

Article XX *AMEND ZONING BY-LAW: PROXIMITY TO LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS*

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Swampscott Zoning By-Law Section 4.4.1.0. pertaining to regulations for special uses and their proximity to parks, schools, churches, and libraries, with language to be inserted shown in red and language to be deleted shown in red strikethrough, as follows:

Section 4.4.1.0. ~~Garages, and Service Stations, and Liquor Establishments.~~ No permit shall be issued for the erection or enlargement of a garage or other structure for the storage of more than five (5) motor vehicles (each referred to for the purposes of this Section 4.4.1.0. as a “garage”), nor for a motor vehicle service station, or gasoline filling station, ~~nor for a commercial establishment selling or serving liquor,~~ nor for the conversion of any premises not so used to be used for such purposes, if the principal entrance to the premises used for such purpose, or any use accessory thereto, is situated within a radius of two hundred (200) feet from a lot used or reserved to be used for a park, school, church, or library. No existing garage or service or filling station shall be deemed to be a nonconforming use through the subsequent erection of any such park, school, church or library.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Comment: This Article removes liquor establishments from the distance limitation when proposed within a certain distance from any park, school, church, or library. This is an old regulation that no longer is in line with societal standards. Swampscott has many liquor establishments (liquor stores, restaurants/cafes that serve liquor) that do not comply to this limitation due to the small land area of the community. Locating such an establishment in the community is very difficult due to the number and location of so many parks and schools in town.