



Zoning & Planning Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, February 9, 2026

7PM

Room 204

The Zoning & Planning Committee will hold this meeting as a hybrid meeting on Monday, February 9, 2026 at 7PM that the public may access in-person or virtually via Zoom. To attend this meeting via Zoom use this link: <https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/83701881499> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 837 0188 1499.

Items Scheduled for Discussion:

Chair's Note: *The following item will be an introduction to the FY26 budget process and the Departments for which the Committee will be responsible. The objective is to provide background so that when the item returns to the agenda, Councilors will be able to frame questions that they would like answered in the formal budget process.*

#22-26

Request for a pre-budget planning discussion

COUNCILORS BAKER, WRIGHT, FARRELL, and GETZ requesting a preliminary discussion with the Planning Department, Inspectional Services Department and CPA Program Manager to prepare for the Committee's FY26 Budget Review of these Departments and Programs. (180 days: 06/30/2026)

Chair's Notes: *There is no action anticipated on this item, but the discussion will allow the Planning Department to explain the issues so that when this item returns to the Committee, the Committee will be well informed.*

#57-26

Request for discussion and ordinance amendment(s) to dimensional controls, aligning use and zoning.

COUNCILORS OLIVER, WRIGHT, GETZ, ROCHE, MALAKIE, KALIS requesting discussion to determine alignment of dimensional controls (setbacks, height, FAR, etc) for residential developments within BU lots, with focused consideration for lots in and adjacent to residential neighborhoods. (180 days: 07/19/2026)

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Chair's Note: *The discussion on the following item will be designed to help explain the Village Center Overlay District and its relationship with other zoning ordinances to allow for future updates from Planning, Inspectional Services, and Law.*

#46-26 Periodic updates on VCOD proposals

COUNCILOR ALBRIGHT requesting updates twice per year on potential projects brought to the Planning Department under the new Village Center Overlay District. The updates should include indications of interest and actual permits filed; for which villages and under which zoning districts, number of stories and units as well as type of entity requested (VC2,VC3, MRT), with suggestions for change made about any of these. (180 days: 07/19/2026)

**Respectfully Submitted,
R. Lisle Baker, Chair**