

**CITY OF NEWTON
LAW DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 8, 2021

TO: Zoning and Planning Committee – All Members

FROM: Andrew S. Lee, Assistant City Solicitor

RE: Demolition Delay – Proposed Amendments – Dkt. No. 29-20(2)

Over the past year, the working group comprised of Newton Historic Commission Chair Doug Cornelius, and City Councilors Susan Albright, Lisle Baker, Deborah Crossly and Andrea Kelly have worked on updating and restructuring the City of Newton’s Demolition Delay Ordinance. The product of the working group meetings is a proposed draft amendment to the ordinance, which was included with the Zoning and Planning (“ZAP”) packet materials for the ZAP meeting on February 22, 2021. The clean version and redlined version of the proposed draft are attached hereto as Attachment A and B, respectively. Also attached as Attachment C is the law department’s power point presentation that walks through the Demolition Delay process and the proposed changes.

As stated at the February 22, 2021 ZAP meeting, the working group generally had full consensus on the proposed draft amendment. However, the working group flagged several items for further discussion. Those items and other proposals that were discussed at the ZAP meeting are set forth on Slides 17 - 20 of the attached power point presentation.