



# Watertown Town Council

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**ORDINANCE #** [REDACTED]

**2020 – O –** [REDACTED]

**WHEREAS:** Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 5 and Article IX of the Watertown Zoning, the Zoning Ordinance may be amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS:** On August 13, 2019, the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown had a first reading on an amendment submitted by the Department of Community Development and Planning, at the request of the Honorable Town Council, in regard to clarifying language to better regulate the removal of ledge; and

**WHEREAS:** On September 11, 2019 with five members present, the Planning Board voted to recommend approval of the amendment and directed DCDP staff to submit the Planning Board’s report and recommendations to the Town Council with respect to the proposed amendment; and

**WHEREAS:** On February 11, 2020 the Town Council conducted a duly advertised Public Hearing with respect to the proposed Amendment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Town Council of the City known as the Town of Watertown that Title XII of the Watertown Code of Ordinances, the Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended, with struck-through language deleted and underlined language inserted, as follows:

## ARTICLE VIII - OTHER REGULATIONS

### **SECTION 8.00 REGULATION OF SOIL REMOVAL OR LEDGE**

In no district shall any sod, loam, gravel, sand or quarried stone be removed from a lot, except when incidental to and in connection with the construction of a building or a parking or loading area for which a permit has been issued, except in an Industrial district by special permit. The foregoing shall not prohibit the replacement of existing sod or loam by fresh sod or loam for landscaping purposes.

**If ledge is to be removed when incidental to and in connection with a By-Right project using a vehicle-mounted hydraulic jackhammer or rock breaker, then a Community Meeting in accordance with WZO Section 9.03 will be held prior to any such removal, to discuss the extent of the removal, methods to be utilized, the timing and duration of such work. The meeting will then be followed by a letter to abutters with the agreed upon process, unless the removal is determined by the Director of the Department of Community Development & Planning, in writing, to be less than a significant quantity.**