

**CITY OF BELFAST CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING - FIRST READING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 102, ZONING, ARTICLE VIII, SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT
REGULATIONS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 7:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - BELFAST CITY HALL**

Notes to Public

1) Background Information and Explanation of Proposed Amendments

The City Council, at its meeting of October 16, 2018, adopted amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 102, Zoning, Article VIII, Supplementary District Regulations, to establish a new Division, Division 7. Division 7 established specific City regulations and a permitting process that would apply to a request to install a significant groundwater well. The City, prior to the adoption of the Division 7 standards, did not have any specific local regulations for a significant groundwater well.

The Code and Planning Department recently reviewed the Ordinance language adopted by the City Council on October 16, 2018. In reviewing the Second Reading Ordinance language (public hearing on October 9), the Department found that one of the Sections included in the First Reading Ordinance language (public hearing on September 25), Section 102-1080, Independent Expert Assistance, was inadvertently omitted from the Second Reading language. The sole purpose of the amendment that is now being proposed is to restore Section 102-1080 to the adopted requirements identified in Division 7.

2) City Council Review and Public Hearings and How to Offer Public Comment

The City Council is scheduled to conduct two public hearings associated with the proposed amendments; one at the First Reading that is scheduled for February 19, and a second at the Second Reading that is tentatively scheduled for March 19. It is noted that the date of the Second Reading will be determined by the Council at its meeting of February 19.

The public may offer comment to the City Council that will be considered as part of the public hearing process in one of three ways:

- You can attend either of the public hearings and offer verbal comment to the City Council at the respective hearing.
- You can submit comment in writing to: Wayne Marshall, Code and Planning, City of Belfast, 131 Church St, Belfast, ME, 04915. All written comment to be considered at the respective hearing must be received by the date of the hearing.
- You can submit comment via email to: **public@cityofbelfast.org**. All email comment must be submitted by 3:30 pm on the date of the respective hearing so that copies can be produced for that evening's Council meeting.

All comment that is provided in writing or via email will be provided to the City Council at or before the hearing. The City Council gives equal consideration to all forms of comment that are offered. Questions regarding the proposed Ordinance amendment should be directed to Wayne Marshall, Director, Code & Planning at 338-1417 x 125 or at wmarshall@cityofbelfast.org.

- 3) **All text shown in black underlined font** is the text that is proposed to be added to Chapter 102, Zoning, Division 7. The only text shown for the amendment is the language proposed to be added to Division 7. The complete language for Division 7, Significant Groundwater Well Permit, that the City Council adopted on October 16, 2018 can be found on the City website; reference Planning and Codes, Div 7 Amend, Feb - March 2019

TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Chapter 102, Zoning

Article VIII, Supplementary District Regulations

Division 7. Significant Groundwater Well Permit.

Section 102-1080. Independent Expert Assistance.

The City Planning Board shall have the authority to engage the services of an independent expert(s) to assist in providing professional services such as but not limited to: the review of an application, particularly the hydro-geologic investigation report, the development of permit conditions, and preparing and implementing an ongoing monitoring program. The costs of such services shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The Code and Planning Department will collect and manage all fees and assist in determining the amount of the fees to assess the applicant.