ordinance (Section V.B). Furthermore, residential projects shall comply with all provisions of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (Section V.H), except for projects with less than 20 residential units, which shall be exempt.

3. Historic Project Requirements

a. Project Design and Redevelopment

i. Projects shall conform, at a minimum, to the standards set forth in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation at 36 C.F.R. 67, et. seq.

ii. The original qualities and character, the distinctive architectural features, and the craftsmanship of the historic building shall be maintained through the redevelopment and/or reuse of the property.

iii. Alterations, infill, and/or additions shall be limited to 75% of the square footage of the footprint of the existing structure. Alterations, infill, and/or additions shall be compatible in scale and design to the historic portion of the project. Such additions shall complement the historic nature of the property and shall not destroy, damage, and/or derogate from the historic integrity of the building.

iv. Additions shall only be constructed on the side and/or rear of any building deemed to have historic significance.

v. Alterations, infill, and/or additions shall be expressly designed to retain the essential original form and integrity of the historic structure without detriment in the event that such new portions of the historic building were to be removed.

vi. All reasonable efforts shall be made to minimize alterations to the defining characteristics of an historic structure. Moreover, compatible sustainable materials shall be used when making such alterations.

vii. All efforts shall be made to the greatest extent feasible to restore and repair deteriorated and/or missing historically significant features and characteristics that define the time period which they represent. All replacement materials shall match the materials being replaced in composition, design, color, and texture to replicate the original construction of the structure.

viii. All rehabilitated structures shall conform to the requirements set forth in Section IV.E Dimensional Regulations.

ix. The reuse and rehabilitation of historic carriage houses, barns, and other outbuildings is encouraged. Any historic, character-defining features on these buildings shall be retained and rehabilitated.

x. All efforts shall be made to the greatest extent feasible to protect the abutters and the neighborhood from any negative impacts caused by an increase in size of the buildings(s) and/or the new use(s) of the building(s) and property allowed by the Historic Reuse Special Permit.

b. Off-street Parking and Site Improvements

i. Off-street parking shall not be located forward of an imaginary line drawn through the front façade farthest from any front lot line. The Planning Board may waive this requirement if it determines that the site layout or location of the structure(s) makes this requirement unfeasible or that a better plan will result from such a waiver.

ii. Off-street parking shall be screened and buffered by landscaping, fencing, and/or other natural features.

iii. Off-street parking shall be in compliance with Section IV.B.1.a

iv. All utilities shall be located underground; mechanical equipment shall be screened with fencing and landscaping; HVAC units shall be located to the rear of the building. Use of rooftop mechanical equipment shall be architecturally screened.

v. Any new construction shall be sited to maintain historic viewsheds and other historic landscape features that contribute to the property's character such as gardens, fields, or stone walls.

c. Residential Units

i. Residential units shall not be less than 600 square feet of area.

ii. Entrances shall be separate where an historic reuse project contains both residential and non-residential uses.

4.. Historic Reuse Provisions

No structure shall be erected, enlarged, or modified, nor land shall be divided, subdivided, or modified prior to the granting or denial of said Special Permit prior to the submittal of an application to the Historical Commission or the Historic District Commission for a determination of historic significance.**5.. Procedure for Waiver**

An Historic Reuse project shall comply with Section V.B. in its entirety to the greatest extent feasible. However, the Planning Board may waive the requirements for Section V.B.3 by a four-fifth vote where such waivers will allow for better design and/or improved protection of historic resources. No waiver shall be allowed to be granted to remove or modify the architectural conditions imposed by the Historical Commission or the Historic District Commission.

6. Variance

A variance authorizing a use or activity not otherwise permitted in the Zoning District or allowed by the Historic Reuse Ordinance shall be prohibited from the use of this Ordinance.

C. AUTOMATIC CARWASH AND/OR SELF-SERVICE CARWASH

Automatic or self-service carwashes constructed after the adoption of this section shall require review and approval in conformance with the provisions of this section. The Planning Board shall be the review and approval authority for permits granted under this section. Automatic and/or self-service carwashes shall be designed and operated according to the following standards:

1. Every new automatic or self-service carwash facility must provide an on-site, defined, paved area for the queuing of motor vehicles awaiting wash. The queuing area shall be designed to achieve the following objectives:

- **a.** Accommodate the maximum queue expected during peak operating period. The applicant shall supply the Planning Board with estimates of demand during peak operating periods which form the basis for site design.
- **b.** No queuing shall be permitted onto a public or private vehicular or pedestrian way open to use by the general public.

2. Exit drives from every automatic or self-service carwash facility shall be designed to prevent water from the car wash from collecting within vehicular or pedestrian rights-of-way in or adjacent to the subject site.

3. Every automatic or self-service carwash facility must include water reclamation to the maximum extent feasible.

4. The following additional provisions shall be applicable only to automatic carwash facilities.

- **a.** Every automatic carwash facility must have a mechanical dryer operation at the end of the wash cycle;
- **b.** Every automatic carwash facility must have a drip time in the wash cycle between the last application of water and the blower;
- **c.** The Planning Board may also require that an attendant be assigned exclusively to the automatic carwash facility during all hours of operation.

5. The following additional provision shall be applicable to self-service carwash facilities:
Every self-service carwash facility shall have an on-site, defined, paved surface for drying and vacuuming vehicles. This area shall be separate from and outside of the wash bays and of sufficient area to accommodate peak period demand.

6. An applicant proposing to construct an automatic or self-service carwash shall submit a site plan application which shall include the following information:

- **a.** A locus map.
- **b.** The location and dimensions of all buildings and structures. Lot and street lines and intersections within 300 feet. Zoning classification, ownership and use of all parcels immediately abutting the subject site.
- **c.** A traffic impact assessment which shall include the projected peak hour and daily traffic generated by the carwash on roads and ways in the vicinity of the development; sight lines at intersections of proposed driveways and streets; existing and proposed traffic controls in the vicinity of the proposed carwash; and projected post-development traffic volumes and levels of service of the intersections and streets likely to be affected by the proposed carwash.
- **d.** The location and dimensions of all driveways, maneuvering spaces, queuing areas, parking spaces, employee parking as is appropriate, and proposed circulation of traffic.
- **e.** The extent of impervious surfaces and the provisions for management of storm water as well as water used to wash vehicles. Drainage computations and limits of floodways shall be shown where applicable. Snow disposal areas shall also be shown.
- **f.** The location, dimension and type of materials for open space, planting and buffers.
- **g.** A polar diagram showing direction and intensity of outdoor lighting.
- **h.** Any additional information required by the Planning Board to ensure compliance with this Section V.C.
- **i.** The Planning Board may waive any of the above requirements.

7. Any application for review and approval of an Automatic and/or Self-service Carwash shall be subject also to Site Plan Review under Section VI.F.2. Such application should be provided concurrently. The application process, review procedure and decision process for this Section shall follow the application process, review procedure and decision process, as applicable, under Site Plan Review, Section VI.F.

8. In granting approval of an application for an automatic or self-service carwash, the Planning Board may attach conditions, limitations and safeguards as are necessary. Such conditions shall be in writing and shall be part of such approval. Such limitations may include the conditions set forth in Section VI.F.8. of these Zoning Ordinances, and may also include the additional condition set forth below:

> conditions to permit the Planning Board to evaluate the facility after one year of operation to determine that the conditions are sufficient.

The failure to conform to and maintain the foregoing standards may result, after hearing before the Planning Board, in revocation of any permit issued hereunder.

D. GERIATRIC CARE/ELDERLY HOUSING DISTRICT

1. Purpose and Intent
The purpose and intent of a Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District is to encourage the development of a continuum of geriatric care facilities, including housing and community services for the elderly, with a design compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and internally cohesive.

2. Applicability

The Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District may be applied only to single or contiguous lots containing a total of at least 20 acres of land. No individual use (including each subcomponent of Permitted Uses) shall consist of more than fifty percent (50%) of the potential floor area allowed in the District. Individual lots in the District may be developed for one or more buildings.

3. Permitted Uses.

No building or structure shall be constructed, used, or arranged or designed to be used in any part and no change shall be made in the use of land or premises except for one or more of the following purposes:

a. Housing for the elderly, including Independent Living Housing, Congregate Living Housing, Assisted Living Housing and nursing homes, and related facilities, provided that at least one occupant of each housing unit shall have attained the age of 55 and any other occupants of each housing unit shall have attained the age of 50.

b. Health care facilities and services for the elderly, including Nursing Care Facilities, Geriatric Hospital Facilities, Hospice Facilities, and rehabilitation centers and programs, home health services and medical offices.

c. Community and social services primarily for the elderly, day care centers for children or the elderly, places of worship, transportation services, meals on wheels and related eldercare services.

d. Gardens and Greenhouses.

e. Cultural and Educational Centers for cultural and educational programs, events and performances. Only one such facility available for use by the general public shall be permitted within a district. The total combined indoor and outdoor seating capacity of such facility shall not exceed 200 seats. Additional rooms, designed for educational or cultural programs for the residents and staff of the district, shall be permitted.

f. Health club facilities and recreation facilities, intended for the primary use and convenience of the residents and staff of the Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District and elderly residents, age 55 and older, of the City of Framingham, such as swimming pools, exercise facilities and tennis courts.

g. Passive Recreation Buffer Areas for the installation, repair and maintenance of footpaths and trails; underground utilities; and public access and drainage easements.

h. Outdoor recreational facility, as defined in Section I.E.1.

i. Accessory Uses: Retail sales and services including restaurants, snack bars, gift shops, laundry services, barber/beautician, banking and financial services, businesses and professional offices, and personal services not specifically noted elsewhere in this Section, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Accessory Uses shall be primarily for the use and convenience of the elderly residents living, and service staff working within the Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District;

(2) Accessory Uses may not exceed five (5%) of the total floor area of all permitted uses that may be built in the Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing District;

(3) No Accessory Use, other than a restaurant, may occupy more than 1,000 square feet;

(4) Capacity of a restaurant shall not exceed 60 seats;

(5) Accessory Uses shall be wholly within a building and shall have no exterior advertising display.

4. The following uses shall require a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals:

a. Indoor non-profit recreational facilities such as swimming pools, tennis court, skating rink, or children's camp or center.

E. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

1. Purpose

This Section is designed to provide guidance for the installation of towers, antennas and other communication structures for all types of wireless communications within Framingham. This Ordinance will establish standards to protect the interests of the general public, provide for public safety, and minimize visual impacts on residential districts.

2. Definitions

a. AG: Above-ground elevation at base of mounting structure.

b. ANTENNA: A device, attached to any structure, for the purpose of transmitting or receiving wireless communication.

c. ART: Above-rooftop of supporting building, including any penthouse, parapet or other similar structure extending above the rooftop.

e. TOWER: Any structure to which an antenna may be attached for the purpose of transmitting or receiving wireless communications, including lattice or monopole towers, water towers, and church steeples.

f. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY (WCF): Any structure or device that is used for the express purpose of conducting wireless communication including antennas, towers, satellite dishes, or equipment for transferring wireless transmissions with or without a building to house and/or maintain such equipment.

3. General Requirements

a. Basic Requirements

1) No wireless communications facility (which shall include monopoles, satellite dish[es] over one meter in diameter or antennas), shall be erected or installed except in compliance with the provisions of this Section, and shall require a special permit with review and approval as set forth herein.

2) Any proposed extension in height, addition of cells, antenna or panels, or a new replacement of a facility shall be subject to the provisions of these Zoning Ordinances.

3) The Zoning Board of Appeals shall be the SPGA for special permits under this Section.

b. Conditions

1) To the extent feasible, all service providers shall colocate on a single tower. Towers shall be designed to structurally accommodate the maximum number of foreseeable users (within a ten-year period) as technically practicable.

2) The SPGA must find that existing or approved facilities cannot accommodate the wireless communications equipment planned for any proposed facility, before a new wireless communications facility may be approved by the SPGA.

3) Existing on-site vegetation shall be preserved to the maximum extent practicable.

4) All wireless communications facilities shall minimize, to the extent feasible, adverse visual effects on the environment. The SPGA may impose reasonable conditions to ensure this result, including painting and lighting standards.

5) All wireless communication facilities shall minimize, to the extent feasible, adverse visual effects to the community. Where feasible, the equipment to relay the wireless transmission or to transfer the wireless transmissions to the phone system shall be located inside an existing structure. Otherwise, such equipment shall be located in a new structure in a location where the visual impact to the community will be minimized. The SPGA may impose conditions on the siting and screening of such structure.

6) Traffic associated with the tower and accessory facilities and structures shall not adversely affect abutting ways.

7) Applicants proposing to erect a wireless communications facility on municipally-owned land or structures shall provide evidence of contractual authorization by the City to conduct wireless communication services on municipally-owned properties.

8) Only free-standing monopoles, with associated antenna and/or panels, are allowed. The SPGA shall not grant a special permit for lattice towers and similar facilities requiring three or more legs and/or guy wires for support.

c. Maintenance

The landowner of record shall be responsible for ongoing proper maintenance of the Wireless Communications Facility. Verification of maintenance and structural integrity by a certified structural engineer shall be required at the request of the Building Commissioner on a biannual basis. The Building Commissioner shall require a maintenance and removal guarantee bond for all wireless communications facilities subject to special permit under this Section V.E. The Building Commissioner may require such bond for facilities which are exempt from special permit under subsection V.E.3.e., below.

d. Removal

Any wireless communication facility shall be removed within one year of cessation of use.

e. Exemptions

The following types of wireless communications facilities are exempt from the special permit requirement of this Ordinance and may be constructed, erected, installed, placed and/or used within the City subject to the issuance of a building permit by the Building Commissioner.

1) Amateur radio towers used in accordance with the terms of any amateur radio service license issued by the Federal Communications Commission, provided that (1) the tower is not used or licensed for any commercial purpose; (2) the tower must have a cost or replacement value of less than $10,000.00; (3) if the tower is a free-standing device, such device shall be installed in the rear yard only; and (4) the tower must be removed if the use is discontinued for one year.

2) Towers used for the purposes set forth in M.G.L. C.40A, Section 3; and

3) Wireless Communication Facilities installed on other structures, provided that such Wireless Communications Facility, including its support, is:

a) finished in a manner designed to be aesthetically consistent with the exterior finish of such structure; and

b) mounted in such a manner so that it does not:

(1) obscure any window or other exterior architectural feature;

(2) extend above the highest point of the roof by more than fifteen feet;

c) comprised of wireless communication facilities which do not individually or in the aggregate have a front surface facing surrounding streets and adjacent properties that exceeds fifty square feet in area.

All applications for a building permit shall include color photographs of the existing structure to which the WCF will be attached and a color photograph or rendition illustrating the WCF.

4. Dimensional Requirements for Wireless Communication Facilities

a. A Wireless Communication Facility shall comply with the dimensional requirements applicable to structures for the District in which it is located; provided, however, that the following height and setback limitations for a Wireless Communication Facility shall supersede any limitations for the District.

b. Height Requirements

1) Any structure-mounted WCF shall not exceed fifteen feet ART, and the total height from ground level to top of Facility shall not exceed eighty feet AG.

2) Any free-standing WCF shall not exceed eighty feet AG.

c. Setback Requirements

1) Any structure-mounted WCF shall conform to setback requirements as set forth in Section IV.E.2 of these Zoning Ordinances.

2) The setback of a free-standing WCF from the property line of the lot on which it is located shall be at least equal to the height of the structure plus twenty feet. The setback of any such facility shall be a minimum of three hundred feet from a residential zoning district or residential use.

d. Except for the replacement of an existing WCF, the SPGA shall not grant a special permit for a WCF in a residential zone.

5. Application Procedure

a. All persons desiring to erect or modify a WCF shall apply for a special permit, in accordance with this Ordinance.

b. No application shall be accepted or acted upon until all the required information as set forth in this Ordinance is provided by the applicant and all required fees are paid.

c. The Building Commissioner or his agent shall perform a field inspection on all applications for a WCF prior to the hearing for the special permit. The results of the inspection shall become a permanent part of the applicant's file on a form prescribed by the Building Commissioner, and shall bear the date of inspection, comments and the signature of the inspecting officer.

d. All applications for special permit shall include:

1) A locus plan at a scale of 1" = 100' for each proposed communications structure.

2) A site plan for each proposed communications structure at a scale sufficient to show setback of the wireless communications facility from the lot lines and indicating buildings, if any, and colors, landscape, lighting and fencing, and all residential districts and residential uses within three hundred feet of the facility;

3) Certification by a professional engineer that Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Massachusetts Department of Public Health and American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards insofar as they are applicable have been met;

4) Specifications for construction, lighting and wiring in accordance with state and national building codes, including a description of the capacity of the WCF including the number and types of panels, antennas and/or transmitter receivers that it can accommodate and the basis for these calculations;

5) A statement of the services to be supported by the proposed communications structure;

6) Evidence, if applicant is sole user of a structure, that all possible means of colocation for multiple use of antennae elsewhere have been exhausted;

7) Assessor's plan showing proposed locus;

8) A completed application form.

e. Fees for permits shall be established and amended from time to time by the City Council

f. The owner of the WCF shall provide to the City with a certificate of insurance on a Commercial General Liability (CGL) form. The CGL insurance must be on an occurrence basis and at a limit as established and as may be amended from time to time by the City.

6. Design Requirements

The following guidelines shall be used when preparing plans for the siting and construction of all Wireless Communications Facilities:

a. Any facility shall be designed to be constructed to accommodate its anticipated and future use and shall be designed to accommodate the maximum number of users technologically practicable. The intent of this requirement is to reduce the number of facilities which will be required to be located within the community.

b. All WCF's shall be sited in such a manner that the view of the facility from adjacent abutters, residential neighbors and other areas of the City shall be as limited as possible. All monopoles and dishes shall be painted or otherwise colored so as to blend in with the landscape or the structure on which they are located. A different color scheme shall be used to blend the structure with the landscape below and above the tree or building line.

c. Satellite dishes and/or antennae shall be situated on or attached to a structure in such a manner that they are screened, preferably not being visible from abutting streets. Free-standing dishes or antennae shall be located on the landscape in such a manner so as to minimize visibility from abutting streets and residences and to limit the need to remove existing vegetation. All equipment shall be colored, molded and/or installed to blend into the structure and/or the landscape.

d. Fencing shall be provided to control access to WCF's and shall be compatible with the character of the district.

e. There shall be no signs, except for announcement signs, "No Trespassing" signs and a required sign giving the telephone number where the owner may be reached on a twenty-four-hour (24-hr.) basis. All signs shall conform with the Sign bylaws.

f. Lighting shall be limited to that needed for emergencies and/or as required by the FAA, local, state or federal authorities, and shall be directed in such a way as to minimize glare and cause the least amount of interference with and light spillover onto neighboring properties.

g. There shall be a minimum of one parking space for each WCF to be used in connection with the maintenance of the site, and not to be used for the permanent storage of vehicles or other equipment.

7. Permit to Construct

Upon receipt of a special permit from the SPGA, the applicant shall apply to the Building Commissioner for a permit to construct a WCF and shall provide written evidence that all preconstruction conditions as may be a part of the special permit decision have been satisfied.

F. LAND DISTURBANCE AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

1. Purpose and Intent

The primary purpose and intent of the revised 2021 revisions is to insure municipal compliance with all requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Stormwater Management Standards promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)

The overall purpose of the Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management (LDSM) Ordinance is to provide a thorough review of construction, development, and/or redevelopment projects that have the potential to adversely impact natural resources, man-made structures, abutting properties and/or the City's infrastructure. Projects subject to the LDSM Ordinance shall be designed so as not to impact water quality, or surface flows; shall protect all properties, storm drainage systems, public roadways, natural water bodies from potential flooding, overloading, and/or clogging resulting from development; and shall not cause any significant alteration to topography or significant clearing of land. Moreover, projects shall be designed so as not to create adverse conditions during or after construction that would alter and/or destroy aquatic or wildlife habitat, and/or cause environmental degradation.

The LDSM Ordinance shall provide review and oversight of the following, as applicable:

a. Stormwater Management (Section V.F.3.a)
b. Topographical Alterations (Section V.F.3.b)
c. Tree Removal (Section V.F.3.c)
d. Earth Removal and Fill (Section V.F.3.d)

The intent of the LDSM Ordinance is to ensure that development projects incorporate and utilize Best Management Practices (BMP) and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques to the maximum extent feasible. All development and/or redevelopment projects shall be designed to ensure the following:

a. Protection of surface and groundwater resources, wetlands, and vernal pools;
b. Infiltration, recharge, and on-site management of stormwater on-site;
c. Management of erosion, stormwater runoff, and sedimentation through BMPs and LID techniques;
d. Minimization of alteration to the natural topography to the maximum extent possible;
e. Control and proper site management of construction waste such as discarded building material; concrete truck washout; limiting on-site idling, fueling, and maintenance of construction equipment/vehicles; chemicals; litter; and sanitary waste during and post-construction;
f. Compliance that exceeds the regulations set forth in federal, state, and local statutes and those regulations that relate to stormwater discharge and management and include but are not limited to the following: the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Stormwater Management Standards. The revised Stormwater Management Standards have been incorporated in the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations, 310 CMR 10.05(6)(k) and the Water Quality Certification Regulations, 314 CMR 9.06(6)(a); Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook as may be amended from time to time; the NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) regulations adopted by the EPA in conjunction with MA DEP; and any additional local regulations set forth by the Engineering Department of Public Works (DPW); and
g. Protection of local hydrologic conditions, sensitive areas of land and water, natural areas and topographical features, and unique topography, in addition to the protection of wells and wetlands on-site and abutting properties.

2. Applicability and Procedure

a. Land Use Activities Requiring Review

The LDSM Ordinance shall apply to the following construction, development, and/or redevelopment projects:

i. The disturbance of land area equal to or greater than one acre;
ii. The disturbance of land as part of a larger common plan of development with a total disturbance area equal to or greater than one acre;
iii. The clearing of land that results in 50 percent or more of the lot being cleared of trees. Lots with an area of 20,000sf or less shall be exempt from this requirement; and/or
iv. Construction, development, and/or redevelopment activities that occur within a 30' buffer of Moderate Slopes or on Moderate Slopes as defined in Section IV.E.3.e.
v. Existing properties not in compliance with current standards that are contributing to ongoing City stormwater management issues that have disturbed over 43,560 sf of land

b. Land Use Activities Exempt from Review

The following construction, development and/or redevelopment projects shall be exempt from the LDSM Ordinance, but not exempt from other laws, regulations, and ordinances of the City:

i. Any normal maintenance of City owned public lands, ways, and/or appurtenances.

ii. Redevelopment activities that are exclusively limited to maintenance and improvement of existing roadways, (including widening less than a single lane, adding shoulders, correcting substandard intersections, improving existing water, sewer or drainage systems, and repaving projects).

iii. Activities undertaken in connection with an existing public athletic field; the management of City-owned park or cemetery; or the management and operation of a golf course.

iv. Work in connection with an agricultural use classified under M.G.L. c. 61A, including: planting, cultivating harvesting, and/or the raising and/or caring of animals; agricultural operations in accordance with an approved Natural Resource Conservation Service Agricultural Plan; agricultural uses on parcels of land of more than five acres as specified in M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 3; and/or the harvesting of trees on a property classified and good standing under M.G.L. c. 61 and in accordance with a forest management plan or cutting plan as set forth in M.G.L. c. 61, Section 1.

v. Activities conducted in accordance with a Forest Stewardship Plan approved by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

vi. Temporary work relative to emergency storm events or emergency repairs to any utilities (gas, water, sewer, electric, telephone, etc.), including situations that pose an immediate danger to life and/or property.

vii. Construction of utilities (gas, water, sewer, electric, telephone, etc.) other than drainage, which will not alter terrain, ground cover, or drainage patterns.

viii. Development and redevelopment projects where less than one acre of land is disturbed for minor roadway maintenance improvement projects and non-public projects that are outside of conservation wetland jurisdictional area

ix. Repair of septic systems when required by the Board of Health for the protection of public health.

x. Routine maintenance of existing lawn, landscaping, or garden area associated with a single-family dwelling provided such maintenance does not include the addition of more than 50 cubic yards of soil material, construction of walls greater than one foot in height, alteration of existing grades by more than one foot in elevation, or alteration of drainage patterns.

xi. The construction of fencing that will not alter existing terrain or drainage patterns.

xii. Repair or replacement of damaged roofs.

xiii. Renovation of a single-family dwelling that does not expand beyond the dwelling's existing footprint.

xiv. Existing properties that are connected to private wells and are not connected to public municipal water systems.

c. Minimum Standards

The LDSM Ordinance shall serve as the minimum standards for activities that fall under LDSM review. Applicants are expected to exceed these minimum standards through the use of BMPs, LID techniques, increased vegetation, the preservation of land, and/or development within previously disturbed areas. Furthermore, previously developed sites shall be expected to exceed existing conditions, in addition to minimum federal, state, and local standards for stormwater management, erosion, infiltration, sedimentation, and Total Suspended Solids (TSS).

d. Permit Granting Authority and Permit Procedure

The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for the LDSM Ordinance. All applications subject to the LDSM Ordinance shall follow the special permit procedures for an application submittal pursuant to Section VI.E, herein.

e. Non-Avoidance by Phasing or Segmentation

A construction, development and/or redevelopment project shall not be phased and/or segmented in such a manner so as to avoid compliance with the LDSM Ordinance. The Planning Board shall not approve any application for construction, development, and/or redevelopment, where individual parcels and/or multiple parcels of land are held in common ownership (including ownership by related or jointly controlled persons or entities) with the intent to segment project phases. All phases of a project shall be considered as part of a single development project if located either on a single parcel or contiguous parcels of land that have been in the same common ownership at any time subsequent to the date of adoption of this Section V.F Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management.

i. Any project permitted under the Framingham Subdivision Rules & Regulations, which was not subject to review under the LDSM Ordinance at the time it was permitted, shall be subject to review if at a later date such project is expanded and triggers any of requirements set forth in Section V.F.2.a. All phases of a project shall be considered to be a single development project.

f. Submittal Requirements

Applications for LDSM shall submit plan sets and supporting documentation in accordance with the requirements set forth in Article 24:Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management Documentation Submittal, as may be amended from time to time.of the Framingham Planning Board Rules & Regulations.

g. Waivers

Strict compliance with the LDSM Ordinance is required to the greatest extent feasible. The Planning Board may grant waivers for Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management Documentation Submittal and/or design standards, by a four-fifths vote, where such action is not inconsistent with the purposes of the LDSM Ordinance or the other associated Regulations.

3. Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management Guidance

a. Stormwater Management

i. Any permitted topographical alterations, tree removal, earth removal/fill, and/or site improvements associated with the LDSM Ordinance shall incorporate LID techniques and BMPs to the greatest extent feasible. Such features may include rain gardens, rain water harvesting, green roofs, curb breaks, native/hybrid plantings, etc.

ii. Stormwater shall not be directed towards sensitive areas, wetlands, habitats, or be permitted to sheet flow causing erosion and sedimentation movement.

iii. Whenever possible, all buildings, roadways, parking lots/areas, detention/retention facilities, and other site improvements shall be located in previously developed, cleared, disturbed, and/or improved areas before an applicant proposes to disturb an area that presents existing natural topography.

iv. Natural hydrology and water quality shall be maintained during and post construction.

v. Projects that alter natural stormwater and drainage systems shall replicate natural conditions with respect to infiltration, evapotranspiration, and stormwater runoff.

vi. The use of hay bales is not permitted for erosion and sediment control. Erosion and sediment controls should be consistent with the City's construction standards.

vii. Under certain circumstances where on-site options for stormwater mitigation are limited, infeasible, and/or where off-site options provide better protection, the Planning Board may allow the applicant to contribute to the implementation of off-site stormwater mitigation or to contribute to a City of Framingham Stormwater Mitigation Fund in lieu of an on-site stormwater best management practices. This may be allowed exclusively for redevelopment projects at the discretion of the Planning Board only where a net public benefit is clearly demonstrated and documented by meeting or exceeding the purpose and intent of the LDSM Ordinance.

viii. Projects that propose dewatering shall submit a dewatering plan for review to the Conservation Commission, the Department of Public Works, and the Planning Board, and shall be accompanied by a detailed description of the methods proposed to mitigate impacts.

ix. Projects shall be designed to disturb the minimal amount of land possible and to manage the maximum amount of stormwater on-site.

b. Topographical Alterations

i. Where possible, development shall not occur on those areas defined as Moderate Slope (Section IV.E.3.e) or within 30' of a Moderate Slope buffer. If development is proposed within an area identified as Moderate Slope or within the 30' Moderate Slope buffer, then the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a professional geotechnical engineer. The Planning Board and the Department of Public Works (DPW) shall review submitted document to ensure such topographical alternation will not adversely impact direct abutters, structures, and/or the stability of the land.

ii. Any development that is authorized to occur on an identified Moderate Slope (Section IV.E.3.e) and/or within the 30' Moderate Slope buffer shall preserve existing vegetation to the greatest extent feasible.

iii. Topographical alteration shall not occur within 10' of a vegetated buffer to ensure the protection of the root zone or within 10' of a front and/or rear setback (Section IV.E.3.e).

iv. In the event that topographical alternation within land identified as Moderate Slope (Section IV.E.3.e) and/or within the 30' Moderate Slope buffer then the applicant shall mitigate all impacts that result in stormwater runoff, erosion, and/or the movement of sedimentation through BMPs and LID techniques. The Applicant shall further establish a vegetated berm to prevent negative impacts to abutting properties and/or roadways.

v. The applicant may be required to mitigate topographical alternations as outlined in Section V.F.3.a.vii, herein.

c. Tree Removal

i. The removal of trees shall not be permitted within the side/rear setbacks as defined in Section IV.E.2., unless identified by the City's Tree Warden to be hazardous and/or diseased. The Applicant shall retain trees greater than 10" caliper within the front yard setback, as set forth in Section IV.E.2. Furthermore, trees may be removed for the construction of a driveway or subdivision roadway, but shall be such removal shall be at the minimum width as required by the Department of Public Works (DPW), Fire Department, and Police Department.

ii. All trees that are 8" or greater in caliper that are removed shall be replaced. The total number of replacement trees shall be as follows: 1 tree per caliper per inch of a deciduous tree and 1 tree per inch of height for an evergreen tree. Replacement trees shall be a minimum 3" caliper for deciduous trees and 5' tall for evergreen trees.

iii. If the applicant can demonstrate that the required number of replacement trees cannot be properly placed on-site, then the applicant may offer the City an equal number of trees comparable in size to the Department of Public Works and/or the Parks and Recreation Department to be planted at their discretion elsewhere in Framingham

iv. During construction the drip line of the designated tree to be saved post-construction shall serve as the protection boundary. The applicant shall install a barrier around this area.

v. Land clearance shall be prohibited within 125' of a designated open space parcel of land that is protected by an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) or a Conservation Restriction (CR).

d. Earth Removal and Fill

i. Earth removal shall be limited to areas that have been previously disturbed and/or impervious. Where earth removal is required in an area that has not previously been disturbed then the applicant shall submit a geotechnical report, prepared by a professional geotechnical engineer.

ii. Soil removed from the property shall be stockpiled and reused on-site where possible. Such stockpiles shall be seeded and/or covered, and protected with erosion controls around the base of the pile, until such soils are needed.

iii. When new fill is required to be brought onto the site, the use of clean fill shall only be permitted. Prior to fill being brought onto site, the applicant shall provide a written notarized affidavit to the Planning Board, Department of Public Works (DPW), and the Conservation Commission that includes the name of the company, the location where the fill is coming from, the type of fill, and any additional information to certify that all fill is clean.

