

Zoning & Planning Committee January 27, 2019

#31-20 – AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE SPECIAL
PERMIT CRITERIA RELATED TO ENERGY
CONSERVATION

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Special Permit Criterion 5

- COUNCILORS CROSSLEY AND ALBRIGHT seeking a review and possible amendments to Section 7.3.3.C.5 of Chapter 30, Newton Zoning Ordinance, to:
 - a) **further inform the objectives of reducing energy consumption and limiting use of natural resources, and,**
 - b) consider reducing the threshold for compliance to apply the requirement to buildings 10,000 sq. ft. and larger.

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Existing Language

Section 7.3.3.C.5:

“In cases involving construction of building or structures or additions to existing buildings or structures, if those proposed buildings or structures or additions contain individually or in the aggregate 20,000 or more square feet in gross floor area, the site planning, building design, construction, maintenance or long term operation of the premises will contribute significantly to the efficient use and conservation of natural resources and energy.”

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Proposed Language

“In cases involving construction of building or structures or additions contain individually or in the aggregate 20,000 or more square feet in gross floor area, the site planning, building design, construction, maintenance or long term operation of the premises will contribute significantly to the efficient use and conservation of natural resources and energy, **including in particular: minimizing building operating energy, embodied carbon, the use of fossil fuels and the carbon footprint for transportation to and from the site.**”

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