

TOWN OF ST. JOHNSBURY
Zoning By-law Amendments
Notice of Right to Petition

Below are the Zoning Bylaw Amendments approved by Selectboard at a regular meeting on July 12, 2017 following a public hearing. Petitions to appeal this decision must be received at the Town Clerk's office no later than August 12, 2017. It will take effect on September 12, 2017. If a petition is filed under 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the taking effect of this ordinance shall be governed by that statute.

The purposes of the amendments follow:

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 3,000 cubic feet per unit. 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 for residential added to Section 443. Permitting: Conditional in residential and mixed use; permitted in rural, industrial and commercial.
 - 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. Permitting: Conditional in residential and mixed use; Permitted in Rural, Industrial and Commercial.
 - 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, veterinarian offices, and veterinary testing laboratories. Proposed permitting: Conditional in Mixed Use; Permitted in Rural Lands, Health Services, Industrial and Commercial.
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 in residential districts provided that:

- a) It is parked to meet setback requirements

- b) A temporary permit is required and valid for no more than 3 months. Temporary structures must be in places designated for vehicle storage such as driveways.
- c) After 3 months, 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.

Planning Commission Public Hearing: June 6, 2017.

Approved to move to Select Board at regular Planning Commission meeting: June 20, 2017.

Select Board Public Hearing: July 12, 2017; Approved at regular Select Board Meeting following the hearing on July 12, 2017.