

Zoning By-Law Amendment

Compact Car Parking

ARTICLE – Zoning By-Law Amendment

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws, as most recently amended, by adding the section identified herein as follows, or to take any other action related thereto.

- 1) Amend Section VIII. “Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations”, subsection B “General”, by adding the following:

6. In order to reduce the overall impervious surface of off-street parking areas, the Planning Board may allow by Special Permit, the use of parking spaces designed for cars smaller than full size, hereinafter called “compact cars”, and still count toward the overall number of spaces required, as follows:

- a. The dimensional requirements of compact car parking spaces shall be 8’ x 16’ (128 sq ft).
 - b. In parking lots containing more than 20 spaces, up to thirty-three (33%) of parking spaces may be designed for use by compact cars. In parking lots with 20 or fewer parking spaces, spaces designed for use by compact cars are not permitted.
 - c. Compact car parking spaces shall be located in one (1) or more contiguous areas and shall not be intermixed with spaces designed for full size cars.
 - d. Compact car parking spaces shall be clearly designated by pavement marking and labeled as “Compact Car Parking Only.”
 - e. Compact car parking shall be designed as perpendicular or angled parking only. All parallel parking spaces shall be full sized spaces as defined in Section II of this By-Law.
 - f. Approval shall be based upon determination by the Planning Board that safety will be adequately protected and that commonly employed engineering and planning standards have been met in full.
 - g. For any reduction in total parking area obtained as a result of using compact parking spaces, an equal area of open space shall be provided in addition to the minimum open space required herein.