



April 4, 2023

I hereby certify that at an adjourned session of the 2023 Annual Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Abington held on April 3rd, 2023, a meeting duly called and conducted under Chapter 152 of the By-Laws of the Town of Abington, a quorum present, it was voted:

**Article 21 – Amendment to Zoning Bylaw §175-50A to better define minimum standards for landscaped buffer strips bordering parking lots:**

Voted to amend Zoning Bylaw §175-50 entitled “Visual relief for lots” to further define required buffer requirements in §175-50A, with additions shown in bold and deletions shown in ~~strikethrough~~:

§175-50 Visual Relief for lots.

- A. Parking lots that abut public ways shall be separated therefrom by at least a ten-foot-wide buffer strip of suitable landscaping which shall contain ~~at least five trees per 200 linear feet that are at least three inches diameter at four feet above the ground.~~ For each buffer strip which is more than 30 feet long, a street tree having a diameter at breast height (4.5 feet) of at least 3” shall be planted at a ratio of at least 1 tree per 30 feet of buffer strip length. A street tree shall not be placed within 20 feet of any street corner or in any location which may create a hazard, conflict with utilities, or impair sight lines for drivers or pedestrians, or as the number and location of such trees may otherwise be approved. Parking lots that abut residential districts or existing residential uses shall also provide a minimum ten-foot landscaped buffer strip on the affected side yards. Landscaping areas may be required or allowed to incorporate stormwater treatment measures to treat runoff from the adjacent parking areas.

PASSES WITH 2/3 VOTE

A true record,

Attest:

*Leanne M. Adams*

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Town Clerk