

ARTICLE 21
Amend By-law Article 72: Building Regulations
(Charter & By-law Review Committee)

To see whether the Town will vote to amend Article 72 of the Town of Natick By-laws as follows:

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2. In the first paragraph of Section 5, replace the word “streets” with the words “public ways”; and
3. Add the sentence “No fence, shrubbery or other object located within fifteen (15) feet of the intersection of a public way and a driveway shall be maintained more than three (3) feet above the street grade measured at said intersection.” as the second paragraph of Section 5;

so that Section 5 shall read:

“Section 5 Height Requirements at Intersections, including Driveways

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or otherwise act thereon.

By-law Article 72 current (prior to proposed changes)

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Section 3 Fees

A fee schedule for permits and certificates may be established or amended by the Selectmen and the Building Inspector after due notice has been given by publication in a local newspaper at least fourteen (14) days prior to approval.

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