

Section 6.3 & Table 7.2 – Proposed Amendments to the Town of North Yarmouth Land Use Ordinance

The Town of North Yarmouth Land Use Ordinance shall be amended as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck through~~):

SECTION 6.3 ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS, VARIANCES, AND MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS [AMENDED 6/120; 6/19/21]

B. Variance Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) shall limit any variances granted as strictly as possible in order to ~~insure~~ ensure conformance with the purposes and provisions of this Ordinance to the greatest extent possible, and in doing so may impose such conditions to a variance as it deems necessary. The party receiving the variance shall comply with all conditions imposed. Variances may be granted under the following conditions.

1. **Variances may be permitted only under the following conditions:**

- a. Variances may be granted only from dimensional requirements including, but not limited to street frontage, lot_width, structure height, percent of lot coverage, and setback requirements.

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TABLE 7.2 SPACE AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS [AMENDED 6/19/21]

District	Minimum Lot Size (Acres)	Maximum Residential Density (Acres) ¹	Maximum Lot Coverage (%)	Street Frontage (feet)	Structure Setback From Property Lines (Feet) ⁶			Maximum Structure Height (Feet)
					Front	Side	Rear	
Village Center	1 acre ⁴	N/A	70%	48'—100' <u>100' MIN</u>	0-20' <u>10' MIN</u> MAX	25' <u>10' MIN</u> MAX	5' MIN	3 stories, no higher than 50 feet

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⁴Minimum Lot Size

- a. The minimum lot size can be reduced in the VC to 20,000 square feet when the lot is served by an advanced wastewater treatment system, or the existing system is retrofitted with an advanced wastewater system that meets or exceeds the state definition providing 50 percent or more reduction in nitrates, and has demonstrated that water quality will not be degraded.

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~~b. The minimum lot size can be further reduced below 20,000 sf when that lot treats its wastewater on a separate lot that complies with Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal criteria.~~

~~eb.~~ GPD or gallon per day design flows may be utilized when presented and proven to not exceed the assumed 4 bedroom or 360 gpd flows of a typical residential home per lot, this type of development requires Planning Board approval.

~~ec.~~ Pocket Neighborhoods allow for the use of reduced lot size below 20,000 sf, consistent with Section 7.2(D). ~~(as described in b. above) and can use gallons per day design flow (as described in e. above, if designed to comply with the standards of Subsection D.~~

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~~6. In the Village Center District, Civic Buildings (institutional uses) are exempt from maximum setback requirements. The recommended maximum front yard setback for Civic Buildings (institutional uses) is 60'.~~

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TABLE 7.1 LAND USES BY ZONING DISTRICT [AMENDED 5/17/08 ¹ 6/19/21]							
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USES***	Village Center	Village Residential	Farm and Forest	Resource Protection	Residential Shoreland	Royal River Overlay*	Groundwater Overlay*
Residential Uses							
Single-family detached dwelling ²	P	P	P	N	P	SPR	P
Duplex	P	P	P	N	P	N	P
Manufactured housing - individual lot ⁴	P	P	P	N	P	SPR	P
Conversions - seasonal to year-round residences	P	P	P	N	P	SPR	P
Mobile Home Park	CU/SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	N
Multiple Residential units in a permitted Building Type ⁹	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	SPR
Accessory Apartment ⁵ [Amended 5/17/08]	P	P	P	N	N	N	P
Accessory use – Home Occupation ⁶	P	P	P	N	SPR	SPR	SPR
Home heating fuel tanks & fuel storage (greater than 660 gallons of liquid fuel ⁷ per parcel of land)	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Accessory use – Home Based Occupation ⁸ [Amended 5/30/09]	P	P	P	N	N	SPR	SPR
Commercial and Industrial Uses							
Beauty salons	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	CU/SPR
Bed and breakfast	SPR	SPR	SPR**	N	N	N	SPR
Boat builders and refinishers	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	N
Business/professional office less than 2,000 sq.ft. gross floor area	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR* *	N	N	N	SPR
Business/professional office, 2,000 to 10,000 sq.ft. gross floor area	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	SPR
Retail sales/services, less than 2,000 sq.ft. gross floor area	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Retail sales/services, 2,000 to 10,000 sq.ft. gross floor area	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	CU/SPR
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¹ Tables were also reformatted to include blank lines for future amendments.

² Includes “community living arrangements” for 8 or fewer persons with disabilities as defined in 30-A M.R.S. Section 4357-A

³ Single-family residential structures may be allowed by special exception only according to the provisions of Section 7-5. Special Exceptions. Two-family residential structures are prohibited.