4. Findings and Conditions of Approval

Project review pursuant to the LDSM Ordinance shall be based on the information provided in the LDSM Development Impact Report, the LDSM Site Plan, and a Long Term LDSM Plan. The Planning Board shall render written findings prior to granting an approval or disapproval of the application. Such findings shall pertain to the entire proposed project that is subject to review. The Planning Board may modify the site plan or project as a condition of its approval, which may include either on-site or off-site mitigation measures to offset any negative impacts created by the project.

a. Filing and Document Review

i. All documents and plans required in Section V.F herein have been submitted in accordance with these regulations and City standards.

b. Federal, state, and local regulations

i. A minimum compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and guidelines, including but not limited to, the most current edition of the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards, the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook, the NPDES MS4 permit; and Department of Public Works (DPW) regulations related to stormwater/erosion/etc.

c. Site Management and Control

i. Building envelopes for structures, driveways, wastewater disposal, lawn areas, and utility work shall be designed and delineated in a manner to limit erosion, land disturbance, and stormwater runoff to the greatest extent possible.

ii. The site shall contain designated areas for temporary uses such as the parking of construction vehicles, trailers, and/or stockpiling of equipment and materials.

iii. All waste products, grubbed stumps, slash, construction materials, etc., shall be lawfully disposed of and shall not be incorporated into the project site with the exception of the reduction of stumps and slash to mulch.

iv. During construction, temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be employed in accordance with the approved plan and the BMP until a disturbed area is permanently stabilized.

v. Permanent erosion control and vegetative measures are in accordance with the BMP and LID techniques.

vi. Dust control measures are used throughout construction.

vii. Throughout the duration of construction, a gravel apron of at least fifteen feet wide and at least twenty-five feet long is required at any site access from a paved public way to prevent unstable material from being transported onto the roadway by vehicle tires.

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e. Control of Stormwater Runoff

i. Whenever possible, the natural topography of a site shall be preserved so as to reduce unnecessary erosion, land disturbance, stormwater runoff, and/or to preserve natural drainage patterns and infiltration on the site.

ii. The project as designed does not increase the rate, concentration, and/or velocity of runoff from the site.

iii. There will be no adverse impact to abutting properties from any change in volume of stormwater runoff resulting from land disturbance activities including but not limited to erosion, silting, flooding, sedimentation, subsidence or impacts to wetland, groundwater resources, septic systems, wells, and/or lack of long term maintenance of the BMP and LID techniques.

iv. There will be no adverse impacts to groundwater resources in terms of quantity or quality.

f. Protection of Natural Features and Vegetation

i. Endangered species and wildlife habitats and corridors, natural landscape features, and scenic vistas and views shall be protected to the maximum extent feasible. Buildings, structures, and/or parking facilities are sited away from the crest of hills in a manner so as not to detract from the site's scenic qualities.

ii. Open space, native trees, and specimen trees are preserved to the greatest extent feasible in the site's design and development placing priority on the retention of an existing tree, existing stands of trees, trees at the site perimeter, and contiguous vegetation with adjacent sites (particularly existing sites protected through conservation restrictions).

iii. Forested areas, wetlands, waterbodies, critical wildlife habitat areas and Moderate Slopes as defined in Section IV.E.3.e, herein are preserved to the maximum extent feasible.

iv. The Applicant shall demonstrated that all vegetation that shall be retained will be surrounded by temporary protective fencing or other measures before any Land Clearing or grading occurs, and shall be maintained as such until all construction and site work is completed and all construction equipment and debris is removed from the site.

v. Grading shall be designed to maintain the area around the trunks of trees so that the ground level is not raised over the root area.

vi. Requirements shall be met for screening of the adjoining premises or screening from the street by walls, fences, plantings, and/or other devices to mitigate adverse impacts of the project.

g. Protection of Historic Resources

i. Reasonable measures shall be employed to protect historic, unique topographical, and archaeological resources including, but not limited to, historic landscape features both above and below ground, buildings, structures, objects, stone walls, foundations, designed landscapes and gardens.

5. Additional Requirements, Conditions, Limitations and Safeguards

The Planning Board may impose additional requirements, conditions, limitations, and/or safeguards in granting approval of an application which shall be incorporated in writing as part of the Decision.

a. Long Term LDSM Plan

i. Submission of the covenant; homeowners' association documents; condominium Master Deed; property deed; and/or Declaration of Trust documents as applicable, which shall provide reference to the Long Term LDSM Plan for all permanent erosion control and stormwater management measures as conditioned by the Planning Board.

ii. The Applicant/landowner shall notify the Planning Board when the initial BMPs for erosion, land disturbance, and stormwater management measures have been installed in accordance with the Long Term LDSM Plan.

b. Construction Maintenance Bond

i. Prior to the issuance of a building permit, the Applicant shall provide a Construction Performance Bond in the amount of $5,000.00 or equal to 20 percent, whichever amount is greater, of the expected values of the BMPs for erosion control and stormwater management during construction of the project. The Planning Board shall hold such Construction Performance Bond until the issuance of a use and occupancy permit from the Building Department.

c. Construction Procedure

i. No land disturbance activities shall begin prior to the written approval by the Planning Board Administrator, Department of Public Works (City Engineer), and the Conservation Commission Administrator.

ii. Maintenance of BMPs for erosion control, land disturbance, and/or stormwater management during construction shall be maintained in good order and in compliance with the NPDES Construction General Permit (if applicable).

d. Post-Construction Review

A special permit for LDSM shall not close until a final inspection and approval of the site being stabilized and restored in accordance with the approved plan of the Planning Board and the LDSM Performance Bond has been placed by the Applicant/landowner.

i. Removal of all non-permanent BMPs for erosion control, land disturbance, and/or stormwater management.

ii. Onsite improvements such as landscaping, parking lots, driveways and roadways, sidewalks and trails, and all BMP and LID techniques have been installed and fully functioning.

e. LDSM Performance Bond

i. The Applicant and/or landowner shall provide a LDSM Performance Bond prior to the issuance of a use and occupancy permit. The total amount of the bond shall equal $5,000.00 or 20 percent, whichever is greater for the total amount of the BMPs and LID techniques installed on-site for erosion control and stormwater management.

ii. The Applicant and/or landowner shall submit an annual maintenance report to the Planning Board and the Department of Public Works for the purposes of monitoring such BMPs.

iii. Such LDSM Performance Bond shall be returned after five years. At the end of every two years, the Applicant can request 50 percent of the Bond be returned.

6. The Planning Board may deny a Special Permit for Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management if it determines the following:

(1) The requirements of Section V.F herein are not met, or
(2) The project violates or circumvents other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance or regulation; or
(3) The project received a variance issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals from the requirements of Section V.F. herein without first receiving a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board.

7. Enforcement

a. To the extent permitted by state law, or if authorized by the owner or other party in control of the property, the Department of Inspectional Services (Building Department), the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, and/or City designee may enter upon privately owned property for the purpose of performing their duties under the LDSM Ordinance and associated permits and may make or cause to be made inspections, surveys, or sampling as the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, and/or City designee deems reasonably necessary.

b. When the Department of Inspectional Services (Building Department), the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, and/or City designee determines that an activity is not being carried out in accordance with the requirements of the LDSM Ordinance, it shall issue a written notice of violation to the owner of the property. Persons receiving a notice of violation may be required to:

i. Halt all construction activities until there is compliance. A "stop work order" will be in effect until the Department of Inspectional Services (Building Department), the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, and/or City designee confirms that the activity is in compliance and the violation has been satisfactorily addressed.
ii. Maintain, install or perform additional erosion and sedimentation control measures;
iii. Monitor, analyze, and report to the Department of Inspectional Services (Building Department), the Planning Board, Department of Public Works, and/or City designee; and/or
iv. Remediate erosion and sedimentation resulting directly or indirectly from the activity.

Failure to address a notice of violation in the time specified therein may result in penalties in accordance with the enforcement measures authorized in the LDSM Ordinance.

c. Penalty. Any person, who violates any provision of the LDSM Ordinance or permit issued thereunder, may be punished by a fine. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations or permits violated, shall constitute a separate offense.

d. Non-Criminal Disposition. As an alternative to criminal prosecution or civil action, the City may elect to utilize the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in M.G.L. c. 40, Section 21D in which case the Department of Inspectional Services the Planning Board, and Engineering Department of Public Works shall be the enforcing person. Each day or part thereof that such violation occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations or permits violated, shall constitute a separate offense.

8. Occupancy Permit

a. Prior to the issuance of an Occupancy Permit or Final Project Approval, As Built plans are required and shall be submitted per Section VI.B of this Zoning Ordinance to Inspectional Services, Department of Public Works, Planning Board, and Conservation Commission. A certificate of Occupancy or Project Approval shall not be issued until the aforementioned departments review and approve the As Built drawings/documents.

9. Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management Documentation Submittal

All submittal requirements are located in Article 6 of the Planning Board Project Review Guidelines.

G. MIXED USE REGULATIONS

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this Mixed Use Regulations Ordinance is to provide an opportunity for Mixed Use development with a residential component within a livable urban environment which supports the commercial revitalization of the City's commercial areas and encourages the adaptive reuse of existing buildings.

2. Applicability

These regulations shall apply to the development or redevelopment of properties for Mixed Use or for Mixed Use Complex, which shall collectively be referred to as Mixed Use development.

3. Mixed Use Development Standards

Mixed Use development shall be designed in accordance with the following standards:

a. Conforming Lot and Structure

The lot and structure shall conform to the dimensional regulations for Mixed Use development applicable to the zoning district, as provided under Section IV.E.2 Table of Dimensional Regulations

b. Parking Requirements

Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section IV.B. Special Provisions for parking relief, as provided under Section IV.B.9., may be considered, including exemptions from required number of parking spaces and proximity requirements, as applicable, but the requirement for number of parking spaces assigned to residential uses may not be reduced below 1.25 parking spaces per residential unit. The applicant shall demonstrate that the parking to be provided shall be adequate for the uses proposed. Conditions for approval of a special permit under Section IV.B.9, for a reduction to the required number of parking spaces, may include, at the discretion of the Planning Board, a contribution to a municipal parking program and/or support for public transportation or other transportation demand management programs. Such contribution shall be directly related to the reduction requested, and shall not exceed 2 percent of the development costs attributed to the residential portion of the proposed development. Such contribution shall be credited to the development under a Site Plan Review approval.

c. Open Space and Recreation Enhancement

A minimum of 200 square feet of usable on-site outdoor open space or dedicated and usable common indoor recreation space for use by unit residents shall be provided for each dwelling unit proposed within a Mixed Use development project. An applicant contribution to a program of off-site public improvements in the area of the proposed development, as set forth below, may be considered by the SPGA in partial satisfaction of this requirement. An applicant may contribute up to 1.5 percent of the development costs attributed to the residential portion of the proposed development to a program of off-site public open space, pedestrian improvements, public amenities, or community and cultural enhancements, in order to enhance the quality of life for residents of the proposed development and the general public. Such contribution for off-site improvements shall be at the discretion of the Planning Board and shall be credited to the development under a Site Plan Review approval.

d. Residential Composition

(Mixed Use Regulations) Residential composition in a proposed Mixed Use development shall be comprised of studios, one-bedroom units and two-bedroom units only. In no case may other rooms in a unit be converted to additional bedrooms. Dwelling units within a Mixed Use development may measure no less than 600 square feet. No more than twenty percent (20%) of the units in a Mixed Use development proposal may consist of studio units. No more than three individuals unrelated by birth, marriage or adoption may occupy a dwelling unit in a Mixed Use

development. The Planning Board may require a stipulation of said limit on unrelated individuals be included within all leases, condominium documents, protective covenants and other related documents.

e. Separation between Residential Uses and Non-Residential Uses
Residential uses and non-residential uses in a Mixed-Use development shall be physically separated. Residential uses shall have separate and distinct entrances from non-residential uses.

f. Community Impact

(a) Purpose: To evaluate the impacts of the proposed development with respect to the City's visual and historic character and development goals.

(b) Format and Scope:

(i) Site design and neighborhood impact: evaluation of the relationship of proposed new structures or alterations to nearby pre-existing structures in terms of character and intensity of use (e.g., scale, materials, color, door and window size and locations, setbacks, roof and cornice lines, and other major design elements); and of the location and configuration of proposed structures, parking areas, and open space with respect to neighboring properties.

(ii) Historic impact: identification of impacts on significant historic properties, districts or areas, or archaeological resources (if any) in the vicinity of the proposed development.

(iii) Development goals: evaluation of the proposed project's consistency or compatibility with existing local and regional plans.

4. Building Permit Limitations

a. Following special permit for use, Site Plan Review and other regulatory processes, and in accordance with an SPGA Decision, the Building Commissioner may issue building permits for Mixed Use development for a maximum of 300 residential units for Mixed Use development per calendar year (with no rollover from a previous year). Of these 300 permitted residential units per year, no more than 250 residential units may be permitted for a specific development application in a given year. The Building Commissioner may not issue building permits for additional residential units in Mixed Use development once the number of such units for which building permits have previously been issued reaches three percent (3%) of the total number of dwelling units in the Framingham. Any changes to the Building Permit Limitations, as set forth herein, shall require approval by the City Council.

b. Purpose
The purpose of the limitation (or cap) on the number of dwelling units permitted in a Mixed Use development is to promote orderly growth in a planned manner so that it will not unduly strain the community's ability to provide basic public facilities and services for an expanded residential population.

c. Applicability
This section shall apply to the issuance of all building permits for construction of dwelling units located in a Mixed Use development for which a special permit decision of the Planning Board approving such development was filed with the City Clerk on or after the time of the adoption of this Mixed-use Regulation Ordinance.

d. Administration
Building permits for new dwellings will be available starting on January 1 of each calendar year. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. An applicant will not be issued a building permit for more units than has been specified in a Special Permit for Mixed Use by the Planning Board. Mixed Use development projects may be phased in over more than one year.

Applications for Mixed Use development shall be denied by the Building Commissioner when the limitation on number of dwelling units has been reached for a particular calendar year. Upon

denial, an applicant may file a written request to the Building Commissioner to have the application automatically resubmitted to the Building Commissioner on January 1 of the subsequent calendar year or an earlier date, should a permit for a sufficient number of residential units under Mixed Use development become available sooner. The effective date of the application shall be the date the application is accepted for resubmission, not the original application date, and the applicant shall be subject to the State Building Code effective as of the date of building permit issuance.

Denied applications shall be taken up by the Building Commissioner in the order in which the written request for automatic resubmission has been received by the Building Commissioner, taking into account the availability of building permits for the number of residential units requested. Resubmitted applications must be complete and Special Permits must not have lapsed.

Should any building permits issued for an approved Mixed Use development for a given calendar year be withdrawn or lapse within the same calendar year, other applicants with a written request for automatic resubmission shall be taken up by the Building Commissioner as set forth above. Such permits may be issued in the same calendar year provided that the building permit limitations of this Section are not exceeded for that calendar year.

5. Planning Board Mixed Use Development Waivers by Special Permit

The Planning Board may, by special permit, grant waivers to the Mixed Use Development Standards, as set forth under Section V.G.3. herein, and the Dimensional Regulations for Mixed Use development, as set forth under Section IV.E.2. herein, for Mixed-Use development. Such Special Permit for Mixed Use Development Waivers shall be granted only if the Planning Board makes the specific required findings, in writing, as set forth under Section VI.E.3., as well as the following finding. The Planning Board must also find that the proposed project with the waived requirement shall not be substantially more detrimental to the neighborhood than the project without the waiver. As a basis for its decision, the Planning Board shall consider factors which shall include, but not be limited to, the impact of the waiver on traffic and parking; municipal services and facilities; and the character of the neighborhood including environmental and visual features.

H. INCLUSIONARY HOUSING

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance is to maintain provisions in accordance with the policies and goals found within the Framingham Master Land Use Plan and the Housing Plan as follows:

a. To ensure that all development or redevelopment of ten or more dwelling units generates a minimum of ten percent affordable housing units which qualify for listing in the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI);
b. To ensure that such affordable housing is made available to all eligible households on a non-discriminatory basis in accordance with the federal Fair Housing Act of 1968 and M.G.L. c. 151, as amended, and any regulations promulgated under federal and state law;
c. To ensure that such housing remains affordable over the long term, and that to the extent allowed by law, preference is given to Framingham residents;
d. To maintain an economically integrated community by promoting a mix and distribution of affordable housing opportunities throughout Framingham.

2. Definitions

Affordable Housing Restriction (AHR): A Deed Rider, covenant, contract, mortgage agreement, and/ or other legal instrument, acceptable in form and substance to the City, that effectively restricts occupancy of an affordable housing unit to a qualified purchaser or renter, and that provides for the administration, monitoring, and/or enforcement of the restriction during the term of affordability. An

AHR shall be placed on the land in perpetuity or for the maximum period allowed by law, and entered into as an agreement under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 184, Section s 31 to 33 or other equivalent state law.

Affordable Housing Unit (AHU): A residential unit that is restricted in its sale, lease, and/or rental to a Qualified Income-Eligible Household at specific price limits that qualify such residential unit for inclusion in the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

Affordable Housing Deed Rider: A deed rider or other legally binding instrument in a form consistent with the Local Initiative Program (LIP) requirements and acceptable under the LIP that will ensure the affordability of the Affordable Housing Unit (AHU) for a term of years established by the permit granting authority, but no less than forty years, that is appended to the deed to an AHU.

Area Median Income (AMI): The median family income, adjusted for household size, for the metropolitan area that includes the City of Framingham, as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Inclusionary Housing Project: Any proposed development or redevelopment of ten or more dwelling units on one or more contiguous parcels, proposed under a special permit process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9.

Local Initiative Program (LIP): A program administered by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to encourage cities and towns to create low and moderate-income housing through means other than a comprehensive permit under M.G.L. c. 40B.

Market-Rate Housing: A residential unit that is not restricted in its sale, lease, and/or rental at specific price limits.

Monitoring Agent: The City of Framingham, the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), or such other qualified third party selected by the City to enforce the AHR and/or terms of the Affordable Deed Rider.

Qualified Income-Eligible Household: A household with combined incomes that do not exceed 80 percent of the median income for the Boston Metropolitan Statistical Area, with adjustments for household size as reported by the most recent information from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), or successor, and/or the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), or successor.

Qualified Purchaser: Qualified Income-Eligible Household that purchases and occupies an Affordable Housing Unit as its principal residence.

Qualified Renter or Qualified Tenant: Qualified Income-Eligible Household that rents and occupies an Affordable Housing Unit as its principal residence.

Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI): A measurement of a community's stock of low- or moderate-income housing compiled as a list by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) containing the count of low- or moderate income housing units by city or town.

3. Applicability and Basic Provisions

The provisions of this Inclusionary Housing Ordinance shall apply to any proposed development or redevelopment of ten or more dwelling units on one or more contiguous parcels, whether such units are proposed under a special permit process pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9. The following provisions shall be required for all Inclusionary Housing projects.

a. (Inclusionary Zoning) In any development subject to this Section V.H, at least 13 percent of the dwelling units shall be Affordable Housing Units (AHU). Two (2) percent of this 13 percent shall be at or below 60 percent AMI. Fractional interests shall be rounded up to the next whole number. Nothing shall preclude an applicant from providing more AHUs than the number required herein.
b. Each AHU created under this Section V.H shall be sold or rented to a Qualified Income-Eligible Household, except that when the applicant provides at least one-half of the required affordable

units for households with income at or below 50 percent of AMI, adjusted for income, the remaining affordable units may be sold or rented to households with incomes up to 100 percent of AMI, adjusted for household size, if approved by the SPGA.

c. Except as provided under paragraph b. above, each AHU shall comply with DHCD's LIP Guidelines for units not created under a M.G.L. c. 40B comprehensive permit.

d. No building permit shall be issued for any unit in the development until the Building Commissioner receives verification that the AHR has been approved by DHCD and the City Solicitor, and has been recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, and that the affirmative fair housing marketing plan under Subsection 7 below has been approved by DHCD.

4. Exemptions

i. Section V.H. shall not apply to the rehabilitation of any building or structure wholly or substantially destroyed or damaged by fire or other casualty, provided that such rehabilitation or repair shall increase the number of dwelling units on the lot as existed prior to the damage or destruction thereof, except in conformance with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

ii. Active Adult Housing projects providing housing for adult residents age 55 and older approved by the Planning Board under the former Active Adult Housing Ordinance (Section V.I) prior to the first publication of notice of this amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and filed with the Town or City Clerk, shall comply with the conditions of the granted decision for the respective project for Inclusionary Housing.

5. Application Procedures, Submission Requirements, and Mandatory Provision of Affordable Units

Application, review, and decision procedures shall be in accordance with residential or residential mixed-use development regulations Sections VI.E. and/or F. of these Zoning Ordinances, and/or the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham, as amended. The Planning Board shall require that the applicant comply with the obligation to provide affordable housing pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance as provided below as a condition of approval of any residential development and/or redevelopment.

a. Siting: AHUs shall be dispersed and sited throughout a development so as not to be in less desirable locations than the development's market-rate units.

b. Design and Construction: AHUs shall be comparable to and indistinguishable from market-rate units in exterior building materials and finishes, windows, and other improvements related to the energy efficiency of the units.

c. Rights and Privileges: Owners and tenants of AHUs and market-rate units shall have equal rights and privileges to access and use of the development's amenities and facilities.

d. Units to be Rented or Sold: The Applicant shall provide one AHU for each ten dwelling units to be created. Fractions shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

e. Phasing: Affordable units shall not be the last units to be built in any development and/or redevelopment covered by this Section V.H.

f. Non-Avoidance by Phasing or Segmentation: A development shall not be phased or segmented in a manner to avoid compliance with this Ordinance. The Planning Board shall not approve any application for development or redevelopment that results in ten or more new dwelling units if the land or parcels of land were held in common ownership (including ownership by related or jointly controlled persons or entities) and were subdivided or otherwise modified to avoid compliance. Dwelling units shall be considered as part of a single development if located either on a single parcel or contiguous parcels of land that have been in the same common ownership at any time subsequent to the date of adoption of this Section V.H. The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance shall be enforceable also against purchasers of land previously held in common ownership with land that received, after the date of adoption of this Section V.H, approvals or permits for

development, to the effect that units developed under such previous development shall be counted toward the calculation of number of units under Sections V.H.4.a. and V.H.4.b. herein.

6. Density Bonus

a. A Special Permit may be granted for applicants who seek a density bonus for the inclusion of AHU within a residential project. The Planning Board shall be the SPGA for Section V.H.6. herein. One AHU shall be provided for every four market-rate units. The applicant shall be subject to all of the requirements of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, unless modified within Section V.H.6.

b. A density bonus pursuant to Section V.H.6. may be permitted for residential projects with a minimum of four residential building lots that are allowed by-right.

c. Projects that provide four market rate units and one AHU may reduce the lot size by twenty percent for each of the five lots. All other Dimensional Regulations in Section IV.E.2. shall be met for each lot.

d. Additional lots in a project that do not meet the requirements of four market rate units and one AHU shall not be eligible for a decrease in lot area. Therefore, if a project provides seven lots, only five of the lots shall be eligible for the 20 percent lot area decrease. However, ten lots providing eight market rate units and two AHU shall be eligible for the 20 percent lot area decrease.

7. Affordable Housing Regulations

a. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9, the Planning Board shall adopt and maintain a set of Affordable Housing Regulations that contain the necessary policies, procedures, and requirements to implement the provisions of this Section V.H.

8. Restrictions

a. Restrictive documents: To ensure unit affordability, AHUs shall be rented or sold subject to applicable AHR, acceptable to the City and established in accordance with the standards of the DHCD, or its successor entity, or such additional programs as may be adopted by the Commonwealth or its agencies, restricting the use and occupancy, rent level, and sales price of such AHUs.

b. Term of Affordable Housing Restriction: An AHU shall ensure that AHUs created under this section shall remain affordable in perpetuity or for the longest period of time allowed by law. All restrictive documents shall be enforceable and renewable by the City pursuant to applicable law.

c. DHCD SHI: An AHU shall be restricted in its initial and any subsequent sale, lease, and/or rental to a Qualified Income-Eligible Household at a specific price limit that will qualify such residential unit for inclusion in the DHCD SHI.

d. Selection of Eligible Tenants and Homeowners: There shall be a fair and reasonable procedure in compliance with fair housing laws for the selection of tenants for affordable rental units and for the selection of homeowners for affordable homeownership units. The City may contract with a quasi-public, public, and/or private entity, experienced in affordable housing operation, for provision of tenant and homeowner selection services but shall be required to monitor the performance of any private entity providing such services and shall retain final responsibility for ensuring compliance.

e. Income and Asset Limits: Qualified Income-Eligible Household income of prospective purchasers and renters shall not exceed 80 percent of area median income based on household size as determined by HUD. Qualified Purchaser or Qualified Renter shall also be required to demonstrate that total household assets, other than income are not so high that a household has no substantial need of a rental unit with a reduced rent or of an ownership unit with a reduced purchase price.

f. Occupancy: The AHR for AHUs shall require, whether the unit initially is sold or rented, that the occupant(s) of that unit must be a Qualified Income-Eligible Household as defined in this Section V.H. This provision shall not prohibit a unit initially designated as owner-occupied from being leased, so long as it is a lease qualifying under the provisions hereunder and the occupant(s) are a Qualified Income-Eligible Household.

9. Monitoring and Enforcement

a. The Planning Board shall maintain an inventory of the City's AHU and shall prepare an annual report, a copy of which shall be provided to DHCD, stating the following:
   i. whether rental units are rented to low or moderate income households at rents not exceeding the maximum rents set forth above,
   ii. whether ownership units continue to be occupied as the domicile and principal residence of the owner, and
   iii. in the event of a resale, whether the unit has been resold to a low or moderate income buyer for no more than the maximum permissible resale price and subject to a new or continued AHR.

b. Monitoring of Rental Units: AHUs shall be subject to an AHR that contains limitations on use, occupancy, resale and rents, and provides for periodic monitoring to verify compliance with and enforce said restriction.

c. Monitoring of AHUs: Upon conveyance or resale, affordable homeownership units shall be monitored by the City, DHCD, or a qualified third party for compliance with the AHR's resale provisions. For all subsequent resales, it is the responsibility of the Monitoring Agent to establish a sales price.

d. Loss of Eligibility Status: Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit eviction of a Qualified Purchaser or Qualified Tenant of an AHU due to loss of his/her eligibility status during the time of ownership or term of lease or rental.

e. Transfer of AHU: The restrictions governing an AHU shall be enforced upon resale, re-rental, and/or renewal of lease of the AHU. For owner-occupied units, the use restriction shall ensure that units may only be resold to Qualified Income-Eligible Household who are Qualified Purchasers or Qualified Renters consistent with the then applicable income limits established by HUD, or successor, and/or the DHCD, or successor.

f. All Restrictions Remain in Effect: Nothing in the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance shall be construed to permit any Deed Rider, covenant, agreement, and/or other mechanism restricting such items as the use and occupancy, rent level, and resale price of AHUs, and the enforcement thereof to expire prior to any maximum limitations set forth by applicable state law. It is intended that the restrictions required herein shall survive, to the limit allowed by law, including, but not limited to, bankruptcy and foreclosure.

g. Timing of commitments: All contractual agreements required hereunder and any documents necessary to ensure compliance with this section shall be approved as to content by the Planning Board and City Counsel prior to the issuance of any occupancy permit for newly constructed, redeveloped, rehabilitated, and/or rental units.

h. Approval of Form and Content of Legal Documents: The applicant shall be responsible for preparing any documentation required by DHCD in order to secure LIP approval of the AHU and ensure their eligibility for the DHCD SHI. Furthermore, the applicants shall prepare all AHR and/or legal instruments required to comply with Section V.H. herein, and such documents shall be in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, The applicant shall reimburse the City for reasonable legal expenses incurred by the City Solicitor in reviewing or revising said deed and legal instruments.

i. Recording of Restrictions: The special permit decision, if applicable, and all restrictive covenants required under said special permit or this Section V.H. shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds or filed with the Registry District of the Land Court, as applicable, prior to the endorsement of

any subdivision plan for the development and before the issuance of any building permit for the development.

j. Content of Restrictions: Where the Planning Board endorses a subdivision of land that contains tracts of land not divided into building lots, but which land could later trigger the provisions of Section V.H.4.e. herein, the covenant for such subdivision shall note the potential for the provisions of Section V.H.4.e. to apply to a later development.

I. ADULT HOUSING

1. Purpose and Intent

The Adult Housing (AH) Ordinance is intended to provide unique living opportunities for adult residents over the age of 62 years. The AH Ordinance is intended to develop parcels of land in such a way so as to preserve tracts of land while providing a variety of housing options and services to residents of the development. An AH development should strive to provide an integrated "live and play" type of environment through the inclusion of recreational space and trails, and medical and personal service space, while providing walkable connections and access to nearby neighborhoods, retail amenities, educational experiences, social events, and aging in place options.

The intent of AH is to encourage appropriate development that blends with surrounding land uses and neighborhoods, preserves large tracts of land, and creates a neighborhood environment that includes amenities for its users. The AH Ordinance is a land use application consistent with the goals and objectives of the Framingham Master Land Use Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan.

2. Definitions

Definitions associated with Section V.I. of these Ordinances can be found in Section I.E. Definitions of these Ordinances. Such definitions include Adult Housing, Affordable Housing Units (AHU), Dwelling, Exclusive Use Area (EUA), Parcel, Preservation Area, Townhouse, Two-family Dwelling, and Workforce Housing.

3. Land and Development Requirements

a. Land Requirements

To qualify for a special permit under the AH Ordinance, the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) must find that the subject parcel satisfies all of the following conditions:

i. the parcel is located within a residential zoning district that includes the Single Family (R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4) or the General Residential (G) Zoning Districts;

ii. the parcel is serviced by public water and sewer over the legal frontage of the development parcel;

iii. the parcel has not been subdivided into smaller parcels, including Approval Not Required (ANR) within a 5-year period prior to submission of an application for Section V.I, herein; and

iv. the parcel contains a minimum lot area per Zoning District as reflected in Table One below, titled "Minimum Number of Buildable Acres".

Table One: Minimum Number of Buildable Acres

Zoning District	R-1, R-2, G	R-3	R-4
Minimum Number of Buildable Acres[1]	2 acres	5 acres	10 acres

b. Development Requirements

i. Division and Use of Land

[1] Buildable acres shall not include lands identified as Preservation Area, wetlands and/or associated 30' and 50' buffers, vernal pools and the associated 125' buffer, and the 200' riverfront buffer (Section III.A of the Zoning Ordinances).

Applicants shall utilize the following method to calculate the total number of residential units permitted within an AH development and for setting aside the Preservation Area and amenity space. The basis for such determinations shall be a Preliminary Subdivision Plan prepared in accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing the Division of Land in Framingham (Subdivision Rules and Regulations).

