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June 8, 2016

Mr. John DePriest
Director of Planning and Development
500 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

Dear Ms. DePriest,

Please be advised that at the City Council meeting held on June 6, 2016, the City Council ordered that the petition for the adoption of the Amendment on the Zoning Ordinance be referred to the Chelsea Planning Board for a recommendation. Please find the Order attached.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul G. Casino".

Paul G. Casino
Clerk to the Chelsea City Council

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Thomas G. Ambrosino
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June 1, 2016

The Honorable Chelsea City Council
Chelsea City Hall
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Re: Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Dear Councilors:

At long last, I am submitting for your review and consideration a package of proposed Amendments to the Chelsea Zoning Ordinance. These proposals represent several months of work and a lot of deliberation by both my office and the Office of Planning & Development.

The Amendments include some significant changes to our Zoning Ordinance. Among other items, there are amendments for the following: to mandate affordable housing for any development of 10 units or more; to reduce required parking in the Downtown Broadway area to encourage residential development above storefronts, which I believe is essential to change the character of that area; to allow for the operation of food trucks in the City; to make it easier to locate counseling services for the serious opioid crisis negatively impacting our community; and to provide an interim moratorium on development in the Naval Hospital Districts while the City considers a comprehensive rezoning of that area.

I recognize that some of these proposals will be controversial, and that there are legitimate arguments on both sides of these issues. I merely ask that the Council engage in frank and robust discussion and then make its best informed judgment as to which, if any, of these proposals to enact.

I leave the timing of the initial public hearing on these matters to the judgment of the City Council. You may immediately advertise the package for public hearing and then debate this package over the course of the Summer, or you may defer the entire matter to the Fall. Just be advised that these changes will impact development once the initial public hearing is advertised.

John DePriest and I will be available to answer any questions that the Council has about these amendments.

Sincerely,

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Thomas G. Ambrosino
City Manager

Attachment

Cc: Deputy City Manager Ned Keefe
Director of Planning & Development John DePriest

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June 6, 2016

WHEREAS, It is the express purpose of municipal zoning to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, A specific objective of the City of Chelsea's Zoning Ordinance states the need to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the City of Chelsea; and

WHEREAS, The City Administration has recommended several amendments to the entire City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance all outlined in the petition signed by the City Manager and filed on June 1, 2016 with the City Clerk;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,

That the following petition for the adoption of an amendment of several sections of the City of Chelsea Zoning Ordinance be reviewed and that a public hearing be scheduled on June 27, 2016 to discuss the proposed zoning amendments pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED,

That the petition be forwarded to the Chelsea Planning Board for a recommendation of the Zoning Amendment pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 40A.


Daniel Cortell, Council President