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**Natick Planning Board
Notice of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that the Natick Planning Board will hold a public hearing (**Zoom Meeting – Remote Participation**) on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM, to discuss the following amendment to the Natick Zoning Bylaws, referenced as **Article 18** of the 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant, per MGL Chapter 40A Section 5:

To amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-Laws by:

- 1) Amending Section I/Article I Section 200 – DEFINITIONS to establish, create, define, and/or recognize multiple methods, arrangements, and/or forms of owning, breeding, boarding, caring for, supervising, kenneling, and/or otherwise maintaining dogs in a **Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel**; and
- 2) Amending any other Section of the Natick Zoning Bylaw necessary to regulate these uses;
or otherwise act thereon.

For a copy of the proposed zoning amendment language, the warrant article, and any supporting documents submitted (if any) by the proponent, please call the Community & Economic Development Office at (508) 647-6450 between the hours of 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM Monday – Wednesday; 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM Thursday; and 8:00 AM – 12:30 PM Friday.

Per order
Natick Planning Board
Teresa Evans, Chair

WARRANT ARTICLE 18:

Amend Home Occupation Dog Kennel Zoning

Current bylaw for reference:

Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel: A "Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation," compliant with that term and meaning as defined in Town of Natick - Zoning Bylaw Section I/Article I, Section 200* except allowing partial outdoor conduct by such home occupation as necessary for proper dog care, used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of dogs that are not the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such dogs, or engaged in the business of breeding dogs for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration.

Motion:

Move that the town vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws by modifying Article I, Section 200 (Definitions) to delete the existing definition for Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel in its entirety and replace it with the following:

Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel: A "Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation," compliant with that term and meaning as defined in Town of Natick - Zoning Bylaw Section I/Article I, Section 200* subject to all the other limits and requirements of this definition and used exclusively for overnight boarding of dogs. Outdoor exercise of dogs can occur for a total of no more than 2 hours per day per facility and must occur only between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Such services may only be rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such dogs, or while engaged in the business of breeding dogs for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers, or pet shops in return for consideration. A boarding dog kennel and a breeding dog kennel cannot exist at the same time on any one lot or parcel. There shall be no more than the lesser of one dog for every 5,000 square feet of lot area or six (6) dogs maximum allowed at the Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel site at any one time, including any dogs that are the property of an owner or employee of the establishment. An exception is made for no more than one (1) dog at any one time briefly at the site for purposes of evaluation only and in the presence of the owner of said dog. The limits on the number of dogs shall not apply to a breeding dog kennel if the number of puppies causes an increase in the number of dogs. This exception is temporary and cannot apply for a time period longer than three months after such puppies are born."

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