

Year 1 Zoning Amendments

Adopted July 11, 2016

With scrivener's error corrections for VMU and MUC, July 18, 2106

This version of the amendments being considered for adoption by the Town Council on July 11, 2016 represents the language as would be modified if the series of amendments passes as presented by the Community Development Committee. For the version showing the modifications please refer to the draft order.

19-1.2. Definitions

Dwelling, Multi-family: A building designed or intended to be used, or used exclusively for residential occupancy by three (3) or more families living independently of one another and containing three (3) or more dwelling units. [Amended 7/11/16]

Dwelling, Two-Family: A building designed or intended to be used, or used exclusively for residential occupancy by two (2) families living independently of one another and containing two (2) dwelling units, but excluding single-family dwellings with an accessory dwelling unit as permitted under Section 19-55. [Adopted, 4/4/05; 7/11/16]

Dwelling Unit: A room or group of rooms designed and equipped exclusively for use as permanent, seasonal, or temporary living quarters for only one family at a time, and containing cooking, sleeping and toilet facilities. The term shall include mobile homes and rental units that contain cooking, sleeping, and toilet facilities regardless of the time-period rented. Recreational vehicles are not residential dwelling units. [Amended 5/26/09; 7/11/16]

Multiplex – [repealed]

Replace Section 19-6 in its entirety with the following:

Sec. 19-6 Districts [Replaced 7/11/16]

The Town of Falmouth is hereby divided into the following classes of districts as shown on the Zoning Map. The distinction of Residential Rural, Residential Growth and Commercial Growth are as depicted on the September 2014 Rural/Growth Boundary Map approved by the Town Council as part of the adoption of the 2013 Comprehensive Plan.

A. Residential Rural Districts

- a. Farm and Forest District - "F"
- b. Highland Lake Residential District – "HL"

B. Residential Growth Districts

1. Residential District - "RA"
2. Residential District - "RB"
3. Residential District - "RC"
4. Residential District – "RD"
5. Open Space Residential District [Adopted 3/27/89] [Repealed 6/19/06] -"OSRD"

C. Commercial/Mixed Use Growth Districts

1. Village Center 1 [Adopted 05/13/2013] – "VC1"
2. Village Center 2 [Adopted 05/13/2013] – "VC2"
3. Village Center Civic [Adopted 05/13/2013] – "VCC"
4. Mixed Use Cluster District - "MUC"
5. Village Mixed Use District - "VMU"
6. Elementary School Redevelopment District [Adopted 05/30/12]- "ESRD"
7. Business and Professional District - "BP"

D. Overlay Districts

1. Route 100 Corridor Overlay District [Adopted 1/25/88] - "CO"
2. Shoreland Zone:
 1. Resource Protection District – "RP"
 2. Limited Residential District – "LR"
 3. Limited Commercial District [Adopted 5/27/92] – "LC"
 4. Stream Protection District [Adopted 5/27/92]- "SP"
3. Retirement Community Overlay District [Adopted 11/23/98]- "RCOD"
 - a. Ocean View Retirement Community – "OVRC"
 - b. Avesta Retirement Community – "AVRC" [Adopted 05/23/16]
4. Highland Lake Conservation Overlay District [Adopted 11/27/00] – "HLCOD"
5. Resource Conservation Zoning Overlay District [Adopted 12/22/05] – "RCZO"
6. Water View Overlay District [Adopted 05/30/12] – "WVOD"

7. Village Center Overlay District [Adopted 11/23/98] [Repealed 05/13/13]
8. Garden Center Special Overlay District [Adopted 05/12/2014] - "GCSOD"

E. Special Districts

1. West Falmouth Crossing Master Planned Development District [Adopted 1/26/98] [Amended 12/22/05]– "WFCMPDD"
2. Tidewater Master Planned Development District [Adopted 4/4/05] – "TMPDD"
3. Village Park Special District [Adopted 05/28/2014] - "VPSD"
4. Hat Trick Drive Special District [Adopted 11/24/2014] - "HTDSD"
5. 234 Middle Road Special District [Adopted 11/24/08] – "MRSD"
6. Gray Road Special District [Adopted 07/13/15] – "GRSD"

