

LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_ OF 2018

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BEACON

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND  
CHAPTER 223 OF THE CODE OF THE  
CITY OF BEACON

A LOCAL LAW to amend Chapter 223, concerning calculation of the Lot Area per Dwelling Unit in the R1, RD, and Fishkill Creek Development Districts.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Beacon as follows:

**Section 1.** Chapter 223, Attachment 1 of the Code of the City of Beacon entitled “§ 223-17C, Schedule of Regulations For Residential Districts” is hereby amended to add the following footnote “q” after “Lot Area per Dwelling Unit” and in the attached “Notes” list:

q. For all development proposals involving a total lot area of more than three acres within a R1, RD, or Fishkill Creek Development zoning district, the lot area per dwelling unit calculation shall first deduct any lot area covered by surface water, within a federal regulatory floodway, within a state or federally regulated wetland, or with existing, pre-development very steep slopes of 25 percent or more as defined in § 223-63.

**Section 2.** Chapter 223 of the City Code, Article IVC entitled “Fishkill Creek Development District” § 223-41.14B is hereby amended as follows:

B. Development Potential. Maximum number of dwelling units per acre of lot area, after deducting on all development proposals involving a total lot area of more than three acres any lot area with existing, pre-development very steep slopes over 20% of 25 percent or more as defined in § 223-63, covered by surface water, within a federal regulatory floodway, or within a state or federally regulated wetland: 11. Additionally, a minimum of 25 percent of the total development’s floor area shall be permitted nonresidential uses other than dwelling units or artist live/work spaces, which must be built out before or concurrently with the residential development of the site. Less nonresidential square footage may be granted by the City Council for the voluntary and guaranteed inclusion in the project of desirable environmental, transportation, or other substantial public benefits which would not otherwise be required of the project, as determined at the sole discretion of the City Council as part of the concept plan approval.

**Section 3.** Chapter 223 of the City Code, Article VI entitled “§ 223-63, Definitions” is hereby amended as follows:

**VERY STEEP SLOPE**

An area of land with a gradient of 25% or more extending over a contiguous land area of at least 10,000 square feet ~~horizontal length of at least 100 feet and extending over a horizontal width of at least 100 feet.~~ [Added 3-1-2004 by L.L. No. 2-2004]

**Section 4.** Ratification, Readoption and Confirmation

Except as specifically modified by the amendments contained herein, Chapter 223 of the City of Beacon is otherwise to remain in full force and effect and is otherwise ratified, readopted and confirmed.

**Section 5.** Severability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their petition to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part hereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt there from.

**Section 6.** Effective Date

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.