

**Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend**

**ARTICLE NO. 30**

**Dated: April 28, 2024**

I, SUSAN STAMPS, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend Article 30:

To amend the main motion by making the following changes:

At the end of Paragraph D.(6) before Subparagraphs a. and b., replace the words “(for shading requirements in Industrial Districts, see 6.1.11.F.)” with the words “(for shading requirements in Industrial Districts, see 6.1.11.F.; the below Subparagraphs a. and b. are applicable to parking lots in the Residential and Business Districts).”

In Subparagraph D.(6) b., remove the words “This provision is applicable to parking lots in the residential and business districts.”

**Comment:**

So that the amended Sections read as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are in strikeout):

D. All parking and loading areas containing over five spaces which are not inside a structure shall also be subject to the following.

(6) Parking areas providing more than 25 spaces, including parking areas expanded to provide more than 25 spaces, shall include landscaped areas in at least 8% of the total paved portion of the parking area. Minimum required landscaped setbacks and buffers at the perimeter of the parking area shall not be counted toward the landscaping requirement of this paragraph. Individual strips of landscaping shall be at least four feet wide. In addition, pavement shade in such parking lots shall be provided by one or both of the following methods (for shading requirements in Industrial Districts, see 6.1.11.F.); the below Subparagraphs a. and b. are applicable to parking lots in the Residential and Business Districts):

a. Install one shade tree for every eight parking spaces; such trees must be spaced so that some part of each parking space is not more than 32 feet from a tree. Tree planting areas shall be at least six feet in diameter, or in accordance with the USDA Forest Service Tree Owner’s Manual standards. New trees shall be at least three inches DBH (diameter at breast height) at the time of planting and shall be

selected from a large shade tree list for parking lots under this section prepared by the Tree Warden or the Tree Committee.

To the extent practicable, existing trees shall be retained and used to satisfy this section. New trees shall be maintained, including watering, by the installer or its designee in accordance with the USDA Forest Service Tree Owner’s Manual standards, or other standards the Redevelopment Board may designate, for a period of no less than 36 months from the date of planting.

The Redevelopment Board or Board of Appeals, as applicable, may modify this requirement to take into account parking spaces that are currently shaded by off-property trees that are not planned for removal.

b. Install solar panels over parking spaces allowing cars to park underneath to increase shade to a minimum of 50% of the parking lot surface. ~~This provision is applicable to parking lots in the residential and business districts.~~

This Amendment clarifies that these new shading provisions involving trees, solar panels or both apply in the Residential and in the Business District, but do not apply in the Industrial District (because the Industrial District already has its own shading provisions in Section 6.1.11.F.)

Respectfully submitted,  
*/Susan Stamps/*

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Susan Stamps, Precinct 3

Date Voted: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_