Sec. 19-7 "F" - Farm and Forest District

The farm and forest district is an area which is not expected to be provided with public sewer, located in a generally rural area and intended to remain in that character. The district allows residential uses at low density and recreational and agricultural pursuits. [Amended 7/11/16]

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory buildings & uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Animal husbandry Farming Forestry Municipal buildings & uses Outdoor recreation Single Family Detached Dwellings Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Tier III Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Personal Use Airstrip [Adopted, 9/26/05] Essential Services ** [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Cemeteries Day care centers [Amended, 7/22/91] Day care homes [Amended, 7/22/91] Churches Extractive Industries Health Institutions Home occupations Kennels Libraries Museums Private clubs Private schools Riding stables Amateur Radio Towers [Adopted, 4/23/90] Veterinary Clinics [Adopted, 5/27/93] Bed and Breakfast Establishments [Adopted 5/27/93] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Roadside Stand [Adopted 02/27/12]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	

[Table amended 1/24/11]	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Lot Coverage	dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft)	Min. site size (acres)
	Lot Area (sq ft)	Lot Width (ft)			
All Uses	--	250'	15%	-	--
Cemeteries	--	--	--	-	10
Day Care Centers	--	--	--	-	2
Churches	--	--	--	-	5
Health Institute	--	--	--	-	5
Private Clubs	--	--	--	-	3
Private Schools	--	--	--	-	3
Riding Stables	--	--	--	-	3
Single Family Detached & Other Uses	80,000	--	--	80,000	--

Sec. 19-8 "RA" - Residential A District [Amended 7/11/16]

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory Building & Uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Farming Forestry Municipal Buildings & Uses Single Family Detached Dwellings Two family Multi family Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] <u>Essential Services**</u> [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Cemeteries Day Care Centers [Amended, 7/22/91] Day Care Homes [Amended, 7/22/91] Churches Congregate Housing Health Institutions. Home Occupations Libraries Marinas Museums Private Clubs Private Schools Amateur Radio Towers [Adopted, 4/23/90] Bed and Breakfast Establishments [Adopted, 5/27/93] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Roadside Stand [Adopted 02/27/12]
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	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Lot Coverage	dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft per unit)	Min. site size (acres)
	Lot Area (sq ft)	Lot Width (ft)			
All Uses	--	--	20%	--	--
Cemeteries	--	300	--	--	10
Day Care Centers	--	200	--	--	2
Churches	--	300	--	--	5
Congregate Housing	--	300	--	7,500	5
Health Institute	--	300	--	--	5
Multi family	15,000	100	--	5,000	-
Private Clubs	--	200	--	--	3
Private Schools	--	200	--	--	3
Two-family	10,000	50		5,000	
Single Family Detached & Other Uses	10,000	50	--	-- 10,000	--

Minimum Setbacks In Feet			
	Front Setback	Side Setback	Rear Setback
Cemeteries	50	50	50
Day Care Centers	50	50	50
Churches	100	100	100
Congregate Housing	100	100	100
Health Institute	100	100	100
Private Clubs	50	50	50
Private Schools	50	50	50
Single Family, Detached/Two family/Multi family and Other Uses	10	10	30

Sec. 19-9 "RB" - Residential B District [Amended 7/11/16]

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory Buildings & Uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Farming Forestry Municipal Buildings & Uses Single Family Detached Dwellings Two family Multi family Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] <u>Essential Services**</u> [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Cemeteries Day Care Centers [Amended 7/22/91] Day Care Homes [Amended 7/22/91] Churches Congregate Housing Extractive Industries Health Institutions Home Occupations Libraries Marinas Museums Private Clubs Private Schools Amateur Radio Towers [Adopted, 4/23/90] Bed and Breakfast Establishments [Adopted, 5/27/93] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Neighborhood Variety/Convenience Store* [Adopted 8/28/06] Roadside Stand [Adopted 02/27/12]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	*Applies only in that part of the RB District bounded by I-295, the Turnpike Spur, and the Presumpscot River

	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Lot Coverage	<u>dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft per unit)</u>	Min. site size (acres)
	Lot Area (sq ft)	Lot Width (ft)			
All Uses	--	--	20%	--	--
Cemeteries	--	300	--	--	10
Day Care Centers	--	200	--	--	2
Churches	--	300	--	--	5
Congregate Housing	--	300	--	7,500	5
Health Institute	--	300	--	--	5
Multi family	30,000	150	--	10,000	--
Private Clubs	--	200	--	--	3
Private Schools	--	200	--	--	3
Two-family	25,000	100	--	10,000	--
Single Family Detached, & Other Uses	25,000	100	--	25,000	--

