

SECTION 1.7 AMENDMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE

- A. Initiation of proposed amendments. All proposed amendments shall originate with the Planning Board. The following procedures will be followed for any amendments:
1. The Planning Board may initiate any change to the ordinance that it believes requires updating, clarification, change for ease of use or to comply with the intended purpose of the town's comprehensive plan.
 - a. The reason for the proposed amendment will be clearly explained.
 - b. The Planning Board must take a vote to forward the amendment for a public hearing.
 2. The Select Board may take a vote requesting the Planning Board to make amendments it deems necessary.
 - a. The Planning Board shall vote on the proposed amendment
 - i. If the amendment passes as written, the Planning Board shall schedule the amendment for a public hearing
 - ii. If the amendment passes with any changes, the Planning board shall submit the new amendment in writing to the Select Board for review prior to scheduling a public hearing
 - iii. If the proposed amendment does not pass, the Planning Board will submit to the Select Board in writing or in person, the reason the amendment did not pass and the changes the Planning Board believes would be necessary for the amendment to pass and accomplish the goal of the requested Select Board change.
 3. A resident or group of residents of North Yarmouth may request the Planning Board amend the ordinance.
 - a. The Planning Board shall vote on the proposed change.
 - i. If the proposed change passes, the Planning Board will proceed as in (1) above.
 - ii. If the proposed change does not pass, the Planning Board will advise the resident(s) the reason for the outcome of the vote.
 4. An amendment proposed by citizen's initiative shall conform to all requirements as outlined in [state law].
 - a. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed amendment.
- B. Prior to a vote on any amendment to this ordinance, the Planning Board shall discuss the proposal. All discussions of proposed changes will be on a Planning Board agenda and only occur at a public meeting that is properly noticed. This will usually be done at a scheduled workshop, but may occur at any properly noticed meeting of the Planning Board.
- C. All amendments regardless of initiated procedure, shall receive suggested changes from a legal review prior to a public hearing.
- D. The Public Hearing shall include the final language of the proposed ordinance change. Minor changes are allowed during the public hearing provided the intent of the proposed amendment is not changed.
- E. After a public hearing, the amendment shall be forwarded to the Select Board and at the Select Board's discretion be placed as a warrant on a regular or special town meeting.