

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EAST GREENWICH TOWN COUNCIL
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
MONDAY APRIL 8, 2019
7:00 PM IN THE
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
EAST GREENWICH TOWN HALL – FIRST FLOOR
125 MAIN STREET**

The Town of East Greenwich Town Council will hold a Public Hearing on April 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Town Council Chambers of Town Hall, 125 Main Street, East Greenwich RI relative to amending the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Specifically Chapter 260, Zoning, of the Town Code, Article II "Definitions" – being Section 260-6, "Terms Defined" shall be amended to address "Building Height" and "Freeboard." These amendments are designed to bring the local zoning code into conformance with State Zoning Enabling Statutes, specifically Rhode Island General Laws § 45-24-31 "Definitions" (effective March 1, 2019). In addition, a corresponding change to "Attachment 2" of Chapter 260, Zoning, of the Town Code, Table 2: *Table of Dimensional Regulations by Zone* is proposed for amendment as pertains to maximum allowable overall building height.

The purpose of the proposed amendment is to re-define "building height" as it is applied in Special Flood Hazard Areas. Legislation changing the definition was passed in the RI House and Senate in June, 2018 and later signed by the Governor. The legislation allows overall structure heights in some flood zones to be measured not from grade, as has been the traditional approach, but from the base flood elevation. The maximum building height in most zones is currently 35 feet. The proposed change would reduce that cap by eight feet in applicable areas where flood elevation is used as a baseline. The East Greenwich Planning Board reviewed the Draft Ordinance as required on February 6, 2019 and has recommended it favorably to the Town Council.

All interested persons are invited to attend the Public Hearing and be heard. Modifications to the proposal may occur as a result of the comments received during the hearing. The proposed changes can be reviewed at Town Hall at 125 Main Street in the Clerk's Office or Planning Department during normal business hours.

Individuals requiring interpreter services should contact the Town Clerk's Office at (401) 886-8606 via RI Relay #711 (800) 745-5555 TTY or in writing.

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