Minimum Setbacks In Feet			
	<u>Front Setback</u>	<u>Side Setback</u>	<u>Rear Setback</u>
Cemeteries	50	50	50
Day Care Center	50	50	50
Churches	50	50	50
Congregate	100	100	100
Housing	100	100	100
Health Institutions	100	100	100
Private Clubs	50	50	50
Private Schools	50	50	50
Single Family Detached, Two-Family, Multi-family_and Other Uses	15	15	30

Sec. 19-10 "RC" - Residential C District [Adopted, 8/30/73] [Amended 7/11/16]

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory Buildings & Uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Farming Forestry Municipal Buildings & uses Single Family Detached Dwellings Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] <u>Essential Services</u> ** [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Churches Health Institutions Libraries Museums Private Clubs Private Schools Amateur Radio Towers [Adopted, 4/23/90] Bed and Breakfast Establishments [Adopted 5/27/93] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Roadside Stand [Adopted 02/27/12]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	

[Table amended 1/24/11]	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Lot Coverage	dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft per unit)	Min. site size (acres)
	Lot Area (sq ft)	Lot Width (ft)			
All Uses	--	--	20%		--
Churches	--	300	--		5
Health Institute	--	300	--		5
Clubs	--	200	--		3
Private Schools	--	200	--		3
Single Family Detached & Other Uses	60,000	160	--	60,000	--

Sec. 19-10.1 "RD" - Residential D District [Adopted 7/11/16]

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory Buildings & Uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Farming Forestry Municipal Buildings & Uses Single Family Detached Dwellings Two family Multi family Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Essential Services** [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Cemeteries Day Care Centers [Amended 7/22/91] Day Care Homes [Amended 7/22/91] Churches Congregate Housing Extractive Industries Health Institutions Home Occupations Libraries Marinas Museums Private Clubs Private Schools Amateur Radio Towers [Adopted, 4/23/90] Bed and Breakfast Establishments [Adopted, 5/27/93] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Roadside Stand [Adopted 02/27/12]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	

	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Lot Coverage	dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft per unit)	Min. site size (acres)
	Lot Area (sq ft)	Lot Width (ft)			
All Uses	--	--	20%	--	--
Cemeteries	--	300	--	--	10
Day Care Centers	--	200	--	--	2
Churches	--	300	--	--	5
Congregate Housing	--	300	--	7,500	5
Health Institute	--	300	--	--	5
Multi family	45,000	150	--	15,000	--
Private Clubs	--	200	--	--	3
Private Schools	--	200	--	--	3
Two-family	30,000	100	--	15,000	--
Single Family Detached, & Other Uses	30,000	100	--	30,000	--

Minimum Setbacks In Feet			
	Front Setback	Side Setback	Rear Setback
Cemeteries	50	50	50
Day Care Center	50	50	50
Churches	50	50	50
Congregate Housing	100	100	100
Health Institutions	100	100	100
Private Clubs	50	50	50
Private Schools	50	50	50
Single Family Detached, Two-family and Other Uses	15	15	30

Sec. 19-10.2 "HL" - Highland Lake Residential District [Adopted 7/11/16]

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory Buildings & Uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Farming Forestry Municipal Buildings & Uses Single Family Detached Dwellings Two-Family Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Essential Services** [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Cemeteries Day Care Centers [Amended 7/22/91] Day Care Homes [Amended 7/22/91] Churches Congregate Housing Extractive Industries Health Institutions Home Occupations Libraries Marinas Museums Private Clubs Private Schools Amateur Radio Towers [Adopted, 4/23/90] Bed and Breakfast Establishments [Adopted, 5/27/93] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Roadside Stand [Adopted 02/27/12]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	

