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TOWN OF MEDWAY COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendments to Medway Zoning Bylaw Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Pursuant to G.L. c. 40A, §5, the Medway Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB) will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Sanford Hall, located in Medway Town Hall at 155 Village Street, Medway, to receive comments on proposed amendments to the Medway Zoning Bylaw. As a courtesy, access via Zoom will also be provided.

The proposed amendments have been prepared for inclusion on the warrant for consideration at the November 10, 2025, town meeting. The subject matter of the proposed amendments is summarized below. The specific article identifiers will be revised as the Select Board finalizes the warrant and assigns warrant article numbers.

ARTICLE A – Battery Energy Storage Facilities – To add a new subsection to the provisions of Section 8.12, requiring operators of battery energy storage facilities to submit an annual report to the Town certifying compliance with applicable testing and safety protocols.

ARTICLE B – Housekeeping Amendments – To delete certain unneeded definitions; correct certain scrivener's errors; clarify the options for zoning enforcement; clarify site plan review requirements for uses that are protected under G.L. c. 40A, §3; eliminate the requirement for a special permit for tandem parking that complies with Section 7.1.1.K.2 of the zoning bylaw; amend Section 8.2 Accessory Dwelling Units to comply with state law; and other minor amendments.

ARTICLE C – Signs (Section 7.2) – To amend the definition of wall sign; correct certain scrivener's errors; delete sections regarding outdoor lighting that are governed by the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw; delete sections regarding illumination of signs and landscaping that are duplicative; and allow for additional square footage of window signs, subject to obtaining a sign permit.

ARTICLE D – Multi-family Housing – To amend the Zoning Bylaw to change the name of the "Multi-family Housing Overlay District" to the "Villages Multi-family Housing Overlay District" (VMHOD) in order to help distinguish this overlay district from the "Multi-family Overlay District" enacted to comply with G.L. c. 40A, §3A (MBTA Communities zoning); and to change the requirement for the PEDB to enact regulations for the VMHOD from mandatory to discretionary.

A draft of the proposed amendments is on file at the offices of the Town Clerk and the Community and Economic Development Department at Medway Town Hall, 155 Village

Street, and may be reviewed during regular business hours. The proposed amendments will also be posted online at the PEDB's web page on the Town's web site: <u>Fall 2025 PEDB</u> Warrant Articles | Town of Medway for further information or questions, contact the Planning office at 508-533-3291. Written comments may be sent to the PEDB at 155 Village Street, Medway, MA 02053 or emailed to: <u>planningboard@medwayma.gov</u>.

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