

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON

MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen

Upon the Recommendation of the Mayor and Office of Planning & Sustainability

18.068 Ordinance to Eliminate Newspaper Legal Notice Requirement for Site Plan Review Projects

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts, providing that the Code of Ordinances, City of Northampton, Massachusetts, be amended changing the notice requirements for Site Plan Review

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the City of Northampton, Massachusetts. Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Northampton, in City Council assembled, as follows:

SECTION 1

350-11.4 Requirements.

These requirements are superimposed over any other requirements of this Zoning Ordinance. The Building Commissioner may not issue any building or zoning permits for any intermediate or major projects until the site plan has been approved by the Planning Board through a simple majority vote of the members present. The site plan process shall be conducted by the Planning Board. Legal notice posted in a newspaper of general circulation is not required. Otherwise all procedures for site plan shall be in the same as those ~~conformance with the notice, filing, review, and public hearing and recording~~ requirements

for a special permit; ~~Notwithstanding these filing except in requirements, in~~ the case of alternative energy research and development (R&D) and manufacturing facilities, as defined in the Green Communities Act.^{H1} ~~For alternative energy R&D and/or manufacturing,~~ review periods are guaranteed not to exceed one year from the date of initial application to the date of final Board action. Said applications shall be reviewed within 45 days, and the applicants will be notified of what additional submissions are necessary to meet this one-year final action deadline. The Planning Board shall use the criteria of § **350-11.6** for approving or disapproving the site plan. As with special permits, any appeal of a site plan decision by the Planning Board shall be made in accordance with MGL c. 40A, § 17. All site plan decisions must be recorded at the Registry of Deeds. In addition, the plans approved as part of the site plan decision shall be recorded with the decision in the form and type of pages as determined by the Planning Board.