

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, September 19, 2023, 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.

Proposed changes to Lighting

Section 413 Outdoor Lighting

- 413.1 Outdoor Lighting Requirements
- 413.2 Light Trespass (Nuisance Light)
- 413.3 Illuminance and Luminance Requirements.
- 413.4 Electric Utility Floodlights.
- 413.5 On Site Outdoor Lighting Energy Conservation.
- 413.6 Lighting Plan.
- 413.7 Prohibitions.

Section 461 Signs

- 461.1 Signs Permits and Applications.
- 461.2 Exempt Off-Premises Signs.
- 461.3 Exempt On-Premises Signs.
- 461.4 Prohibited Signage.
- 461.5 Nonconforming Signs.
- 461.6 Change in Use or Termination of Activity.
- 461.7 Allowed Signs in Mixed Use, Commercial, Industrial, and Health Services Zoning Districts.
- 461.8 Auto Service Station Canopies.
- 461.9 Signs in Residential and Rural Lands Zoning Districts.
- 461.10 Sign Location, Design, Safety and Maintenance.
- 461.11 Sign Lighting.
- 461.12 Design Control Zoning District Signs.

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 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

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.

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.