The following steps shall be followed to determine the number of units within an AH development.

a) The Preliminary Subdivision Plan shall depict:
   i. the surveyed boundaries;
   ii. the delineation of wetlands and identification of the 30-foot and 50-foot wetland buffers and the 125-foot vernal pool buffer;
   iii. the Preservation Area[2], pursuant to Table Two: Division of Land, prior to the division of land;
   iv. Lands under an Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) or Conservation Restriction (CR) at the time of the surveying, delineation, and/or the submittal of an AH application shall not be included in the Preservation Area; and
   v. The remaining lands not delineated as wetlands, vernal pools and buffers, shown as the Preservation Area, and placed under an APR, and/or CR may then be divided for the determination of the total number of individual lots pursuant to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations. Each individual lot shall have the appropriate amount of upland to be deemed a buildable lot as set forth in Table Two: Division of Land.

b) The Planning Board reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to impose more stringent standards and/or to reduce the number of units to ensure that impacts generated by the project on:
   - quality of the land and locations of wetlands, vernal pools, and all other resources and buffer zones as indicated by review of the Conservation Commission;
   - slopes defined as Moderate Slope;
   - public water and sewer capacity; and
   - capacity and safety of associated roadways and infrastructure (extended stopping distances, sight line distances, and other similar traffic and circulation issues, etc.)

   are adequately addressed.

c) One lot shall be reserved for amenity structures and/or areas. The amenity structures and areas may exceed the size of one lot but shall not reduce the number of residential units other than for the first lot as outlined within this sub-section. This lot on which amenity structures are situated shall not be included in the determination of the number of residential units to be constructed.

d) Applicants may place a maximum number of residential units per lot as outlined in Table Two: Division of Land, minus one lot for amenity purposes.

e) Assuming feasibility when all other constraints are met, applicants may qualify for up to but not more than a 50 percent density bonus (1.5 units per buildable lot) based on the preliminary subdivision plan, and lot-size requirements determined for each zoning district. The Amenity Structure will not count toward the total unit number calculation. The Planning Board reserves the right to reduce the density bonus as

[2] The Preservation Area shall be removed from the parcel as outlined in Table Two: Division of Land, prior to the division of land

described elsewhere due to other constraints such as traffic, safety, resource protection, infrastructure, etc.

f) For each additional unit above the allowed number of lot yielded by the preliminary subdivision plan the developer shall provide an additional one percent of the property (minus the Preservation Area) as open space and added to the Preservation Area. The required AHU and the Workforce Housing Units shall not be counted nor require additional open space for the Preservation Area. If the developer provides more than the minimum required AHU and/or Workforce Housing units then these will require additional Preservation Area to be provided.

Table Two: Division of Land

Zoning District	**R-1/G/R-2**	**R-3**	**R-4**
Maximum density increase above the allowed Preliminary Subdivision Plan yield	50%	50%	50%
Minimum Preservation Area	20%	30%	35%

ii. AH Development Parcel

Prior to the preparation of a Preliminary Subdivision Plan, the parcel shall meet the requirements set forth in Table Three: Parcel Dimensional Requirements.

Table Three: Parcel Dimensional Requirements

	R-1, R-2, G	**R-3 and R-4**
Parcel Frontage	65 feet (minimum)	100 feet (minimum)
Parcel Front Setbacks	40 feet (minimum)	75 feet (minimum)
Parcel Side Setbacks	50 feet (minimum)	100 feet (minimum)

a) The area known as the Parcel Front Setback as outlined in Table Three: Parcel Dimensional Requirements is intended to retain and enhance the character of the neighborhood. The Parcel Front Setback shall be measured from the edge of the property inward prior to the division of any land. No structures shall be located within the Parcel Front Setback, but the SPGA may allow street trees, stonewalls, trails, sidewalks, and other nonstructural features within the Parcel Front Setback. A maximum of two curb cuts may be established along one roadway.

b) The Parcel Side Setback shall contain no structures, roadways, or infrastructure. No vegetation in this buffer may be disturbed, destroyed, or removed, except for normal maintenance. The Parcel Side Setbacks shall be measured from the edge of the parcel inward prior to the division of any land. The area known as the Parcel Side Setback as outlined in Table Three: Parcel Dimensional Requirements is intended to be retained as a “no disturbance” area.

iii. Internal AH Development Design

Once the number of residential units has been determined and the Preservation Area has been located, the Applicant shall utilize Table Four: AH Structure Design for the placement of structures within the AH development.

Table Four: AH Structure Design [3]

	R-1, R-2, G	**R-3 and R-4**
Side Separation between Buildings	20 feet (minimum)	30 feet (minimum)
Rear Separation between Buildings	40 feet (minimum)	40 feet (minimum)
Building Height	35 feet (maximum)	35 feet (maximum)
Building setback from an internal roadway	20 feet (minimum)	20 feet (minimum)
Minimum Size of Individual Lots	4,000sf	8,000sf

c. Siting of Residential Structures

i. Structures within an AH development may be located on individual lots or on a common lot.

a) When structures are placed on individual lots the following shall apply:

1) The size of the individual lot shall allow the residential unit to meet the requirements set forth in Table Four: AH Project Design. However, such spacing shall be measured from the exterior walls of a structure[4] rather than the parcel lines of the individual AH residential structure lots.

2) Single Family, Townhouse, and/or Two-Family Dwelling structures shall be permitted to have zero lot lines on the side of the structure where the common/party/firewall exists. However, non-common/party/firewalls and rear walls of the structure shall conform to the requirements set forth in subparagraph c.i.a)1) above.

3) Deeds shall include references to the recorded ownership of the Preservation Area and establishment of a Homeowner's Trust or Association and to the existence and recorded ownership of amenity structures within the entire project.

b) When structures are placed on a common lot the following shall apply:

1) Each individual structures shall contain an EUA.

2) Deeds shall include references to the EUA in addition to the established Homeowner's Trust or Association.

4. Amenity Structures and Uses

a. Amenity structures shall be designed to allow for a variety of passive and active recreational activities that support the residents of the AH development. Uses that may be considered are community program spaces, fitness/therapeutic space, educational, recreational, and accessory space; areas for neighborhood meetings and event space; country club amenities; and any other amenities and opportunities that are intended to create and promote an integrated neighborhood type environment.

b. A clubhouse may contain a space for personal services, therapists (Physical, Occupational, etc.) and/or medical professionals to serve its residents.

[3] Structures shall meet the requirements for the State Fire Code relative to spacing and fire safety.

[4] When single family structures are constructed with a zero lot line there shall be a five-foot separation between the exterior wall and the lot line for the purposes of maintenance.

5. AH Design Standards

a. Residential Units

i. Structure Types and Colors

a) The development should include a mixture of architectural styles (e.g., cottages, Cape Cod, Colonial, or Ranch design houses, Two-family Dwellings, and Townhouses) that are blended and dispersed throughout the development.

b) Exterior material and colors of structures are required to be varied and to complement colors used in the surrounding area. One color palette should not dominate the development.

ii. Age-Appropriate Design

a) For the purposes of creating an "aging in place" community, all residential structures shall be constructed with universal design principles and construction design that can be easily modified for accessibility. The original owner may request specific accessibility features on the ground floor level, such as a zero-step entry and grab bars. A minimum of 50 percent of the units shall be initially designed with a zero-step or no-step entry from an accessible path. All structures shall include the following:

1) A master bedroom with an accessible in suite bathroom located on the same floor as the kitchen, living room, and dining room.

2) Doorways shall be a minimum of 36 inches wide throughout the first floor.

3) A minimum of one entrance that is easily modifiable to be transformed into a temporary or a permanent no-step entry from an accessible path between the driveway or street and the door.

4) Reinforced blocking within the walls of the first floor bathroom to provide for installation of grab bars and other accessible bath features.

5) A minimum of one indoor/garaged parking space for each unit.

b) Outside facilities such as walkways, gardens and recreation areas shall be designed for universal access.

c) Trails within the Preservation Area are strongly encouraged to be publicly accessible and shall connect the AH development with abutting open space parcels, trail networks, water resources, public amenities, public ways and/or neighborhoods.

iii. Rooflines and Rooftops

a) Roofs of structures within an AH development are encouraged to incorporate architecturally diverse styles (examples may include cornices, dormers, gambrel roofs, gabled roofs, mansard roofs, saltbox, hip roofs, hip roofs with decks, etc.).

b) All roof top mechanical equipment for all structures shall be screened, with the exception of chimneys.

iv. Porches and Decks

a) Structures within an AH development shall be architecturally diverse through the use of farmer's porches, open porches, front porches, porticos, patios, etc.

b) Decks or three season rooms shall be included within the design of all structures and located to the side or rear of the structure.

v. Garages

a) Garages shall not dominate the frontage of a structure nor shall the garage extend more than 6 feet beyond the front of the structure.

b. Design Standards

i. The Neighborhood Cluster Development design standards in Section V.K.3.d.2., 3., 4., 7., 9-12, 15-18 of these Ordinances shall apply to all structures within an AH development.

ii. Projects should strive to incorporate alternative energy sources and technologies into the project infrastructure and within the design and construction of all new and redeveloped buildings if feasible.

c. Parking

i. Two vehicular parking spaces shall be required per dwelling unit.

ii. One vehicular parking space shall be required for every four dwelling units for visitor parking. Such visitor spaces shall be located throughout the development.

iii. The development shall include common or guest parking in proximity to any clubhouse or other facility serving residents and may be required in off-street parking areas as determined by the Planning Board.

iv. No single parking area for amenity structures and/or uses shall contain more than eight parking spaces and all such areas shall be adequately landscaped.

v. A minimum of two parking spaces shall be provided for public use when the proposed trail system connects to a publicly accessible park or trail system. One of the two parking spaces shall be ADA compliant. “No Overnight Parking” signage shall be installed within the area designated for trail parking.

e. Landscaping

i. Where the perimeter buffer is wooded, it shall remain in a natural, undisturbed state to preserve the natural character of the existing parcel in relation to the surrounding neighborhood.

ii. At the sole discretion of the Planning Board, a no-cut easement or conservation restriction may be required within the perimeter buffer.

iii. One street tree shall be planted in front of each residential unit. For portions of roadways where there are no residential structures, one street tree shall be planted at least every 30 feet along the roadway.

iv. Existing healthy native trees shall be retained to the greatest extent feasible. All trees over 10 inch caliper that are to be removed to accommodate construction shall be replaced elsewhere on the project site with one native or hybrid species that is a minimum of a 3 inch caliper and two native shrubs as determined and approved by the Planning Board.

v. Landscaping shall be required to be incorporated within the frontage of each unit and between buildings to provide increased privacy while minimizing the visual elements of the streetscape.

f. Infrastructure and Roadways

i. All infrastructure and roadways shall be constructed and installed in accordance with the Framingham Planning Board Subdivision Rules and Regulations Governing the Division of Land in Framingham and Roadway Construction Standards as the same may be amended from time to time.

ii. One-way streets are strongly encouraged throughout the development.

iii. On-street parking shall be permitted on one side of one-way streets. Such on-street parking shall not be counted towards visitor off-street parking.

iv. Sidewalks shall be incorporated and installed throughout the AH development on one side of each street only.

6. Workforce and Inclusionary Housing

In an effort to provide a diversity of housing stock within the development and the City of Framingham, a developer of an AH project shall provide a minimum of ten percent of the units as Affordable Housing Units (AHU), pursuant to Section 6.a and a minimum of ten percent of the units as Workforce Housing units, pursuant to Section 6.b.

a. Affordable Housing Unit (AHU)

All AH projects that are approved after January 1, 2019, under the minimum age requirement of 62 years of age shall comply with the requirements set forth in Section V.H of these Ordinances.

b. Workforce Housing Units

i. The number of Workforce Housing units shall equal 10 percent of the total number of AHU in the project. The first ten Workforce Housing units shall be counted as part of the total number of residential units. Each required Workforce Housing unit above ten shall be added onto the total number of residential units. For example, a project with 100 units the developer shall provide a minimum of 80 units as market rate, 10 units as AHU, and 10 Workforce Housing Units for a total of 100 units. For projects with 110 units, the developer shall provide a minimum of 89 units as market rate, 11 units as AHU, and 11 Workforce Housing Units for a total of 111 units (the 111th unit is the Workforce Housing Unit).

ii. The Applicant shall be required to provide Workforce Housing and AHU within the AH development. Said units, shall be constructed in the same manner as the market rate units and shall be sold to qualifying persons who meet the requirements of an AH development and, where applicable, Workforce Housing or Affordable Housing requirements. Framingham residents and/or employees of businesses located within Framingham shall be given a local preference for seventy percent of the Workforce Housing units and AHUs.

iii. Qualified individuals shall be selected through the same process as prescribed in Section V.H, with the exception of filing a Local Initiative Plan (LIP) Application with the State and/or be required to work with Mass Housing to record the units. Applicants shall reference the Planning Board Rules and Regulations for specific requirements relative to the Workforce Housing and AHU process.

iv. Each Workforce Housing unit and AHU shall be deed restricted respectively and shall be reviewed and approved by the Framingham Planning Board and the City Solicitor prior to obtaining an occupancy permit.

v. Subsequent owners shall file notice of sale of a Workforce Housing Unit or AHU and shall follow the same process employed when it was originally sold. The Framingham Planning Board or its designee shall keep records of all Workforce Housing Units and AHU within Framingham associated with AH developments.

c. Affordable Housing Units for Special Permits issued prior to January 1, 2019, with a minimum age of 55 years or older.

An Applicant who has been granted a Special Permit for Active Adult Housing by a Decision of the Planning Board and filed with the Town or City Clerk prior to January 1, 2019, with a minimum age of 55 years or older shall comply with the conditions of the granted decision for the respective project for Inclusionary Housing.

7. Conservation Restriction (CR) of the Preservation Area

All open space preserved under this Section of these Regulations shall be subject to the following conditions without exception:

a. Such parcel shall be placed under a CR in perpetuity pursuant to M.G.L. c. 184, Section 32 to ensure that said parcel shall remain conservation land in perpetuity. Once a CR has been placed on the Preservation Area, the construction of additional buildings is prohibited and no portion of the Preservation Area land shall be used to yield additional structures.

b. The municipality shall act through its Conservation Commission or Parks and Recreation Commission, a land trust, or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall hold the Conservation Restriction (CR). In all cases, the terms of the CR, including the nature and extent of public access and provisions for parcel maintenance shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board, City Solicitor, and City Council prior to any permit being granted.

c. Prior to the issuance of the first building permit and at the expense of the Applicant, the entire open space land area preserved under the Preservation Subdivision shall be placed under a CR in perpetuity and held by the municipality or a charitable corporation or trust whose purpose includes the conservation of land or may be held jointly with a charitable corporation or trust whose purposes includes the conservation of land.

d. The holder of the CR may allow for community gardens, passive recreation, trails, and recreation fields upon agreement by the CR holder and the landowner and/or homeowner trust, subject to the approval of the Secretary for the Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

e. All of the above restrictions shall be incorporated into each respective deed as part of the CR.

8. Age Restriction

Each dwelling in an AH development shall be subject to an age restriction in compliance with Fair Housing Laws, and said age restriction shall be part of the deed, deed rider, restrictive covenant, and/or any other documents of record that shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds or filed with the Registry District of the Land Court. The age restriction shall run with the land and shall be enforceable by any or all of the owners of dwelling units in the AH development or by the City of Framingham.

a. Such age restriction shall limit the dwelling units to occupancy by at least one an adult who must be 62 years of age or older.

b. Marketing of units in an AH Development shall comply with all Fair Housing Laws and shall include, to the extent legally allowable, a strategy for marketing units to Framingham residents and their immediate families.

c. In the event of the death of the qualifying owner/occupant(s), or foreclosure or other involuntary transfer of a unit in an AH development, an age restriction exemption shall be allowed for the transfer of the unit to another household member for up to two years.

9. Construction

As part of the Special Permit, the Planning Board may impose specific phasing conditions designed to limit the period allowed for noise, traffic, and disruption during the construction phases that would adversely impact living conditions, safety, or business in the immediate area. Failure to comply with the conditions set forth in the Special Permit shall result in possible revocation of the Special Permit, applicable fines from the Department of Inspectional Services, and/or other punitive actions by the City.

10. Procedure for Waiver

All AH development projects shall comply with Sections V.I of these Ordinances. The Planning Board may waive the requirements of Section V.I.5 of these Ordinances by a four-fifths vote where such waivers will allow for better design and/or improved protection of resources.

11. Homeowner's Trust or Association

a. The applicant shall establish a Homeowner's Trust or Association for the AH Development. The Homeowner's Trust/Corporation shall operate in accordance with a Homeowner's Trust or Association Agreement, which shall be submitted to the Planning Board and the City Solicitor for review and approval prior to its recording or the sale of any unit or the release of the dwelling units.

b. The Homeowner's Trust/ or Association documents shall provide for the maintenance in perpetuity of the common area lands and Preservation Area, the drainage system of the development including any detention or retention basins, common sewage facilities, common leaching areas, streets and sidewalks, paths, common recreation and maintenance facilities, common parking structures and parking lots, and other common use areas and facilities within the development.

c. Snow and rubbish removal within the project limits shall be the responsibility of the project owner/developer or subsequent homeowner's association, in perpetuity, with no responsibility on the part of the municipality.

12. Variance

The Planning Board shall not grant a special permit for the development and construction of an AH Development if a variance from the requirements of Section V.I of these Ordinances has been issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

J. ACCESSORY DRIVE-THRU FACILITY REGULATIONS

1. Purpose

The purpose of these Accessory Drive-thru Facility Regulations Ordinance is to provide site design guidance at the planning application stage in order to assess, promote, and achieve appropriate development of an accessory drive-thru facility. Each accessory drive-thru facility will be reviewed in conjunction with this Ordinance for specific site context and conditions.

2. General Provisions

a. **Accessory Drive-thru Facility Application:** Applications for a new accessory drive-thru facility or for modification of existing structures submitted after the adoption of this section shall require a special permit from the Planning Board in conformance with the provisions of this section herein.

b. **Elements of an Accessory Drive-thru Facility:** An accessory drive-thru facility is composed of the stacking lanes and the service area. A stacking lane is the space occupied by vehicles queuing for the service to be provided. The service area includes, but is not limited to, the order stations, windows, menu boards, speakers, and lighting.

3. Accessory Drive-thru Facility Site Design Standards

a. The access points to the accessory drive-thru facility from the public way shall be constructed a sufficient distance from roadway intersections to prevent traffic conflicts, overflow, and congestion. When possible, the accessory drive-thru facility shall exit onto a secondary street.

b. The stacking lanes and service area shall be located to the side or rear of the buildings and site.

c. All driveways and stacking lanes shall be clearly delineated on-site with pavement markings and traffic control signage.

d. The exit from the accessory drive-thru facility shall have unobstructed lines of vision clear of vegetation and signage.

e. The maximum number of stacking lanes permitted for:
   i. fast food establishment is two stacking lanes;
   ii. financial institutions is two stacking lanes; and
   iii. pharmacy is one stacking lane.

f. The accessory drive-thru facility shall be designed to reduce pedestrian and vehicular conflicts. A minimum of seventy-five percent of the parking spaces shall be designed so there are no conflicts between the stacking lanes and the pedestrian access into the establishment.

g. Adequate space shall be provided between the stacking lane and the parking field to maintain safe parking conditions.

h. The stacking lanes shall not block access to parking spaces, on-site loading areas, and trash removal operations and facilities.

i. The stacking lanes shall be effectively separated from the parking field through the use of curbing, raised islands, and/or landscaping improvements. The Planning Board may permit the use of hardscape improvements such as decorative pavers and bollards to meet this design objective.

j. Each stacking space within a stacking lane shall be a minimum of twenty feet in length and ten feet in width along straight portions and twelve feet in width along curved segments of the stacking lane.

k. All interior pedestrian crosswalks shall be a minimum of eight feet in width, and constructed of material that contrasts with driveway and surface treatments. The Planning Board may require crosswalks to be raised up to curb level.

l. An emergency exit and/or by-pass lane may be required for the stacking lane or service area.

m. The service area and stacking lanes shall be located a sufficient distance from the property line of adjacent uses to prevent noise or lighting impacts.

n. In addition to the standard requirements of these Zoning Ordinances, the Planning Board may require additional buffering and screening to effectively shield adjacent properties from a drive-thru facility.

o. When a drive-thru facility is proposed on a property within an historically or architecturally significant building as defined under Article V Section 21.2.6 of the Framingham General Ordinance, the architectural character defining exterior elements of the building shall be preserved.

p. The service area shall incorporate weather protection features.

q. All elements of the drive-thru shall be designed to provide adequate clearances as may be required by state and federal regulations with respect to the design of any architectural access features required under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and with 521 CMR Architectural Access Board Rules and Regulations.

4. Number of Required Accessory Drive-thru Lane Stacking Spaces

a. **Fast Food Establishment**
   i. A minimum of ten stacking spaces shall be provided before the service area. If the service area has two order stations, the ten stacking spaces may be divided between each of the order stations.
   ii. A minimum of five additional stacking spaces shall be provided after the order station. If the drive-thru facility has a transaction window before the pick-up window, an additional two stacking spaces are required between the transaction window and the pick-up window.
   iii. A minimum of two designated customer delivery spaces shall be provided for an accessory drive-thru facility.

b. **Financial Institution** – A minimum of three stacking spaces shall be provided before the transaction service (i.e. teller window, automated teller, or automated teller machine). If the facility has two stacking lanes, the stacking spaces may be divided between the two stacking lanes.

c. **Pharmacy** – A minimum of four stacking spaces shall be provided before the transaction service.

5. Additional Conditions, Limitations, and Safeguards

a. The Planning Board may by a special permit, four-fifth vote, waive the above referenced provisions herein, if the Planning Board determines that an alternate design serves a public benefit or contributes to an overall better site design.

b. Any application for review and approval of a drive-thru facility shall also be subject to Site Plan Review under Section VI.F. The Site Plan Review application shall be submitted concurrently with any special permit application.

c. In granting approval of an application for an accessory drive-thru facility, the Planning Board may attach conditions, limitations, and safeguards as deemed necessary. Such conditions, limitations, and safeguards shall be in writing and

be part of such special permit approval. The Planning Board may attach the following conditions to the special permit approval:

i. Conditions to provide a system of joint use driveways and cross access corridors with adjacent properties to facilitate access management, to prevent traffic safety hazards, and to maintain the level of service on adjacent roadways;

ii. Conditions to require additional stacking spaces based on a specific proposal; and

iii. Conditions to allow the Planning Board to evaluate the facility up to one year of operation to determine that the conditions are sufficient to mitigate any adverse impacts.

The failure to comply with this Ordinance and/or the terms of the permit may result in revocation of the permit issued hereunder. The Planning Board shall by first class mail send the owner written notification of any failure to comply with this Ordinance and/or the terms of the permit. If the owner believes that he is not in violation, he may request and will be granted an opportunity to attend a Planning Board meeting to try to resolve the alleged violation. If within 30 days from the date of mailing of said notice, the owner has not resolved the matter with the Planning Board, or remedied the alleged violation, it shall be grounds for revocation of the permit.

At the expiration of the 30 day period, the Planning Board after a duly noticed public hearing, including notice to the owner by first class mail, may revoke the permit if it finds by a four-fifths vote that there has been a violation of this Ordinance and/or the terms of the permit and that the owner has failed to remedy it; alternatively, the Planning Board may continue the public hearing, or by a four-fifth vote extend the time period in which the violation may be corrected.

K. NEIGHBORHOOD CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

1. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of the Neighborhood Cluster Development (NCD) Ordinance is to allow, by special permit from the Planning Board, an alternative use and pattern of land development to the standard conventional grid subdivision permitted in the single-family residential districts (R-1 and R-2). The intent of the NCD Ordinance is to:

a. further the goals and policies of the Master Land Use Plan;

b. conform the development to existing topography and natural features better than a conventional or grid subdivision;

c. consume less open land;

d. create a residential neighborhood that provides opportunities for social interaction, such as walking and hiking in Common Land Areas;

e. utilize the most recent version of the Massachusetts Highway Department: Project Development and Design Guide-Complete Street Design Techniques;

f. utilize Low Impact Development Design Techniques;

g. utilize Green Building Design Techniques; and

h. facilitate the construction and maintenance of housing, streets, utilities, and public service in an economical and efficient manner.

2. Applicability

a. Any parcel or parcels of land, that are in one ownership throughout or any combination of parcels of land consolidated under a Purchase and Sale Agreement where all such owners jointly apply for a NCD special permit. To be included in an application for a NCD Special Permit and defined herein as the NCD tract, such parcel or parcels must have definite boundaries ascertainable from a recorded deed or recorded plan and be located within a zone permitting a NCD.

b. The Planning Board may permit lots directly on opposite sides of a street, right-of-way, or public utility to qualify as a single NCD tract of land. To permit such division of an NCD tract of land by a street, right-of-way, or public utility, the Planning Board must find that this would comply with the purpose of this section and not result in any more dwelling units than would be possible in accordance with the provisions of the NCD Ordinance if the lots on either side of the street, right-of-way, or public utility were developed separately. Such permit shall be subject to the Dimensional Regulations and Design Standards under Section V.K.3. herein.

c. Eligible properties shall be located in the Single-Family Residential Zoning Districts of R-1 or R-2 and shall be served by municipal public water and sewer. The total gross land area included within the NCD tract shall be at least 4 contiguous acres in size with a minimum of 40 feet of frontage on a street.

d. The Planning Board may issue a special permit under this Section, subject to the requirements of the NCD Ordinance, and in accordance with the additional requirements and standards specified within this Section V.K., only if no variance has been issued from the requirements of this Section V.K. A variance shall render a property ineligible for the filing of a NCD application and special permit under this section.

e. No substantial alteration to a parcel of land, which shall include tree removal, utility installations, ditching, grading or construction of roads, grading of land or lots, or excavation except for purposes of soil testing, dredging or filling, or construction of buildings or structures shall be done within 12 months prior to the filing of an NCD application. The above activities shall render a property ineligible for the filing of a NCD application and special permit under this section.

3. Neighborhood Cluster Development Standards

a. Permitted Uses: Permitted uses in the NCD shall be single-family detached dwellings and/or townhouse dwellings with no more than 3 attached townhouse dwelling units. The Planning Board by an affirmative vote of at least four members may allow 4 attached dwelling units.

b. Density: The intensity of use for a NCD shall be determined through the use of the following density formula herein and shall be calculated in the order presented in 1) through 5) below.

NCD DENSITY FORMULA

1) Total Gross Land Area (T) – Infrastructure (I) - Wetlands (W) - Slope (S) = Net Buildable Area (NBA)
2) Net Buildable Area (NBA) / Minimum Lot Area (MLA) = Base Residential Density (BRD)
3) Base Residential Density (BRD) * Minimum Open Space (ORU) = Common Land Area (C)

4) Net Buildable Area (NBA) – Common Land Area (C) = Developable Area(DA)
5) Developable Area (DA) / Minimum Lot Area (MLA) * Number of Bedrooms (TB) = Allowed Bedroom Count (ABC)
(T) = Total Gross Land Area (sq. ft.)
(I) = 12% of Total Gross Land Area for Infrastructure (sq. ft.)
(W) = 100% of Total Wetlands on Site (sq. ft.)
(S) = Total Slope greater than 20% on Site (sq. ft.). Slope shall be reviewed and confirmed by the City Engineer or by the Planning Board's professional consultant.
(NBA) = Net Buildable Area (sq. ft.)
(MLA)= Minimum Lot Area for a single-family detached dwelling in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts
(BRD) = Base Residential Density
(ORU) = Minimum Open Space per Residential Unit is 2,800 sq. ft. per unit[5]
(C) = Minimum Required Common Land Area (sq. ft.)[6]
(DA) = Developable Area (sq. ft)
(TB) = Number of Bedrooms per Unit is 3.5 bedrooms[7]
(ABD) = Allowed Bedroom Count

* denotes multiplication

c. **Dimensional Regulations:** The dimensional regulations specified in Section IV.E. are not applicable, except as specified herein. However, the Planning Board must find that such exceptions from Section IV.E. will result in better design, improved protection of natural and scenic resources, and will otherwise comply with these regulations. The Planning Board shall not approve an NCD that does not comply with the following minimum standards in the table herein.

Table of Dimensional Regulations[8]

	Zoning District R-1		**Zoning District R-2**	
	Single-family	**Townhouse**	**Single-family**	**Townhouse**
Lot Frontage[9]	30 feet	30 feet	30 feet	30 feet
Minimum Front Setback for Buildings	15 feet	15 feet	15 feet	15 feet
Minimum side setback for Buildings[10]	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet	10 feet
Minimum rear setback for Buildings	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet	25 feet
Minimum Distance between Buildings	20 feet	20 feet	20 feet	20 feet
Maximum Height of Buildings and Structures	2 stories/30 feet	2 stories/30 feet	2 stories/30 feet	2 stories/30 feet

[5] 2,800 sq.ft. is the minimum open space per residential unit derived from 800 sq.ft. per bedroom required by Section IV.E.2. multiplied by 3.5 bedrooms.

[6] Required Common Land Area shall also comply with subsection 4.b.1) herein.

[7] The number of units and bedrooms shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

[8] Unless otherwise provided for in Section V.K., the Dimensional Regulations in Section V.K.3.c. herein, shall be complied with.

[9] Lot Frontage in this chart refers to instances where the lots are owned by individual homeowners.

[10] Except for approved zero- lot line development.

Maximum Lot Coverage[11]	40 percent	40percent	40 percent	40 percent

d. Design Standards: The NCD shall be consistent with the following Site Development and Building Design Standards:

1) Zero-lot line development in accordance with the State Building Code may be allowed by an affirmative vote of at least four members of the Planning Board.

2) Buildings shall be separated as required by applicable fire safety and buildings codes.

3) Screening and buffering shall be provided to respond to the need for privacy between and around dwelling units:

i. No structures within the NCD shall be placed closer to the NCD tract property line than the front setback requirement of 30 feet;

ii. No structures within the NCD tract shall be within 30 feet of the Common Land Area; and

iii. There shall be a buffer zone between the NCD tract and adjacent properties that shall provide effective buffering and screening that includes a combination of deciduous and/or evergreen trees and lower-level elements such as shrubs, hedges, grass, ground cover, planted berms and/or opaque fencing.

4) The site design and building design shall relate harmoniously to the topography and unique physical characteristics of the NCD tract.

5) The buildings within the NCD tract shall be sited to maximize the number of house lots with open spaces views and convenient access to usable open space while minimizing the interruption of scenic vistas and open space as seen from the roadway.

6) The development shall not impede access to Common Land.

7) Roadways, sidewalks, and pathways shall incorporate Complete Street design concepts into the NCD.

8) The Stormwater Drainage System shall incorporate Low Impact Development Techniques to achieve sustainability objectives.

9) NCD projects shall investigate and employ to the extent feasible potential alternative energy sources for the individual residence and development.

10) The utilities shall employ Energy Efficient Devices and Techniques in accordance with the State Building Code, which may include but is not limited to Energy Star, Low Emission Demand, LEED both for individual residences and development to achieve sustainability objectives.

11) Utility boxes, dumpsters and similar accessory uses and structures shall be located in convenient locations, visually screened, and shall not impede pedestrian or vehicular circulation.

12) All utilities shall be placed underground.

13) Access to residences may be provided by common or shared driveways not to exceed 1,000 linear feet in length.

14) A common or shared driveway serving three or more residential units may require a higher construction standard than a standard driveway construction.

15) Historic, traditional, or significant uses, structures, or architectural elements shall be preserved where possible and any removal or disruption shall be minimized.

[11] The area of a lot lying within the outside lines of exterior walls of all buildings on the lot, including the area of any appurtenance; or if indicated by the context, the ratio of said area, to the total Developable Area (DA) of the NCD tract, expressed as a percentage.

16) Building Design shall provide visual interest and avoid monotony and repetition in adjacent or nearby structures. The architecture shall be designed to provide variation through the use of color, building material, detail, breaks in roof and wall lines, porches, detailed cornices, and substantial roof overhangs, dormers, screenings and/or other architectural elements. Traditional materials such as wood and masonry are strongly encouraged for exterior facades. Windows and exterior doors shall be consistent and compatible with the materials, style, and color of the building, and shall be arranged to give the façade a sense of balance and proportion.

