

1 **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**
2 **TOWN OF JAMESTOWN**
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4 Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown will conduct a public
5 hearing on August 17, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Code of
6 Ordinances regarding Chapter 82 – Zoning Ordinance. Opportunity shall be given to all persons
7 interested to be heard upon the matter at the public hearing. The following proposed ordinance
8 amendment is under consideration and may be adopted and/or altered or amended prior to the
9 close of the public hearing without further advertising, as a result of further study or because of
10 the views expressed at the public hearing. Any alteration or amendment must be presented for
11 comment in the course of the public hearing. Join Zoom Meeting as follows:

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34 **To view the meeting live stream with no interaction:**
35 <http://158.123.195.41/OTRMedia/Town2020/Others2020/StreamPrimJtown.html>
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37 The proposed amendment is available for review on the Town’s web site at
38 <http://www.jamestownri.gov/town-government/town-council/town-council-new> and/or purchase
39 from the Town Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through
40 Friday, excluding Holidays by calling 401-423-9800 or email eliese@jamestownri.net
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42 **Section 1.** Be it hereby ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Jamestown that the
43 Jamestown Code of Ordinances, Chapter 82, Zoning Ordinance, as the same may have been
44 heretofore amended, is hereby amended by changing the text of the Chapter, as follows:
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46 NOTE: words set as ~~strikethrough~~ are to be deleted from the ordinance; words
47 underline are to be added to the ordinance.
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49 See Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
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51 **Section 2.** The Town Clerk is hereby authorized to cause said changes to be made to Chapter
52 82 of the Town of Jamestown's Code of Ordinances.
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54 **Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage.
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56 Ad Date(s): July 30, August 6 and August 13, 2020

57 Publication Source: Jamestown Press

58 Hearing Date: August 17, 2020

59 Action: _____

60 Certified: _____
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63 Exhibit A

64 Amend the Zoning Ordinance Definitions as follows:
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66 Sec. 82-103. Definitions.
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68 The following words [terms] shall have the following meanings [in this chapter]:
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70 (26) *Building height.* ~~The vertical distance from lowest point of original grade on any of the four~~
71 ~~sides of the building or structure to the top of the highest point of the roof. (see also Height~~
72 ~~definition in Section 317) For a vacant parcel of land, building height shall be measured from the~~
73 ~~average, existing-grade elevation where the foundation of the structure is proposed. For an~~
74 ~~existing structure, building height shall be measured from average grade taken from the~~
75 ~~outermost four (4) corners of the existing foundation. In all cases, building height shall be~~
76 ~~measured to the top of the highest point of the existing or proposed roof or structure. This~~
77 ~~distance shall exclude spires, chimneys, flag poles, and the like. For any property or structure~~
78 ~~located in a special flood hazard area, as shown on the official FEMA Flood Insurance Rate~~
79 ~~Maps (FIRMs), or depicted on the Rhode Island coastal resources management council (CRMC)~~
80 ~~suggested design elevation three foot (3') sea level rise (CRMC SDE 3 SLR) map as being~~
81 ~~inundated during a one-hundred-year (100) storm, the greater of the following amounts,~~
82 ~~expressed in feet, shall be excluded from the building height calculation:~~

83 ~~(i) The base flood elevation on the FEMA FIRM plus up to five feet (5') of any utilized or~~
84 ~~proposed freeboard, less the average existing grade elevation; or~~

85 (ii) The suggested design elevation as depicted on the CRMC SDE 3 SLR map during a one-
86 hundred-year (100) storm, less the average existing grade elevation. CRMC shall reevaluate the
87 appropriate suggested design elevation map for the exclusion every ten (10) years, or as
88 otherwise necessary.

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90 Sec. 82-317. Community floodplain ordinance for special flood hazard areas.

91 A. Definitions. Unless specifically defined below, words and phrases used in this ordinance
92 pertain to floodplain management, have the same meaning as they have in common usage and
93 give this ordinance its most reasonable application.

94 Height. The maximum height for buildings and structures erected in Special Flood Hazard areas
95 shall be in accordance with the Dimensional Table of this ordinance (§82-302) minus the
96 difference between the base flood elevation, however established, and the average existing grade.

97 C. Applicability.

98 1. Special flood hazard areas. The special flood hazard areas are herein established as a
99 floodplain overlay district. The district includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of
100 Jamestown designated as zones A, AE, AH, AO, A99, V, or VE on the Newport County Flood
101 Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) and Digital FIRM issued by the Federal Emergency Management
102 Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map
103 panels of the Newport County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Jamestown
104 are panel numbers 44005C0059J, 44005C0067J, 44005C0069J, 44005C0078J,
105 44005C0088J, 44005C0157J, 44005C0159J and 44005C0176J dated September 4, 2013 (as
106 periodically amended. The exact boundaries of the district may be defined by the 100-year base
107 flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Newport County Flood Insurance
108 Study (FIS) report dated September 4, 2013. The zoning enforcement officer is responsible for
109 floodplain management. The FIRM and FIS report and any revisions thereto are incorporated
110 herein by reference and are on file with the town clerk, planning board, and building official.