



CITY OF SALEM PLANNING BOARD

Report to City Council

May 21, 2018

At its meeting on May 17, 2018 the Planning Board voted seven (7) in favor (Ben Anderson, Matt Venio, Carole Hamilton, Helen Sides, Noah Koretz, Dale Yale, and DJ Napolitano) and none opposed to recommend that the City Council approve the amendment relative to Section 10 (Definitions) as enumerated below:

1. Insert the following at the end of the definition of “Dwelling Unit”:

“as defined by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Building Code Regulations & Standards 780 CMR

2. Delete the definition of “Rooming, boarding or lodging house” in its entirety and replace it with the following:

“Rooming, boarding or lodging house: A house where lodgings are let to four (4) or more persons not within second degree of kindred to the person conducting it, and shall include fraternity houses and dormitories of educational institutions, but shall not include dormitories of charitable or philanthropic institutions or convalescent or nursing homes licensed under section seventy-one of chapter one hundred eleven or rest homes so licensed, or group residences licensed or regulated by agencies of the Commonwealth.”

3. Amend the definition of “General service establishment” by inserting the word “and” immediately before the word “furniture” and deleting the phrase “and the like.”

4. Insert three new definitions as follows:

- a. “Assisted Living Residences: Offer a combination of housing, meals and personal service care to adults for a fee that includes room and board and services. Assisted living residences are intended for adults who may need some help with activities such as housekeeping, meals, bathing, dressing, and/or medication assistance and who like the security of having assistance available on a 24 hour basis in a home-like and non-institutional environment. Assisted living residences do not provide medical or nursing services and are not designed for people who need serious medical care on an ongoing basis.”
- b. “Site Plan Review: Site plan review is a review process established by the City to protect and promote health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the residents of Salem. Site plan review establishes criteria for the layout, scale, appearance, safety, and

environmental impacts of development. Site plan review focuses on parking, traffic, drainage, utilities, landscaping, lighting and other aspects of the proposal to arrive at the best possible design for the location.”

- c. “Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals as established by Chapter 40A, Section 12 of the Massachusetts General Laws.”

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Tom Daniel, AICP, Director of Planning & Community Development, at 978-619-5685.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben J. Anderson", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ben J. Anderson
Chairman

CC: Ilene Simons, City Clerk