17) Residential parking spaces shall be located in reasonable proximity to the dwelling or in attached garages. One or two car garages attached to individual dwelling units shall be encouraged. Such garages shall be designed to architecturally complement and enhance the building design and shall not dominate the building and site layout. They shall not obscure the front of the unit or building and may extend no more than six feet beyond the face of the building unless approved by an affirmative vote of at least four members of the Planning Board. Freestanding garages shall be located to the side or to the rear of the building or units; access to garages may be from the rear of the residential dwelling units.

18) Ancillary structures, uses or amenities owned individually or in common, shall be shown on the plan and fully incorporated into the design of the NCD. These ancillary structures, uses or amenities shall not exceed 5 percent of the total developable area of the NCD tract and shall not be allowed without approval from the Planning Board and the special permit issued pursuant to Section V.K. herein.

e. **Affordable Housing Requirement:** NCD projects must comply with all the requirements of Section V.H. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance.

f. **Neighborhood Cluster Development R-1 and R-2 Districts:** NCD projects must comply with all the requirements of Section V.H. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in addition to providing the current required percentage of workforce housing units as amended from time to time.

4. Common land Design Standards

a. **Open Space Design:** Common land shall be designed in large, contiguous units, whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common Land shall be permitted only for access; to connect to other significant areas; or designed to protect linear resources such as trails or streams, wildlife corridors, or as vegetated buffer strips along the site's perimeter. Whenever possible, Common Land should connect with existing or potential conservation or Common Land Areas on adjoining parcels.

b. **Common Land Standards:** The total area of Common Land shall meet or exceed the following standards:

1) Notwithstanding the Common Land Area calculation under Section V.K.3.b. herein, the minimum required Common Land for an NCD shall be at least 30 percent.

2) The wetland resource areas shall not comprise more than 25 percent of the Common Land.

3) Slopes greater than 20 percent shall not comprise more than 25 percent of the Common Land.

c. **Use of Common Land:** The use of Common Land shall be solely for recreation, conservation, gardening, or park purposes by residents and/or the public. Where appropriate, multiple uses of Common Land are encouraged. Up to half of the required Common Land may be required to remain in its natural state. The proposed use of the Common Land shall be specified in the application. If several uses are proposed, the plans shall specify which uses will occur in which areas. The Planning Board shall have the authority to approve, disapprove, or recommend particular uses proposed for the Common Land.

d. Accessory Structures: Up to 5 percent of the Common Land may be set aside and designated to allow for the construction of structures and facilities accessory to the proposed use of the Common Land including parking for such uses.

5. Common Land Ownership and Maintenance

a. Conveyance of Common Land: All or part of the Common Land may be conveyed:

1) to the City of Framingham for park, recreation, gardening and/or conservation use;

2) to a nonprofit organization, the principal purpose of which is the preservation and conservation of Common Land; and/or

3) to a homeowner's corporation or trust, owned or to be owned by all of the owners of lots or dwelling units within the NCD. If such a homeowner corporation or trust is utilized, ownership thereof shall pass with conveyances of the lots or residential units.

b. Permanent Restriction: Common Land shall be subject to a permanent restrictive covenant to ensure that the open space is maintained and preserved as open space in perpetuity and shall provide for the following as may be applicable:

1) The ownership of all Common Land shall be shown on the Site Plan for the NCD.

2) Mandatory membership in the homeowner's corporation or trust, as a requirement of ownership of any residential unit or lot in the NCD tract.

3) Provisions for maintenance assessments of all owners of residential units or lots in order to ensure that the Common Land is maintained in a condition suitable for the approved uses, and that failure to pay such assessment shall create a lien on the property assessed, enforceable by the homeowner's corporation or trust or the City.

4) Provisions which, so far as possible under the existing law, will ensure that the restrictions placed on the use of the Common Land will not terminate by operation of law.

5) The developer of the NCD shall be responsible for the maintenance of the Common Land and any other facilities to be held in common until such time as the grantee(s) are capable of assuming said responsibility.

c. Encumbrances: All areas to be set aside as Common Land shall be conveyed free of any mortgage interest, security interest, liens or other encumbrances.

d. Maintenance of Common Land: In any case where Common Land is not conveyed to the City, the Applicant may be required to grant to the City a conservation restriction easement over such land sufficient to ensure its perpetual maintenance as conservation or recreation land. Such restriction shall provide that in the event the trust, homeowner's association or any other owners fail to maintain the Common Land in reasonable condition, the City may, after notice to the lot owners, enter upon such land to maintain it in accordance with the requirements of this NCD Ordinance and the special permit. The cost of such maintenance by the City shall be assessed against the properties within the development and/or to the owner of the Common Land. The City may file a lien against the lot or lots to ensure payment of such maintenance expenses.

e. Monumentation: Where the boundaries of the Common Land are not readily observable in the field, the Planning Board may require placement of permanent surveyed bounds sufficient to identify the location of the Common Land.

6. Special Permit Application and Procedures:

Applicants shall submit a NCD plan developed by an interdisciplinary team of professionals, including, but not limited to a Registered Professional Engineer and a Registered Landscape Architect both licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and other professionals as determined by the Applicant and Planning Board. The interdisciplinary team is essential to the project to ensure that

development within the NCD for both residential development and Common Land preservation best fits the land.

The Applicant shall submit an application for an NCD Special Permit as specified in the Neighborhood Cluster Development Application and Procedure Requirements of the Planning Boards Rules and Regulations, as amended from time to time.

a. Procedural Requirements

1) Application Procedure: The review procedure shall be in conformance with MGL c.40A, Sections 9 and 11 and Section VI.E. of the Zoning Ordinances and other permitting and approval processes as may be applicable. The Planning Board may require the Applicant to provide funds for Planning Board review consultants to assist in the technical review of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Board's Rules and Regulation, as may be amended from time to time, and in accordance with Chapter MGL c.44, Section 53G.

2) Pre-Application Conference: The applicant is encouraged to meet with the Planning Board in open session for an NCD Pre-Application Conference prior to submitting a formal application for NCD Special Permit. Materials which should be submitted prior to such Conference include the preliminary NCD Density Calculation with density yield plan, and an existing conditions plan. These materials should allow for a preliminary discussion of density yield for the proposed NCD and should provide an opportunity for informal staff and Planning Board review of the project design, while various design options are still open. The Pre-application Conference, preliminary materials, and discussions within the conference shall not be binding upon the Planning Board or Applicant for the final approval of the project.

b. Special Permit Criteria

1) In evaluating the proposed NCD, the Planning Board shall consider the general purpose and objectives of this Section; the existing and probable future development and use of surrounding areas; the appropriateness of the proposed layout of streets, ways, lots and structures; and the design and use of the Common Land in relation to both the proposed dwelling units in the NCD and the important natural features of the proposed NCD tract of land.

2) The special permit shall be granted only if the Planning Board finds the NCD in compliance with Section VI.E.3.a. and with each of the following:

i. The proposed development shall be consistent and/or comply with the Purpose and Intent and Applicability subsections of an NCD as specified in Section V.K.1. and 2. of these Zoning Ordinances;

ii. The proposed development shall comply with the requirements, standards, and objectives of this Section V.K., and other applicable requirements of these Zoning Ordinances;

iii. The proposed development shall be in harmony with the existing and probable future uses of the area and with the character of the surrounding area and neighborhood;

iv. The proposed development shall provide for efficient use and delivery of municipal and other services and infrastructure; and

v. The proposed development shall not create a hazard to abutters, vehicles or pedestrians.

3) Special Permit Conditions: As a condition of approval, the Planning Board may require such changes in the proposed development plans and may impose such conditions and safeguards as permitted under Section VI.E.3.b., including the requirement for a performance guarantee, to secure the objectives of this bylaw, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Framingham.

c. Review and Approval Process

1) **Change in Plans after Grant of Special Permit**: No corrections, additions, substitutions, alterations, or any changes as defined in Section VI.E.2.e., shall be made in any plans, proposals, and supporting documents approved and endorsed by the Planning Board without the written approval of the Planning Board.

2) **Limitation on Development**: As may be applicable, no land shown on an approved NCD Site Plan for which an NCD Special Permit is granted under the NCD Ordinance may be further developed, unless such NCD Special Permit lapses or is rescinded. Exceptions may be made for minor shifts of a lot line between residential lots within the NCD tract, but under no circumstances may the lot lines of the Common Land be amended or may additional lots be created.

3) **Relationship to Subdivision Control Law Required**: Planning Board approval of a NCD Special Permit under the NCD Ordinance shall not substitute for compliance with the Subdivision Control Law, nor require the Planning Board to approve any plan showing a Subdivision or Division of land, nor reduce any time periods for Planning Board consideration under the law. All waivers from Subdivision Control Law or the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham, as may be amended from time to time, shall be pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 81R.

4) **Rules and Regulations:** The Planning Board may adopt and amend reasonable rules and regulations for the administration of the NCD Ordinance, including a schedule of fees. Direct costs associated with required legal notices shall be charged to the Applicant.

L. OPEN SPACE CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT

1. Purpose and Intent

The Open Space Cluster Development (OSCD) Ordinance shall apply to parcels of land within the City of Framingham that meet the definition of Open Space Parcel (OSP). The OSCD Ordinance provides landowners with an alternative to conventional residential subdivision while protecting a large portion of the property in its current state or use.

The intent of the OSCD Ordinance is to:

a. Promote and protect the OSP through conservation of those lands in their natural condition, to preserve habitat and environmentally sensitive areas, or passive recreational opportunities;

b. Preserve land which, by virtue of its soil composition, acreage, location adjacent to and contiguous with farmland or preserved open space forming discrete blocks of land, and its lack of protection under existing zoning or other laws, comprises the critical unprotected open space areas of the City of Framingham.

c. Create a unique cluster development neighborhood setting while preserving important open space resources;

d. Establish non-motorized vehicular connections between open space parcels, water resources, neighborhoods, and/or public amenities; and

e. Promote land use consistent with the Framingham Master Land Use Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan, as may be amended from time to time.

2. Open Space Parcels

a. Applicability

To qualify for a special permit under the OSCD the proposed land shall be:

i. located in a R-3 or R-4 Single Family Residential Zoning District;

ii. consistent with the definition of an Open Space Parcel; and

iii. not have been subdivided into smaller parcels, including Approval Not Required (ANR) within a 5 year period prior to submission of an application for Section V.L, herein.

b. Development Requirements

The development of the Open Space Parcel shall require the following conditions:

i. The Applicant shall file with the Planning Board a Preliminary Plan conforming to the requirements of Section V.C. of the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham, the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131 §40) and the City of Framingham Wetlands Protection Ordinance, as may be amended from time to time. A Professional Land Surveyor or Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall prepare the Preliminary Plan to determine the number of buildable lots that would be created under conventional zoning. The Preliminary Plan shall identify the quality of the land by identifying all wetlands, other resource areas, and slopes over 15 percent. The number of lots shall also be consistent with Section V.F. Land Disturbance and Stormwater Ordinance and shall be reviewed for accuracy and approved by the City Engineer. A copy of the preliminary plan and all related documents shall be filed with the Conservation Commission for review. The Conservation Commission shall review the delineated wetlands, resource areas and buffer zones and make a recommendation to the Planning Board.

ii. A minimum of 60 percent of the Open Space Parcel shall be known as the Open Space Preserved Area and shall be preserved under a Conservation Restriction in accordance with Section V.L.4.b.

iii. A maximum of 40 percent of the Open Space Parcel shall be known as the Open Space Buildable Parcel and may be utilized for residential development.

iv. The Applicant shall submit a proposed site plan that may request a unit density bonus of up to 20 percent of the number of buildable lots determined under the Preliminary Plan. During a pre-application meeting, the Planning Board shall determine if the proposed density bonus is acceptable based on the quality of the Open Space Preserved Area. Factors that the Planning Board shall consider to determine the density bonus include the quality of the land preserved and locations of wetlands, vernal pools and all other resources and buffer zones as reviewed by the Conservation Commission and slopes over 15 percent and any possible need for septic systems and wells.

3. Open Space Cluster Development Requirements

Areas allowed for residential development on the Open Space Buildable Parcel shall be required to meet the following conditions:

a. Dimensional Regulations

The OSCD shall comply with Section V.L.3.a Table of Dimensional Regulations. However, the Planning Board may waive the requirements for Section V.L.3.a Table of Dimensional Regulations by a four-fifth vote where such waivers will allow for a better design and/or improved protection of natural and scenic resources.

Table of Dimensional Regulations

Open Space Buildable Parcel	R-3 & R-4
Lot Frontage for the Buildable Parcel	150 Feet
Vegetated Buffer Surrounding the Development Adjacent to the Active Farm	100 Feet
Vegetated Buffer Surrounding the Development Adjacent to other land uses	75 Feet
Front Building Setback	30 Feet
Side Building Separation	50 Feet
Rear Building Separation	75 Feet
Maximum Number of Attached Units	3
Maximum Building Height	3 stories/35’

b. Design Standards

The Building Parcel shall be consistent with the following Site Development and Building Design Standards.

i. Dwelling Units: The OSPD shall be comprised of attached dwelling units and/or single-family dwelling units.

ii. (Open Space Cluster Development R-3 and R-4 Districts) Design: The Neighborhood Cluster Development Ordinance design standards found in Section V.K.3.d.2., 4., 7., 9-12, 15-18 and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requirements of Section V.H. of these Zoning Ordinances apply.

iii. Layout of buildings: To maintain the visual scale of the community, each dwelling unit shall have its own exterior entrances.

iv. Streets and Utilities: All streets, whether public or private, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) "Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads," dated 2001 and "Complete Streets Policies" of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

v. Water and Sewer facilities and systems and other utilities, whether public or private, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Department of Public Works and Board of Health and/or Department of Environmental Protection. At the request of an applicant the Planning Board, with approval of the Department of Public Works, may waive the Subdivision Design Standards under the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham provided the Planning Board determines such exceptions are in the public interest, and that the waiver furthers the purposes of this Section. Individual or community septic systems may be allowed, subject to Board of Health and/or Department of Environmental Protection approval, regulations, conditions and restrictions. Public water and sewer infrastructure shall not be constructed or paid for by the City.

vi. Drainage: The Planning Board shall require the use of non-structural stormwater management techniques and other drainage techniques that reduce impervious surface and enable infiltration utilizing "Low Impact Development Techniques" for stormwater management recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection where feasible.

c. Common Open Space Area

i. An area within the Open Space Buildable Parcel shall be designated as Common Open Space Area for the use by the residents of the OSCD. At least 800 square feet per bedroom shall be designated as Common Open Space Area. Common Open Space Area may be used for active, passive or leisure activities.

ii. Common Open Space Area shall meet the following minimum standards:

a. The wetlands or slopes greater than 15 percent shall not comprise more than 25 percent of the Common Open Space Area, as identified in the Preliminary Plan, Section V.L.2.b.i. herein.

d. Open Space and Connectivity

i. A trail within the Open Space Preserved Area accessible to the general public shall be established connecting the Open Space Parcel with abutting open space parcels, trail networks, water resources, public amenities, public ways and/or neighborhoods.

ii. A minimum of two parking spaces shall be provided for public use, to be utilized while using the trail. One of the two parking spaces shall be ADA compliant. "No Overnight Parking" signage shall be installed.

iii. Public access details shall be determined during the public hearing process and written into the Conservation Restriction (CR) documents and the homeowners and/or condominium association documents.

4. Conservation Restriction

The Open Space Preserved Area shall be required to meet the following requirements:

a. The City of Framingham acting through its Conservation Commission, a land trust, or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall hold the CR. The CR of the Open Space Preserved Area shall not remain under Open Space Preserved Area Owner. In no event may the land subject to the CR be combined, included or joined with or considered as part of the Open Space Parcel nor shall the owner of the Open Space Preserved Area hold the CR. In all cases, the terms of the CR, including the nature and extent of public access and provisions for property maintenance, must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board and the City Solicitor.

b. The entire Open Space Preserved Area shall be placed under a CR in perpetuity prior to the issuance of the first building permit at the expense of the Applicant, held by the City of Framingham and a non-profit land trust.

c. The CR shall be drafted to include the provision that no active recreational facilities shall occur on the Open Space Preserved Area. The holder of the CR may allow for passive recreation opportunities on the Open Space Preserved Area through consent with the owner of the land.

d. All of the above restrictions must be written into the CR.

5. Application Review

a. Pre-Application Meeting

The applicant shall be required to attend a pre-application meeting with the Planning Board prior to submitting a formal application for OSCD. Materials shall be submitted prior to the meeting with the Planning Board and shall include preliminary plan and proposed Preliminary Plan as required in Section V.L.2.b.i and iv. The pre-application meeting, preliminary materials, and discussions within the meeting shall not be binding upon the Planning Board or Applicant for the final approval of the project.

b. Application Submittal

Application: The Applicant shall apply for a special permit and site plan review (Section VI.F.) from the Planning Board.

c. Approval

The review procedure shall be in conformance with M.G.L. c. 40A, §§ 9, 11 and Section VI.E. of these Zoning Ordinances and other permitting and approval processes as may be applicable. The Planning Board may require the Applicant to fund project review consultants to assist in the technical review of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Board's Administrative Rules and Regulation and M.G.L. c.44, § 53G.

d. Homeowners and/or Condominium Association Documentation

Homeowner and/or Condominium Association Documentation shall be submitted to the Planning Board prior to the approval of an OSCD.

f. Variance Limitation

The Planning Board may issue a special permit under this Section, subject to the requirements of these Zoning Ordinances, and in accordance with the additional requirements and standards specified within this Section V.L., only if no variance has been issued from the requirements of this Section V.L., herein. A variance under Section V.L. shall render a property ineligible for the filing of an OSCD application and special permit under this section.

g. No Alterations

No substantial alteration to a parcel of land, which shall include tree removal, utility installations, ditching, grading or construction of roads, grading of land or lots, alteration of or near a wetland

or vernal pool or excavation except for purposes of soil testing shall be done within 12 months prior to the filing of an OSCD application. The above activities shall render a property ineligible for the filing of an OSCD application and special permit under this section. For the purposes of soil testing and/or well testing the Applicant shall seek appropriate approvals through the Conservation Commission and the Board of Heath.

M. AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT

1. Purpose and Intent

The Agricultural Preservation Development (APD) Ordinance shall apply to parcels of land within the City of Framingham that meet the definition of an Active Farm. The APD provides landowners with an opportunity to sell up to 30 percent of their land for a residential cluster development while protecting a minimum of 70 percent of the property as an Active Farm Parcel.

The intent of the APD Ordinance is to:

a. Promote and protect the Active Farm through conservation of those lands for future agricultural use and/or habitat:

b. Maintain an adequate base of agricultural land and activity in Framingham to help ensure the continued economic viability of local farms and thereby contributing to the continued availability of agricultural supported services;

c. Preserve land which, by virtue of its soil composition, acreage, location adjacent to and contiguous with other farmland or preserved open space forming discrete blocks of land, and its lack of protection under existing zoning or other laws, comprises the critical unprotected farmland of the City of Framingham.

d. Create a unique cluster development neighborhood setting while preserving important farming resources;

e. Establish non-motorized vehicular connections between open space parcels, water resources, neighborhoods, and/or public amenities; and

f. Promote land use consistent with the Framingham Master Land Use Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan, as may be amended from time to time.

2. Active Farm Parcels

a. Applicability

To qualify for a special permit under the APD as an Active Farm, the proposed land shall be:

i. located in a R-3 or R-4 Single Family Residential Zoning District;

ii. consistent with the definition of an Active Farm; and

iii. not have been subdivided into smaller parcels, including Approval Not Required (ANR) within a 5-year period prior to submission of an application for Section V.M, herein.

b. Development Requirements

The development of the Active Farm Parcel shall require the following conditions:

i. The Applicant shall file with the Planning Board a preliminary plan conforming to the requirements of Section V. and V.I. of the Rules & Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land in Framingham, the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, §40) and the City of Framingham Wetlands Protection Ordinance. A Professional Land Surveyor or Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall prepare the preliminary plan to determine the number of buildable lots that would be created under conventional zoning. The Preliminary Plan shall identify the quality of the land by identifying all wetlands, other resource areas and slopes over 15 percent. The number of lots shall also be consistent with Section V.F. Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management Ordinance and shall be reviewed for accuracy and approved by the City Engineer. A copy of the preliminary plan and all related documents shall be filed with the Conservation Commission for review. The Conservation Commission shall

review the delineated wetlands, resource areas and buffer zones and make a recommendation to the Planning Board.

ii. A minimum of 70 percent of the Active Farm shall be known as the Preserved Area and shall be preserved under an Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR) in accordance with Section V.M.4. and shall remain in private ownership of the Active Farmer.

iii. A maximum of 30 percent of the Active Farm shall be known as the Buildable Parcel and may be utilized for residential development.

iv. The Applicant shall submit a proposed site plan that may request a unit density bonus of up to 20 percent of the number of buildable lots determined under the Preliminary Plan. During a pre-application meeting, the Planning Board shall determine if the proposed density bonus is acceptable based on the quality of the Open Space Preserved Land. Factors that the Planning Board shall consider to determine the density bonus include the quality of the land preserved and locations of wetlands, vernal pools, and all other resources and buffer zones as reviewed by the Conservation Commission and slopes over 15 percent and any possible need for septic systems and wells.

3. Agriculture Preservation Development Requirements

Areas allowed for residential development on the Buildable Parcel shall be required to meet the following conditions:

a. **Dimensional Regulations**

The APD shall comply with Section V.M.3.a Table of Dimensional Regulations. However, the Planning Board may waive the requirements for Section V.M.3.a Table of Dimensional Regulations by a four-fifth vote where such waivers will allow for better design and/or improved protection of natural and scenic resources.

Table of Dimensional Regulations

Active Farm	R-3 & R-4
Lot Frontage for the Buildable Parcel	150 Feet
Vegetated Buffer Surrounding the Development Adjacent to the Active Farm	100 Feet
Vegetated Buffer Surrounding the Development Adjacent to other land uses	75 Feet
Front Building Setback	30 Feet
Side Building Separation	50 Feet
Rear Building Separation	75 Feet
Maximum Number of Attached Units	3
Maximum Building Height	3 stories/35’

b. Design Standards

The Buildable Parcel shall be consistent with the following Site Development and Building Design Standards.

i. Dwelling Units: The APD shall be comprised of attached dwelling units and/or single-family dwelling units.

ii. Design: The Neighborhood Cluster Development Ordinance design standards found in Sections V.K.3.d.2., 4., 7., 9-12, 15-18, and the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance requirements of Section V.H. of these Framingham Zoning Ordinances apply to this section.

iii. Layout of buildings: To maintain the visual scale of the community, each dwelling unit shall have its own exterior entrances.

iv. Streets and Utilities: All streets, whether public or private, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) "Guidelines for Geometric Design of Very Low-Volume Local Roads," dated 2001 and "Complete Streets Policies" of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation.

v. Water and sewer facilities and systems and other utilities, whether public or private, shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements set forth by the Department of Public Works and Board of Health and/or Department of Environmental Protection when required. Individual or community septic systems may be allowed, subject to Board of Health and/or Department of Environmental Protection approval, regulations, conditions and restrictions. Public water and sewer infrastructure shall not be constructed or paid for by the City.

vi. Drainage: The Planning Board shall require the use of non-structural stormwater management techniques and other drainage techniques that reduce impervious surface and enable infiltration utilizing "Low Impact Development Techniques" for stormwater management recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection where feasible.

c. Common Open Space

i. An area within the Buildable Parcel shall be designated as Common Open Space for use by the residents of the APD. A minimum of ten percent of the entire Buildable Parcel excluding the vegetated buffers shall be designated as Common Open Space. Common Open Space may be used for active, passive or leisure activities.

ii. Common Open Space shall meet the following minimum standards:

a. The wetlands or slopes greater than 15 percent shall not comprise more than 25 percent of the Common Open Space, as identified in Section V.M.2.b.iv., herein.

d. Open Space and Connectivity

i. A trail within the Active Farm Parcel accessible to the general public shall be established connecting the Buildable Parcel with abutting open space parcels, trail networks, water resources, public amenities, and/or neighborhoods.

ii. A minimum of two parking spaces shall be provided for public use, to be utilized while using the trail. One of the two parking spaces shall be ADA compliant. "No Overnight Parking" signage shall be installed.

iii. Public access details shall be determined during the public hearing process and written into the Agriculture Preservation Restriction (APR) documents and the homeowners and/or condominium association documents.

4. Agriculture Preservation Restriction

The Active Farm Parcel shall be required to meet the following requirements:

a. The City of Framingham acting through its Conservation Commission, a land trust, or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts may hold the APR. In no event may the land subject to the APR be combined, included or joined with or considered as part of the Buildable Parcel. The APR shall not be held under the Active Farm or Active Farmer. In all cases, the terms of the APR, including the nature and extent of public access and provisions for property maintenance, must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board and the City Solicitor.

b. The entire Active Farm shall be placed under an APR in perpetuity prior to the issuance of the first building permit at the expense of the Applicant. The APR shall be held by the City of Framingham and/or a non-profit land trust.

c. Additional buildings for the use essential to the Active Farm such as barns, temporary structures, or other accessory buildings within the APR area may be allowed by modification of the approved plan by the Planning Board.

d. All of the above restrictions must be written into the APR. The Active Farm subject to an APR may be sold or leased as an Active Farm to a farmer who will continue to maintain the agricultural use of the land.

5. Application Review

a. Pre-Application Meeting

The applicant shall be required to attend a pre-application meeting with the Planning Board prior to submitting a formal application for APD. Materials shall be submitted prior to the meeting with the Planning Board and shall include the Preliminary Plan as required in Section V.M.2.b.i. and iv. The pre-application meeting, preliminary materials, and discussions within the conference shall not be binding upon the Planning Board or Applicant for the final approval of the project.

b. Application Submittal

Application: The Applicant shall apply for a Special Permit and Site Plan Review (Section VI.F.) from the Planning Board.

c. Approval

The review procedure shall be in conformance with M.G.L. c. 40A, §§ 9 and 11 and Section VI.E. of these Framingham Zoning Ordinances and other permitting and approval processes as may be applicable. The Planning Board may require the Applicant to fund Project Peer Review Consultants to assist in the technical review of the proposal in accordance with the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations and M.G.L. c.44, § 53G.

d. Homeowners and/or Condominium Association Documentation

Homeowner and/or Condominium Association Documentation shall be submitted to the Planning Board prior to the approval of an APD. Documentation shall include a statement regarding the acknowledgement of an existing working farm abutting the parcel, which shall not be deemed as a nuisance.

e. Variance Limitations

The Planning Board may issue a special permit under this Section, subject to the requirements of this APD Ordinance, and in accordance with the additional requirements and standards specified within this Section V.M., only if no variance has been issued from the requirements of this Section V.M., herein. A variance under Section V.M. shall render a property ineligible for the filing of an APD application and special permit under this section.

g. No Alterations

No substantial alteration to a parcel of land, which shall include tree removal, utility installations, ditching, grading or construction of roads, grading of land or lots, alteration of or near a wetland or vernal pool or excavation except for purposes of soil testing shall be done within 12 months prior to the filing of an APD application. The above activities shall render a property ineligible for the filing of an APD application and special permit under this section. For the purposes of soil testing and/or well testing the Applicant shall seek appropriate approvals through the Conservation Commission and the Board of Heath.

O. TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Transfer of Development Right (TDR) Ordinance is to provide an alternative for the preservation of Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space Parcels; while encouraging economic development through an increase in the development potential within designated parcels. Through a TDR special permit a Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space Parcel can sell

its potential Development Rights to a Receiving Parcel; thereby allowing the Receiving Parcel to meet its companies' growth demands. The objective of the TDR is twofold: to serve as an economic development tool while promoting the preservation of Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space parcel in exchange. The intent of the TDR special permit is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Framingham Master Land Use Plan and Open Space & Recreation Plan, as may be amended from time to time.

2. Applicability

a. The Giving Parcel

1. The Planning Board shall determine the allowable Development Rights that may be transferred to a Receiving Parcel. To determine the total Development Rights allowed to be transferred, the owner of the Giving Parcel shall prepare a Transfer of Development Rights Yield Plan (TDR Yield Plan).

2. The owner of the Giving Parcel shall submit the TDR Yield Plan and an application to the Planning Board for review. The Planning Board may retain a Peer Review Consultant at the expense of the owner of the Giving Parcel to ensure the TDR Yield Plan represents a true and accurate representation of the Giving Parcel.

3. The TDR Yield Plan will be reviewed during a posted public hearing; notice of the public hearing shall be made in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, §11.

4. The total allowable Development Rights that the Giving Parcel is eligible to transfer shall be the total square footage of the residential building allowed as denoted in the Transfer of Development Rights Residential Building Size Chart within the specific zoning district that the Giving Parcel is located in. The size of the residential building as denoted in the Transfer of Development Rights Residential Building Size Chart shall be multiplied by the total number of building lots allowed by-right to determine the total area to be transferred to a Receiving Parcel and placed under an APR and/or CR.

Transfer of Development Rights Residential Building Size Chart

Giving Parcel Zoning District	Residential Building Size
Single Family Residential (R-4)	6,500 square feet
Single Family Residential (R-3)	6,000 square feet
Single Family Residential (R-2)	5,500 square feet
Single Family Residential (R-1)	5,000 square feet
General Residential (G)	4,500 square feet

5. The APR and/or CR placed on the Giving Parcel shall be as follows:

- For Giving Parcels transferring all Development Rights: At the expense of the owner of the Giving Parcel, the entire Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space Parcel shall be placed under an APR and/or CR in perpetuity. The entire Giving Parcel shall include all areas identified as non-buildable areas which include wetlands, wetland buffers, and Moderate Slopes, in addition to the buildable lots as identified in the TDR Yield Plan.
- For Giving Parcels transferring a portion of Development Rights: At the expense of the owner of the Giving Parcel the portion of the Developable Farm and/or Developable Open Space Parcel associated with the square footage to be transferred shall be placed under an APR and/or CR. This shall include all building lot areas associated with the residential building unit square footage, infrastructure and roadways associated with the building lots, and all non-buildable areas including wetlands, wetland buffers, and Moderate Slopes as identified in the TDR Yield Plan. For fractions of residential building unit square footage, all fractions shall be rounded

up to the nearest whole number. The portion of the land to be placed under an APR and/or CR shall be selected with the intent of creating contiguous tracks of land and where possible contiguous with abutting farm land and open space land.

6. All lands deemed non-buildable on the Giving Parcel, such as wetlands, wetland buffers, and Moderate Slopes as identified in the TDR Yield Plan, shall be placed under an APR and/or CR at the same time as the first Development Rights are placed under an APR and/or CR.
Development Rights on a Giving Parcel that have not been transferred to a Receiving Parcel shall remain eligible for future transfer or development.

b. The Receiving Parcel

1. The owner of the Receiving Parcel shall file an application for a TDR special permit with the Planning Board.
2. The owner of the Receiving Parcel shall enter into an agreement with the owner of the Giving Parcel for the transfer of the Development Rights prior to applying for a TDR special permit.
3. The Planning Board Administrator shall ensure that the APR and/or CR has been placed on the Giving Parcel by the Receiving Parcel prior to the issuance of any occupancy and use permit.
4. The owner of the Receiving Parcel may assemble Development Rights from multiple Giving Parcels. The resulting development on a Receiving Parcel shall not exceed the allowable dimensional requirement increases stated herein. Parcels of land that are pre-existing non-conforming lots that exceed allowed densities or that have received variances for building height, number of additional floors, lot coverage, and/or FAR are not eligible to receive transferred Development Rights.
5. The transferred Development Rights from the Giving Parcel may be used in a 1:1 ratio on a Receiving Parcel. Development Rights from the Giving Parcel that are used on a Receiving Parcel may be applied on the Receiving Parcel to increase the following dimensional regulations from those stated in Section IV.E.2. Table of Dimensional Regulations allowed by-right. Allowed increases as permitted in Section IV.E.2. should not create the need for an increase in parking that exceeds the capacity of the Receiving Parcel. If the increase as permitted in Section IV.E.2. requires more additional parking than the site can support, then the Receiving Parcel shall construct structured parking or establish alternative transportation options to the site such as carpool incentives, transportation from local public transportation hubs, etc.

