CITY OF SALEM
FIRST PASSAGE

On August 1, 2019, the Salem City Council adopted as amended for first passage and to refer to the Committee on Ordinances, Licenses and Legal Affairs co-posted with the Committee of the Whole the City's Zoning Ordinance Amendment relative to Municipal and Religious Reuse by Special Permit. Due to the length of the Ordinance and in accordance with City Ordinances and the General Laws, a summary of the ordinance follows:

AMENDMENT SUMMARY

The Ordinance amendment adds "Municipal and Religious Reuse" as a use permitted in the RC, R1, R2 and R3 zoning districts upon the issuance of a special permit by the Planning Board. Residential and business uses may be permitted in buildings at least 4,000 s.f., at least 50 years old at the time of application, and had been in municipal or religious use for at least 20 continuous years. The amendment provides, among other things, eligibility, dimensional requirements, Site Plan Review, Historical Commission and Design Review Board advisory comments, parking and loading requirements and minimum of 10 percent of units approved under this Ordinance be affordable for 99 years to a household whose maximum income does not exceed 80% of the area median income.

The purpose of this amendment is to allow for the reuse of buildings in municipal or religious use into new uses that may not otherwise be allowed on those properties to promote historic preservation, economic development, housing production and environmental sustainability and resilience.

The complete text of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance is on file and available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the City Clerk, Room 1, City Hall, 93 Washington Street, Salem, MA or the Department of Planning & Community Development, 2nd floor, City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street, Salem, MA.

ATTEST:

ILENE SIMONS
CITY CLERK

ADV: 08/19/2019