# **Definitions Phase 2 - Summary of Updates**

#### **Overview:**

Phase 2A of the BPDA's Definitions Initiative aims to resolve and consolidate the definitions of terms defined in both Article 2 and other Articles in the Zoning Code. Moving forward, it is our goal that Code definitions will be found in either Article 2 or the other non-2 Articles where they are relevant, not both; and that definitions will have consistent meaning across the code to the extent possible. A few strategies were utilized to accomplish this goal.

• Terms with incongruent definitions between Article 2 and other Articles were resolved by either: 1) Selecting or updating the Article 2 definition and deleting the term from the non-2 Articles.

- 2) Retaining the definitions of the non-2 Articles and deleting the term from Article 2.
- Terms with consistent definitions between Article 2 and other Articles were removed from the non-2 Articles.

In addition to this consolidation, Phase 2A also seeks to update and clarify the definition of Multi-Family Dwelling.

These proposed changes are not intended to substantively affect the meaning, function, or operation of the Code, but merely to clarify language and eliminate the duplication of terms across Article 2 and the rest of the Code.

\*Phase 1 of the Definitions Initiative consolidated Articles 2 and 2A into a single set of definitions for the Zoning Code, a new and unified Article 2. The zoning amendment was approved by the BPDA Board on May 11, 2023 and adopted by the Boston Zoning Commission on June 7, 2023.

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Update to Priority Term - MFR

(**BOLDED** text marks updated text, **RED** text marks deletion)

# Dwelling, Multifamily

Article 2	New Article 2	Notes
For projects in the Neighborhood Districts or projects undergoing Article 80 development review, a building containing four or more dwelling units. For all other projects, a building containing three or more dwelling units. Not including a motel.	A building containing four or more dwelling units. Not including a hotel, motel, or the like.	Substantive duplication removed. No areas regulated by Base Code where 1- or 2-family dwellings are allowed and MFR is not. 3-family use category - with same allowances - added to Article 8 use tables.

**Non-Article 2 Consolidation - Updated Terms and Definitions (Non-Article 2 Deleted, Article 2 Remains)** (**BOLDED** text marks incongruence, **GREEN** text = definition to remain - where applicable, **RED** text marks deletion)

# Accessible or Accessible to Physically <u>Disabled</u> Persons

Article 2	Article 30	New Article 2	Notes
Accessible or Accessible to	Accessible or Accessible to	Accessible or Accessible to	Updated term and language.
Physically <b>Handicapped</b>	Physically <b>Handicapped</b>	Physically <b>Disabled</b> Persons	
Persons shall be as defined in	Persons shall be as defined in	shall be as defined in Chapter	
Chapter 521 of the Code of	Chapter 521 of the Code of	521 of the Code of	
Massachusetts Regulations, as	Massachusetts Regulations, as	Massachusetts Regulations, as	
amended.	amended.	amended.	

# Applicant

Article 2	Article 27T, Article 38, Article 39, Article 40, Article 41, Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42E, Article 43, Article 43, Article 45, Article 45, Article 47A, Article 48, Article 49A	Article 29	Article 30	Article 32, Article 33, Article 37	Article 85	Article 87	New Article 2	Notes
Applicant. Any person or entity having a legal or	"Applicant" shall mean any person or entity having a	Applicant shall mean any person or entity having a	Applicant shall mean any person or entity having a	Applicant shall mean any person or entity having a	Applicant means <b>the</b> person or persons filing an	Applicant - any person or entity having a legal or	Any person or entity having a legal or equitable	Streamlined definition.

equitable interest in a Proposed Project subject to the <b>provisions</b> of this Code, or the authorized agent of any such person or entity.	legal or equitable interest in a Proposed Project subject to the provisions of this article, as set forth in Section (27T-5; 38-4; 39-4; 40-4; 41-4; 42A-4, 42B-4, 42B-4, 42C-2, 42D-2; 42E-4; 42F-2; 43-4; 44-4; 45-4; 46-4; 47A-4; 48-4; 49A-3), or the authorized agent of any such person or entity.	legal or equitable interest in a Proposed Project subject to the requiremen ts of this article, as set forth in Sections (29-3 and 29-5).	legal or equitable interest in a Proposed Project subject, in accordance with Section 30-3, to the provisions of this article, or the authorized agent of any such person or entity.	legal or equitable interest in a Proposed Project subject to the <b>provisions</b> of this article, or the authorized agent of any such person or entity.	application for review under this Article.	equitable interest in a Proposed Project subject to the <b>provision of</b> <b>this Code</b> , or the authorized agent of any such person or entity.	interest in a Proposed Project or the authorized agent of any such person or entity.	
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#### Artists' Mixed-Use

