

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the residents of the Town of St. Johnsbury that the St. Johnsbury Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at The Welcome Center in the Town of St. Johnsbury, on **Tuesday, July 19th, 2022, at 6:30 PM**. The hearing will be held for public review of and comment on amendments to the St. Johnsbury Zoning and Subdivision Code of Ordinance (Land Use By-laws) pursuant to Title 24 VSA, Ch. 117 §§ 4441-4444. Full context of the proposed modifications and the Planning Commission's report are available in the Town Clerk's office or online at STJVT.com

1. The following definitions and bylaw changes and additions are proposed to be added to the Zoning and Subdivision Code of Ordinances (zoning bylaws): Article VII Definitions and Article IV:

ARTICLE VII Definitions Certain words are defined for the purpose of this ordinance as follows:

Auto service station: Any area of land, including structures thereon, that is used or designed to be used for the retail supply of gasoline or oil or other combustible fuel for the propulsion of motor vehicles and which may include facilities used or designed to be used for polishing, greasing, washing, spraying, dry cleaning or otherwise cleaning or servicing such motor vehicles.

Auto service station canopy: An attached or detached structure providing cover and under which vehicles park while fueling or charging with electricity.

Awning: A structural skeleton with a skin made of a flexible fabric that is constructed to project horizontally or at an angle from the vertical face of the building or other structure.

Awning sign: Lettering or symbols applied directly to the fabric of an awning; signs may not be mounted above an awning or attached below it. An awning sign is a form of parallel sign.

Banner: A sign of flexible substrate on which copy, or graphics, may be displayed.

Electric vehicle charging station (EVCS): Electric Vehicle Charging Station means the public or private parking space(s) served by electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE), including all signs, information, pavement, surfaces, surface markings, fee collections systems, and protective equipment in which a vehicle is recharged.

Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE): Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment means the protective system which communicates with electric vehicles and monitors electrical activity to ensure safe charging, inclusive of all components: the conductors; the undergrounded, grounded, and equipment grounding conductors; electrical vehicle connectors; attachment plugs; and all other fittings, devices, power outlets, or apparatus installed specifically for the purposes of delivering energy from the grid to an electric vehicle.

Electric vehicle (EV): Electric Vehicle means a class of automobiles that use electric motors powered by energy drawn from the grid or off-grid electric sources into a battery system for propulsion. This definition includes all battery electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.

Charging levels: Standardized indicators of electrical force, or voltage, at which an EV's battery is recharged. EVSE is classified into categories by the rate at which batteries are charged: alternating current (AC) Level 1; AC Level 2; and direct current fast charging (DCFC).

Free-standing sign: A sign principally supported by one (1) or more columns, poles, or braces, or a solid-appearing base with no exposed structural supports, placed in or upon the ground.

IES: Illuminating Engineering Society. An organization that recommends standards for the lighting industry.

Mural: A work of public art that is tiled, painted directly upon, or otherwise affixed or placed directly onto, or otherwise mounted on an exterior wall of a building or structure.

Public art: A fountain, monument, sculpture, painting, mural, or similar art object that is accessible to public view, is intended for the enjoyment of the general public, and does not identify or draw attention to a business, profession, industry, agency, to the type of products sold, manufactured, or assembled, or to the type of services or entertainment offered or available on the premises.

Sandwich board (A-frame sign): A portable sign, supported by its own frame, that may be removed during non-business hours and containing two (2) equal faces, each not to exceed 30 inches wide by 42 inches tall.

Sign: Any device visible from a public place or other property whose essential purpose and design is to convey either commercial or non-commercial messages by means of graphic presentation of alphabetic or pictorial symbols, objects, or representations.

2. Amendments and changes to Article IV bylaws: 413.1 – 413.7; 430; 461.1 – 461.12. [All the following sections of Part 4 to be renumbered as Sections 431 through 443.] See attached copy.
3. The proposed amendments and definitions are consistent with the goals and policies of the St. Johnsbury Town Plan.