	Minimum Lot Size		Max. Lot Coverage	dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft per unit)	Min. site size (acres)
	Lot Area (sq ft)	Lot Width (ft)			
All Uses	--	--	20%	--	--
Cemeteries	--	300	--	--	10
Day Care Centers	--	200	--	--	2
Churches	--	300	--	--	5
Congregate Housing	--	300	--	7,500	5
Health Institute	--	300	--	--	5
Two-family	--	200	--	30,000	2
Private Clubs	--	200	--	--	3
Private Schools	--	200	--	--	3
Single Family Detached, & Other Uses	40,000	150	--	40,000	--

Minimum Setbacks In Feet			
	Front Setback	Side Setback	Rear Setback
Cemeteries	50	50	50
Day Care Center	50	50	50
Churches	50	50	50
Congregate	100	100	100
Housing	100	100	100
Health Institutions	100	100	100
Private Clubs	50	50	50
Private Schools	50	50	50
Single Family Detached, Two family and Other Uses	25	20	40

Sec. 19-13 "MUC" - Mixed Use Cluster District [Amended 7/11/16]

To establish within the Town of Falmouth areas for well-planned mixed use developments with access to the region's major highway system.

Permitted Structures and Uses Accessory buildings and structures Accessory Dwelling Unit Business and professional offices Wholly enclosed places of assembly, amusement, recreation, and government Wholesale, warehousing and distributions facilities Light manufacturing operations with no exterior storage of material, equipment or products Retail businesses as part of a mixed use development Two or multi family as part of a mixed use development Research facilities Restaurants (including carry-out or drive through restaurants)[Amended 11/14/12] Residential planned developments as part of mixed use development Municipal buildings and uses Tradesman's offices Single Family Detached Dwellings (only in established residential areas and except on lots fronting on Gray Road) [Adopted 5/28/96] Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Tier II Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Commercial Schools as part of mixed use development [Adopted 5/27/08] Grocery retail as part of a mixed-use development. [Adopted 11/26/12] Essential Services** [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Outdoor recreation facilities Day Care Centers Churches Excavating Business Land reclamation Processing of Mineral materials for resale [Amended, 4/25/88] Veterinary Clinic [Amended, 7/22/91] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96] Day Care Homes [Adopted, 7/23/01]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	

"MUC"- Mixed Use Cluster

	Min. Lot Area (Sq ft)	Min. Lot Width	Max. Lot Coverage	Min. Setbacks			dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft)
				Front	Side	Rear	
Single family detached & Accessory dwelling units	20,000	125 ft.	20%	25	20	40	n/a [Ed. Note - correction made to column 3/9/09]
All other uses	--	200 ft.	30%	50	25	25	10,000 with public sewerage or 20,000 w/o public sewerage

NOTE: The adopted version did not convert the term multiplex to two family and multi family. The term multiplex in the previous ordinance included both two and multi family dwellings.

Sec. 19-14 "VMU" - Village Mixed Use District [Amended 7/11/16]

To establish within the Town of Falmouth areas for small scale, low intensity nonresidential uses which are compatible with the residential character of the district.

Areas designated as VMU are areas with historical development patterns as village centers.

Permitted Structures and Uses Retail and service establishments with less than 5,000 SF of gross floor area Professional offices Art and craft studios Tradesman's offices Restaurants (not including carry-out or drive through restaurants) with less than sixty seats Museums Bed and Breakfast establishments Single family detached dwellings Two family Multi family Residential planned developments Municipal buildings and uses Accessory buildings and uses Accessory Dwelling Unit Tier I Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Tier II Personal Wireless Service Facilities [Adopted, 4/25/05] Commercial Schools with less than 5,000 SF of gross floor area Grocery Retail with less than 5,000 SF of gross floor area Essential Services** [Adopted, 7/28/2014]	Conditional Uses Cemeteries Day care centers Day care homes Churches Health institutions Libraries The conversion of an existing structure into multi-family housing with no more than three dwelling units Congregate care facilities Home occupations Veterinary Clinic [Amended, 7/22/91] Elderly Boarding Home [Adopted, 5/28/96] Outdoor Eating Areas [Adopted, 5/28/96]
**[Note: establishment of an essential service that includes vehicular access or structures requires site plan approval by the Planning Board.]	

	Min. Lot Area (Sq ft)	Min. Lot Width	Max. Lot Coverage	Min. Setbacks			dwelling unit density allowance (sq ft)
				Front	Side	Rear	
All other uses	--	150 ft.	35%	25	15	15	10,000 with public sewerage - 20,000 w/o public sewerage

NOTE: The adopted version did not convert the term multiplex to two family and multi family. The term multiplex in the previous ordinance included both two and multi family dwellings.