Article 2	Article 42E	New Article 2	Notes
The use of all or a portion of a Building for both habitation and either Art Use or Arts Studio use, or a combination thereof, provided that any portion of a Building devoted to such use shall be (a)occupied by persons certified as artists pursuant to the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Artist Certification Process, (b)designed in accordance with Boston Redevelopment Authority standards and guidelines for artists' mixed-use space, and (c)subject to an agreement for artists' housing with the Boston Redevelopment Authority.	Artists' mixed-use means the use of all or a portion of a building for both art use and habitation.	The use of all or a portion of a Building for both habitation and either Art Use or Arts Studio use, or a combination thereof, provided that any portion of a Building devoted to such use shall be (a)occupied by persons certified as artists pursuant to the Boston Redevelopment Authority's Artist Certification Process, (b)designed in accordance with Boston Redevelopment Authority standards and guidelines for artists' mixed-use space, and (c)subject to an agreement for artists' housing with the Boston Redevelopment Authority.	Article 2 definition retained as is. Provisions currently in Article 2 already apply.

#### **Community Uses**

Article 2	Article 49	New Article 2	Notes
Adult education center; community center; day care center; day care center,	Community Uses, <b>an indoor</b> recreational building including ball courts;	Adult education center; community center; day care center; day care center, elderly;	Article 2 definition retained. Article 49 definition moved to

worship; monastery; convent; or parish house. so log pla co ar ce se	ymnasium; play areas; ommunity meeting rooms or educational or craft ctivities; day care center or ocial service uses for the ocal community; exterior lay areas including ball ourts, tot lots, and seating reas; community health enter or clinic or other social ervice uses; and accessory itchen uses.	library; place of worship; monastery; convent; or parish house.	new Article 49 Appendix B - Uses.
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#### **Cultural Uses**

Article 2	Article 42A	Article 48	Article 49	New Article 2	Notes
Art gallery; art	Cultural Uses means	"Cultural Uses"	Cultural Uses,	Art gallery; art use;	Article 2 definition
use; auditorium;	use for <b>legitimate</b>	means the <b>uses</b>	museum, theatre	auditorium;	retained.
cinema; concert	theater, concert hall,	listed in	(not including	cinema; concert	
hall; museum;	auditorium,	paragraph 2 of	motion picture	hall; museum;	Article 42A definition
public art display	museum, <b>gallery</b> ,	Appendix B to this	<b>theatre</b> ), music hall	public art display	already listed in Section
space; studio,	performance	article.	or opera house,	space; studio, arts;	42A-18.
arts; studio,	space, aquarium,		indoor or outdoor	studio, production;	
production;	or historical		performance	theatre; or ticket	Article 48 definition
theatre; or ticket	exhibit.		<b>space</b> , public art	sales.	already listed in Section
sales.			display space,		48-7 and Appendix A.
			exhibition space		
			for educational or		Article 49 definition
			cultural purposes,		moved to new Article 49
			accessory uses		Appendix B - Uses.
			such as office,		
			retail, or		

		restaurant associated with	
		such use.	

#### Downtown

Article 2	Article 25A	Article 85	New Article 2	Notes
Downtown. The Downtown districts, as established pursuant to Section 3-1C of this Code, and those portions of the Downtown Interim Planning Overlay District, established pursuant to Article 27D, that are included in subdistricts H, L, O, and M, as depicted in Appendix A and described in Appendix B to Article 27D.	Downtown - shall have the meaning given in Article 2A (Definitions Applicable in Neighborhood Districts and in Article 80, Development Review and Approval).	Downtown means the area located east of the centerline of Massachusetts Avenue and north of the northern boundaries of the Massachusetts Turnpike Extension, and Fort Point Channel, but not including the Harborpark, as defined in this Section 85-2 (Demotion Delay).	The Downtown districts, as established pursuant to Section 3-1C of this Code. For the purposes of Demolition Delay, "Downtown" means the area described in Section 85-2 (Definitions).	Combined definitions to be inclusive of Article 85 policy.