	Maximum Increase in Building Height/Additional Floors	**Maximum Increase in Lot Coverage**	**Maximum Increase in FAR**
Chapter 43D Priority Development Sites	35%*	15%*	50%*

* total height shall not exceed the allowed maximum for all structures, including roof top mechanical equipment or penthouses.

6. In the event of unused Development Rights the owner of the Receiving Parcel may be permitted to sell any unused Development Rights to another Receiving Parcel. The secondary Receiving Parcel shall be required to seek a Special Permit for the Transfer of Development Rights from the Planning Board prior to the use of the purchased Development Rights.

c. Agriculture Preservation Restriction or Conservation Restriction Process

The Giving Parcel must meet the following requirements:

1. Such parcel shall be placed under an APR and/or CR in perpetuity pursuant to state statute Chapter 184 Section 32 to ensure that said parcel will remain as agricultural land or open space. Once an APR and/or CR has been placed on the Giving Parcel no additional buildings can be built on nor can any land be used to yield additional Development Rights in the future, except as per c.2., below;
2. No buildings are allowed within the APR and/or CR area, except for existing buildings that have been constructed prior to the TDR Yield Plan. Farms shall be allowed to construct structures associated with the operations of the farm on up to 5 percent of the APR area. Structures associated with the farm may include: barns, farm store, housing for farm help, etc.;
3. The APR and/or CR may be held by the City of Framingham, a land trust, or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The APR and/or CR is prohibited from being held by the owner of the Giving Parcel or the owner of the Receiving Parcel. The terms of the APR and/or CR shall be reviewed by City Solicitor at the expense of the owner of the Giving Parcel and approved by the Planning Board;
4. The Giving Parcel may develop a trail system within the APR and/or CR lands, which may be accessible for public use;
5. Farming rights on any land subject to the APR and/or CR may be sold or leased to another farmer for the purpose of continuing or creating Agricultural and/or Farm use of the land;
6. Developable Open Space may be utilized at a future date for Agriculture and/or Farm uses; and
7. All of the above restrictions shall be made part of and included as additional provisions contained within the APR and CR documentation.

3. Application Review

The review procedure for the TDR special permit application shall be in conformance with M.G.L. ch. 40A, Sections 9 and 11 and Section VI.E. of these Zoning Ordinances, and other permitting and approval processes as may be applicable. The Planning Board may require the Applicant to fund a Peer Review Consultant to assist in the technical review as outlined herein, in accordance with of the Planning Board's Rules and Regulations and M.G.L. ch. 44, Section 53D.

4. Variance Limitation

The Planning Board may issue a TDR special permit in accordance with the additional requirements and standards specified within Section V.O., only if the receiving parcel is not a pre-existing non-conforming property and a variance has not ever been issued from the requirements of this Section V.O for the Receiving Parcel. A pre-existing non-conformity or a variance from the provisions of Section V.O. shall render a property ineligible for the filing of a TDR special permit application and TDR special permit.

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SECTION VI.
ADMINISTRATION

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A. ENFORCEMENT

1. These Zoning Ordinances shall be enforced by the Building Commissioner.
2. Whoever violates any provision of these Zoning Ordinances or any of the conditions under which a permit is issued by the Building Commissioner, or any decision rendered by the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) or the Planning Board under the provisions of these Zoning Ordinances shall be liable to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars for each violation. Each violation of these Zoning Ordinances shall constitute a separate offense. Each day that any such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense. Alternatively, the Building Commissioner may enforce these Zoning Ordinances using the noncriminal penalty method provided in G.L. c. 40, §21D, in which case the noncriminal penalty shall be $50.00 for each offense.
3. If the Building Commissioner shall be informed or has reason to believe that any provision of these Zoning Ordinances or of any permit or decree thereunder has been, is being, or is likely to be violated, then the Building Commissioner shall make or cause to be made an investigation of the facts, including an inspection of the property where the violation may exist, and, if he finds any violation, then the Building Commissioner shall give immediate notice in writing to the owner or his duly authorized agent and to the occupant of the premises, and shall order that any violation of the provision of these Zoning Ordinances shall immediately cease.
4. If, after such notice and order, such violation continues, or if any owner, agent or occupant fails to obey any lawful order of the Building Commissioner with respect to any violation or any use contrary to the provisions of these Zoning Ordinances, the Building Commissioner may revoke any permit issued for the occupation of the premises, may make complaint to the Superior Court or any court of competent jurisdiction for an injunction or order restraining the further use of the premises, and may take such other action as is necessary to enforce the provisions of these Zoning Ordinances.

B. BUILDING PERMIT AND CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

1. No building permit for new building construction, excluding additions to existing structures, shall be issued until a grading plan prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor and/or a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the Commonwealth has been submitted to the Building Commissioner as part of the application for said building permit and approved in writing by the Building Commissioner The requirement for said grading plan may be waived by the Building Commissioner with the approval of the Planning Board, Board of Health and Board of Public Works. The property shall be graded as to prevent flooding, erosion, and low spots that will not drain and create a public nuisance. Where low spots cannot be avoided, they shall be drained by means of drain pipes no smaller than twelve inches diameter, and catch basins or other approved inlet structure, to the nearest street drains, or other approved drainage facility.
2. A principal or accessory building, structure or use that is intended for occupancy, and that requires a building permit to be erected, altered or in any way changed as to construction or use, may not be occupied until an occupancy permit is issued by the Building Commissioner certifying compliance with these Zoning Ordinances.

   The Planning Board shall give its approval for occupancy permits for matters under its jurisdiction before a certificate of use and occupancy is issued by the Building Commissioner.

   No occupancy permit for new building construction excluding additions to existing structures shall be issued until an "*as-built*" plan prepared by a Registered Land Surveyor or Registered Professional Engineer licensed with the Commonwealth shall have been filed with the Building Commissioner and approved in writing by the Building Commissioner. Said plan shall show the location of the structure, drainage patterns, location of drainage and sanitary sewerage structures above and below ground,

property lines, distances of the structure to lot lines and to other buildings on the lot, and such grades and other information as the Building Commissioner deems necessary. The construction shall conform to all setback requirements of these Zoning Ordinances. The property shall be graded as to prevent flooding, erosion, and low spots that will not drain and create a public nuisance. Where low spots cannot be avoided, they shall be drained by means of drain pipes no smaller than twelve inches in diameter, and catch basins or other approved inlet structure, to the nearest street drains, or other approved drainage facility.

Upon completion of foundation(s) the holder of the building permit will file an updated plot plan signed by a registered professional engineer or registered land surveyor showing that the foundation(s) has been located as specified on the approved plan. This Section is not intended to include an addition to a privately owned single family residence, provided said addition conforms to all other requirements of the Building and Zoning Ordinances. The holder of said permit may proceed at their own risk.

The updated plot plan shall contain the following notation signed by the engineer or surveyor:

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I hereby certify that the lot corners, dimensions, elevations and offsets to the proposed building or structure as shown on this plan are correct and conforming to City of Framingham Zoning Ordinances.

SIGNED:_____
BY: _____
DATE:_____

C. NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

In all cases where public hearings are required, notice of such hearings shall be given by the responsible board, committee, or commission. Such notice shall be given through a publication in a newspaper of general circulation at the expense of the Applicant. The advertisement shall comply with the permit's appropriate section of M.G.L, once in each of two successive weeks, the first publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of the hearing and by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the city hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the day of such hearing. Said notice shall be sent to interested parties by mail, which shall include the City Councilor in the respective District in which the project is located in and the two City-Councilors At-Large, petitioners, abutters, owners of land within three hundred feet of the property line all as they appear on the most recent applicable tax list, the Planning Board, and the planning boards of abutting municipalities.

D. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

l. Establishment, Membership and Rules

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), also referred to as the Board of Appeals, shall consist of three members, appointed by the City Council for terms of such length and so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year. Members of the ZBA shall serve without compensation. Any member may be removed for cause by the City Council upon written charges and after public hearing. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the same manner as in the case of original appointments.

The City Council shall also appoint at least four associate members annually. The Chair of the ZBA, may designate any of the associate members to review a case under review by the ZBA because of the vacancy, inability to act, conflict of interest, or absence of a regular member. The ZBA shall adopt rules consistent with provisions of these Zoning Ordinances for the conduct of its business and the purposes of M.G.L. Ch. 40A and shall file a copy of such rules with the City Clerk.

2. Powers

The ZBA shall have the following powers:

a. To hear and decide appeals in accordance with M.G.L. Ch.40A, Section 8, including the following:

(l) appeals by persons aggrieved by reason of their inability to obtain a permit or enforcement action from the Building Commissioner under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch. 40A.

(2) appeals by persons aggrieved by an order or decision of the Building Commissioner in violation of any provision of M.G.L. Ch. 40A or of these Zoning Ordinances.

b. To hear and decide applications for special permits upon which the ZBA is empowered to act, in accordance with the provisions of Section VI.E of these Zoning Ordinances.

c. To hear and decide applications for special permits, in accordance with the provisions of Section VI.E., for the establishment of temporary structures and uses that do not conform to the uses and regulations herein prescribed, with such conditions as will protect the community, provided that no such permit shall be for more than a one-year period.

d. To hear and decide petitions for variances as set forth in Section VI.G of these Zoning Ordinances.

In exercising these powers, the ZBA may make orders or decisions; may reverse or affirm in whole or in part or modify any order or decision of the Building Commissioner under chapter 40A; and may direct the issuance of a permit

E. SPECIAL PERMITS

l. Special Permit Granting Authority

a. The SPGA shall be the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), the Planning Board (PB), or other board/officer as specified in Section II.B Table of Uses, other special permit ordinance, and/or designated herein.

2. Procedure for Special Permit

a. Determination by the Building Commissioner

Prior to filing an application for Special Permit the Petitioner shall submit plans to the Building Commissioner for project determination. The Building Commissioner shall have two weeks to make a project determination. Accordingly, plans should be submitted a minimum of two weeks prior to the expected filing date of a project. The Building Commissioner shall advise the Petitioner in writing as to the pertinent sections of these Zoning Ordinances and the General Ordinance and shall determine the appropriate SPGA.

b. Pre-Application Submission to Technical Review Team

i. **Special permits that require the Planning Board to be the SPGA -** Prior to the filing of an application for a special permit, the Petitioner shall also meet with the Technical Review Team (TRT) after having submitted to the TRT a cover letter enclosing site plans, colored renderings, and any other documentation prepared for the project, which shall be known as a TRT Preliminary Review Package, used to assist in the review of the project prior to the official filing. Within two weeks of having received the TRT Preliminary Review Package, the TRT shall hold a Preliminary Project Review Meeting (PPRM) with the petitioner to review and discuss the proposed application. A TRT Report shall be provided to the

Petitioner and the SPGA as determined in Section VI.E.2.b. The TRT Report shall include, but shall not be limited to: a list of submitted documents, the minutes from the TRT PPRM, and comments/recommendations for the proposed project.

ii. **Special Permits that require the Zoning Board of Appeals to be the SPGA –**

a) Petitioners that only require special permits from the ZBA shall work with the ZBA Administrator to determine if a TRT meeting is necessary. In the event that a TRT meeting is determined to be necessary, the Petitioner shall follow the requirements set forth in Section VI.F.2.b.i.
b) Petitioners that require permits from both the Planning Board and the ZBA shall be required to comply with Section VI.F.2.b.i.

c. Filing of an Application(s)

Once the requirements of Section VI.E.2.a. and b. have been satisfied, the Petitioner shall submit the following documentation to the SPGA:

i. One original copy of the application(s);
ii. Full and half size paper site plans that have been prepared by a Professional Engineer and/or Land Surveyor licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (plans must be signed and stamped);
iii. Full and half size paper architectural plans prepared by a Professional Engineer and/or Professional Architect licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (plans must be signed and stamped). Architectural plans shall bear the seal of the registered design professional unless exempted by M.G.L. c. 143 s. 54A.;
iv. Copies of supporting documentation (number determined by the SPGA);
v. Any other documentation specified in the SPGA Rules and Regulations; and
vi. One electronic copy of all materials submitted, all of which shall be known as the Application Package. If the submitted documentation has been deemed complete with the SPGA, the SPGA will file one copy of the application with the City Clerk.

d. Application Distribution

The SPGA shall transmit copies of the Application Package that have been deemed complete to TRT Departments, Building Commissioner, and such other appropriate municipal departments, boards, and offices as determined by the SPGA, for review and comment.

e. Board and Department Comment

i. Prior to the first public hearing, the TRT shall hold a second plan review meeting, if applicable. A TRT Report shall be generated and submitted to the SPGA as part of the record.
ii. When a Petitioner provides revised/modified plans and/or documentation for a project, the Petitioner shall provide the revisions to the SPGA a minimum of 5 business days prior to the next scheduled public hearing for the project. The Petitioner shall provide either a written description highlighting the changes made to the plan and/or a marked-up version of the site plans to easily identify changes made since the last edition.
iii. Questions, comments, and/or modifications from the TRT, Building Commissioner and other appropriate departments, boards, and offices shall be provided to the SPGA within 35 days. The SPGA shall not close a public hearing until all TRT departments have provided questions, comments, modifications, and/or statements of no comment, or until the 35-day comment period has lapsed, whichever is sooner.

f. Public Hearing Procedures

i. **Public Hearing:** The SPGA shall hold a hearing on said application in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9 and 11, within 65 days of filing with the City Clerk.

ii. **Notice and Publication of Public Hearing:** Notice of such hearings shall be published and mailed in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 11 and Section VI.C of these Zoning Ordinances, in addition to any other parties that the SPGA deems appropriate for notification including all the City Councilor in the respective District in which the project is located in, and the two City Councilors At-Large.

iii. **Audio/Video Recording of the Public Hearing:** The SPGA shall make an audible audio and/or video recording of all its proceedings and deliberations. Such recordings shall be kept in the offices of the SPGA and/or by the City for a period of two years, and shall be made available to any person for listening, viewing, and/or copying purposes during regular business hours in the offices of the SPGA.

iv. **Minutes:** The SPGA shall also keep a detailed written record of the proceedings as required by law. Copies of the minutes shall be filed with the City Clerk within 14 days with the City Clerk. A copy of the minutes shall be posted to the City's website upon filing them with the City Clerk.

g. Peer Review Consultant

If, in the discretion of the SPGA, a peer review of the Application is required to evaluate the impacts of a proposed project, the SPGA may require the Petitioner to retain a Peer Review Consultant approved by the SPGA. In the event that the Petitioner requires review by both the ZBA and the PB, the ZBA and PB may jointly contract a Peer Review Consultant, at the Petitioner's expense, for the project to ensure consistency and adequacy of review.

h. Decisions

The decision of the SPGA shall be made within 90 days following the close of a public hearing for a special permit, unless an extension is granted by the Petitioner. A special permit issued by an SPGA shall require a two-thirds vote of boards with more than five members, a vote of at least four members of a five-member board and a unanimous vote of a three-member board.

i. Notice of Decision:

a) **Mailings:** Notice of a SPGA decision shall be sent to interested parties as required in M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9 and following the same procedure outlined in Section VI.E.2.f.ii, herein. Said notice of decision shall set forth the Petitioner's name, the property address(es) of the project, special permits applied for, the date of the Decision made by the SPGA, the nature and vote of the decision, the reasons therefor, and any conditions and safeguards prescribed by the SPGA in said decision, and the date the decision was filed with the City Clerk.

b) **Publication:** The notice of the SPGA's decision shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, at the expense of the Petitioner. Said publication shall occur no more than twelve calendar days after the filing of the decision with the City Clerk.

i. Failure to Act

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9, failure by the SPGA to take final action within 90 days following the public hearing and/or any granted extension of time, if applicable, shall be deemed to be a grant of the special permit. Such grant of a special permit by failure of the SPGA to act within 90 days shall be known as a "constructive approval." A Petitioner who seeks such approval by reason of the failure of the SPGA to act within such time prescribed, shall notify the City Clerk within 14 days in writing from the expiration of said 90 days or granted extension of time, if applicable, of such constructive approval. The Petitioner shall also send notice of such constructive approval to parties in interest by mail, and each such notice shall specify that appeals, if any, shall be made pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 17 and shall be filed within 20 days after the date the City Clerk received such written notice from the Petitioner that the SPGA failed to act within the time prescribed.

j. Change, Extension or Modification of a Special Permit

Any change, extension, corrections, additions, substitutions, alterations, or modification of a special permit that is deemed material by the SPGA shall require a vote by a two-thirds vote of a board with more than five members, a vote of at least four members of a five-member board and a unanimous vote of a three-member board at a public meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 11.

3. Conditions of Approval of Special Permit

a. The SPGA shall not approve any application for a special permit unless it finds that in its judgment all of the following conditions are met:

i. The property and the neighborhood are appropriate for such a use and/or structure.

ii. The use and property can support and/or will provide adequate and appropriate facilities for the proposed use, and that the special permit application meets the dimensional requirements set forth in Section IV.E, unless a dimensional variance is granted. The use and property shall provide safe and viable access to and from the site, and be consistent with the Master Land Use Plan and other City Plans.

iii. The use and/or structure(s) as developed will not create a hazard to abutters, pedestrians, vehicles, and/or the environment.

iv. The use and/or structure(s) are consistent with the intent of the Zoning District as outlined in Section II.A, and with the Purpose and Intent of appropriate ordinances associated with the special permit application.

v. The utilities and other public services to the site are adequate.

vi. The use and/or structure(s) will not create an undue burden on abutting properties, the neighborhood, and/or the City.

vii. Traffic and pedestrians can access and circulate the project safely without conflict.

viii. The use and/or structure will not have substantial adverse impacts to the natural environment, the historic character of the neighborhood, and/or the visual environment.

ix. The Petitioner provides proper mitigation for impacts to traffic, infrastructure, municipal services, and/or undue impacts created in Section VI.E.3.a.vi.

b. In approving a special permit, the SPGA may attach such conditions, safeguards, limitations, and/or requirements for performance guarantees as it deems necessary to serve the purposes of these Zoning Ordinances, to protect the City, and to maintain the character of the associated neighborhood. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

i. Screening and buffering of the use, structures, and/or other parts of the premises for the purposes of safety, light and/or noise pollution, stormwater run-off/erosion, etc. through the use of fences, plantings, and/or other buffering techniques.

ii. Requirements that front, side, and/or rear setbacks be greater than the minimum requirements as provided in Section IV.E.

iii. Modification of the exterior features, façade, and/or appearance of the structure.

iv. Limitation of size, number of occupants, method or time of operation, and/or extent of facilities.

v. Regulation of number, design, and/or location of access drives or other traffic features.

vi. Provision of a bond and/or other security to insure compliance with the conditions of authorization.

vii. Mitigation of traffic and/or infrastructure mitigation to ensure that the petitioner properly mitigates its impacts on the City and/or neighborhood.

viii. Inclusion of information and/or conditions prepared by a Peer Review Consultant ensuring the project is consistent with these Zoning Ordinances, the requirements of the City, and that the Petitioner mitigates its impacts on the City and/or neighborhood.

In the event that the Petitioner is not the owner of the land, the Petitioner shall provide an affidavit signed by the party, e.g., the Petitioner and/or the land owner, who shall be responsible for mitigation measures and/or conditions contained within the Decision. Such statement of responsibility shall be part of the Decision as an exhibit/appendix that is recorded with Registry of Deeds or filed with Registry District of the Land Court, as applicable.

4. Repetitive Application

No appeal, application, and/or petition that has been unfavorably and finally acted upon by the SPGA shall be reconsidered within two years after the date of final unfavorable action unless the SPGA finds that there have been specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action was based. Such reconsideration of an application shall include:

a. The SPGA by a supermajority vote must consent to such reconsideration of the application.
b. Notice is given to interested parties of the time and place of the proceedings when the question of such consent is considered.
c. The application review procedure shall be in accordance with the procedures for all special permits specified in Section VI.E.2. herein.
d. The SPGA shall weigh the reapplication to determine the specific and material changes that have occurred in the conditions upon which the unfavorable decision was based and shall describe such changes in the record of its proceedings.

5. Expiration of Special Permit

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 9, a special permit granted under this section shall lapse within three years, not including such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal as referred to in M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 17.

a. **Request for an Extension of Time:** Prior to the expiration of a special permit granted by a SPGA, a Petitioner may request an Extension of Time. The Petitioner must show good cause for such request and/or in the case of a permit for construction, if construction was not begun by such date expect for good cause. A request for an Extension of Time shall follow the procedures outlined in Sections VI.E.2.c-f, h, and i.

F. SITE PLAN REVIEW

1. Purpose and Intent:

The purpose of Site Plan Review is to protect the health, safety, quality of life, and general welfare of the community. Site Plan Review ensures that each project provides the following: Accessibility for all users; site design that promotes shared facilities, where feasible; opportunities for the implementation of complete streets, pedestrian, and bicycle amenities; access to open or community space; and preservation of historic buildings and neighborhoods. Specifically, the Planning Board reviews project impacts on traffic, municipal services and utilities, as well as the natural and built environment.

The intent of Site Plan Review is to:

a. Promote site design that is consistent with the Framingham Master Land Use Plan;
b. Create walkable and bicycle friendly environments which are safe and accessible for all users; thereby decreasing dependency on the personal automobile;
c. Encourage and utilize the use of low impact development techniques, alternative energy sources, and best management practices to create a sustainable site and neighborhood;
d. Minimize the impacts on traffic and municipal infrastructure;
e. Promote designs that create visual cohesiveness with the surrounding neighborhood, while establishing a neighborhood community;
f. Protect historic buildings and neighborhoods; and

g. Establish and sustain a high quality level of development throughout Framingham.

2. Applicability:

The Planning Board shall conduct site plan review and approval. Site Plan Review applies to all construction, reconstruction, and/or site redevelopment projects which include any increase in impervious surface except for: single and two-family detached dwelling on its own individual lot; multi-family residential dwellings requiring fewer than nine parking spaces; alterations that do not increase the required number of off-street parking spaces by more than five; or commercial construction, reconstruction, and/or site redevelopment projects that do not exceed 3,000 gross square feet.

a. The following types of activities and uses require **minor** site plan review by the Planning Board unless the activity or use also falls into a category which requires major site plan review, in which case major site plan review shall prevail:

1) All expansions of existing nonresidential or multi-family structures which results in a total floor area between 3,000-8,000 gross square feet;

2) All modifications to properties with prior site plan approval that have not been determined to be an insignificant field change;

3) Construction or expansion of a parking lot that results in a total of more than five parking spaces for a nonresidential or multi-family structure or purpose;

4) All new construction or expansion, alteration, or enlargement of only a parking facility, off-street loading facility, and/or a facility for the storage or sale of any type of new or used vehicles, including construction vehicles, truck trailers and/or any vehicle that requires licensing by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; or

5) Any new structure or alteration of an existing structure or change of use in any structure for an entity claiming exception under G.L. c. 40A, § 3. Site plan review shall be limited in such circumstances to the imposition of reasonable regulations concerning the bulk and height of structures and determining yard sizes, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking and building coverage requirements.

6) All Marijuana Retailers, Marijuana Cultivators, and Marijuana Product Manufacturers

b. All construction, reconstruction, and/or site redevelopment projects which are subject to site plan review and are not listed in Section 2.a above require **major** site plan review by the Planning Board including but not limited to the following types of activities and uses:

1) All construction of a new nonresidential or multi-family structure or group of new structures;

2) All expansion of an existing nonresidential or multi-family structure which results in a total greater than 8,000 gross square feet of floor area;

3) All projects with new or existing drive-thru facilities;

4) Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Installations; or

5) All new Mixed Use and new Mixed Use Complex projects.

For purposes of this Section VI.F, the calculation of increase in floor area shall be based on the aggregate of all new structures, improvements, alterations or enlargements, calculated from the date of enactment of this section.

c. The following types of activities or uses in the Central Business (CB) District require site plan review by the Planning Board. The following shall apply to both as of right uses and uses allowed by grant of a special permit within the Central Business (CB) Zoning District, including new construction of buildings and structures, additions to existing buildings and structures, and any increase in area for on-site parking and loading. All activities and uses within the CB District

shall meet the design standards set forth in these Zoning Ordinances and in the Planning Board Rules and Regulations. Any activity and use that does not meet the following thresholds is exempt from site plan review.

1) Threshold for **minor** site plan review

i. All substantial alterations of existing structures or expansions of existing structures that results in a total floor area between 3,000-30,000 gross square feet[1].
ii. All construction of a new structure or group of new structures resulting between 3,000 - 30,000 square feet of gross floor area.
iii. Change of use less than 30,000 square feet of gross floor area that results in more than five additional required off-street parking spaces.
iv. Construction, alteration, or expansion of a parking lot greater than five parking spaces.
v. Modifications to a site plan previously approved by the Planning Board.

2) Threshold for **major** site plan review

i. All construction of a new structure or group of new structures resulting in greater than 30,000 square feet of gross floor area;
ii. All substantial alterations of an existing nonresidential structure, resulting in a total of 30,000 square feet or more of gross floor area;
iii. All new Mixed Use and new Mixed Use Complex projects.

3. Application and Review Procedure

a. Prior to the filing of an application pursuant to site plan review, the Applicant shall submit preliminary plans and appropriate documentation to the Technical Review Team (TRT), for the Building Commissioner's determination of **major** or **minor** site plan review.

b. Once the Building Commissioner determines **major** or **minor** site plan review is required for the project, the Applicant shall submit to the Planning Board the application for site plan approval, conforming to the requirements of this Section VI.F.

c. The Planning Board staff shall review submitted applications for completeness to determine if all application submittal requirements have been met. Once the application is deemed complete the Planning Board shall transmit one copy of the complete application to the City Clerk. The Planning Board shall transmit copies thereof to the Building Commissioner and other appropriate municipal boards, departments and commission, as determined by the Planning Board.

d. The Building Commissioner and other appropriate municipal boards, departments, and commissions as denoted in Section 3.c. herein shall have 35 days to provide comments and reports to the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall not render a decision on said application until it has received and considered all reports requested from municipal boards, departments and commissions or boards, or until the 35 day period has expired, whichever is earlier. Where circumstances are such that the 35 day period is insufficient to conduct an adequate review, the Planning Board may, at the written request of the Applicant, extend such period to 60 days. Comments and reports shall be based on the following criteria:

1) The adequacy of the data and the methodology used by the Applicant to determine impacts of the proposed Project;

2) The effects and impacts of the project on Framingham, neighborhood, and within the purview of the commenting municipal board, department, and/or commission; and

[1] Municipal staff, through the permitting preview process, will ensure projects meet Design Standards and Design Guidelines, in cases where substantial alterations of existing structures or expansions of existing structures result in a total floor area of less than 3,000 square feet.

3) The municipal department, board, and/or commission's recommended conditions or remedial measures to accommodate or mitigate the expected impacts of the Project.

e. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing within 65 days of the filing of a complete application with the City Clerk. The Planning Board at the expense of the Applicant shall properly advertise notice of the first public hearing in accordance with M.G.L. c.40A, Section 11, and Section VI.C. of these Zoning Ordinances. The Planning Board shall render a decision within 90 days of closing the public hearing.

1) For minor site plan review in the CB District, the Planning Board shall review and render a decision within 60 days of receiving a complete application package as required. Through the mutual consent of the Planning Board and the Applicant, the Planning Board may grant extensions of time.

2) For major site plan review in the CB District, the Planning Board shall review and render a decision within 90 days of receiving a complete application package as required. Through the mutual consent of the Planning Board and the Applicant, the Planning Board may grant extensions of time.

3) If a project receives a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals after Planning Board approval, the project shall be re-submitted to the Planning Board for amendment of the approved site plan.

f. In reviewing the impacts of a project, the Planning Board shall consider the information presented in the application for site plan approval, including all items specified in Section VI.F.5.; all reports of municipal boards, departments, and commissions submitted to the Planning Board pursuant to Section VI.F.4.(c); and any additional information submitted or referenced during the public hearing. The Planning Board may, at the Applicant's expense, retain a peer review consultant to review any aspect of the project as deemed necessary by the Planning Board.

g. If the Applicant's Project is located within 200 feet of a residential district or residential use, the Applicant shall coordinate at least one informational meeting with residents to solicit neighborhood input prior to the opening of the public hearing.

4. Contents and Scope of Applications

An application for site plan review and approval shall be prepared by qualified professionals registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as follows: a professional land surveyor and/or engineer shall prepare all site plans; a professional landscape architect shall prepare all landscape plans; and an architect shall prepare all renderings for building elevations and building plans. The Planning Board shall review projects based on **major** and **minor** site plan review as outlined in Section VI.F.2.

a. Applicants for both **major** and **minor** site plan review shall submit the following **technical documents** for review with the site plan application, unless noted herein.

1) A written statement outlining the estimated time required to complete the proposed project, expected start of construction, and all phases thereof.

2) A written summary, where appropriate, detailing the following:

i. The number of dwelling units to be built and the acreage in residential use,

ii. The number of seats and/or number of employees,

iii. Evidence the project is in compliance with the Framingham's off-street parking and off-street loading requirements,

iv. The forms of ownership of the property, and

v. A summary of the provisions for ownership and maintenance thereof, identification of all land that will become common or public land, and any other evidence necessary to indicate compliance with these Zoning Ordinances.

3) Drainage calculations prepared by a professional engineer registered in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Storm drainage design must conform to the requirements set forth by the MassDEP Stormwater Management Standards and Department of Public Works, using Best Management Practices. Furthermore, the report may include City, state, and federal requirements or established standards for implementing best management practices for stormwater management.
4) A written summary containing the Urban Design Objectives Narrative which provides a description of how the project will be designed to encourage complete streets including transit access and pedestrian and bicycle amenities, and their potential connections to Framingham's bicycle and pedestrian system.
5) A written summary which outlines proposed best management practices, low impact development (LID) features, and energy efficiency features utilized on-site.
6) A written summary of the design and location of proposed mechanical equipment, including HVAC equipment; noise levels related to mechanical equipment; information regarding possible future expansion, if relevant; location and operation of trash storage and removal systems; location and operation of loading facilities, measures taken to minimize the negative visual and noise impacts of such facilities on abutters; and hours of operation for each proposed use.
7) A written report of the existing and/or proposed sewer service infrastructure on-site and connection points. The report shall include a detailed description of the conditions of the pipes; a video inspection where appropriate and/or necessary; a detailed description of the anticipated impact of the project on the City's sanitary, stormwater, and sewer infrastructure. Where such determinations cannot be made at the time of application, the report shall indicate what investigations must be undertaken by the Applicant to make such determinations; also, a timeline for completion of the report shall be submitted for review by the Department of Public Works.
8) A written report of any proposed blasting or soil compaction activities that will take place during construction activities. The report shall include methods of abutter notification, methods for testing and data collection, and a summary of how real property damage will be investigated.
9) A written summary of water service infrastructure detailing the anticipated impact of the project on the City's water delivery infrastructure and supply. The summary shall indicate the likely improvements to infrastructure that are necessary to accommodate the identified impacts. Where such determinations cannot be made at the time of application, the report shall indicate what investigations must be undertaken by the Applicant to make such determinations; a timeline for completion of the report shall be also submitted for review by the Department of Public Works.
10) A written Parking Impact Report shall be submitted detailing the existing and proposed parking for the project including the following:
    i. Existing off-site neighborhood parking conditions, including identification of streets likely to be affected by the project;
    ii. Projected impact of project; and
    iii. Proposed methods to mitigate the estimated adverse impacts cause by the project related to parking such as promoting the use of bicycles, public transportation, or other appropriate means.
11) A written Traffic Impact Report shall be submitted for all projects requiring **major** site plan review. This report shall include existing pedestrian and vehicular traffic volume,

composition, peak hour levels, existing street and sidewalk capacity, and analysis of existing and resulting level of services (LOS) for the following:

i. The nearest and/or most impacted public roadway intersection;

ii. The estimated average daily traffic generation, including composition and peak hour levels;

iii. The directional flows resulting from the project;

iv. Any proposed methods to mitigate the estimated traffic impact such as promoting the use of public transportation, roadway improvements, or other appropriate means;

v. The methodology and sources used to derive existing data and estimations; and

vi. The feasibility of traffic calming measures such as textured crosswalks, bike lanes, roundabouts, rumble strips, street trees, or bulb-outs.