Resource Conservation Zoning Overlay District

Sec. 19-18.5 Standards for Conservation Subdivisions

- A. **Maximum Density** – [Repealed 7/11/16]
- D. **Standards for Individual Residential Lots** -- Lots that are created for residential development as part of a conservation subdivision, and the subsequent development of those lots, shall conform to the following standards:
1. **Minimum Lot Size** -- Individual lots that are created as part of a Conservation Subdivision may be smaller than the required minimum lot size for the district in which it is located. The size of the individual lots shall be shown on the subdivision plan and shall be subject to Planning Board approval based upon its finding that the lot sizes will allow for the creation of a high quality living environment for the residents of the subdivision and provide for adequate sewage disposal. In no case shall any lot served by a subsurface wastewater disposal system in RB, RC, RD, HL or FF be less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in area. In no case shall any lot in the RB, RC, RD, HL or FF served by the public sewer system be less than ten thousand (10,000) square feet in area. In no case shall any lot served by a subsurface wastewater disposal system in RA be less than 10,000 square feet in area. In no case shall any lot served by the public sewer system in RA be less than 5,000 square feet in area. [Amended 7/11/16]
 2. **Minimum Lot Width** – The minimum lot width for lots in a conservation subdivision in RC, HL or FF shall be one hundred twenty-five (125) feet. Lots in RB or RD shall have a minimum lot width of 100 feet. Lots in RA shall have a minimum lot width of 50 feet. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Planning Board may reduce the minimum lot width by up to fifty (50%) percent provided that the project is developed according to an approved master development plan where each individual lot is subject to design review of the lot layout and building design according to parameters and guidelines submitted by the developer and approved by the Planning Board. Said design parameters shall include maximum lot coverage, floor area ratio, and major building axis line relationship to street line (parallel or perpendicular) for each lot to ensure that each lot will be developed in a way that coordinates with adjacent lots, prevents building crowding, and provides adequate yard spaces and privacy screening, while avoiding a repetitive pattern of housing orientation and design throughout the project. [Amended 7/11/16]
 3. **Minimum Street Frontage** – The minimum street frontage for lots in a conservation subdivision in RC, HL or FF shall be no less than one hundred twenty-five (125) feet. Lots in RB or RD shall have a minimum street frontage of 100 feet. Lots in RA shall have a minimum street frontage of 50 feet. Notwithstanding the provisions above, the Planning Board may reduce the minimum street frontage by up to 50% if a master development plan is submitted per subsection 2 above. Lots that have their required street frontage on a turning circle may have less street frontage than the required minimum, but in no case shall any lot have less than fifty (50) feet of street frontage, except for lots in RA, which may not be less than 25 feet. The amount of frontage for the individual lots shall be shown on the subdivision plan and shall be subject to Planning Board approval based upon its finding that the lot frontages will allow for the creation of a high quality living environment for the residents of the subdivision and provide adequate access to the residences and other facilities. [Amended 7/11/16]
 4. **Minimum Front Setback** – The minimum front setback for lots in a conservation subdivision shall be fifteen (15) feet except for lots in RA and RB Districts, for which the minimum front setback shall be 10 feet. The Planning Board shall approve the minimum front setback for each lot as part of the subdivision approval. The size of the minimum front setback for each lot shall be shown on the subdivision plan and may vary from lot to lot or in different areas of the subdivision. In approving the minimum setbacks, the Planning Board shall find that the setbacks will: 1) allow the principal building to be sited in accordance with the Four Step Design Process, 2) allow for the creation of a high quality living environment for the residents of the subdivision, 3) allow for the preservation of significant natural resources, and 4) provide for adequate privacy for each unit based upon the character of the lot and proposed landscaping of the lot. [Amended 7/11/16]

Retirement Community Overlay District

Sec. 19-21.6 Space and Bulk Standards

Notwithstanding the requirements of the underlying zoning district, a retirement community and all uses, buildings, and structures associated with it shall be governed by the following provisions:

