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HEARING AGENDA

PLEASE BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING APPEALS TO BE HEARD ON JANUARY 23, 2025 BEGINNING AT 5:00PM AND RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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HEARINGS: 5:00 P.M

Case: BOA-1660267 Address: 305-307 Meridian Street Ward: 1 Applicant: Jose Pineda

Article(s) Art. 06 Sec. 04 Other Protectional Conditions

Purpose REMOVE PROVISIO AND GRANT TO THIS PETITIONER ONLY

Case: BOA- 1599811 Address: 657 East Fifth Street Ward: 6 Applicant: Thomas Miller

Article(s) Article 68, Section 8 Dimensional Regulations INSUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL LOT AREA PER UNIT Art 68 Sec 8 Dim reg app in res sub dist INSUFFICIENT OPEN SPACE

Purpose : PHASE 2: Change occupancy from 1 family to 2 family home.*Occupancy committee confirmed legal use as a single family only

Case: BOA-1654426 Address: 139 Beech Street Ward: 20 Applicant: Robin Hopkins and David L. Desmarais

Article(s) Article 67, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient The applicant will need to seek relief for the side yard setback requirements. Zoning requires at least 10' (feet).

Purpose Remove portion of existing rear deck and erect two story addition (approximately 595 sf of additional living area) at rear of existing single family, to enlarge kitchen and enlarge primary bedroom and to add one full bathroom.

Case: BOA- 1674592 Address: 121 Harvard Avenue Ward: 21 Applicant: Gen Allston LP

Article(s) Art. 51 Sec. 56^ Off street parking requirements Insufficient parking Article 51, Section 16 Use Regulations conditional

Purpose Submitting for Zoning Refusal, minimal filing fee letter included. Applying for conditional use permit for restaurant use on the second story. Work to include interior renovations of 2nd story.

Case: BOA- 1662652 Address: 10-12 Bagnal Street Ward: 22 Applicant: David McNair

Article(s) Article 51, Section 9 Side Yard Insufficient Article 51, Section 9 Floor Area Ratio Excessive Article 51, Section 9 Bldg Height Excessive (Stories)

Purpose : Adding a shed dormer to accommodate additional living space. Confirming occupancy of 2 family home in existence for many years.

Case: BOA-1673742 Address: 64 Etna Street Ward: 22 Applicant: Emily Horjus

Article(s) Article 51, Section 9 Dimensional Regulations Max allowed f.a.r. exceeded (i.e. Finished basement finished attic.) Article 51, Section 9 Dimensional Regulations Max allowed number of habitable stories has been exceeded (.e. 2.5 stories max>.)

Purpose Finish existing 3rd floor into 2 bedrooms with play area and legalize extension of living space into the basement area. Owner needs to apply for variance and needs rejection letter for 1. FAR, 2. Gross area, and 3. Usable open space. Please bill for permit reduced fee.



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RE-DISCUSSION: 5:00 P.M

Case: BOA- 1613879 Address: 43-45 Wood Avenue Ward: 18 Applicant: Aisha Celester

Article(s): Art. 09 Sec 01 Extension of Non-Conforming Use Art 69 Sec 09 Insufficient open new driveway proposed

Purpose: Proposed driveway with two parking spots is being requested on the right side of 43 45 Wood Avenue per plan submitted dated 6/29/23

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For the complete text of the Boston Zoning Code Articles and definitions of terms in this agenda, please go to https://ww.w.municode.com/library/ma/boston/codes/redevelopment_authority