#### Harborpark

Article 2	Article 25A	Article 85	New Article 2	Notes
	Harborpark - <b>shall have</b> the meaning given in Article 2A (Definitions Applicable in	Harborpark means the areas governed by the zoning district identified as the	Includes: (i) the Harborpark District, as established pursuant to Section 3-1D	Article 2 definition retained.

of this Code; (ii) in the Dorchester Neighborhood District, established pursuant to Article 65, any Waterfront Lot, as that term is used in said Article 65; (iii) in the East Boston Neighborhood District, established pursuant to Article 53, any Waterfront Subdistrict and any Tidelands subject to M.G.L. Chapter 91.	Neighborhood Districts and in Article 80, Development Review and Approval).	Harborpark District in Section 3-1(f) of this Code.	of this Code; (ii) in the Dorchester Neighborhood District, established pursuant to Article 65, any Waterfront Lot, as that term is used in said Article 65; (iii) in the East Boston Neighborhood District, established pursuant to Article 53, any Waterfront Subdistrict and any Tidelands subject to M.G.L. Chapter 91.	
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# **Historic Building**

Article 2	Article 41	Article 42E, Article 48	Article 43	Article 44, Article 46, Article 49	New Article 2	Notes
Historic Building. <b>Any</b> building listed <b>from time</b> <b>to time</b> in the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places.	Historic Building means <b>any</b> building listed <b>on</b> the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places.	"Historic Building" means <b>any</b> building listed <b>from time</b> <b>to time</b> in the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places.	Historic Building means <b>a</b> building listed <b>on</b> the Massachusetts Register of Historic Places.	Historic Building means <b>any</b> building listed in the Boston Landmarks Commission Survey of Boston <b>as a Category</b> <b>One, Category</b> <b>Two, Category</b>	A building listed in the Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places, or that is categorized for or pending future landmarking by	Combined definition.

		Three, or Category Four building.	the Boston Landmarks Commission.	

Hotel Use

Article 2	Article 30	New Article 2	Notes
Hotel and Conference Center Uses. Bed and breakfast; conference center; executive suites; hotel; or motel.	Hotel Use shall mean <b>Use Item</b> Number 15, as defined in Table A, Section 8-7.	Hotel and Conference Center Uses. Bed and breakfast; conference center; executive suites; hotel; or motel.	Article 2 definition retained. Section 30-2 definition is redundant as Article 8 use already applies.

Landmark

Article 2	Article 41	Article 42E, Article 48	Article 43, Article 47A	New Article 2	Notes
Landmark. Any building or structure <b>from time to time</b> designated a landmark pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.	Landmark means any building or structure designated as a landmark <b>by</b> <b>the Boston</b> <b>Landmarks</b> <b>Commission</b> pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.	"Landmark" means any building or structure <b>from time</b> <b>to time</b> designated a landmark pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.	Landmark means any building or structure designated a landmark pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.	A building or structure designated a landmark by the Boston Landmarks Commission pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.	Article 41 definition adopted into Article 2.

## Level of Service

Article 2	Article 43	New Article 2	Notes
Level of Service. The functional capacity of a traffic intersection, as measured by the ratio between the volume of vehicles passing through the intersection and the capacity of the intersection, or by the average delay per vehicle passing through the intersection.	Level of Service means the functional capacity of a traffic intersection as measured by the ratio between the volume of vehicles passing through the intersection and the capacity of the intersection.	The functional capacity of a traffic intersection, as measured by the ratio between the volume of vehicles passing through the intersection and the capacity of the intersection, or by the average delay per vehicle passing through the intersection.	Article 2 definition retained (updated more recently).

Neighborhoods

Article 2	Article 85	New Article 2	Notes
Neighborhoods. The Neighborhood Districts, as established pursuant to Section 3-1B of this Code, and any other area of the City of Boston not included in the Downtown or the Harborpark, as defined in this Article.	Neighborhoods means all the areas of the City not included in the Downtown or Harborpark, <b>as defined in this Section 85-2</b> (Demotion Delay).	The Neighborhood Districts, as established pursuant to Section 3-1B of this Code, and any other area of the City of Boston not included in the Downtown or the Harborpark, as defined in this Article. For the purposes of Demolition Delay, "Neighborhoods" means the area described in Section 85-2 (Definitions).	Combined definitions to be inclusive of Article 85 policy.

# Open Space

Article 2	Article 42A	Article 42E	Article 42F	New Article 2	Notes
Open Space. Open space in public ownership dedicated to or appropriated for active or passive recreational use or to the conservation of natural resources; including but not limited to the waterway areas, beaches, reservations, parks, and playgrounds within the boundaries of the City of Boston; or open space in private ownership for active or passive recreational use or for the conservation of natural resources.	Open Space has the meaning set forth in Section 42A-6 or Section 42B-6, as the case may be.	Open Space has the meaning set forth in Section 42E-6.	Open Space has the meaning set forth in Section 42F-6.	Except where otherwise specified in this Code, Open Space includes open space in public ownership dedicated to or appropriated for active or passive recreational use or to the conservation of natural resources; including but not limited to the waterway areas, beaches, reservations, parks, and playgrounds within the boundaries of the City of Boston; or open space in private ownership for active or passive recreational use or for the conservation of natural resources.	Combined definitions.