12) A written Environmental Impact Report, including a Stormwater Report, and a Stormwater Management System Maintenance Report shall be submitted for projects requiring **major** site plan review, new construction of a building of any size, and/or installation of a stormwater management system The report should include:

i. Information regarding the impact of storm water runoff on adjacent and downstream water bodies, subsurface ground water, and water tables.

ii. Information regarding the potential erosion and sedimentation caused by the operation and maintenance of the project and the mitigation efforts proposed. To this end, high intensity soil mapping, i.e., test borings and analysis, may be required.

iii. For projects with significant environmental impacts to wetlands, floodplains, or other sensitive resources the Applicant shall include a report detailing the relationship of the project to the natural and man-made environment, and compatibility of the project with adjacent or surrounding land uses and neighborhoods. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) required through the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) process, which addresses the Planning Board's concerns, may be substituted in lieu of this report;

iv. Proposed methods to mitigate the estimated environmental impacts such as promoting the use LID, best management practices, and other methods of design.

b. Applications for both **major** and **minor** site plan review shall submit plan sets in accordance with the requirements set forth in the Framingham Planning Board Rules and Regulations related to Site Plan Review, as may be amended from time to time.

c. **Waiver.** The Planning Board, at its discretion, may waive technical and/or submittal requirements of Section VI.F.5. for a project, where such technical and/or submittal requirements are not appropriate or relevant to the project. All Applicants seeking waiver request shall provide a detailed description of the need for relief from the technical and/or submittal requirement.

5. Design Standards

a. Site Circulation and Site Design

1) Bicycle infrastructure shall be incorporated into the site design when deemed necessary by the Planning Board. The site plan shall provide for safe vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and to adjacent ways, including sidewalks, cross-walks and the like.

2) All pedestrian walkways on-site shall abide by regulations prescribed in the Americans with Disabilities Act regarding handicapped access.

3) A pedestrian walkway having a minimum width of six feet shall be integrated into, and shall be in addition to, any required landscaped areas adjacent to buildings.

4) The design of the project shall minimize the visibility of visually degrading elements such as trash collectors, loading docks, etc. All utilities within the property boundaries that are intended to serve the project shall be placed underground. If waste or refuse disposal areas are located outside of any existing or proposed building, the waste and refuse shall be placed in a container kept fully closed. Such containers shall be surrounded entirely by solid fencing or other material as approved by the Planning Board and incorporated into the site design and landscaping. Adequate waste and refuse facilities shall be provided for all proposed uses and shall not impede pedestrian or vehicular circulation.
5) Where possible, public amenities shall be incorporated into the site design.
6) The snow storage area(s) shall be located so as not to encroach upon or obstruct any sidewalks or walkways or parking spaces, interior travel lanes or lot ingress/egress, inhibit site visibility, reduce the recommended minimum stopping sight distances or turning radii at any point on the site, or obstruct or encroach upon fire lanes or emergency access points

b. Building Placement and Design
1) Building Placement for New Construction: The placement of buildings shall reinforce the street wall where applicable, maximize visibility, and facilitate pedestrian access and circulation. The first floor of buildings shall be situated as close to a roadway as possible, while conforming to the dimensional regulations set forth in Section IV.E of these Zoning Ordinances. The area between the building and the front lot line shall include amenities such as landscaping, tables and seating, and/or other pedestrian amenities. Buildings shall be oriented so that at least one principle entrance faces the public street rather than the interior of the site.
2) The site design and building design shall relate harmoniously to the historical character, unique physical characteristics, and natural resources of the surrounding neighborhood.
3) Historic, traditional, or significant uses, structures, or architectural elements on an existing building shall be preserved where possible and any removal or disruption shall be minimized.
4) The structures shall be designed to be free from light shadows that would otherwise impact existing structures adjoining the project. Any project within the Central Business District shall be exempt from this standard.
5) Building design shall provide visual interest and avoid monotony and repetition relative to adjacent or nearby structures. The architecture shall be designed to provide variation and interest through the use of color, building material, detail, breaks in roof and wall lines, windows, porches, detailed cornices, substantial roof overhangs, dormers, screenings and/or other architectural elements. Windows and exterior doors shall be consistent and compatible with the materials, style, and color of the building, and shall be designed to give the façade a sense of balance, proportion, and significance. For residential projects, traditional materials such as wood and masonry are strongly encouraged for exterior facades.
6) Parking facilities shall be located behind buildings where possible.

c. Sidewalks
1) The Applicant shall construct and/or repair sidewalks along the street frontage of the property as part of the project. The sidewalk shall be designed to meet the required ADA standards for all users.
2) The Applicant shall provide a buffer strip between the roadway and sidewalk where feasible.

d. Stormwater System, Utilities, and Infrastructure
1) Stormwater drainage systems shall incorporate LID techniques and best management practices to achieve sustainability objectives outlined in the Master Land Use Plan.

2) The utilities shall employ energy efficient devices and techniques in accordance with the State Building Code, which may include but is not limited to Energy Star, LED lighting, LEED both for individual residences and development to achieve sustainability.
3) The placement of electric, telephone and other utility lines and equipment, such as water, sewer or gas, shall be coordinated together and placed underground and located to eliminate all adverse impacts on the groundwater levels. The proposed method of sanitary sewage disposal and solid waste disposal from all buildings shall be precisely indicated on the plans.

e. Landscaping
1) In any district where a front setback is required, landscaped open space a minimum of ten feet in depth shall be provided along the entire width of the lot at the front lot line. On corner lots located in any district where a front setback is required, landscaped open space a minimum of ten feet in depth shall be provided along the entire width of the lot at the front lot line for both frontages. Said strip may be interrupted by necessary vehicular and walkway entrances and exits.
2) In any district where a non-residential use abuts or faces a residential zoning district or a single family or two family use, a landscaped open space buffer at a minimum depth of fifteen feet shall be provided and maintained in order to separate, both physically and visually, the residential use from the non-residential use, except in the Central Business (CB) or Neighborhood Business (B-1) Districts where such minimum open space depth shall be 20 feet. The landscaped open space buffer strip shall be continuous except for required vehicular access and pedestrian circulation.
3) The buffer strip shall include a combination of deciduous or evergreen trees and lower-level elements such as shrubs, hedges, fences, and/or brick or stonewalls. When necessary for public safety or to prevent adverse impacts on neighboring properties, the Planning Board may require that the buffer strip contain opaque screening.
4) The minimum distance between trees (trunk to trunk) shall be twenty to thirty feet, depending upon the tree species and other local conditions.
5) Arrangement may include planting in linear, parallel, serpentine, or broken rows, as well as the clustering of planting elements.
6) When used in required landscaping or buffers, mulch shall be limited to bark mulch and decorative stone, or equivalent materials. No more than twenty-five percent of the coverage of the landscaped area shall be mulch or non-living material.
7) Landscaped areas at least ten feet in depth shall be provided adjacent to buildings on every side of such building that has a public access point. However, in no case shall any parking space or vehicle travel lane be located less than five feet from the building.
8) Landscape buffers should, to the greatest extent possible, serve as usable open space, providing an environment for pedestrian access between uses. Therefore, buffers shall be designed to include appropriate means of pedestrian access and crossing, both along the landscape area and across the buffer. Buffers and screens shall provide for appropriate hardscape pedestrian access points and walkways where property lines abut roadways.
9) The design of the Project shall minimize the area over which existing vegetation is to be removed. Tree removal shall be minimized and, if established trees are to be removed, special attention shall be given to the planting of replacement trees.
10) Landscaping shall be consistent with the Planning Board Rules and Regulations related to Landscape Design Guidelines.

6. Site Plan Review Criteria

In reviewing and evaluating the site plan, and in making a final determination regarding site plan approval, the Planning Board shall require that the site plan promote the objectives set forth in

Section VI.F.7.a. herein, and comply with the Project and Design Standards contained in Section VI.F.5, herein. These standards embrace the following goals and criteria which strive to:

a. Retain community character:
   1) Minimizes obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations;
   2) Minimizes impacts to important natural or historical features;
   3) Screens objectionable features such as large blank walls, open dumpster, loading or storage areas, from neighboring properties and roadways;
   4) Blends and harmonizes with the architectural style of the adjacent buildings and immediate neighborhood;
   5) Provides consistency with the architectural style, scale, density, massing and setbacks if located within a National Historic District and/or local historic district;
   6) Promotes architectural consistency using general design that is relevant to the significance of the site, building or structure, arrangement and texture, materials and color of the features involved and the relation of each feature to similar features of building and structures in the immediate neighborhood and surrounding area; and
   7) Demonstrates appropriateness relative to the size and shape of the buildings or structures both in relation to the land area upon which the building or structure is situated and to the adjacent buildings and structures within the neighborhood.
b. Traffic, parking, and public access:
   1) Minimizes vehicular traffic and safety impacts of the project on adjacent highways and roads;
   2) Provides adequate and appropriate facilities for the proper operation of the proposed use, including adequate off-street parking. Adequacy of proposed off-street parking facilities shall be determined by the Planning Board, in accordance with the provisions of Sections IV.A., IV.B., and IV.C. of these Zoning Ordinances;
   3) Maximizes the convenience and safety of vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian movement within the neighborhood and site;
   4) Minimizes adverse impacts on neighborhood on/off-street parking and includes incentives for the use of alternatives to single-occupant vehicles; and
   5) Reviews all intersections and roadways projected to receive at least five percent of the expected traffic generated by the project, either based upon the total anticipated peak hour traffic generated by the proposed project, or based upon the total anticipated average daily traffic counts generated by the proposed project shall operate at a Level of Service of “B” or better for rural, scenic and residential streets and for all new streets and intersections to be created in connection with the project; and Level of Service (LOS) “D” or better for all other streets and intersections. The Applicant shall mitigate all derogation in LOS caused by the project through traffic improvements or cash payment for mitigation procedures to be conducted by the City. The Applicant shall provide an itemized list of necessary traffic improvements to bring the LOS as stated herein. For projects that cannot adequately mitigate their impacts on the LOS due to the size of the project, the Applicant shall contribute a cash payment determined by the Planning Board, to be used for future reconstruction and/or construction of the impacted roadway(s).
c. Environmental Impact:
   1) The project shall not create any significant emission of noise, dust, fumes, noxious gases, radiation, or water pollutants, or any other similar significant adverse environmental impact. The Applicant may be required to submit data, reports, or other information sufficient to demonstrate compliance with this requirement.

2) The project shall not increase the potential for erosion, flooding or sedimentation, either on-site or on neighboring properties; and shall not increase rates of runoff from the site to the satisfaction of the City Engineer and Department of Public Works. Provision for attenuation of runoff pollutants and for ground water recharge shall be included in the proposal. The project shall comply with Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP's) Stormwater Management Standards, 310 CMR 10.00.

d. Health:
   1) Minimizes adverse air-quality impacts, noise, glare, and odors;
   2) Does not create a hazard to abutters, vehicles, or pedestrians; and
   3) Provides for appropriate handling and disposal of hazardous materials and transmissions.

e. Public services and utilities:
   1) Is served with adequate water supply, wastewater systems, and solid waste disposal systems;
   2) Is within the capacity of the City's infrastructure as defined by the water, sewer and Department of Public Works infrastructure;
   3) Includes measures to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, minimizing erosion and sedimentation, as well as measures to prevent changes in groundwater levels, increased run-off, and potential for flooding; and
   4) Demonstrates an effort to conserve energy and water.

f. Land use planning:
   1) Demonstrates consistency with the land-use goals of the municipal Master Land Use Plan.
   2) Open space and environmental protection:
   3) Minimizes adverse impacts to open space usage and retention and is integrated into the natural landscape. Minimizes adverse environmental impacts to such features as wetlands, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas and minimizes tree, vegetation, and soil removal, and grade changes; and
   4) Proposes a landscape design that favors native and drought-tolerant species and avoids invasive plants.

7. Decision

a. Specific Findings Required

Prior to granting approval or disapproval, the Planning Board shall make written findings with supporting documentation as specified below. Such findings shall pertain to the entire proposed development including any site plan or design modifications imposed by the Planning Board as a condition of its approval, and any off-site improvements proposed by the applicant or required by the Planning Board as a condition of its approval.

b. Approval

The Planning Board shall approve an application, based on its review of the projected development impacts and the proposed methods of mitigating such impacts, if said Planning Board finds that the proposed development is in conformance with this Ordinance, after considering whether the proposed development will comply, to the extent feasible, with the standards set forth herein

c. Disapproval

1) The Planning Board may reject a site plan that fails to furnish adequate information required by this Ordinance;
2) The Planning Board may reject a site plan where, although proper in form, the plan depicts a use or structure so intrusive on the needs of the public in one regulated aspect or another that rejection by the Planning Board would be tenable.

d. Expiration

A site plan review approval granted under this section shall lapse within two years, not including such time required to pursue or await the determination of an appeal as referred to in MGL, Chapter 40A §17, from the grant thereof, if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause, or in the case of a permit for construction, if construction was not begun by such date except for good cause.

8. Conditions, Limitations and Safeguards

In granting approval of an application the Planning Board may impose conditions, limitations and safeguards which shall be in writing and shall be a part of such approval. Such conditions may include, among other matters and subjects:

a. Controls on the location and type of access to the site;

b. Controls on the number of vehicles that arrive or depart during the morning and/or evening peak hours (including controls on the maximum number of vehicles which may use the off-street parking areas during said periods);

c. Requirements for off-site improvements up to a maximum value of six per cent (6%) of the total development cost of the proposed project to improve the capacity and safety of roads, intersections, pedestrian ways, water, sewer, drainage and other public facilities which are likely to be affected by the proposed development;

d. Requirements for donation and/or dedication of land for right-of-way to provide for future roadway and/or intersection widenings or improvements;

e. Requirements for securing the performance of all proposed work, including proposed off-site improvements, by any of the following methods as determined by the Planning Board: a performance bond, a deposit of money, or letter of credit in an amount determined by the Planning Board to be sufficient to cover the cost of all or any part of the improvements required as conditions of approval; or a covenant running with the land, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, whereby the required improvements shall be completed before the property may be conveyed by other than a mortgage deed.

f. Conditions to minimize off-site impacts on traffic and environmental quality during construction.

g. Requirements for reductions in the scale of the proposed development, including reductions in height, floor area, or lot coverage, provided, however, that any such reduction be limited to that which is reasonably necessary to reduce the level of impact of the proposed development to a level that will permit the Board to make the written findings required under Section VI.F.7.(a) herein.

h. Requirements for screening parking facilities from adjoining premises or from the street by walls, fences, plantings, or other devices to mitigate adverse impacts;

i. Conditions to mitigate adverse impacts to the neighborhood and abutters, including but not limited to adverse impacts caused by noise, dust, fumes, odors, lighting, headlight glare, hours of operation, or snow storage.

j. The applicant, when other than the owner(s), and the owner(s) of land will be responsible for mitigation measures or conditions which are required as part of a favorable decision for issuance of site plan approval.

9. Administration

a. The Planning Board shall establish and may periodically amend rules and regulations relating to the administration of this section, including additional regulations relating to the scope and format of reports required hereunder.

b. The Planning Board shall establish and may periodically amend a schedule of fees for all applications under this section. No application shall be considered complete unless accompanied by the required fees.

c. The Planning Board shall be responsible for deciding the meaning or intent of any provision of this section which may be unclear or in dispute.

d. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Planning Board with regard to Site Plan Review may appeal such decision to a court having jurisdiction, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 17.

e. No building permit shall be issued for, and no person shall undertake, any use, alteration or improvement subject to this section unless an application for site plan review and approval has been prepared for the Project in accordance with the requirements of this section, and unless such application has been approved by the Planning Board.

f. No occupancy permit shall be granted by the Building Commissioner until the Planning Board has given its approval that the Project and any associated off-site improvements conform to the approved application for site plan review and approval, including any conditions imposed by the Planning Board.

For purposes of this Section VI.F, the calculation of increase in floor area shall be based on the aggregate of all new structures, improvements, alterations or enlargements, calculated from the date of enactment of this section.

10. Change, Extension or Modification of a Site Plan Review Permit

Any change, extension, material corrections, additions, substitutions, alterations, or modification to a site plan review permit that is not deemed a minor field change by the Planning Board or its designee shall require a majority vote at a public meeting in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, Section 11.

G. VARIANCES

l. Limitation of Use Variances

A variance authorizing a use or activity not otherwise permitted in the district in which the land is located shall be prohibited in Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing Districts, Central Business (CB) Zoning District, Nobscot Village District (B-4), single residence and general residence districts, but may be allowed by the Board of Appeals in other zoning districts in accordance with G.L. c. 40A, §10 except as otherwise prohibited in Section II.C of these Zoning Ordinances.

A variance authorizing a Marijuana Retail Establishment outside of the Marijuana Retail Overlay Zoning District shall not be permitted by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Nor shall a variance for the locating of a Marijuana Cultivator and Marijuana Product Manufacture outside of the identified areas specified in Section II.B.6.C of these Ordinances.

2. Procedure for Variance

a. Application

Prior to the filing of a petition for a variance, the Applicant shall submit a building permit application and plans to the Building Commissioner who shall advise the applicant in writing as to the sections of these Zoning Ordinances with which the application and plans are not in compliance. The Applicant shall then file six copies of an appeal or petition for a variance with the City Clerk, who shall forthwith transmit copies of the application and accompanying plans to the ZBA, Planning Board, and Building Commissioner. The Planning Board may, within 2l days of the date of filing with the City Clerk, submit a report to the ZBA containing recommendations and reasons therefor to aid the ZBA in judging the application. The ZBA shall not hold a hearing or render a decision on any appeal or petition for a variance until said report has been received and considered or until the 2l-day period has expired, whichever is earlier. Failure of the Planning

Board to submit said report within the specified time period shall be deemed lack of opposition thereto.

Petitioning for a variance under the procedures of this Section and a subsequent approval of such variance by the ZBA does not supersede the requirement to obtain a special permit for Off-Street Parking, as applicable, under the procedures of Sections IV.A., IV.B., IV.C. and VI.E. of these Zoning Ordinances.

b. Hearings

The ZBA shall hold a hearing on said petition for a variance within 65 days of the date of filing with the City Clerk. Notice of such hearings shall be published by the ZBA as provided in chapter 40A and Section VI.C of these Zoning Ordinances.

c. Decisions

The decision of the ZBA shall be made within 100 days after the date of filing of any petition for a variance with the City Clerk. The concurring vote of all of the members of the Board shall be necessary to render a decision on any petition for a variance.

The Board shall make an audible audio tape recording of all its proceedings and deliberations. Such recordings shall be kept in the offices of the ZBA for a period of two years, and shall be made available to any person for listening or copying purposes during regular business hours in the offices of the ZBA.

The ZBA shall also keep a detailed written record of the proceedings as required by law, copies of which shall be filed within 14 days with the City Clerk, and notices of decisions sent to the appropriate persons as required in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40A, Section 15. Said notices shall set forth, the nature and vote of the decision, the reasons therefor, and any conditions and safeguards prescribed by the ZBA in said decision. Notice of the nature and vote of the decision shall also be published once by the ZBA in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, at the expense of the applicant, said publication to occur no more than twelve calendar days after the filing of the decision with the City Clerk. Said notices shall also be mailed to the City Councilor in the respective District in which the project is located in, and the two City Councilors At-Large.

d. Failure to Act

As provided in G.L. c. 40A, §15, the decision of the ZBA shall be made within one hundred days after the date of the filing of any petition for variance. The required time limit may be extended by written agreement between the applicant and the ZBA. A copy of such agreement shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Failure by the ZBA to act within said one hundred days or extended time, if applicable, shall be deemed to be the grant of the petition. The petitioner who seeks such approval by reason of the failure of the ZBA to act within the time prescribed shall notify the City Clerk, in writing, within fourteen days from the expiration of said one hundred days or extended time, if applicable, of such approval and that notice has been sent by the petitioner to parties in interest. The petitioner shall send such notice to parties in interest, by mail and each notice shall specify that appeals, if any, shall be made pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, §17 and shall be filed within twenty days after the date the City Clerk received such written notice from the petitioner that the board failed to act within the time prescribed.

3. Conditions of Issuance of Variances

The ZBA may authorize a departure from terms of this Ordinance, except as limited above, provided that each of the following conditions is met:

(1) There are circumstances relating to the soil conditions, shape, or topography of the land or structures for which the variance is being sought.

(2) Such circumstances especially affect such land or structures but do not affect generally the zoning district in which the land or structures are located.

(3) Owing to such circumstances, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this Ordinance would involve substantial hardship, financial or otherwise, to the petitioner or appellant.

(4) The desired relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the purpose and intent of this Ordinance or from the intent of the district in which the variance is being sought.

4. Variances in Floodplain Districts

a. The ZBA may grant a variance from Section III.A.3. e and f. (floodplain management regulations) in the following circumstances.

(1) A variance may be issued for new construction and substantial improvement to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing buildings constructed below the base flood level, in conformance with section 3 above and in conformance with sections b., c., and d. below.

(2) The granting of the variance shall not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, or extraordinary public expense; create nuisances; cause fraud on or victimization of the public; or conflict with state or local laws or ordinances.

(3) A variance may only be issued upon a determination that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.

(4) The ZBA shall notify the applicant in writing that the issuance of a variance to construct a building below the base flood level and/or lacking adequate floodproofing will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as $25 for $l00 of insurance coverage and that such construction increases risks to life and property.

b. A variance may be granted for construction on a lot that does not comply with section a.l. above, but only in extraordinary and exceptional circumstances. In such cases the ZBA should be aware that the Federal Insurance Administrator may review the findings justifying the granting of such variances, and if that review indicates a pattern **i**nconsistent with the objectives of sound flood plain management, the City's participation in the Flood Insurance Program may be jeopardized.

c. Variances may be issued by the ZBA for the reconstruction, rehabilitation, or restoration of buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or the State Inventory of Historic Places, without regard to the procedures set forth in this section.

d. Variances shall not be granted by the ZBA within any designated regulatory floodway under any circumstances.

5. Repetitive Petition

No petition for a variance which has been unfavorably and finally acted upon by the ZBA shall be reconsidered within two years after the date of final unfavorable action unless said Board finds specific and material changes in the conditions upon which the previous unfavorable action was based, subject to consent of four out of five members of the Planning Board, and only after notice is given to interested parties of the time and place of the proceedings when the question of such consent is considered.

H. SEVERABILITY

Should any section or provision of these Zoning Ordinances be decided by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of these Zoning Ordinances as a whole or in part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.

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SECTION VII.
DESCRIPTIONS OF BOUNDARIES OF ZONING DISTRICTS

INCORPORATION OF THE ZONING MAP

A. INCORPORATION OF THE ZONING MAP

The boundaries of the zoning districts are hereby established as shown on the Map which accompanies, and is hereby declared to be part of these Zoning Ordinances. Descriptions of boundaries of Zoning Districts are filed in the City Engineering Office.

EXPLANATORY NOTES REGARDING ZONING MAP

The official City of Framingham Zoning Map of the City, shall be prepared by the City Engineer's office. The Zoning Map shall include all amendments made to the map by City Council and dated to reflect such amendments.

In accordance with Section II.A., "CLASSES OF DISTRICTS", the map symbols have been correlated with their corresponding districts as follows:

DISTRICTS	MAP SYMBOLS
RESIDENCE DISTRICTS:	
Single Residence	**R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4**
General Residence	**G**
Geriatric Care/Elderly Housing	**G-E**
BUSINESS DISTRICTS	
Neighborhood Business	**B-1**
Community Business	**B-2**
General Business	**B-3**
Nobscot Village	**B-4**
Business	**B**
Central Business	**CB**
Office and Professional District	**P**
Open Space and Recreation District	**OSR**
Planned Reuse District	**PRD**
INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS	
Light Manufacturing	**M-1**
General Manufacturing	**M**
Technology Park	**TP**
Corporate Mixed-use	**CMU**
OVERLAY DISTRICTS:	
Planned Unit Development	**(PUD)**
Highway Corridor	**(HC)**
Regional Center	**(RC)**
Adult Use	**(AU)**
Floodplain	**See FIRM & Floodway Maps (FEMA)**
Groundwater Protection	**(GP)**
Solar Overlay	**(SOL)**
Marijuana Retail Establishment	**(MRE)**

Area districts designating lots sizes in the community are shown on the Zoning map by the symbols in accordance with the following correlation.

MAP SYMBOL	MINIMUM LOT SIZE
R-4	43,560 square feet
R-3	20,000 square feet
R-2	12,000 square feet
R-1	8,000 square feet
G	8,000 square feet

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APPENDIX 1 - LAWS AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING LAND USE

Land use in the City of Framingham is subject to regulation under various state and local laws, ordinances, and by-laws. In addition to the Zoning Ordinance (and its statutory authority, "THE ZONING ACT", Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws), these laws, ordinances, and by-laws include the following:

1. **Subdivision of land** is regulated under Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 41, Sections 81K - 81GG ("THE SUBDIVISION CONTROL LAW"), and the Framingham Planning Board's "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN FRAMINGHAM", adopted pursuant to Ch. 41. The "RULES AND REGULATIONS" set forth standards for the construction of streets and municipal services and ensuring sanitary conditions in subdivisions.

2. **Development in wetlands** is regulated under Section 18. "Framingham Wetlands Protection Ordinance" of Article V. "Health and Safety" of the CITY OF FRAMINGHAM GENERAL ORDINANCES (*see APPENDIX 8 of these Zoning Ordinances*) and the State Wetlands Protection Act, M.G.L. Ch. 131, Sec. 10, administered by the Framingham Conservation Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management. The Framingham Wetlands Protection Ordinance and the Wetlands Protection Act provide for public review of proposed projects which involve construction or other alterations of land in or near wetlands or other land which is subject to periodic flooding.

3. **"Nuisances"**, or specific conditions constituting a hazard or blight, may be regulated under Section 22 "Nuisance Ordinance" of Article V "Health and Safety" of the CITY OF FRAMINGHAM GENERAL ORDINANCES (*see APPENDIX 2 of these Zoning Ordinances*), adopted pursuant to the general powers granted to cities and towns by Article 89 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution and the specific powers granted by M.G.L. Ch. 139, Sec. 1 - 3A. Under this Ordinance, the Building Commissioner shall investigate reported nuisances, and where present, shall give notice to the owner and occupant to cease the nuisance. The Building Commissioner shall enforce this Ordinance via a court complaint, a fine, or other action as is necessary to enforce the provisions of the Nuisance Ordinance.

4. **Signs** are regulated under Section 1 "Sign Ordinance" of Article VII. "Signs and Districts" of the CITY OF FRAMINGHAM GENERAL ORDINANCE (*see APPENDIX 3 of these Zoning Ordinances*), adopted pursuant to M.G.L. Chapters 93 and 43B. The Sign Ordinance is enforced by the Building Commissioner.

5. **Off-street parking** is regulated by the Zoning Ordinances (Sec. IV.A and IV.B.) and the Town's handicapped parking ordinance (*see APPENDIX 4 of these Zoning Ordinances*). Both sets of regulations set forth similar standards with respect to handicapped parking: the principal difference is that whereas the Building Commissioner is responsible for enforcement of the Zoning Ordinances, the Police Department is responsible for enforcement of the Handicapped Parking Ordinances. Handicapped parking in the City of Framingham is also governed by the standards of the "Americans with Disabilities Act" and the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board.

6. **Preservation of Historic or Architecturally Significant Buildings** is governed by Section 17A. "Demolition Delay Ordinance for Historic or Architecturally Significant Buildings" of Article V. "Health and Safety" of the CITY OF FRAMINGHAM ORDINANCES (*see APPENDIX 9 of these Zoning Ordinances*).

7. **Permits for Access to Public Ways** are regulated under Section 8 "Public Way Access Permits" of Article VI. "Roads, Highways, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer" of the CITY OF FRAMINGHAM ORDINANCES (*see APPENDIX 10 of these Zoning Ordinances*).

8. **Scenic Roads** are regulated under Section 10. "Administration of the Scenic Road Act" of Article VI. "Roads, Highways, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer" of the CITY OF FRAMINGHAM GENERAL ORDINANCES (*see APPENDIX 11 of these Zoning Ordinance*) and the Scenic Road Act, M.G.L. Ch. 40, Sec. 15C, administered by the Framingham Planning Board. These regulations provide for public review of proposed projects which involve the cutting or removal of trees, or the tearing down or destruction of stone walls within the boundaries of roads designated as scenic road by the City.

In addition to the above laws, ordinances, and regulations, other regulations and standards such as historic district controls, utility permit requirements, and the City of Framingham Department of Public Works' "Construction Standards" may apply to specific cases.

APPENDIX 2 - NUISANCE ORDINANCE

City of Framingham Ordinances, Article V. "Health and Safety"

Section 22 Nuisance Ordinance

The Framingham Nuisance Ordinance can be found under Article V, Section 22 of the Framingham General Ordinances.

APPENDIX 3 – SIGN ORDINANCE

City of Framingham General Ordinances, Article VII. "Signs and Districts"
Section 1 Sign Ordinance

Framingham sign regulations can be found under Article VII., Section 1 of the Framingham General Ordinances. Sign regulations regarding to Shoppers World can be found within the Planning Board Rules and Regulations.

APPENDIX 4 -DISABLED PARKING

City of Framingham General Ordinances, Article V. "Health and Safety"
Section 9 Disabled Parking

Information regarding to the Disabled Parking regulations can be found under Article V, Section 9 of the Framingham General Ordinances.

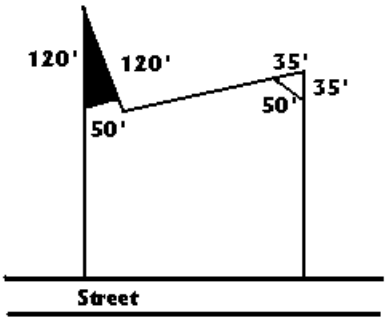
APPENDIX 5 - SIGN AND ZONING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

City of Framingham General Ordinances, Article VII. "Signs and Districts"
Section 3 Sign and Zoning Ordinance Violations

Regulations regarding Sign and Zoning Ordinance. Violations can be found within Article VII, Section 3 of the Framingham General Ordinances.