⁴ Shall meet the requirements of Section 11-5. Manufactured Housing On Individual Lots

⁵ Shall meet the requirements of Section 11-1. Accessory Apartments

⁶ Shall meet the requirements of Section 11-4. Home Occupations

⁷ Propane tanks, or other tanks with liquefied gaseous fuels are allowed. Home heating fuel tanks and fuel storage of 660 gallons or less is allowed with all residential uses.

⁸ Signs, exterior displays and any other indications of a home based occupation in a residential zone require conditional use approval from the Planning Board [Amended 5/30/09]

⁹ See Section X Section 10.4 for permitted Building Types.

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Commercial and Industrial Uses (continued)							
Retail sales/services with 10,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area, or more	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Restaurants with less than 2,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR **	N	N	N	SPR
Restaurants with 2,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area, or more	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR**	N	N	N	CU/SPR
<u>Tavern</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>
<u>Small Brewery, Small Winery, or Small Distillery</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>CU/SPR</u>
Takeout eating place	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Drive-through eating place	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Redemption center less than 2,000 sq. ft. gross floor area	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	N
Commercial food processors, other than those where food is raised on the premises (see Natural Resource Based Uses)	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Financial institution	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	SPR
Financial institution with drive through	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	N	CU/SPR
Laundromat	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	SPR ¹
Dry cleaners drop-off, no dry cleaning - processing	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Dry cleaners - processing	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Printers and photo processors	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	CU/SPR
Motor vehicle services/repairs and body shops/sales [limited to small operations; 10 or fewer vehicles on site at a time]	SPR	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N
Gas and/or service stations, sale of gas accessory to retail	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	N
Petroleum/petroleum product storage for retail/wholesale sales, including fuel oil distributors	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Petroleum/petroleum product use/storage for business use; more than 660 gallons of liquid fuel per parcel	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Petroleum/petroleum product use/storage for business use; 660 gallons or less of liquid fuel ¹ per parcel	P	P	P	N	N	N	CU/SPR
Auto washing facilities	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	SPR ¹
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Commercial and Industrial Uses (continued)							
Discharge of commercial or industrial Nondomestic wastewater or wash water to an on site septic disposal system	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Light manufacturing, Warehousing & Storage, and Trucking & Distribution less than 5,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	CU/SPR***
Light manufacturing, 5,000 sq.ft. to 20,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Warehousing & storage, 5,000 to 20,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area	SPR	N	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N
Trucking & distribution facility, 5,000 to 20,000 sq.ft. grossfloor area	SPR	N	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N
Wholesale business, research & development, light manufacturing, warehousing & storage, or trucking & distribution facility, 20,000 sq.ft. gross floor area or more	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Excavating contractors and general contractors	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Funeral homes	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Commercial/industrial Nondomestic solid waste disposal, transfer station and/or recycling facility	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Junkyard/auto graveyard/auto recycling	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
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USES***	Village Center	Village Residential	Farm and Forest	Resource Protection ¹	Residential Shoreland ¹	Royal River Overlay*	Groundwater Overlay*
Utility Uses							
Essential services, excepting the following (a. and b.) ² [Amended 5/17/08]	P	P	P	SPR	SPR	P	CU/SPR
a. Roadside distribution lines (34.5kV and lower)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
b. Non-roadside or cross-country distribution lines	P	P	P	SPR	SPR	SPR	P
<u>Large scale ground mount solar energy system</u>	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Service drops, as defined, to allowed uses ³	A	A	A	P	A	P	A
Public utility buildings	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR
Oil pipelines	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	N
Telecommunications towers	SPR	CU/SPR	SPR	N	SPR	N	SPR
Institutional Uses							
Public and private schools	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Public and private schools over 50,000 sq ft	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	N	CU/SPR
Day care and nursery schools	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Church including accessory residence	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Cemetery ⁵	SPR	SPR	P	N	N	N	N
Library and museum	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Fraternal and social institutions	SPR	CU/SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	CU/SPR
Municipal and other governmental buildings	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	SPR
New municipal transfer stations	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Municipal recycling facility	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Nursing home/congregate care	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR ⁴
Small non-residential facilities less than 5,000 sq.ft gross floor area for educational, scientific, or nature interpretation purposes	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	SPR	N	SPR
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¹ See restrictions Section 9-1. Residential Shoreland District and Resource Protection District Standards.

² Utilities (gas, water, power lines etc.) excluding service drops and buildings, as defined in Section XII. Definitions.

³ Electric and/or telephone utility line extensions, see restrictions in Section 9-1. Residential Shoreland District and Resource Protection District Standards.

⁴ Must be served by sewer or advanced wastewater treatment systems for on-site sewage disposal.