# Physically Handicapped Person

Article 30	New Article 30	Notes
Physically Handicapped Person shall be as defined in Chapter 521 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations, as amended.	DELETED	Outdated language and unnecessary

# **Proposed Project**

Article 2	Article 25A, Article 32	Article 27T	Article 29	Article 30	Article 33, Article 37	New Article 2
Proposed Project. The erection, extension, or substantial demolition of any structure or part thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land, for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit.	<ul> <li>Proposed</li> <li>Project - the erection, extension,</li> <li>rehabilitation, alteration, or substantial demolition of any structure or part thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land, for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit.</li> </ul>	"Proposed Project" shall mean the erection or extension of any structure or part thereof for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building permit.	Proposed Project shall mean any construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or alteration of one or more structures constituting a unified development capable of depiction on a single site plan, or site work, for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit or permits.	Proposed Project shall mean the erection or extension of any structure or part thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land, for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit.	Proposed Project shall mean the erection, extension, or demolition of any structure or part thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land, for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit.	The erection, extension, alteration, rehabilitation, or substantial demolition of any structure, land, or part thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land (including Flowed Tidelands), for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit. A Proposed Project may

						proceed in phases, and may include more than one building, structure, or use.
Article 39, Article 40, Article 41, Article 45, Article 47A, Article 49A	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	Article 43, Article 44	Article 46	Article 49	Article 87	Notes
Proposed Project means the <b>substantial</b> demolition,	Proposed Project means the substantial demolition,	Proposed Project means the demolition, erection,	Proposed Project means the erection, reconstruction,	Proposed Project, the substantial demolition,	Proposed Project - a residential or mixed use development	Combined definitions.
erection, or extension of any structure or part thereof, or the change of use of	erection, or extension of any structure or part thereof, or the change or	reconstruction, structural alteration, or extension of any structure or part	extension, alteration, or substantial demolition of any structure or part	erection, or extension of any structure or part thereof, or the change of use of	undertaken within an SGOD in accordance with the requirements of	
any structure or land, for which the Applicant is required to	extension of use of any structure or land (including	thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land, for which	thereof, or the change of use of any structure or land, for which	any structure or land, or the creation of open space uses	the smart growth zoning and that involves the	
obtain a building or use permit. A Proposed Project may	<b>submerged land</b> <b>and Tidelands),</b> for which the Applicant is	the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit. <b>A</b>	the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit. <b>A</b>	<b>permitted</b> <b>under Article</b> <b>49</b> , for which the Applicant is	erection, extension, or substantial demolition of any	
proceed in phases, and	required to obtain a building	Proposed Project may	Proposed Project may	required to obtain a building	structure or part thereof, or the	

may include more than one building, structure, or use.	or use permit. A Proposed Project may be built in phases and may include separate or connected building elements on the same Lot.	proceed in phases and may include more than one building, structure, or use.	proceed in phases and may include more than one building, structure, or use	or use permit.	change of use of any structure or land, for which the Applicant is required to obtain a building or use permit, and the details of which are set forth in the Smart Growth Development Plan.	
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# Public Agency

Article 2	Article 33	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	Article 43	New Article 2	Notes
Public Agency. A department, agency, board, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or <b>of</b> one or more political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, or of the United States.	Public Agency shall mean the Commonwealth or one or more political subdivision(s) of the Commonwealth, or a department, agency, board, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the	Public Agency means a department, agency, board, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or one or more political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, or of the United States. <b>For the purposes of</b> <b>this article, the</b>	Public Agency means a department, agency, board, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or one or more political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, or of the United States.	A department, agency, board, commission, authority, or other instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or of one or more political subdivisions of the Commonwealth, or of the United States.	Article 2 definition retained. Harborpark definitions retained to maintain existing Tidelands provision.

Commonwealth, or of one or more political subdivision(s) of the Commonwealth, or the United States.	Commonwealth's proprietary interest in Tidelands shall not constitute "ownership" by a Public Agency.			
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#### **Residential Uses**