APPENDIX 6 – ILLUSTRATION OF DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS

Framingham Zoning Ordinances, Section IV.E.3.c. Irregularly-Shaped Lots



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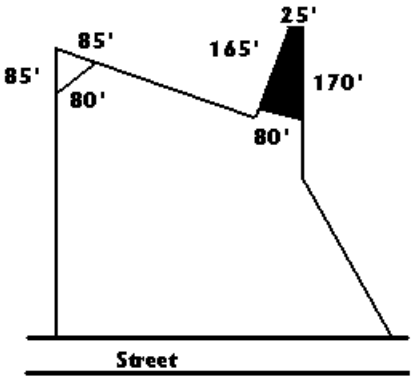


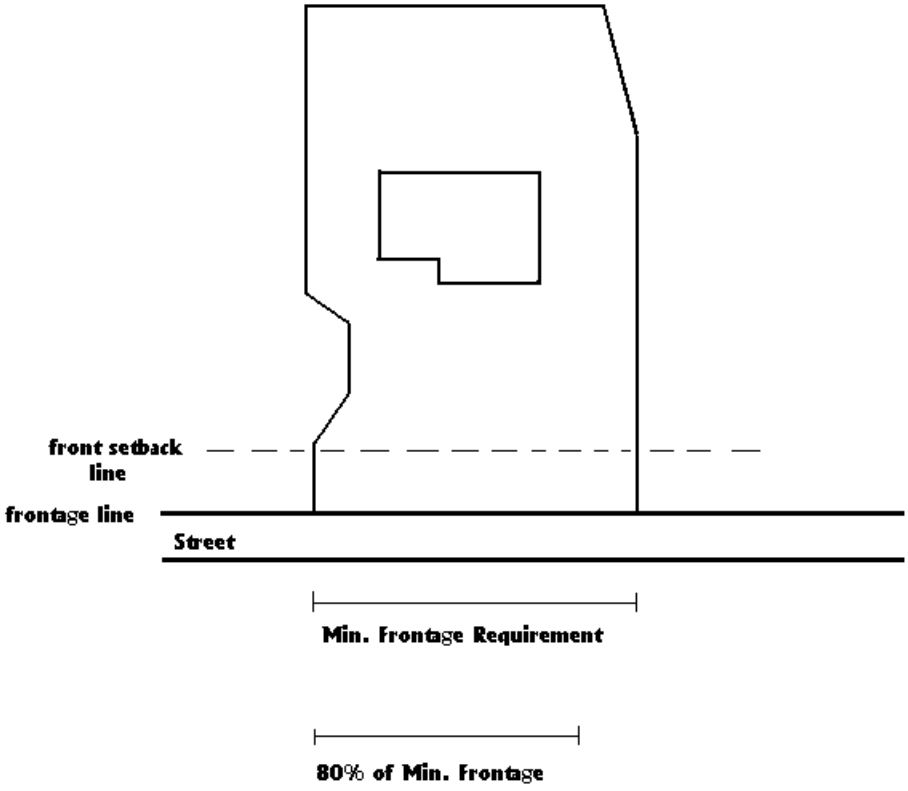
Where Minimum Lot Area requirement is 20,000 s.f. or more, shaded area would be excluded from computation of Minimum Lot Area, as 165' + 25' + 170' is more than 240'.

Framingham Zoning Ordinances, Section IV.E.4.a. Lot Frontage Requirement

Minimum Lot Frontage as specified in Section IV.G.2. required at the frontage line

and
Framingham Zoning Ordinances, Section IV.E.4.b. Lot Width Requirement

Lot width not less than 80% of required Minimum Lot Frontage
from frontage through any point of building
and
Minimum lot width shall be equal to the Minimum Lot Frontage requirement
from the lot frontage to the front setback line
and again where any line passes through a principal building on a lot.



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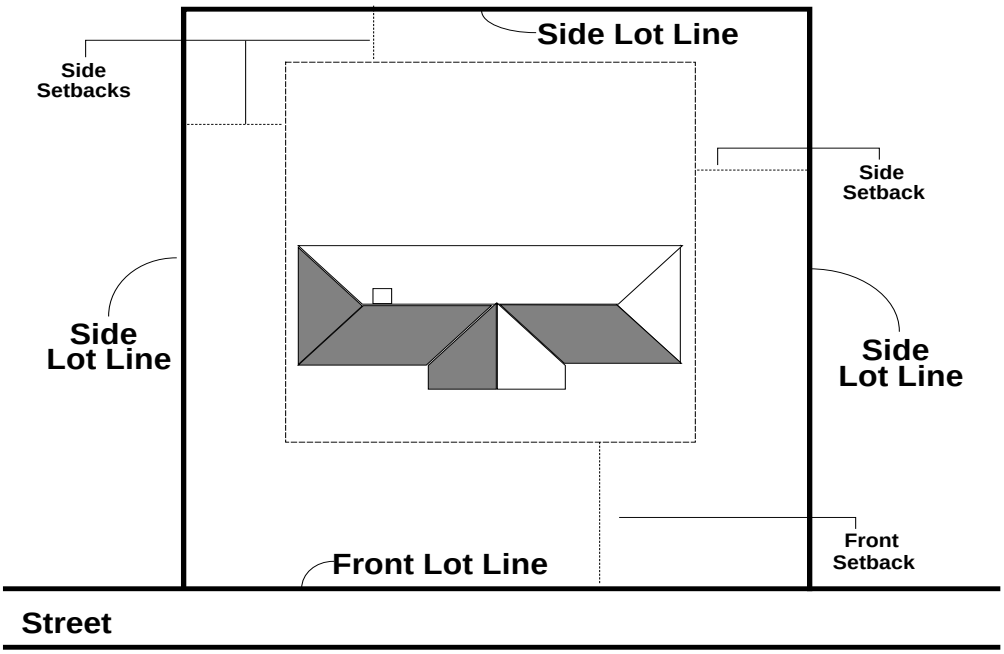
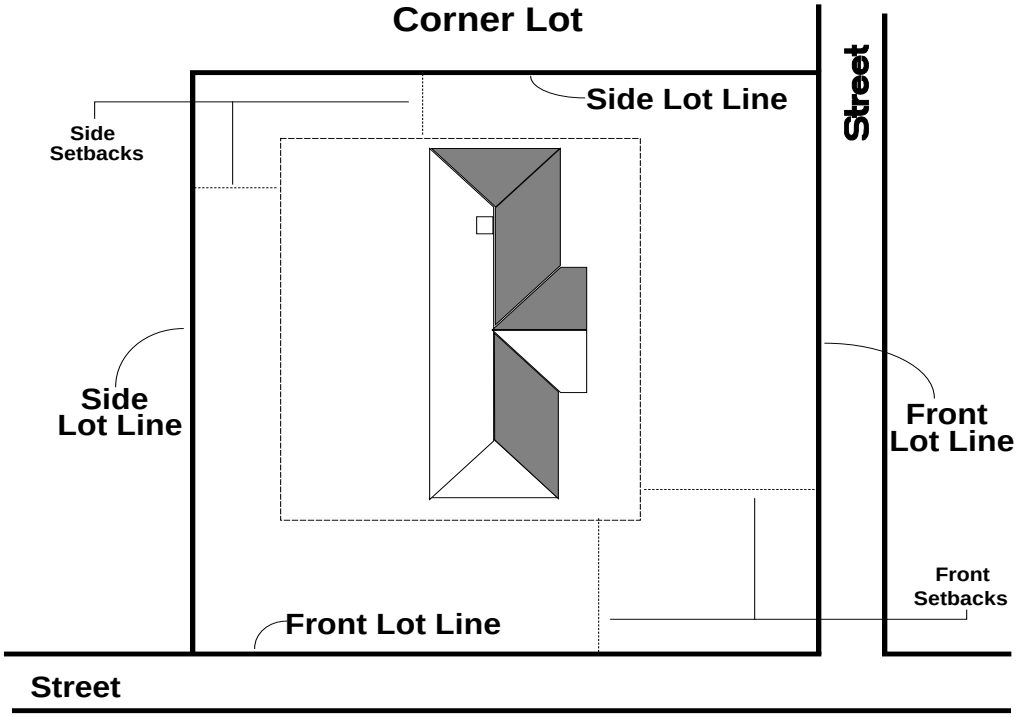
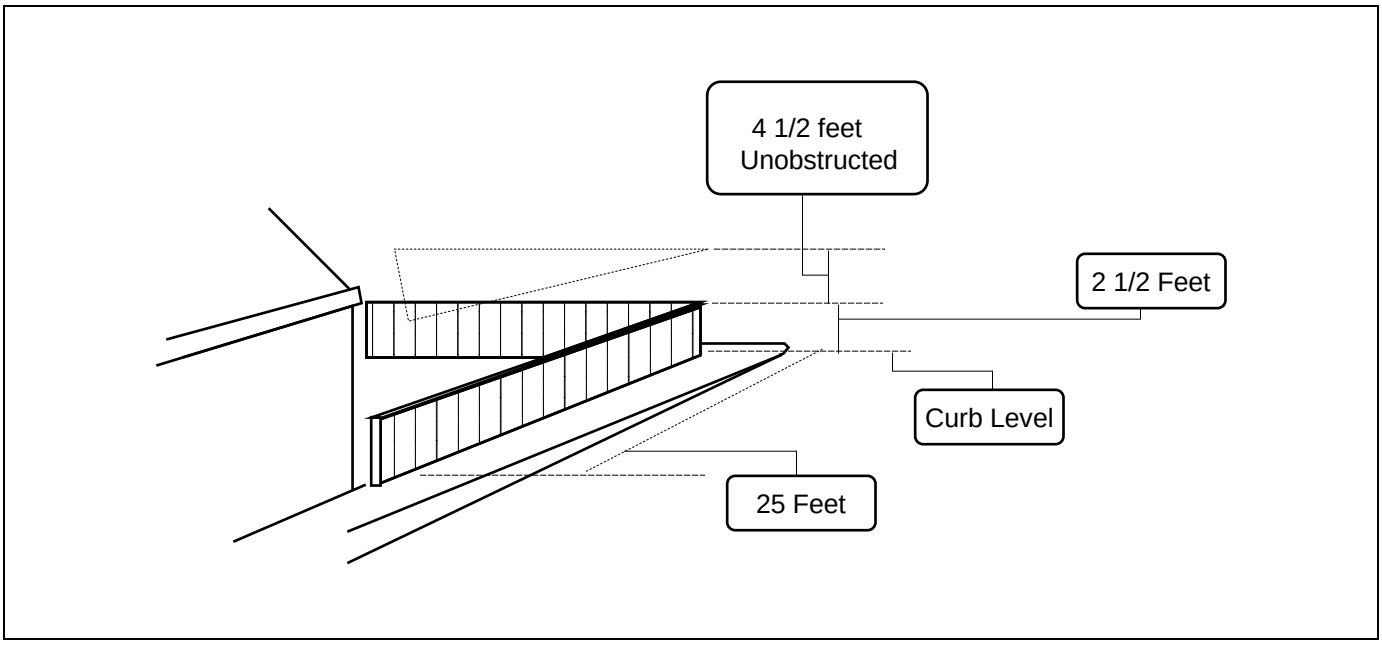
Front and Side Setbacks





Framingham Zoning Ordinances, Section IV.E.5.c.
Corner Clearance



APPENDIX 7 - LEVEL OF SERVICE (LOS)

In Section VI.F. of the Zoning Ordinances (Site Plan Review) the standard set forth for traffic impacts is based on the concept of "*level of service*" ("LOS"). Level of service is a qualitative measure of the operating condition of a transportation facility, such as an intersection or highway link, at specific traffic volumes. It is divided into six classes described as follows:

LOS	OPERATING CONDITIONS
A	Free flow, low volume, high operating speed, high maneuverability.
B	Stable flow, moderate volume; speed somewhat restricted by traffic conditions, high maneuverability.
C	Stable flow, high volume; speed and maneuverability determined by traffic conditions.
D	Unstable flow, high volumes, tolerable but fluctuating operating speed and maneuverability.
E	Unstable flow, high volumes approaching roadway capacity, limited speed, intermittent vehicle queuing.
F	Forced flow, volumes lower than capacity due to very low speeds. Heavy queuing of vehicles, frequent stoppages.

[**Source**: "Quick-Response Urban Travel Estimation Techniques and Transferable Parameters: User's Guide", National Cooperative Highway Research Program Report 187, Transportation Research Board, National Research Council, 1978]

LOS is determined differently for highways, signalized intersections, and unsignalized intersections. Capacity and level of service of signalized intersections are determined using a procedure known as Critical Movement Analysis. In this method, LOS is determined by vehicle delay and "volume/capacity (V/C) ratio", which is the sum of "critical volumes" for the intersection divided by the theoretical capacity of the intersection. The following table summarizes the delay and V/C values for signalized intersections:

Level of Service	Typical V/C Ratio	Delay Range (sec/vehicle)
A	.00-0.60	0.0-16.0
B	.61-0.70	6.1-22.0
C	.71-0.80	22.1-28.0
D	0.81-0.90	28.1-35.0
E	0.91-1.00	35.1-40.0
F	varies	40.1 or greater

[**Source**: "Interim Materials on Highway Capacity", Transportation Research Circular No. 212, Transportation Research Board, National Academy of Sciences, January 1980, pp. 5 - 12.]

APPENDIX 8 - FRAMINGHAM WETLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE

City of Framingham General Ordinances, Article V. "Health and Safety"
Section 18 Framingham Wetlands Protection Ordinance

Information regarding the Framingham Wetlands Protection Ordinance can be found under Article V, Section 18 of the Framingham General Ordinances

APPENDIX 9 - DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE: HISTORIC DISTRICTS

City of Framingham General Ordinances, Article V. "Health and Safety" Section 17A. Demolition Delay Ordinance for Historically or Architecturally Significant Buildings in the City of Framingham, MA.

Information regarding the Demolition Delay Ordinance can be found under Article V, Section 17A of the Framingham General Ordinances.

City of Framingham By-Laws, Article VII. "Signs and Districts"

Section 5. Historic Districts

Information related to the Framingham Historic Districts can be found under Article VII., Section 5 of the Framingham General Ordinances.

APPENDIX 10 - PUBLIC WAY ACCESS PERMITS

City of Framingham General Ordinances,
Article VI. "Roads, Highway, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer"
Section 8 Public Way Access Permits

Information regarding the Public Way Access Permit can be found under Article VI, Section 8 of the Framingham General Ordinances.

APPENDIX 11 – ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCENIC ROAD ACT

City of Framingham General Ordinances,
Article VI. "Roads, Highway, Bridges, Rubbish Disposal, Water and Sewer"
Section 10 Administration of the Scenic Road Act

Information regarding the Scenic Roadway Modification can be found under Article VI, Section 10 of the Framingham General Ordinances.

CITY OF FRAMINGHAM
ZONING ORDINANCES

SECTION IX.
REVIEW OF MARIJUANA RETAIL ESTABLISHMENT OVERLAY DISTRICTS

Review of Marijuana Retail Establishment Overlay District

The City Council shall cause a review of the Marijuana Retail Overlay Zoning District, which shall commence by July 1, 2020 and conclude by December 31, 2020.

CITY OF FRAMINGHAM
ZONING ORDINANCES

AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCES

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The Framingham Zoning By-Law was originally adopted on March 15, 1939. In 2018, the City Charter required all zoning by-laws to be converted to ordinances, and in August of 2019, the Framingham Zoning Ordinances were put into place by the Mayor of Framingham. This current edition of the Zoning Ordinances includes all amendments to the original version that have been adopted by Mayor of Framingham through August 1, 2019. A listing of all By-Law and Ordinance amendments adopted since April 21, 1982, is provided below:

> ☞**NOTE**: The Table of Contents, page headings, "Explanatory Notes Regarding Zoning Map", and the Appendices are included for convenience of reference only and are not part of the Zoning Ordinances.

AMENDMENTS UNDER THE CITY FORM OF GOVERNMENT

OCTOBER 3, 2023

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance – Accessory Dwelling Unit.**
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, Section I.E Definitions, to add a new definition, Accessory Dwelling Unit.
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, Section II.B Table of Uses, to create new use, 2.I, Accessory Dwelling Unit.
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance to create a new Section II.G.2, Accessory Dwelling Units.

JANUARY 17, 2023

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance – Increase Affordable and Workforce Housing Requirements and Revise Central Business Parking Regulations.**
  - Amend Section V. Special Regulations relative to an increase in affordable and workforce housing requirements to 13% – amend Sections V.G.3.d.; V.H. 3.a, V.L.3.b.ii; add new section V.K.3.f; to amend the increase to reflect a combined workforce and AHU requirement to 13% of which 1% increase be applied to Affordable Housing units and 2% increase be applied to workforce housing units found in Special Regulations Section V.H., V.K., and V.I. and further to add and increase workforce housing requirements in the Special Regulations section V.H., V.K, and V.I.; Further to amend by deleting Section V.I. 6.d. Payment-in-lieu in its entirety; Further to amend the dimensional regulation Chart Section IV.E.2 to amend the minimum side setback to read "minimum rear/side setback" to provide clarity to the setback regulations that currently are omitted; add the definition of "Affordable Housing Units (AHU)" to Section I.E. definition section of zoning ordinance, to be inserted after "Adult Video Store" and before "Agriculture and/or Farm." Further, to exclude Nobscot Zoning District from these amendments.
  - Amend Section II.I.5.a.1.i to increase the minimum parking spaces per unit requirement in the Central Business District.

DECEMBER 22, 2021

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance- Corporate Mixed Use (CMU) Add Assisted Living as a Special Permitted Use**
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, Section II.B Table of Uses to allow for Assisted Living to be allowed as a Special Permitted Use by the Planning Board as well other amendments to the Table of Uses and Section V.A Assisted and Congregate Living Housing.

DECEMBER 17, 2021

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance- Restaurant Outdoor Dining Regulations**
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance to create Section II.G 1. Restaurant Outdoor Dining Regulations and other associated amendments to provide permanent regulations for restaurant ourdoor dining.

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance- Minor Changes to Ordinance (Bylaw -> Ordinance)**

- Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, Section I.E Definitions whereas reference to "by-law" should be changed to "ordinance" within the definition of Preservation Area. Amend Section II. Use Regulations whereas reference to "by-law" should be changed to "ordinance" under Footnotes 13 and 14.

MAY 7, 2021

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance- Stormwater Management Ordinance**
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, Section I.E Definitions to include additional language to Best Management Practice (BMP) and add defintions for: Massachusetts Stormwater Management Standards; Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) or Drainage System; National Polutant Discharge Elimination Ststem (MPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit; and Land Distrubance and Stormwater Management Regulations (LDSM) and additional amendments to Section V.F Land Distrubance and Stormwater Management.

NOVEMBER 13, 2020

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance- Historic Re-Use**
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, Section V. Special Regulations. B. Historic Re-Use by amending B.1 Purpose & Intent by adding new language and deleting former sections Section V.B. 1.c, 1.e, and 1.f. Amend language in Section V.B.2.a.i and rereference historic reuse to a "minimum of 75 years" as a threshold for historic significance. Amend language in Sections V.B.2.a.iii, B.2.b.i.c, added language to B.3.a.iii in regard to "limited to 75% of the square footage of the footprint of the existing structure. Alterations, infill, and/or additions shall be", & added language to clarify in B.2.b.iv to clarify screening of mechanical equipment. Section 4 no longer listed as "Findings and Conditions of Approval", new heading will be "Historic Reuse Provisions". Added to procedure for waiver new language stating "no waiver shall be allowed to be granted to remove or modify..the architectural conditions imposed..by the Historical Commission".

SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance- A Temporary Moratorium on New Construction and New Applications for Multi-Family Dwellings within the City of Framingham (Expired September 2021)**
  - Add Section I.F in Framingham Zoning Ordinances a temporary moratorium on new construction and new applications for multi-family dwellings. The purpose of this temporary moratorium is to allow for a reasonable time period to pause new construction of multi-family developments in consideration of the 1,410 new units that have been permitted since August 4, 2016 to February 27, 2020, with 876 being permitted in the Central Business District. This moratorium shall cease all new construction and new applications blanketing those uses defined as multi-family developments in all districts in which multi-family uses are permitted by right and by special permit.

JULY 23, 2019

- **Amendments to the Framingham Zoning Map – Establishment of the Nobscot Village (B-4) Zoning District –** Amend the Framingham Zoning Map by deleting the existing Community Business (B-2) at the intersection of Water Street/Edgell Road/Edmands Road and replacing it with the Nobscot Village (B-4) Zoning District, in addition to changing the zoning of 747 Water Street from Single Family (R-3) Residential to Nobscot Village (B-4) Zoning District.
- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance**
  - Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance by adding new definitions to Section I.E Definitions as presented; amend Section II.A.2.c, adding a new Section II.A.2.d, and renumbering Section II.A.2, as amended through written public comments received on July 16, 2019; add a new column to Section II.B Table of Uses, as presents; to add a new Section II.K Nobscot Village District, as amended through written public comments received on July 16, 2019; amend Section IV.E.2. Table of Dimensional Regulations as add a new row for B-4, with the addition of four new footnotes, as amended through written public comments received on July 16, 2019; and amend Section VI.G.1 Limitation of Use Variances.

MAY 21, 2019

- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance**

- Amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance, which includes the addition of new definitions relative to the Adult Housing Ordinance to Section I.E. Definitions; amend Section V.H.4.i; add a new subsection Section V.H.4.ii relative to Active Adult Housing; delete Section V.I Active Adult Housing; and add a new Section V.I Adult Housing.

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

On October 25, 2018, the Framingham Planning Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend favorable action to the City Council relative to the proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law/Ordinance and the Framingham Zoning Map. On December 18, 2018, the Framingham City Council voted to adopt the proposed CMU Ordinance and Zoning Map changes with amendments. On February 7, 2019, Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer signed into order the CMU Ordinance and the amendments to the Framingham Zoning Map.

- **Amendments to the Framingham Zoning Map – Establishment of a Corporate Mixed-use (CMU) Zoning District** establishment of a new zoning district known as the Corporate Mixed-use Zoning District, deletion of the Highway Corridor (HC) Overlay District from the Exit 12 MassTurnPike Interchange to the Southborough municipal line along Route 9/Worcester Road.
- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance**
  - **Amendment to Section II.A.9.a Use Regulations, Classes of Districts –** The addition of a new Section II.A.9.a to the Framingham Zoning Ordinances that provides a description of the CMU.
  - **Amendment to Section II.B Table of Uses –** The addition of a new column to the Table of Uses that identifies what uses are and are not allowed in the CMU, in addition to a new footnote "h".
  - **Addition of a new Section II.J Corporate Mixed-use (CMU) Zoning District –** The addition of a new Section II.J that includes the regulations and requirements for development and redevelopment projects in the CMU.
  - **Amendments to Section IV.E Table of Dimensional Regulations –** The addition of a new row to the Table of Dimensional Regulations that outlines the allowed or required dimensional regulations for development and/or redevelopment projects in the CMU.

OCTOBER 5, 2018

- **Establishment of an Overlay District for Marijuana Retail Establishments –** Establishment of an overlay district for Marijuana Retail Establishments.
- **Framingham Zoning Ordinance**
  - **New Footnote 12 –** Limits Marijuana Retail Establishments to the Marijuana Retail Establishment Overlay District.
  - **New Footnote 13 –** Views Marijuana Independent Testing Laboratory the same as Research, Development & Laboratories relative to allowed locations and shall be regulated in the same manner.
  - **New Footnote 14 -** Views Marijuana Cultivator and Marijuana Product Manufacturer the same as Processing, assembly, and manufacturing relative to allowed locations and shall be regulated in the same manner.
  - **New Footnote 15 –** Allows for Marijuana Cultivator and Marijuana Product Manufacture to located on a parcel of land within the Single Family Residential (R-4) Zoning District, with a 100' lot line setback, a minimum of the 25' wide buffer and 60' buffer around the use. Such parcel must be over 15 acres and engaged in Farming or agriculture in accordance with the M.G.L c. 128, Section 1A.
  - **Amend Section VI.F.2.a –** Requires Marijuana Retailers, Marijuana Cultivators, and Marijuana Product Manufacturers to undergo Minor Site Plan Review, which includes review by the Technical Review Team (TRT) and the Planning Board.
  - **Amend Section VI.G.1 –** Prohibits the granting of a use variance for Marijuana Retail Establishments outside of the Marijuana Retail Establishment Overlay District. Additionally, this addition prohibits the granting of a use variance for Marijuana Cultivator and Marijuana Product Manufacture.
  - **New Section IX –** New section that requires the City Council to conduct a review of the Marijuana Retail Overlay District, which shall commence by July 1, 2020 and conclude by December 21, 2020

JUNE 5, 2018

- **Moratorium for Adult Use Marijuana and Section I.E Definition** amend the Framingham Zoning Ordinance by adding a new Section I.F Temporary Moratorium for Marijuana Establishments, in addition to adding new definitions to Section I.E associated with Section I.F (Craft Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana

Independent Testing Laboratory, Marijuana Cultivator, Marijuana Establishment, Marijuana Product Manufacturer, Marijuana Retailer).

AMENDMENTS UNDER THE TOWN FORM OF GOVERNMENT

FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 18, 2016

Article 27: Amendments and Modifications to Various sections of Framingham Zoning By-Law for Purposes of Clarification, Consistency related to the recodification process of the Framingham Zoning By-Law - amend the Framingham Zoning By-Law, with deleted, changed, or amended items in "red-line" format (new text is underlined and deleted text is stricken through) by: (1) adding new language and modifying existing language in Section I.D.8; (2) amending existing sections of Section I.E. Definitions related to consistency and clarification; (3) amending the citations in Section II.D for consistency; (4) renumbering Section II.I.; (5) amending Section IV.B.2, IV.B.3.c, IV.B.4.b. IV.B.5.a for clarification, consistency, and renumbering; (6) adding a new section IV.B.5.b related to parking structures; (7) amending Section IV.E.2 Table of Dimensional Regulations related to clarification, consistency, and Building Height clarification; (8) amending Section V.J.4 for spelling; (9) amending Section V.L.1.e and V.M.1.f for consistency; (10) amending Section V.L.2.b.i and V.M.2.b.i for clarification; and (11) amending Appendices 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11 by deleting dated language and replace with a reference directing to the Framingham General By-Laws

Article 30: Amend the Framingham Zoning By-law – Special Permit for Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management - amend the Framingham Zoning By-Law by: (1) adding new definitions to Section I.E. related to the Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management By-Law; and (2) further deleting the existing Section V.F. Land Disturbance By-Law and replacing it with a new Section V.F. Land Disturbance and Stormwater Management By-Law

Article 31: Amend the Framingham Zoning By-law – Section V.B Historic Reuse - amend the Framingham Zoning By-Law by deleting the existing Section V.B. Historic Reuse By-Law and replacing it with a new Section V.B. Historic Reuse By-Law

Article 32: Amend the Framingham Zoning By-law – Section VI.E Special Permit - amend the Framingham Zoning By-Law by deleting the existing Section VI.E., Special Permits By-Law and replacing it with a new Section VI.E., Special Permits By-Law

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 27
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/25/2016
Approval by Attorney General 10/03/2017

Article 30
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/25/2016
Approval by Attorney General 10/03/2017

Article 31
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/26/2016
Approval by Attorney General 05/10/2017

Article 32
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/26/2016
Approval by Attorney General 05/10/2017

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 26, 2016

Article 27: Affordable/Inclusionary Housing By-Law - amend the Framingham Zoning By-Law by deleting the existing Section V.H. Affordable Housing and replacing it with a new Section V.H. Inclusionary Housing By-Law

Article 28: Amendments and Modifications to Various sections of Framingham Zoning By-Law for Purposes of Clarification, Consistency related to the recodification process of the Framingham Zoning By-Law - amend the Framingham Zoning By-Law by: amending existing sections of Section I.E. related to consistency and clarification; deleting the definition of Limited Manufacturing from Section I.E. Definitions; adding a definition for Master Plan (Master Land Use Plan) to Section I.E. Definitions; amending the citations in Section II.I.4 and II.I.6; deleting Section II.I.7 from the Central Business District section; amending Section VI.E.2.e; and inserting a new Section VI.F.10.

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 27
Adoption by Town Meeting 04/26/2016
Approval by Attorney General 09/08/2016

Article 28
Adoption by Town Meeting 04/26/2016

Approval by Attorney General 09/08/2016

FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 20, 2015

Article 10: Central Business (CD) Zoning By-law amendments - amend the Framingham Zoning By-law by adding new definitions to Section I.E. Definitions, amend the Central Business (CB) District Purpose in Section II.A.2.d Central Business (CB) District, amend the Table of Uses related to the Central Business (CB) District in Section II.B and to further amend the Table of Uses by adding new Use Categories, add a new Section II.I Central Business (CB) District, amend the Dimensional Regulations related to the Central Business (CB) District in Section IV.E., amend Section VI.F Site Plan Review to include new specific Central Business (CB) District review process for project review, amend Section VI.G Variances to include the Central Business (CB) District, delete Section IV.E.9 in its entirety, and to further amend Sections IV.B.7.a., IV.E.5.d., IV.E.6.d., and IV.E.7.d.2. by deleting references to the Central Business (CB) Zoning District

Article 11: Amendment to the Framingham Zoning Map – amend the Framingham Zoning Map by expanding the Central Business (CB) Zoning District

Article 12: Recodification of the Zoning By-Law - amend Sections I.A, Authority; I.B Purpose; I.C Basic Requirements; I.E, Definitions; II.A, Classes of Districts; II.B, Table of Uses; II.C, Prohibited Uses; II.D, Home Occupations; IV Dimensional Regulations (Off-street Parking Regulations); V.A, Special Uses; and II.J, Drive-thru Facility Regulations, and amending the By-law for clarification and consistency with the above changes

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 10
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/20/2015
Approval by Attorney General 02/03/2016

Article 11
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/20/2015
Approval by Attorney General 02/03/2016

Article 12
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/20/2015
Approval by Attorney General 02/03/2016

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 28, 2015

Article 30: Recodification of the Zoning By-law: Amend Sections I.E, Definitions; II.A, Classes of Districts; II.B, Table of Uses; II.C, Prohibited Uses; II.F, Technology Park District; II.G, Accessory Uses, II.H, Trailers; III.E, Commercial Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Energy Installations Overlay District; IV Dimensional Regulations; delete Section V.F, Open Space Residential Development in its entirety; Amend VI.F, Site Plan Review; re-positioning, re-captioning and re-numbering Section V.L, Land Disturbance, to Section V.F, and Section V.N Open Space Cluster Development to Section V.L, and making amendments to those sections and the Table of Contents accordingly; amending the following sections: Section II.E.3.b, Planned Re-use; Section III.B.10.b.(5) Planned Unit Development District; Section III.E.5.g.(3) Highway Overlay District Regulations; Section V.B.5.c Historic Re-use

(5) Section V.C.7 Automatic Carwash and/or Self-Service Carwash
(6) Section V.G.3.f Mixed Use Regulations
(7) Section V.I.12.b Active Adult Housing
(8) Section V.M.2.b(i) Agricultural Preservation Development
(9) Section VI.D.2 Zoning Board of Appeals
(10) Section VII.A Incorporation of the Zoning Map

Article 31: Transfer of Development Rights - amend the Framingham Zoning By-law by adding new definitions to Section I.E. Definitions related to the Transfer of Development (TDR) By-law and further amending the Framingham Zoning By-law by adding a new Section V.O. Transfer of Development Rights By-law

Article 32: Amendment of the Framingham Zoning Map, rezoning of the Framingham Centre - amend the Framingham Zoning Map by rezoning the following parcels: 3, 7 and 9 Vernon Street, 8 and 12 Library Street and abutting said lots to the center line of Library Street, Oak Street, and Vernon Street from Office and Professional (P) Zoning District and Business (B) Zoning District to Neighborhood Business (B-1) Zoning District, furthermore rezone parcel 18 Edgell Road from Single Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District to Single Family Residential (R-3) Zoning District

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 30
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/12/2015
Approval by Attorney General 09/14/2015
Article 31
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/12/2015
Approval by Attorney General 09/14/2015
Article 32
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/12/2015
Approval by Attorney General 09/14/2015

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 21, 2015

Article 8: Recodification of the Zoning By-Law - amend the Framingham Zoning By-law by (a) re-organizing, re-positioning, re-captioning and re-numbering portions of the Zoning By-law; (b) deleting existing Sections III.A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and I, re-positioning some portions of those Sections and adding a Table of Uses and additional definitions in place of the remaining deleted portions of those Sections; (c) correcting spelling and typographical errors; (d) making revisions to Section I.D of the Zoning By-law to bring it into conformance with current law and re-organize it; (e) eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions such as multiple severability and enforcement clauses; (f) changing the recitation of numbers to eliminate numbers in parentheses that are already spelled out; (g) eliminating or updating outdated statutory or other references; (h) deleting provisions that repeat provisions of state law; (i) revising, re-organizing and clarifying the administrative provisions; and (j) making other amendments for clarification and consistency; as set forth in the proposed amended Framingham Zoning By-law dated August 2014, which shows portions of the Zoning By-law that have been changed or amended in "red-line" format, with deleted sections struck through (other than Sections III.A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and I as noted above), on file in the offices of the Planning Board and Town Clerk; the proposed amended Zoning By-law is also posted on the Town of Framingham website; "comments" that are included in the proposed amended Zoning By-law are not part of the proposed Zoning By-law amendments and are solely for informational purposes; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.
Article 9: amend Section IV.G.3.e. of the Framingham Zoning By-law by replacing the existing words "of the lot" and "twenty percent" with the words "of the entire lot prior to subdivision of the land into individual parcels" and "fifteen percent" and also adding "Contours shall be at 2 foot intervals based on the most recent National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NVGD). Plans shall note the collection source of the contour data. Final slope shall be reviewed and confirmed by the Town Engineer and/or by the Town's professional consultant."

