

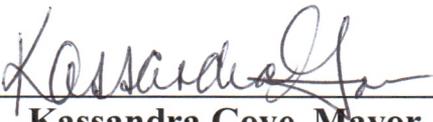


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Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Ordinance to amend the City Zoning Bylaw by inserting the previously enacted Short-Term Rental Unit Bylaw into Section XI, Special Conditions, as Subsection U; to update the Zoning Code to change the term Town to City; and rename the Zoning Bylaw as the Zoning Ordinance.

Summary: These revisions are intended as ministerial non-substantive amendments to the City Zoning Bylaw. The previously enacted Short-Term Rental Unit Bylaw (2021-105) needs to be assigned a section number to be officially inserted into the final zoning code. Further, since Amesbury has a City form of government, we should be referred to as a City (not a Town), the City’s zoning code should be entitled a Zoning Ordinance, and not a Zoning Bylaw, and the internal references should be to ordinances and not bylaws. This amendment will render the code consistent with the City form of government.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City Zoning Bylaw is hereby amended by inserting the previously enacted Short-Term Rental Bylaw into Section XI, Special Conditions therein as Subsection U.

And further, that the City Zoning Bylaw is hereby amended to change any references to “Town” to the word “City” and rename the Zoning Bylaw as the Zoning Ordinance, and, for such purposes, to replace the words “Bylaw” and “Bylaws” with “Ordinance” and “Ordinances” as necessary and appropriate throughout and to authorize the City Clerk to make non-substantive ministerial and grammatical revisions as necessary to accomplish this amendment and to ensure that related text is revised to properly reflect such change in nomenclature.

Summary:

These housekeeping items are combined based on KP Law's counsel:

1. Zoning Code terminology update: When Amesbury went to a City form of government, the City should have updated the Zoning Bylaws to ensure any references to Town were changed to City and update the name of the Zoning Code name to Zoning Ordinance. These housekeeping items will ensure Amesbury is using the correct terminology in and for our Zoning Code.
2. In October 2021, the Short-Term Rental Unit Bylaw (Bill No. 2021-105) was passed without specific sections numbers. This was an administrative oversight as we were focused on the specific details and regulations associated with this bylaw instead of the location in the Zoning Code. Based on KP Law's guidance, they assigned a section number to be officially inserted into the final zoning code as Section XI, Special Conditions therein as Subsection U.

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