

City of Watertown Zoning Code Rewrite Overview of Performance Standards

Article VI of the proposed zoning ordinance establishes the performance standards that govern how development sites are designed, operated, and maintained. The article is intended to protect public safety, support orderly development, and reduce adverse impacts on neighboring properties while providing clear expectations for applicants and property owners.

A PowerPoint presentation will be provided at the Plan Commission meeting to summarize the major provisions, explain how the standards would operate, and highlight key issues for Commission discussion. Staff will use the Commission's direction to refine Article VI and prepare the next draft for review.

Content Included in Article VI

- Group Developments
- Vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian access
- Visibility standards
- Off-street parking and circulation including parking minimums
- Loading
- Exterior lighting
- Exterior storage and screening
- Operational impacts such as
 - o Vibration
 - o Noise
 - o Air pollution
 - o Glare
 - o Odor
 - o Fire hazards
 - o Hazardous materials
 - o Residential and non-residential fencing
 - o Swimming pool standards
 - o On-site recreational space
 - o Vacant building maintenance