- a. **Minimum site size** - a retirement community shall include a minimum of thirty (30) acres. Individual lots within the community shall be a minimum of twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in size.
- b. **Minimum net residential area per elderly dwelling unit** - for each dwelling unit occupied by an elderly or disabled household there shall be a minimum of 5,000 square feet in RA and six thousand (6,000) square feet of net residential area in RB and VMU within the overall area of the retirement community. [Amended 7/11/16]
- c. **Minimum net residential area per care bed** - for each bed in an assisted living facility or other accommodation for the elderly or person with disabilities there shall be a minimum of two thousand (2,000) square feet of net residential area within the overall area of the retirement community.
- d. **Minimum lot width** - any individual lot within a retirement community shall have a width of 50 feet in the RA District and one hundred (100) feet in RB and VMU Districts. [Amended 7/11/16]

Sec. 19-24.3. Conditions and Standards for Zone Change to MRSD [Middle Road Special District]

D. Permitted Uses [Amended 7/11/16]

1. Single – Family Detached Dwellings
2. Accessory Building and Use
3. Accessory Dwelling Unit

E. Conditional Uses [Amended 7/11/16]

1. Home Occupation
2. Multiplex
3. Bed and Breakfast Establishment
4. Neighborhood Variety /Convenience Store
5. Retail and Service Establishments
6. Professional Office
7. Restaurant with no drive-thru
8. Outdoor Eating Area
9. Commercial School
10. Tradesmen Office
11. Art and Craft Studio

Sec. 19-38 Off-Street Parking [Amended, 5/24/04][Amended 5/13/13; 8/26/13]

- e. To match actual demand for parking with supply the permitting authority shall determine the number of off-street parking spaces required. The number and proximity of on-street parking spaces shall be considered when determining the number of spaces required. The table below provides the minimum number of parking spaces required for the uses listed. Parking for uses not listed shall be determined by the permitting authority. Staff may waive parking requirements for improvements approved under Minor Site Plan Review if it is satisfactorily demonstrated to the staff by the applicant that there is adequate parking provided for the property without the addition of spaces as required in this section. For purposes of this section the term independently accessible shall mean that each parking space shall be accessible for use without need for the removal of any other vehicle from any other approved parking space on the site. [Amended 7/11/16]

(1)	Dwelling	
	a. Single Family, Two family	2 spaces per unit, spaces for each unit in a two-family must be independently accessible
	b. Multi family	1 space per unit
	c. Accessory Dwelling Unit	1 space per unit, must be independently accessible
	d. Units in VC1 and VC2	1 space per unit
(2)	Motel, bed and breakfast, hotel	1 space per sleeping room
(3)	School	5 spaces per room used for purpose of instruction
(4)	Health Institution (bed facilities only)	1 space for every 3 beds and 1 for each employee based on the highest expected average employee occupancy
(5)	Place of worship, enclosed place of assembly	1 space for every 5 seats of assemblage
(6)	Retail and service establishment	1 space for every 500 square feet of gross floor area or permanent outdoor retail display area
(7)	Restaurant, indoor seating only	1 space for every 3 seats
(8)	Business and professional office	1 space for every 500 square feet of gross leasable area, exclusive of common and bulk storage areas.
(9)	Warehousing, wholesaling, manufacturing	1 space for every 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
(10)	Day Care Home	2 per dwelling unit plus 2 additional spaces
(11)	Day Care Center	1 per full-time employee plus 1 space for every four persons attending the day care center at any one time
(12)	Congregate Housing Facility	1 space per dwelling unit
(13)	Elderly Boarding Home	2 per dwelling unit plus 1 space per non-owner elderly resident
(14)	Ballet Arts Facility	1 space for every 200 sq. ft. of office area and 1 space for every 500 sq. ft. of instruction/performance space [Added 5/24/04]

Sec. 19-42 Multi family dwellings. [Amended 7/11/16]

- a. A multi family dwelling shall contain no more than six dwelling units. On a site with more than one two-family or multi-family dwelling, each dwelling shall contain an average of four or fewer dwelling units.

