

Town Article 11 – Zoning Amendment 10 - Workforce Housing

This article will add a new definition to the Town Zoning Ordinance for “Workforce Housing” as none currently exists. The definition will be the same as that of the State of NH in RSA 674:58 IV. (1) This definition includes pricing guidelines as compared to income for both rentals and ownerships.

A YES vote would add the State’s definition of “Workforce housing” to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance.

A NO vote would leave the Zoning Ordinance without such a definition.

Reasons why some voters might vote yes:

- So there will be a local definition of Workforce housing.
- To match the State of NH’s definition of this term.

Reasons why some voters might vote no:

- Do not agree with the State of NH’s definition of Workforce housing.
- Do not want to change the Town’s zoning code.

References:

1. RSA Section 674:58 IV states: Workforce housing means housing which is intended for sale and which is affordable to a household with an income of no more than 100 percent of the median income for a 4-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Workforce housing also means rental housing which is affordable to a household with an income of no more than 60 percent of the median income for a 3-person household for the metropolitan area or county in which the housing is located as published annually by the HUD. Housing developments that exclude minor children from more than 20 percent of the units, or in which more than 50 percent of the dwelling units have fewer than two bedrooms, shall not constitute workforce housing.