

Housekeeping Amendment

Summer 2024

FAQs

What is Happening?

The Municipality of Mississippi Mills has initiated a Zoning By-law Amendment (File Number: **D14-MM-24**) to correct and clarify certain portions of [Zoning By-law #11-83](#).

What is a Housekeeping Amendment?

When a municipality initiates a Zoning By-law Amendment in order to correct minor discrepancies, it is commonly referred to as a “housekeeping amendment”.

Why is the Municipality Doing This?

Housekeeping amendments typically encompass minor changes that make the affected Zoning By-law provisions easier to understand; they can also include modest changes that remove or alter outdated or inconsistent provisions.

Who is Affected?

The housekeeping amendment affects all lands within the Municipality of Mississippi Mills.

What Changes are Being Proposed in this Housekeeping Amendment?

- Correct minor grammatical errors throughout the Zoning By-law;
- Amend and clarify definitions for “parking space, stacked”, “dwelling unit floor area”, “floor area”, and “dwelling”;
- Add a definition for “earth energy system” and “parking space, tandem”;
- Add maximum heights for Permitted Projections into Required Yards (i.e.: pergolas and other structures that may form a part of a permitted projection such as a deck or porch);
- Amend provisions relating to Wellhead Protection Areas, including additional measures for new earth energy systems within Wellhead Protection Areas;
- Add provisions relating to the use of multiple abutting lots as one lot for by-law purposes;
- Clarify provisions related to one dwelling per lot;
- Revise parking rates for recreational facilities;
- Review Cash-in-Lieu of parking provisions;
- Clarify provisions relating to minimum garage sizes, and parking and driveway setbacks;
- Clarify provisions relating to maximum building height for the Downtown Commercial (C2) Zone to conform with Community Official Plan (COP) policies;
- Amend Home-Based Business provisions to address the omission of catering businesses and add performance standards associated with that use.

What Comes Next?

A Public Meeting for the subject Zoning By-law Amendment will be held on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** The Public Meeting will be held virtually through the Municipal 'Zoom' platform, where oral submissions for the Public Meeting can be made. If you are interested in attending the Public Meeting via 'Zoom', please email the assigned Planners noted below.

A staff report with a more fulsome analysis of the proposed amendment will be prepared following the Public Meeting scheduled for August 27, 2024, in order to fully consider any and all public comments received. Draft proposed zoning will be prepared by Planning Staff along with the full staff report.

Following the Public Meeting, Committee and Council will consider the Zoning By-law Amendment.

How Do I Get Involved?

You can provide comments to Municipal Staff by attending the Public Meeting on **Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.** Additional information relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment may be requested from the assigned planners via phone, e-mail or mail. You may also submit comments via e-mail or mail to the assigned planner noted below.

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