Sec. 19-55 Accessory Dwelling Units [Amended 7/11/16]

The purpose of accessory dwelling units, which includes accessory apartments and accessory cottages, is to provide a diversity of housing for town residents while protecting the single family character of residential neighborhoods. The following provisions apply:

- A. Only one accessory dwelling unit shall be permitted per single family dwelling.
- B. An accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed one-hundred (100%) percent of the gross floor area of the single family dwelling to which it is accessory, not including garages, porches, decks or unfinished areas, or 850 square feet of gross floor area, whichever is less.[Amended 7/22/13]
- C. The single family dwelling unit in which an accessory apartment is located shall have only one main entrance and all other entrances shall appear subordinate to the main entrance. An entrance leading to a foyer with entrances leading from the foyer to the two dwelling units is permitted.

Sec. 19-64.1 Net Residential Area and Maximum Residential Density. The maximum number of dwelling units for a subdivision or private way shall be the quotient of the net residential area for the development site divided by the dwelling unit density allowance as stated in the zoning district dimensional table. Net residential area shall be determined by subtracting from the gross acreage from the following: [Amended 7/11/16]

- a. 10% for roads and parking.
- b. Land which is cut off from the main parcel by a road, existing land uses, or where no means of access has been provided, so that it is isolated and unavailable for building purposes or for common use.
- c. Land shown to be in the flood way or coastal high hazard area on the Flood Boundary of Flood Insurance Rate Maps of the Town of Falmouth.
- d. Other land which is unsuitable for development in its natural state because of topography, drainage, or subsoil conditions. Specific conditions include but are not limited to:
 - 1. Areas having sustained slopes in excess of twenty-five (25%) percent or unstable soils subject to slumping, mass movement, or accelerated erosion.
 - 2. Areas classified as wetlands by state or federal law. [Amended, 8/26/96]
 - 3. Areas characterized predominately by "coastal wetlands" as that term is defined in 38 M.R.S.A. subsection 472(2). [Amended 12/22/86.]
- e. Land in rights-of-way or easements.
- f. Land in Resource Protection Districts.

Sec. 19-64.2 Minimum Net Residential Area Per Lot [Amended 1/24/11; 3/14/11; 7/11/2011; 7/11/16]

- a. Any residential lot created after August 26, 1996 must meet the lesser of the following lot area requirements:
 1. At least 50% of the total lot area consists of land that that does not fall within one or more of the categories in Section 19-64.1.b through f; or
 2. After deducting land that falls within one or more of the categories in Section 19-64.1.b through f, the lot area equals at least the following square footage:
 - a. Residential A – 5,000
 - b. Residential B - 10,000
 - c. Residential C - 30,000
 - d. Residential D - 15,000
 - e. Highland Lake - 20,000
 - f. Farm and Forest – 40,000
 - g. Village Mixed Use – 15,000
 - h. Mixed Use Cluster – with sewer 7,500, without sewer 15,000.
- b. For residential planned developments, at least seventy-five (75%) percent of any lot shall consist of land that does not fall within the categories of Section 19-64.1. [Adopted 8/26/96] [Amended 7/24/2000; 12/22/05]
- c. Notwithstanding subsections a and b above, lots created prior to August 26, 1996 and altered in either of the following ways shall not be considered new lots for purposes of this section: [Adopted 7/11/2011]
 1. subsequently divided if the division is for purposes of conveyance to a governmental or non-profit agency for the sole purpose of protecting natural resources in perpetuity or providing public access to protected natural resource areas; or
 2. encumbered with an easement or other legal instrument held by a governmental or non-profit agency for the purposes of protecting natural resources in perpetuity or providing public access to protected natural resource areas.

Sec. 19-69 Rate of Residential Growth [Adopted 7/24/00] [Amended 4/28/03; 5/24/04; 12/19/06; 5/13/13; 7/11/16]

