

## **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, 51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, Vermont on Tuesday, June 6, 2017. The hearing will be held for public review of and comment on amendments to Zoning By-laws and the Civil Code of Ordinances pursuant to Title 24 VSA, Ch. 117 §§ 4441-4444.

**The purposes of the proposed Zoning By-law amendments are to:**

1. Add definitions for Self-Storage Unit, Freight Storage Containers, Pet Services, and Veterinary Services:
  - A. **Self-Storage Unit:** A facility where secured areas in a structure are rented to individuals or businesses for non-hazardous and non-perishable goods; secured areas not to exceed 2,000 cubic feet. Proposed permitting: Conditional in Mixed-Use, Industrial, and Commercial.
  - B. **Freight Storage Containers:** Freight storage containers shall include containers unregistered for transportation use; but not limited to box trailers, flat bed trailers, storage boxes or utility trailers. They may be with or without wheels. Special Uses added to Section 443.
  - C. **Pet Services:** This comprises establishments primarily engaged in providing pet care services (except veterinary), such as boarding, grooming, sitting, and training pets. Examples include: Animal grooming services, animal shelters, boarding services for pets, dog pounds, guard dog training services, guide dog training services, kennels or pet boarding, and pet obedience training services.
  - D. **Veterinary Services:** This comprises establishments of licensed veterinary practitioners primarily engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine, dentistry, or surgery for animals, and establishments primarily engaged in providing testing services for licensed veterinary practitioners. Examples include Animal hospitals, Veterinary Clinics, Veterinarians' Offices, and Veterinary Testing Laboratories.
2. Add Special Uses **Section 443** to describe more specific uses for Freight Storage Containers:

#### **Section 443: Freight Storage Containers**

A limit of one freight storage container may be parked on an owner's property provided that:

- a) It is parked to meet setback requirements
- b) A temporary permit is required and valid for one calendar year. Temporary structures must be in places designated for vehicle storage such as driveways.
- c) After one year, the owner must receive permitting for the freight storage container as a permanent and taxable accessory structure.

- d) Permanent freight storage container structures are only allowed in back yards.

Code of Civil Ordinance proposed changes to Chapter 6:

1. Clarify the responsibilities of the Town Health Officer, Code Compliance Officer and Zoning Administrator.
2. Add Article III to Chapter 6: Housing: Code Compliance and Enforcement
3. Add Article IV to Chapter 6: Housing: Rental Unit Registration

Full copies of Chapter 6 revisions may be picked up at the Town Clerk's office or found on the Town website: [www.stjvt.com](http://www.stjvt.com).

Dated in St. Johnsbury, Vermont May 16, 2017