⁵ See Family Burial Ground

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Recreational Uses							
Campground	N	N	SPR	N	SPR	CU/SPR	N
Individual campsite	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Golf course including club house	SPR	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR ¹	SPR	N	N
Fully enclosed places of recreation	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N	SPR
Piers/Docks/Wharfs/Bridges – Permanent	P	P	P	SPR ²	SPR ²	SPR	SPR
Piers/Docks/Wharfs/Bridges – Temporary	P	P	P	P ²	P ²	P	P
Marinas/Sheds/Boating facilities	-	-	-	N	SPR	N	N
Non-intensive recreational uses not requiring structures, roads or parking facilities, such as hunting, fishing, hiking	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Government and non-profit parks and outdoor recreation	P	P	P	CU/SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR
Public and private recreational areas involving no structural development; recreational trails	A	A	A	SPR	SPR	SPR	A
Natural Resource Based Uses							
Aquaculture	A	A	A	SPR	SPR	SPR	N
Agriculture ³	A	A	A	SPR	A	A	SPR
Commercial processing of vegetables/crops raised on premises	P	P	P	N	SPR	N	SPR
Commercial processing of poultry and/or livestock raised on the premises (meat packer, slaughterhouse)	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Storage, handling, processing, disposal and/or utilization of sludge/ash	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Forest management activities, except timber harvesting	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
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¹ Clubhouse prohibited in Resource Protection District.

² Excluding bridges and other crossings not involving earth work, in which case no permit is required. [Adopted 5/17/08]

³ Agriculture: The production, boarding, keeping or maintenance for sale or lease of plants and/or animals, including but not limited to: forages and sod crops; grains and seed crops; dairy animals and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; livestock; fruits and vegetables; Christmas trees; and ornamental and green house products. Agriculture does not include forest management and timber harvesting activities. Agricultural activities for personal use only, do not require a Permit from the Planning Board.

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Natural Resource Based Uses (continued)							
Timber harvesting	A	A	A	P	A	A	SPR ¹
Mineral exploration	N	N	P	N	P	A	N
Mineral extraction (including sand & gravel) 100 cubic yards to 999 cubic yards within any 12 month period	A	A	A	N	CU/SPR	N	CU/SPR
Commercial mineral extraction (including sand & gravel) 1,000 cubic yards or more within any 12 month period	N	N	SPR	N	N	N	N
Lumber yards including milling, distribution of wood products, wholesale/retail sales of building materials	SPR	SPR	CU/SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Commercial processing of wood including cutting, sawing, splitting, and chipping	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Landscaping business, nursery, garden center	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Soil and water conservation practices	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Surveying and resource analysis	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Wildlife management practices	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Municipal and Public Safety Signs	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR
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Other Uses							
Abandoned wells	N	N	N	N	N	N	N ¹
Private airstrip	P	P	P	N	CU/SPR	N	CU/SPR ²
Commercial airport: fueling area or maintenance area	N	N	CU/SPR	N	N	N	N
Clearing or removal of vegetation for activities other than timber harvesting [Amended 5/17/08]	A	A	A	SPR	A	SPR	A
Demolition	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Family Burial Ground [Amended 4/28/18]	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR
Filling and earth moving of less than 10 cubic yards	A	A	A	P	A	A	A
Filling and earth moving of 10 cubic yards or more	A	A	A	SPR	P	P	P
Emergency operations and fire prevention activities	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Land reclamation	P	P	P	SPR	P	SPR	SPR
Storage of chemicals, including herbicides, pesticides or fertilizers <u>other than</u> amounts normally associated with individual households or farms	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Subsurface waste disposal and sewage systems	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Advanced wastewater treatment systems	P	P	P	P	P	P	SPR
Storm water impoundments	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	SPR
Wastewater impoundments	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Industrial waste disposal	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
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¹ Must be filled with inert material; see Section 9-2. Groundwater Protection Overlay District: Best Management Standards.

² No more than 660 gallons of liquid fuel per parcel of land may be stored on-site.

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Other Uses (continued)							
Parking associated with single family and two family dwellings, and non-commercial farmsteads	A	A	A	N ¹	SPR	SPR	A
Parking associated with uses other than single family and two family dwellings, and non-commercial farmsteads	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	SPR	SPR	SPR
Road, driveway construction	P	P	P	N ²	SPR	SPR	P
New or expanded driveway/entrance onto public road	P	P	P	N	SPR	SPR	P
Overnight storage or parking of vehicles and equipment containing over 50 gallons of fuel, excluding municipal storage and parking of vehicles	A	A	A	N	N	N	P
Covered sand and salt piles	P	P	P	N	N	N	SPR
Snow dumps	SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Railroad stations and railroad yards	CU/SPR	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N
Underground fuel storage tanks, other than propane	P	P	P	N	N	N	N
Signs	P	P	P	P	P	SPR	P
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² Except as provided in Section IX. Section 9-1.L. [Amended 5/17/08]