- a. **Applicability** - A development permit is required for the construction of new dwelling units as required below.
- b. **Legal authority** - This section is adopted pursuant to Home Rule Powers as provided for in Article VIII-A of the Maine Constitution and 30-A M.R.S.A. §2101 et seq., and as provided for in Title 30-A M.R.S.A. §4360.
- c. **Purpose** - The purpose of this section is to:
 - 1. Provide for the local housing needs of the Towns existing residents;
 - 2. Plan for continued residential population growth of the Town at a rate that is compatible with the orderly and gradual expansion of community services, including education, fire and police protection, road maintenance, waste disposal, health services, etc.;
 - 3. Avoid a situation in which the rapid completion of major subdivisions, housing many families with school-age children, could outstrip the towns capability to expand its schools and other services soon enough to avoid serious overcrowding; and
 - 4. Ensure fairness in the allocation of building permits.
- d. **Exemption** – The following are exempt from the provisions of this section:
 - 1. The repair, replacement, reconstruction or alteration of any existing residential building or structure;
 - 2. The repair, replacement, reconstruction, construction or alteration of a nonresidential building or structure;
 - 3. The repair, replacement, reconstruction, construction or alteration of congregate housing, elderly boarding homes, and housing units located in a RCOD;
 - 4. The repair, replacement, reconstruction, construction or alteration of any dwelling unit meeting the definition of affordable housing; and
 - 5. The repair, replacement, reconstruction, construction or alteration of any dwelling unit in the VC Districts.
- e. **Maximum rate of residential growth.**
 - 1. **Town Wide Growth Cap.** The maximum number of development permits issued in any calendar year shall be limited in the manner prescribed below. For the calendar year 2016, the number of permits shall be half of the total listed, with odd numbers being rounded up to the next whole number.
 - a. No more than 65 development permits total for new single family detached dwelling units, two-family dwelling units and manufactured housing units combined.
 - b. No more than 24 development permits for new multi family dwellings.
 - c. No more than 20 development permits for new accessory dwelling units.
 - 2. **Growth Cap applicable to F (Farm and Forest) and HL (Highland Lake) Districts Only.** The maximum number of growth permits issued in any calendar year shall be limited in the manner prescribed below. For the calendar year 2016, the number of permits shall be half of the total listed.
 - a. No more than 26 development permits total for new single family detached dwelling units, two-family dwellings and manufactured housing units combined.
 - b. No more than 8 growth permits for new accessory dwelling units.

- f. **Periodic review.** This section shall be reviewed by the Town Council periodically (but not less frequently than once every three years), to ensure that the annual maximum growth rate has not become inconsistent with the Town's capital improvement capability to establish or enlarge needed public facilities and services, and to be in compliance with Title 30-A M.R.S.A §4360.
- g. **Issuance procedure** - Development permits shall be issued in conjunction with a building permit.
- m. **Transferability** - A development permit shall only be valid for construction of the associated dwelling unit at the time the permit is issued. The development permit may be transferred to new owners of the unit if conveyed.

Sec. 19-77 Alterations.[Conditional Use Approval for nonconforming lots or structures.]

Except as provided in this subsection, a nonconforming structure or use shall not be extended or enlarged in any manner except as may be permitted as a variance. The following requirements shall apply to expansion or enlargement of structures which are nonconforming solely due to lot size, lot width, lot frontage, lot coverage, height, or setback requirements. Any lot located in RA that is not located in the WVOD and is at least 5,000 square feet in area will be considered conforming with regard to lot size for the purposes of this section. [Amended 1/24/00; 7/11/16]

- a. Except for lots located in the Water View Overlay District the extension, enlargement, or construction of a single family detached dwelling or residential detached accessory structure which is nonconforming solely due to lot size, lot width, lot frontage, lot coverage, height, or setback requirements, is permitted provided the extension, enlargement, or construction is not located between the lot lines and the required setback lines and does not compound nor create a lot coverage or height violation. [Amended 10/25/04; 7/24/06; 5/30/12; 7/22/13]

Sec. 19-127.3 Planning Board Site Plan Approval Required.

Planning Board site plan approval under the procedures, submission requirements, and performance standards of this Div. II-19-1-9. shall be required for the following activities:

- a. The construction or enlargement of any nonresidential building or multi-family dwelling; [Amended 7/11/16]
- b. The construction or enlargement of any municipal building;
- c. The establishment or substantial change of any area for parking, loading, or vehicular service associated with non-residential or multi-family residential uses;
- d. The alteration, renovation, or change in use of more than ten thousand (10,000 sq. ft.) square feet of gross floor area of any non-residential building, including, without limitation, the alteration, renovation, or change in use of adjacent non-residential spaces that cumulatively consist of more than 10,000 sq. ft. of gross floor area.
- e. Outdoor Sales and Storage of Equipment and Outdoor Retail Display when proposed as part of a new or redevelopment of a property otherwise requiring site review under this section or requiring an amendment to an existing site plan approval. [Added 5/13/13]