

## Warrant Article Questionnaire Non-Standard Town Agency Articles

### Section III – Questions with Response Boxes – To Be Completed By Petition Sponsor

Article # 25	Date Form Completed:
Article Title: Amend Zoning Bylaw: Use Regulations Schedule	
Sponsor Name: Planning Board	Email: aloomis@natickma.org

Question	Question																								
1	Provide the article motion exactly as it will appear in the Finance Committee Recommendation Book and presented to Town Meeting for action.																								
Response	Please see attached motion																								
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?																								
Response	<p>The purpose of Article 25 is to provide clarity for users of the Use Regulations Table and provide clean-up of scrivener’s errors. The current Use Regulation Table is not in a grid table format, often creating confusion as to which line goes with which information; further, the use of P for Permitted and A for allowed by special permit requires users of the Use Regulations Table to flip between Section III.A.1 to determine the difference between A and P and then flip back to the Use Regulation Table.</p> <p>No substantive changes have been made except substituting P for Y, A for SP, and O for N.</p>																								
3	Has this article or one of a very similar scope and substance been on a previous Warrant Article and what have been the actions taken by the Finance Committee, other Boards or Committees and Town Meeting?																								
Response	<p>This will be the first change in the letters, creation of a grid table, and typographical errors of the Use Regulation Table.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Warrant Period Ex: 2021 SATM</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Other Committees Ex: Planning Bd refer</th> <th style="width: 25%;">FinCom Action Ex: Referral</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Town Meeting Ex: Referral</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Warrant Period Ex: 2021 SATM	Other Committees Ex: Planning Bd refer	FinCom Action Ex: Referral	Town Meeting Ex: Referral																				
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4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	The purposes for clarification and user ability.
5	Does this article require funding, how much, from what source of funds and under whose authority will the appropriation be managed and spent?
Response	No funding was required for the preparation of Article 25, nor will funding be required for its implementation.
6	Does this article act in any way in concert with, in support of, or to extend any prior action of Natick Town Meeting, Massachusetts General Laws or CMR's or other such legislation or actions?  Does this article seek to amend, rescind or otherwise change any prior action of Natick Town Meeting?
Response	To the best of the Planning Board's knowledge, Article 25 does not amend, rescind any prior action of Town Meeting. Article 25, has no substantive changes, only changes for clarification and user ability.
7	How does the proposed motion (and implementation) fit with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plan, comprehensive Master Plan, and community values as well as relevant state laws and regulations?
Response	Article 25 provides clarification and user ability, which is echoed throughout Natick 2030+ and best practices for permitting.
8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	Planning Board
9	What steps and communication has the sponsor attempted to assure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interested parties were notified in a timely way and had a chance to participate in the process</li> <li>● Appropriate Town Boards &amp; Committees were consulted</li> <li>● Required public hearings were held</li> </ul>
Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Legal ad for the opening public hearing, scheduled for March 15, 2023, was published in the Metro West Daily Newspaper on March 1, 2023 and March 8, 2023</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal mailers were sent to the abutting communities and required parties of interest prior to February 27, 2023</li> <li>• Public hearings for Article 25 was held on March 15, 2023 and March 29, 2023. During the public hearings no comments from the public were made, nor were any written comments received.</li> </ul>
10	Since submitting the article have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	No issues were identified since the submission of Article 25.
<b>11</b>	If this Warrant Article is not approved by Town Meeting what are the consequences to the Town and to the sponsor(s)? Please be specific on both financial and other consequences?
Response	This is only an effort to provide clarification and user ability for the Table of Use.