

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
CITY OF BELFAST PLANNING BOARD**

The City of Belfast Planning Board, at its meeting of Wednesday, September 19, 2018, beginning at 6:00 pm or as soon as practical thereafter, in the cafeteria of the Troy Howard Middle School that is located at 173 Lincolnville Avenue, shall conduct public hearings on the following proposed amendments to the City Code of Ordinances:

- 1) Amendments to Chapter 102, Zoning, that would apply to the Residential 1, Residential 2 and Residential 3 zoning districts; all of which are mostly located in the Inside the Bypass area. Amendments would allow some existing single family or two family residences to be converted to a multi-family residence (3 or more units in 1 building), and may allow an existing multi-family residence to add more units. Proposed development would be subject to an applicant satisfying specific performance standards. Proposal also involves amendments to parking standards identified in the Chapter 98, Technical Standards; amendments decrease amount of on-site parking for multi-family housing.
- 2) Amendments to Chapter 102, Zoning, Chapter 82, Shoreland, and Chapter 66, General Purposes, regarding Medical Marijuana facilities. Amendments to Chapter 102 would allow medical marijuana caregiver retail stores in the following zoning districts: Downtown Commercial, Waterfront Mixed Use 1 and 2, Route 3 Commercial, Searsport Avenue Commercial, Searsport Avenue Waterfront, Route One South Commercial, Route 141 & Mill Lane Commercial (if property has road frontage on Rte 1 or Rte 141), and Route 137 Commercial (if property located southerly of Merriam Drive). Proposal would allow medical marijuana manufacturing facilities and/or testing facilities in all of the above named zoning districts, and in the following additional districts: General Purpose A and B, Residential Agricultural I and II, Residential Growth, Office Park, Airport Growth, Business Park, and Protection Rural. The amendments to Chapter 82, Shoreland, would allow the above uses in the Waterfront Development District. Proposal would prohibit medical marijuana registered dispensaries. Amendments to Chapter 66, General Purposes, would establish definitions that would apply to medical marijuana facilities.

The role of the Planning Board is to provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the proposed amendments. The City Council, at a future date, may choose to conduct a public hearing on one or both of these proposed amendments.

Persons who may be affected by the proposed amendments are encouraged to attend the September 19 public hearing and to express your concerns to the Planning Board. Comment also may be submitted in writing or via email by the date of the hearing. Written comment to Wayne Marshall, Director, Code & Planning, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915. Email comment to **public@cityofbelfast.org**. The proposed language for the amendments will be posted on the City website, cityofbelfast.org, reference Planning and Codes; information under September 19 Hearings. The proposals also are available for inspection at the Code and Planning Department offices in City Hall, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Questions regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Wayne Marshall at 338-1417, x 125, or at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.