



# City of Woonsocket, RI

Planning Board | Design Review Commission | River Corridor Review Commission Joint Meeting

## SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW AND THE PLANNING BOARD

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 | 6:30 PM

**Location:** Woonsocket Education Center, Room 310, 115 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

### AGENDA:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ATTENDANCE REVIEW
- III. ZONING BOARD OF REVIEW AND PLANNING BOARD WORKSHOP ON AMENDMENTS TO THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS REGARDING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ZONING, PLANNING, AND PERMITTING STATUTES

City Staff from the Department of Planning and Zoning will hold a workshop with the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review to update the Board members on State Legislation that was adopted in 2022 and 2023, most of which will take effect in January of 2024. This legislation made changes to various aspects of zoning, planning, and permitting statutes for the purposes of standardizing and streamlining the development process and otherwise reducing barriers to housing development. The purpose of this informational workshop is to prepare the members of both Boards concerning changes that will affect City Ordinances and procedures regarding applications and meetings, in addition to allowing Board members and city staff to discuss the details of these changes.

Topics of discussion include changes to:

- Accessory Dwelling Units (2023-H 6082 Substitute Aaa)
- Zoning Enabling Act (2023-H 6059 Substitute A, 2023-S 1032 Substitute A)
- Adaptive Reuse (2023-H 6090 Substitute A, 2023-S 1035 Substitute A)
- Transit-Oriented Development (2023-H 6084 Substitute B, 2023-S 1052 Substitute A)

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- Comprehensive Plan Implementation (2023-H 6085 Substitute A, 2023-S 1033 Substitute A)
- Land Development and Subdivision (2023-H 6061 Substitute Aaa, 2023-S 1034 Substitute A)
- LMI Housing (2023-H 6081 Substitute A, 2023-S 1037 Substitute A)
- Inclusionary Zoning (2023-H 6058 Substitute A, 2023-S 1051 Substitute A)
- Judicial Proceedings – Land Use (2023-H 6060 Substitute A / 2023-H 6083 Substitute A, 2023-S 1053 Substitute A / 2023-S 1050 Substitute A)
- Notice Requirements (2023-H 6086 Substitute A, 2023-S 1038 Substitute A)

Please note that the above list of topics for discussion is by no means exhaustive. We anticipate future meetings where we will discuss additional legislative changes.

**NOTICE:** This is NOT a public hearing. This is a Special Meeting per §42-46-6 of the Rhode Island General Laws with the purpose of discussing state policy changes that will remain informational. No decisions affecting the public will be made. The public is encouraged to attend.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

*By Order of the Zoning Board of Review,*  
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