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 8
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/22/2014
Approval by Attorney General 01/26/2015
Article 9
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/22/2014
Approval by Attorney General 01/26/2015

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 29, 2014

§III.H.	Floodplain Districts (edited)	approved under Article 44
§IV.G.5.b.	Setback Regulations – Projections and Setbacks (edited)	approved under Article 43
§IV.S.	SR - Agriculture Preservation Development (new section)	approved under Article 26
§IV.T.	SR – Open Space Cluster Development (new section)	approved under Article 27

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 44
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/20/2014
Approval by Attorney General 06/24/2014
Article 43
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/20/2014
Approval by Attorney General 06/24/2014
Article 26
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/15/2014

Approval by Attorney General 09/03/2014
Article 27
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/20/2014
Approval by Attorney General 09/03/2014

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 2013

§III.G.	General Manufacturing Districts (edited)	approved under Article 51
§IV.G.5.b.	Commercial Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Renewable Installations Overlay District	approved under Article 53

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 51
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/28/2014
Approval by Attorney General 2013
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/28/2013
Approval by Attorney General 2013

SPEICAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 16, 2012

§IV.R.	Special Regulations (new section)	approved under Article 19

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 19
Adoption by Town Meeting 10/23/2012
Approval by Attorney General 12/27/2012

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-APRIL 26, 2011

§IV.Q	Special Regulations (new section)	approved under Article 3
§III.C.1.d.(2)	Neighborhood Business District (edited)	approved under Article 3
§III.C.2.d.(3) (4)	Community Business District (edited)	approved under Article 3
§III.C.3.d.(3)	General Business District (edited)	approved under Article 3
§III.C.4.d.(3)	Central Business District (edited)	approved under Article 3
§III.C.5.d.(2)	Business District (edited)	approved under Article 3
§III.A.2.(d)	Single Residence (deleted)	approved under Article 4
§III.C.4.b.(3)	Central Business District (deleted)	approved under Article 4
§I.E.1	Definitions Lot Frontage (edited)	approved under Article 5
§IV.G.4.a.	Lot Frontage Requirments (edited)	approved under Article 5
§IV.G.7.b.1	Execption to Maximum Height Requirments (edited)	approved under Article 6
§IV.G.7.b.3	Execption to Maximum Height Requirments (new paragraph 3)	approved under Article 6

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 3
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/04/11
Approval by Attorney General 09/16/11
Article 4
Adoption by Town Meeting 04/26/11
Approval by Attorney General 09/16/11
Article 5
Adoption by Town Meeting 04/26/11
Approval by Attorney General 09/16/11
Article 6
Adoption by Town Meeting 05/04/11
Approval by Attorney General 09/16/11

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING-OCTOBER 19, 2010

§IV.I.4.a	Application and Review Procedure (new subparagraph).....	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.4.g	Application and Review Procedure (new paragraph g.)	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.4.h	Application and Review Procedure (new paragraph h.)	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.5.a.1.	Contents and Scope of Applications (edited)	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.5.a.6.	Contents and Scope of Applications (edited)	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.5.g.(1)(a)	Contents and Scope of Applications (edited)	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.6.a.(2)(vi)	Development Impact Standards (edited)	approved under Article 17
§IV.I.6.d.(2)	Development Impact Standards (edited)	approved under Article 17
§IV.B.3.g.	Design Standards (edited).....	approved under Article 18
§IV.C3.b.	Off-Street Loading (edited)	approved under Article 18
§IV.G.3.e	Dimensional Regulations (new paragraph e).....	approved under Article 19

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 17
Adoption by Town Meeting.....10/27/10
Approval by Attorney General.....02/24/11

Article 18
Adoption by Town Meeting.....10/27/10
Approval by Attorney General.....02/24/11
Article 19
Adoption by Town Meeting.....10/27/10
Approval by Attorney General.....02/24/11

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MAY 4, 2010

§III.H.1	Establishment of Districts (deleted and replaced)	approved under Article 33
§III.H.2.d (1)(2)(3)	Applicability (new subsection).....	approved under Article 33
§III.H.6	Notification of Watercourse Alteration (new section).....	approved under Article 33
§I. F	Wireless Com. Fac. Temporary Moratorium (new section)	approved under Article 36

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 33
Adoption by Town Meeting.....05/06/10
Approval by Attorney General.....09/22/10
Article 36
Adoption by Town Meeting.....05/06/10
Approval by Attorney General.....09/22/10

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-APRIL 28, 2009

§IV.I.5.a.9.	Content and Scope of Applications	approved under Article 19
§IV.I.6.e	Parking Standards.....	approved under Article 19
§IV.K.8.h.1)b)	Landscaping Within Off-Street Parking Areas	approved under Article 20
§IV.B.4.a.	Landscaped Open Space in Parking Facility	approved under Article 20
§IV.B.3.a.	Design Standards.....	approved under Article 21
§IV.B.2.b.	Parking in Required Setbacks.....	approved under Article 21
§IV.B.2.c.	Setback from Building.....	approved under Article 21
§IV.I.5.a.10.	Contents and Scope of Applications.....	approved under Article 22
§IV.I.5.g.(2)(b)	Environmental Impact Assessment.....	approved under Article 23
§IV.I.5.a.	Content and Scope of Applications	approved under Article 24
§IV.I.6.d.(2)	Community Impact Standards	approved under Article 24

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 19
Adoption by Town Meeting……..5/6/09
Approval by Attorney General……..9/21/09
Article 20
Adoption by Town Meeting…….5/6/09
Approval by Attorney General…….9/21/09
Article 21
Adoption by Town Meeting……..5/7/09
Approval by Attorney General……..9/21/09
Article 22
Adoption by Town Meeting……..5/7/09
Approval by Attorney General……..9/21/09
Article 23
Adoption by Town Meeting……..5/7/09
Approval by Attorney General……..9/21/09
Article 24
Adoption by Town Meeting……..5/7/09
Approval by Attorney General……..9/21/09

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING-OCTOBER 28, 2008

§I.E. "Accessory Use"……..approved under Article 6
§I.E. "Principal Use"……approved under Article 7
§IV.F. Accessory Uses……approved under Article 8
§V.C. Certificate of Occupancy…….approved under Article 9

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 6
Adoption by Town Meeting……..10/29/08
Approval by Attorney General……..12/22/08
Article 7
Adoption by Town Meeting……..10/29/08
Approval by Attorney General……..12/22/08
Article 8
Adoption by Town Meeting……..10/30/08
Approval by Attorney General……..12/22/08
Article 9
Adoption by Town Meeting……..10/30/08
Approval by Attorney General……..12/22/08

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-APRIL 29, 2008

§V.E.2.(e) Procedure for Special Permit ……..approved under Article 12
§IV.I.5. Contents and Scopes of Applications …..……. ..approved under Article 27
§III.A.3. Historic Reuse…… …… .. approved under Article 28
§IV.I.6.b.(2) Environmental Impact Standards.……approved under Article 30
§III.L.5.a. Table of Floor Area Ratios ……..approved under Article 31
§IV.G.2. Table of Dimensional Regulations.……..approved under Article 32
§III.L.7.b.1. Landscaped Open Space Requirements in the District…… . approved under Article 33
§III.L.5.b.(c) Special Permit for an Increase in FAR…….…….....approved under Article 34
§III.L.6.b. Off-Street Parking Requirements…….…….……..... approved under Article 35
§V.E.2.c. Decisions…….…….…….....approved under Article 36

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 12
Adoption by Town Meeting……..4/29/08
Approval by Attorney General……..9/18/08

Article 27
Adoption by Town Meeting……...5/6/08
Approval by Attorney General……..9/18/08
Article 28
Adoption by Town Meeting…….. 5/6/08
Approval by Attorney General……..9/18/08
Article 30
Adoption by Town Meeting……...5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……...9/18/08

Article 31
Adoption by Town Meeting……...5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……...9/18/08
Article 32
Adoption by Town Meeting……...5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……...9/18/08
Article 33
Adoption by Town Meeting……5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……9/18/08
Article 34
Adoption by Town Meeting……5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……9/18/08
Article 35
Adoption by Town Meeting……5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……9/18/08
Article 36
Adoption by Town Meeting……5/7/08
Approval by Attorney General……9/18/08

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-APRIL 24, 2007

§IV.H.2 Earth Removal (deleted)……approved under Article 22
§IV.H.3 Erosion Control (deleted)……..approved under Article 22
§IV.H.4 Land Clearing (deleted)…….approved under Article 22
§IV.H.2 Land Disturbance……...approved under Article 22
§IV.I.4.b (editing)……approved under Article 23
§IV.I.5 (editing)……...approved under Article 23
§IV.I.7.d Expiration…….approved under Article 24
§I.E.1 Municipal Services……approved under Article 25
§V.E.5 Expiration of Special Permit……approved under Article 26
§IV.I.5.10 (editing)……..approved under Article 27
§I.E "Glare", Light Trespass" and "Luminaire"……..approved under Article 27
§IV.B.3.f (editing)……approved under Article 27
§I.b Housing Plan/Policy……..approved under Article 35

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 22
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/2/07
Approval by Attorney General:……...9/17/07
Article 23
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/26/07
Approval by Attorney General:……...9/17/07
Article 24
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/26/07
Approval by Attorney General:……...9/17/07
Article 25
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/26/07

Approval by Attorney General:……...9/17/07

Article 26

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/2/07

Approval by Attorney General:……...9/17/07

Article 27

Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/26/07

Approval by Attorney General:……...9/17/07

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING –APRIL 25, 2006

§III.F.2.a…… approved under Article 39

§III.F.2.b (re-classified)…… approved under Article 39

§III.G.3…….. approved under Article 39

§III.G.3.a……approved under Article 39

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/11/06

Approval by Attorney General:……. 9/26/06

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – DECEMBER 7, 2005

§IV.I.2.c (deleted and replaced)…… approved under Article 1

§IV.I.2.c…… approved under Article 1

§IV.I.2.d…… approved under Article 1

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 12/7/05

Approval by Attorney General:……...3/24/06

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2005

§III.A.1.e (editing).....approved under Article 1

§III.A.1.i (editing) .....approved under Article 1

§III.A.2 (editing).....approved under Article 1

§IV.G (deletion).....approved under Article 1

§IV.I.2.c (editing) .....approved under Article 1

§IV.I.3.b (Site Plan Review waivers)…….approved under Article 1

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 8/3/05

Approval by Attorney General: 11/16/05

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING –APRIL 26, 2005

§IV.P Active Adult Housing.....approved under Article 38

§IV.H.4 Land Clearing .....approved under Article 39

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Article 38

Adoption by Town Meeting: 6/22/05

Approval by Attorney General: 10/19/05

Article 39

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/10/05

Approval by Attorney General: 10/19/05

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2005

§IV.H.3 (editing) ..... approved under Article 10
§IV.H.2 (editing) ..... approved under Article 11

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Article 10, 11
Adoption by Town Meeting: 1/12/05
Approval by Attorney General: 2/23/05

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – OCTOBER 19, 2004

§II.A.11 Groundwater Protection District..... approved under Article 1
§VI..... approved under Article 1
§III.N ..... approved under Article 1

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 10/19/04
Approval by Attorney General: 1/18/05

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 27, 2004

§I.D. (deleted and replaced) ..... approved under Article 33
§IV.H.3. Erosion Control..... approved under Article 34
§IV.H.2. Earth Removal... ..... approved under Article 35
§I.B. .... approved under Article 36
§IV.O. Affordable Housing ..... approved under Article 36

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Article 33, 34, 35
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/13/04
Approval by Attorney General: 9/16/04
Article 36
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/12/04
Approval by Attorney General: 9/16/04

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 6, 2003

§IV.G.2 ..... approved under Article 4

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/6/03
Approval by Attorney General: 9/4/03

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – APRIL 22, 2003

§IV.G.5..... ..... approved under Article 39

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/29/03
Approval by Attorney General: 10/6/03

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 19, 2002

§VI. Zoning Map – Parker Road Area..... approved under Article 18
§IV.I.6.b.(2)..... ..... approved under Article 19
§IV.B.4.a, IV.B.4.c... ..... approved under Article 21
§IV.G.6.e..... ..... approved under Article 21
§I.E Definition of Mixed Use Complex..... approved under Article 22
§III.C.4.d.(5)..... approved under Article 22
§IV.N.2..... ..... approved under Article 22
§VI. Zoning Map – Howard Street Area..... approved under Article 23

§VI. Zoning Map – Concord Street Area.....approved under Article 24

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 11/21/02
Approval by Attorney General: 1/27/03

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING II – JANUARY 9, 2002

§VI. Zoning Map – Leland Street... .....approved under Article 1

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 1/9/02
Approval by Attorney General: 3/6/02

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 13, 2001

§IV.G.2..... .....approved under Article 17
§IV.G.2..... .....approved under Article 18
§I.E.. .....approved under Article 18

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 11/15/01
Approval by Attorney General: 3/6/02

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 25, 2000

§I.E.. Definition of Mixed Use .....approved under Article 13
§III.C.4.a., §III.C.4.d.(4)..... .....approved under Article 13
§IV.N.. Mixed Use Regulations.....approved under Article 13
§V.B..... .....approved under Article 13
§III.I., §III.K., §IV.B., §IV.K. .....approved under Article 14
§IV.G.2..... .....approved under Article 15
§IV.G.11..... .....approved under Article 15
§IV.G.3.a..... .....approved under Article 16
§IV.G.3.d..... .....approved under Article 16
§VI. Zoning Map –Merchant Road Area..... .....approved under Article 17

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 11/1/00
Approval by Attorney General: 2/9/01

2000 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 25, 2000

§IV.G.8.c.. .....approved under Article 34
§IV.G.4.b.... .....approved under Article 38
§IV.G.3.c..... .....approved under Article 40
§IV.G.5.b.2. (deleted)..... .....approved under Article 41
§VI. Zoning Map - M.T.A.land, exit 12 Interchange Area..... .....approved under Article 44

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Articles 34, 38, 40 and 41
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/11/00
Approval by Attorney General: 7/24/00

Article 44
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/16/00
Approval by Attorney General: 7/24/00

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 1999

§III.C.5..(recodified from §III.C.4.)..... .....approved under Article 8
§III.C.4. Central Business District (CB) .....approved under Article 8
§IV.G.2..... .....approved under Article 8
§III.C.1.b.(7) .....approved under Article 9
§VI. Zoning Map - Downtown.....approved under Articles 10, 11, 12, and 13
§IV.I.6.a.(1)(ii)..... .....approved under Article 15
§IV.I.2.b.....approved under Article 16
§IV.D.4..... .....approved under Article 17
§IV.L.3.b.....approved under Article 18
§IV.L.3.e.3)c)..... .....approved under Article 18

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 11/10/99
Approval by Attorney General: 3/3/00

1999 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 27, 1999

§III.C.3.c.(2), §III.C.4.c.(3), §IV.D.2.....approved under Article 46
§IV.G.2.. .....approved under Article 48
§IV.G.7.d. (deleted)... .....approved under Article 48
§IV.G.7.e. (recodified to §IV.G.7.d.).... .....approved under Article 48
§IV.B.3.a..... .....approved under Article 49
§IV.B.3.g.,. (deleted and replaced)..... .....approved under Article 49
§IV.B.7.b. (recodified to §IV.B.7.b.2.).....approved under Article 50
§IV.B.7.b.1..... .....approved under Article 50
§IV.I.5.....approved under Article 51

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Articles 46, 48, 50 and 51
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/5/99
Approval by Attorney General: 8/23/99

Article 49
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/5/99
Approval by Attorney General: 8/30/99

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 24, 1998

§VI. Zoning Map - Mt. Wayte Avenue... .....approved under Article 7

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 6/25/98
Approval by Attorney General: 9/23/98

1998 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 22, 1998

§III.C.3.c.(2), §III.C.4.c.(3), §III.F.1.a., §III.F.3., §IV.D.2.....approved under Article 48
§VI. Zoning Map - M.T.A.land, exit 12/Reservoir No. 3 Area... .....approved under Articles 50 and 51
§IV.G.4.c. .....approved under Article 52
§IV.A.2..... .....approved under Article 53
§IV.I..5.a..... .....approved under Article 54
§IV.I.7.b.....approved under Article 55
§IV.M..... .....approved under Article 56
§VI. Zoning Map - Saxonville Area... .....approved under Articles 57 and 58

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Articles 48 and 56
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/19/98
Approval by Attorney General: 8/27/98

Articles 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57 and 58
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/20/98

Approval by Attorney General: 8/27/98

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - DECEMBER 9, 1997

§IV.G.5.d., §IV.G.6.d., §IV.G.7.e. ..... approved under Article 29
§I.E.1. ..... approved under Article 30
§IV.I.5.g.(1)(b)(i)..... approved under Article 31
§VI. Zoning Map - Saxonville Area... ..... approved under Articles 32 - 38, 40 and 41

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 12/16/97
Approval by Attorney General: 3/10/98

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 29, 1997

§IV.G.7.d... ..... approved under Article 6
§VI. Zoning Map - Saxonville Area... ..... approved under Articles 7, 8 and 9

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/29/97
Approval by Attorney General: 7/16/97

1997 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 16, 1997

§IV.I.2..... approved under Article 38
§IV.I.2.a..... approved under Article 39
§IV.I.5., §IV.I.5.a..... ..... approved under Article 40
§IV.I.5., §IV.I.6..... ..... approved under Article 41
§III.C.4.c.(10) deleted, §III.C.4.d.(3)..... ..... approved under Article 42
§IV.J.7., §IV.J.8..... approved under Article 43
§V.H..... ..... approved under Article 44
§III.C.2.f., §III.C.3.c., §III.C.3.d.(1), §III.C.4.d.(1)..... ..... approved under Article 45
§VI. Zoning Map - Union Avenue/Mt. Wayte Area... ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.L..... approved under Article 47
§IV.G.7.b.2..... ..... approved under Article 48

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Articles 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, and 46
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/23/97
Approval by Attorney General: 9/12/97

Articles 47, and 48
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/24/97
Approval by Attorney General: 9/12/97

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - DECEMBER 11, 1996

§IV.I.2.a... ..... approved under Article 18
§IV.I.2.b... ..... approved under Article 19
§IV.G.2... ..... approved under Article20
§III.C.4.d... ..... approved under Article 21
§VI. Zoning Map - Union Avenue/Mt. Wayte Area... ..... approved under Articles 22, 24 and 25
§VI. Zoning Map - Framingham Center Area... ..... approved under Articles 26-30, 32 and 33

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 12/11/96
Approval by Attorney General: 2/18/97

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 27, 1996

§IV.A... ..... approved under Article 5
§IV.B.2.d... ..... approved under Article 5

§IV.B.3.g.... .....approved under Article 5
§IV.B.6.. .....approved under Article 5
§IV.B.7, §IV.B.8, §IV.B.9 .(deleted)... .....approved under Article 5
§IV.B.10 (recodified to §IV.B.7 and amended).... .....approved under Article 5
§IV.I.1, §IV.I.2, §IV.I.3, §IV.I.4... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.5., §IV.I.5a..... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.5.f., §IV.I.5.g.... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.5.g.(5).... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.6.... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.6.a., §IV.I.6.b., §IV.I.6.c., §IV.I.6.d..... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.6.e. .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.7.... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.8.h., §IV.I.8.i..... .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.8 .....approved under Article 6
§IV.I.9.d.... .....approved under Article 6
§III.C.2... .....approved under Article 7
§III.C.3... .....approved under Article 7
§III.C.4... .....approved under Article 7
§III.D... .....approved under Article 7
§I.E.1... .....approved under Article 8
§V.E.1.b.(1) (deleted)... .....approved under Article 9
§V.E.1.b.(2) (recodified to §V.E.1.b.(1))... .....approved under Article 9

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Articles 5,7 and 8
Adoption by Town Meeting: 6/27/96
Approval by Attorney General: 12/24/96

Article 9
Adoption by Town Meeting: 6/27/96
Approval by Attorney General: 8/26/96

Article 6
Adoption by Town Meeting: 6/27/96
Approval by Attorney General: 1/13/97

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 7, 1996

§III.C.1... .....approved under Article 5
§III.C.2... .....approved under Article 5
§III.C.3... .....approved under Article 5
§III.C.4... .....approved under Article 5
§IV.G.2.... .....approved under Article 5
§II.A. .....approved under Article 6
§III.F.... .....approved under Article 7
§I.E... .....approved under Article 8
§IV.B.1.a..... .....approved under Article 9
§IV.B.10.a. .....approved under Article 9
§IV.B.10.b. .....approved under Article 9
§V.E.1.b.(1).... .....approved under Article 10
§VI. Zoning Map - Nobscot Area... .....approved under Articles 11 - 14
§I.E.... .....approved under Article 15
§III.A.2.f.... .....approved under Article 16
§III.A.3.& 3.b... .....approved under Article 16
§III.M.... .....approved under Article 20
§VI. Zoning Map - Adult Use Overlay.... .....approved under Article 21

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Articles 5 - 16 and Article 21

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/7/96
Approval by Attorney General: 10/7/96

Article 20
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/7/96
Approval by Attorney General: 8/26/96

1996 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 11, 1996

§V.E.3.a.(6) deleted..... .....approved under Article 18

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/16/96
Approval by Attorney General: 7/16/96

1995 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 12, 1995

Duration of Planned Unit Development District Applicability.. .....approved under Article 25

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/9/95
Approval by Attorney General: 6/14/95

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 29, 1994

§III.A.2.f... .....approved under Article 2

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 11/29/94
Approval by Attorney General: 5/15/95

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 5, 1994

§IV.G.7.d... .....approved under Article 1
§IV.G.7.d... .....approved under Article 2
§II.A. .....approved under Article 3
§IV.I.5.d. .....approved under Article 4
§IV.B.7.d.3.a.& b.... .....approved under Article 5
§IV.B.7.d.13. & 14..... .....approved under Article 6

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 10/5/94
Approval by Attorney General: 12/13/94

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JANUARY 19, 1994

§III.L. .....approved under Article 2
§IV.I.6.a. .....approved under Article 3

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 1/19/94
Approval by Attorney General: 3/15/94

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 27, 1993

§V.E.3.a.(6) .....approved under Article 14

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:
Adoption by Town Meeting: 10/27/93
Approval by Attorney General: 2/23/94

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - MAY 6, 1993

§III.K. ..... approved under Article 2
§IV.G.2. ..... approved under Article 2
§IV.G.10. ..... approved under Article 2
§I.E. ..... approved under Article 2
§V.F. ..... approved under Article 2
§II.A. ..... approved under Article 2
§IV.B.1.a. ..... approved under Article 2
§III.I.2.d. ..... approved under Article 4
§III.I.2.d.(2). ..... approved under Article 4

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/6/93
Approval by Attorney General: 7/8/93

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - DECEMBER 1, 1992

§IV.K. ..... approved under Article 1
§III.G.1.a. ..... approved under Article 24
§III.F.2.a. ..... approved under Article 25

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 12/1/92
Approval by Attorney General: 3/5/93

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JANUARY 14, 1992

§V.E.1.(b) ..... approved under Article 1

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 1/14/92
Approval by Attorney General: 1/23/92

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - DECEMBER 4, 1991

§I.E. ..... approved under Article 8
§III.C.10. ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.J.. ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.1.(a). ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.8.. ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.8.(a) ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.8.(b) ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.8.(c) ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.8.(d) ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.B.7.(a) ..... approved under Article 9
§IV.G.7.(d) ..... approved under Article 10

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 12/4/91
Approval by Attorney General: 2/20/92

1991 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 10, 1991

§I.E.1. ..... approved under Article 45
§I.E.1. ..... approved under Article 46
§V.E.3.(b). ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.B.9. ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.I.8. ..... approved under Article 46
§V.F.2.(c) ..... approved under Article 46
§V.E.2.(a). ..... approved under Article 46
§V.F.2.(a) ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.B.7.(b) ..... approved under Article 46

§IV.I.4.(a) ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.I.2.(b) ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.G.7.(a) ..... approved under Article 47
§IV.E.2.(c) ..... approved under Article 48
§V.F.2.(c) ..... approved under Article 49

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/16/91
Approval by Attorney General: 8/21/91

1990 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 11, 1990

§IV.G.7.(d) ..... approved under Article 43

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/9/90
Approval by Attorney General: 8/23/90

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 28, 1989

§V.F.2.(c) ..... approved under Article 4
§V.F.2.(d) ..... approved under Article 4
§IV.B.6. ..... approved under Article 5
§IV.B.7.(a) ..... approved under Article 6
§IV.B.8. ..... approved under Article 7
§IV.B.9. ..... approved under Article 7
§IV.B.10. ..... approved under Article 7
§IV.A.1 (Off-Street Parking subject to Special Permit Review) ..... approved under Article 8
§IV.I.2.(e) ..... approved under Article 9
§IV.A.1. ..... approved under Article 10
§IV.I.2.(b) ..... approved under Article 11
§IV.A.2. ..... approved under Article 12
§V.E.3.(a)(2) ..... approved under Article 13
§V.F.2.(a) ..... approved under Article 14
§IV.B.7.(c) ..... approved under Article 15
§IV.I.9.(d) ..... approved under Article 16

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting:
Art. 4-8 ..... 11/28/89
Art. 9-16 ..... 11/29/89
Approval by Attorney General: 2/27/90

1989 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 19, 1989

§III.J.1-13 ..... approved under Article 68
§IV.I.5.(e) ..... approved under Article 70
§II.A.8. ..... approved under Article 71
§IV.I.2. ..... approved under Article 72

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting:
Art. 70 ..... 4/26/89
Art. 68,71,72 ..... 5/30/89
Approval by Attorney General: 8/29/89

1988 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 20, 1988

§IV.I.2. ..... approved under Article 38
§IV.I.2.(d) ..... approved under Article 39
§IV.G.7.(d) ..... approved under Article 39
§IV.I.5.(f)(1)(b)(i) ..... approved under Article 40

§IV.I.6.(a)(1) ..... approved under Article 41
§IV.I.6.(a)(1) ..... approved under Article 42
§IV.I.8.(c) ..... approved under Article 42
§IV.I.8.(g) ..... approved under Article 43
§IV.B.1.(b) ..... approved under Article 44
§IV.B.1.(c) ..... approved under Article 44
§IV.B.1.(d) ..... approved under Article 44
§IV.B.1.(e) ..... approved under Article 44
§IV.B.2.(a) ..... approved under Article 44
§V.E.1. ..... approved under Article 44
§IV.G.7.(d) ..... approved under Article 46
§V.F.2.(c) ..... approved under Article 47

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting:
Art.38,40,43 ..... 5/17/88
Art.39 and 41 - 47 ..... 5/18/88
Approval by Attorney General: 8/25/88

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 6, 1987

§IV.G.4.(c) ..... approved under Article 23
§IV.G.2. ..... approved under Article 24

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 10/07/87
Approval by Attorney General: 11/16/87

1987 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 22, 1987

§V.F. ..... approved under Article 41
§III.A.2.e. ..... approved under Article 42
§III.B.l.b.(1) ..... approved under Article 42
§III.A.3. ..... approved under Article 42
§I.E. ..... approved under Article 42
§IV.B.1.(a) ..... approved under Article 42
§III.F.1.g. ..... approved under Article 43
§IV.B.8. ..... approved under Article 44
§IV.G.2. ..... approved under Article 45
§III.A.2.a. ..... approved under Article 46
§III.H.4.b. ..... approved under Article 46
§III.H.4.f. ..... approved under Article 46
§III.H.4.g. ..... approved under Article 46
§III.H.5. ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.G.8.(a) ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.G.8.(b) ..... approved under Article 46
§IV.G.7.(d) ..... approved under Article 46
§V.D.9.a. ..... approved under Article 46
Delete “Building Inspector” and “Inspector of Buildings”
and replace with “Building Commissioner;” ..... approved under Article 46
§ V.D., V.E., and V.F. ..... approved under Article 47

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/12/87
Approval by Attorney General: 8/31/87

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 21, 1986

§I.E.1. ..... approved under Article 27

§III.I.1. ..... approved under Article 27
§III.I.2. ..... approved under Article 27
§IV.G.2. ..... approved under Article 27
§V.D. ..... approved under Article 27
§IV.G.7.(d) ..... approved under Article 33

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting:
Art. 27 ..... 10/30/86
Art. 33 ..... 11/05/86
Approval by Attorney General: 1/13/87

1986 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 23, 1986

§I.E.1. ..... approved under Article 36
§III.A.2.e. ..... approved under Article 36
§III.H. ..... approved under Article 36
§IV.A.1. ..... approved under Article 36

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 5/07/86
Approval by Attorney General: 5/19/86

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - JUNE 19, 1985

§IV.I. (Site Plan Review). ..... approved under Article 2

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 6/19/85
Approval by Attorney General: 9/25/85

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 28, 1984

§IV.I. (Traffic Impact Review). ..... approved under Article 1

The relevant dates for the adoption of this amendment is as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 1/9/85
Approval by Attorney General: .....

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 20, 1983

§III.A.1. (Planned Reuse District [PRD]) adopted ..... approved under Article 32
Renumber old E and subsequent §'s as III.F., G. H. I. ..... approved under Article 32

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/20/83
Approval by Attorney General: .....

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - OCTOBER 5, 1982

§IV.E. deleted ..... approved under Article 22
§'s IV.C., IV.D., IV.F. renumbered as IV.E., IV.F., IV.G. ..... approved under Article 22
§'s IV.A., IV.B. deleted. ..... approved under Article 22
§IV.A., IV.B., IV.C. , IV.D.. ..... approved under Article 22
Delegates Off-Street Parking Plan review authority to the Planning Board

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 10/5/82
Approval by Attorney General: .....

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - APRIL 21, 1982

§III.A.1. (Family Day Care) Adopted ..... approved under Article 49

The relevant dates for the adoption of these amendments are as follows:

Adoption by Town Meeting: 4/21/82

Approval by Attorney General: .....