

**Amendments to New Shoreham Zoning Ordinances**  
**Adding a new Section Tour Business, adding to Article 2, 202 Definitions, adding to Article 3, Sections 308**  
**– 312 and amending the Zoning Appendix B – Use Categories Allowed by Zoning District table**

**2024-15**

**It is ordained by the New Shoreham Town Council:**

**Appendix E**  
**ZONING ORDINANCE**

**§202. Definitions.**

TOUR BUSINESS— A business enterprise or establishment that engages in, offers, provides or conducts, public or private, in-person guided tours either for walking, or utilizing a bicycle (including motorized bicycle), kayak, or by other means, equipment, or vehicle, but not mopeds or other electronic or motorized vehicles or apparatus, including but not limited to skateboards, or scooters.

**§ 519 Tour Business.**

Tour Businesses shall conform to the following:

- A.** Location. Tour facilities, and any facilities utilized for conducting or offering a private or public Tour Business, including but not limited to any office, rental or sales facility, and/or storage, shall be located entirely on private property and shall be operated so as not to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
- B.** Size. No Tour Business shall offer availability for more than 25 participants at one time.
- C.** Amplifying Device. The use of an amplifying device is prohibited.
- D.** Tour groups of any size shall not obstruct or otherwise inhibit the free, safe, and efficient flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic and must abide by Rhode Island General Laws, R.I.G.L 31-19-1 et. seq.
- E.** A Tour Business may supply the necessary equipment used in conjunction with a tour, such as bicycles or kayaks. All such equipment shall be maintained in a safe mechanical condition and operative at all times when in service.
- F.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit the rental of electronic or motorized bicycles or other electronic or motorized vehicles or apparatus, including but not limited to skateboards, or scooters.
- G.** Additional Standards: All Tour Businesses that utilize bicycles shall additionally conform to the following:
  - 1.** Tours shall be organized in groups with a maximum group size of 6 guests, excluding the tour guide, on an itinerary which has been packaged, priced, or sold as a bicycle tour;
  - 2.** Guests must be over the age of 15;
  - 3.** Tour hours are limited to sunrise to sunset;
  - 4.** If a guided tour, tour guides must ride at the front of the tour group;
  - 5.** Every bicycle shall have a sign in plain view identifying the name of the business operating the tour;

- 6. Helmets are mandatory: and
- 7. Tours shall be operated on town and state roads and public rights-of-way only.

**ZONING APPENDIX B. - USE CATEGORIES ALLOWED BY ZONING DISTRICT**

P = Permitted Use  
 S = Special Use  
 X = Not Allowed/Prohibited  
 LDP = Land Development Project

Uses	RA	RB	RC	RC/M	M	OHC	NHC	SC	PU
<u>Tour Business</u>	X	X	P	P	P	P	P	P	X

Article 3  
**Zoning Districts and Regulations**

§ 308 **Residential C Zone (RC Zone).**

D. Permitted Uses.

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§ 309 **Residential C/Mixed Use Zone (RC/M Zone).**

D. Permitted Uses.

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§ 310 **Mixed Use Zone (M Zone).**

D. Permitted Uses.

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§ 311 **Old Harbor Commercial Zone (OHC Zone).**

D. Permitted Uses.

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§ 312 **New Harbor Commercial Zone (NHC Zone).**

D. Permitted Uses.

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§ 313 **Service Commercial Zone (SC Zone).**

D. Permitted Uses.

Tour Business

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