Article 2	Article 29	Article 30	Article 49	New Article 2	Notes
Residential Uses.	Residential Uses	Residential Use	Residential Uses,	Residential Uses.	Article 2 definition
Congregate living	shall mean Use	shall mean Use	limited to	Congregate living	retained.
complex; elderly	ltem Nos. 1, 1A, 2,	Item Numbers 7,	multifamily	complex; elderly	
housing; group	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 7A, 7B,	7A, 7B, 8, 8A, 10, 11,	dwelling, lodging or	housing; group	Section 29-2
residence, limited;	8, and 10, as	12, 13, 13A, or 14,	boarding house,	residence, limited;	definition is
homeless shelter;	described in Table	as defined in Table	temporary housing	homeless shelter;	unnecessary
lodging house;	A of Section 8-7.	A, Section 8-7.	shelters, and	lodging house;	because residential
mobile home;			Group Residence	mobile home;	uses are not
mobile home park;			Limited.	mobile home park;	referenced in Article
multifamily dwelling;			Residential uses	multifamily dwelling;	29.
one-family detached			include any	one-family detached	
dwelling; one-family			Affordable	dwelling; one-family	Broader residential
semi-attached			dwelling units,	semi-attached	use inclusion for
dwelling; orphanage;			including but not	dwelling; orphanage;	Article 30 will not
row house;			limited to	row house;	change how and
temporary dwelling			Affordable	temporary dwelling	where the
structure;			dwelling units	structure;	provisions of the
three-family			which are rental	three-family	Article are
detached dwelling;			units,	detached dwelling;	applicable.
townhouse;			condominiums, or	townhouse;	
transitional housing;			limited equity	transitional housing;	Article 49 definition

two-family detached dwelling; or two-family semi-attached dwelling.	share cooperatives.	two-family detached dwelling; or two-family semi-attached dwelling.	moved to new Article 49 Appendix B - Uses.
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## **Restaurant Uses**

Article 2	Article 49	New Article 2	Notes
Restaurant Uses. A drive-in restaurant, restaurant, or take-out restaurant.	Restaurant Uses, restaurant, lunch room, cafeteria, Cafe, or other place for the service or sale of food or beverages to the public for on-premises consumption.	Restaurant Uses. A drive-in restaurant, restaurant, or take-out restaurant.	Article 2 definition retained. Article 49 definition moved to new Article 49 Appendix B - Uses.

# State Building Code

Article 2	Article 41, Article 44	Article 43	Article 85	New Article 2	Notes
State Building Code. The state building code and amendments and rules and regulations thereto as promulgated by the board of building regulations under sections ninety-three,	State Building Code means the state building code and amendments and rules and regulations thereto as promulgated by the <b>state</b> board of building regulations under sections ninety-three,	State Building Code means the state building code and amendments and rules and regulations thereto as promulgated by the board of building regulations under sections ninety-three,	State Building Code means the Massachusetts State Building Code, <b>780</b> <b>CMR</b> , as amended.	The Massachusetts State Building Code, 780 CMR, as amended.	Article 85 definition added to Article 2.

ninety-four, and ninety-five of Chapter One Hundred Forty Three of the General	ninety-four, and ninety-five of Chapter One Hundred Forty-Three of the	ninety-four, and ninety-five of Chapter One Hundred Forty Three of the General		
Laws.	General Laws.	Laws.		

#### Theatre

Article 2	Article 43	New Article 2	Notes
A structure <b>used for dramatic</b> , <b>operatic, motion picture, or</b> <b>other performances.</b>	Theater means <b>a facility</b> equipped for the production and presentation of performing and visual arts events.	A structure or facility where theatrical works, performing arts, motion pictures, or musical concerts are presented.	Updated definition.

#### Zoning Relief

Article 2	Article 25A, Article 27T, Article 30	Article 39, Article 40, Article 41, Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F, Article 43, Article 44, Article 45, Article 46, Article 47A, Article 49A	New Article 2	Notes
Zoning Relief. Any zoning variance, exception, conditional use permit, <b>interim planning</b> <b>permit</b> , zoning map or text change, PDA Development Plan or	Zoning Relief shall mean any zoning variance, exception, conditional use permit, or zoning map or text change, or any other relief granted by the Zoning	Zoning Relief means any zoning variance, exception, conditional use permit, <b>interim</b> <b>planning permit</b> , or zoning map or text change, or any other	Zoning Relief. Any zoning variance, exception, conditional use permit, interim planning permit, zoning map or text change, PDA Development Plan or	Article 2 definition retained.

PDA Master Plan approval, Institutional Master Plan approval, or any other relief granted by the Zoning Commission or the Board of Appeal.	Commission or the Board of Appeal.	relief granted by the Zoning Commission or the Board of Appeal.	PDA Master Plan approval, Institutional Master Plan approval, or any other relief granted by the Zoning Commission or the Board of Appeal.	
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# Facility of Public Accommodation

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	Article 53	New Article 2	Notes
Facility of Public Assembly. Auditorium, theater, concert hall, dance hall, drive-in theater, or stadium.	Facility of Public Accommodation means a use so described in Appendix B.	A "Facility of Public Accommodation" means a facility, including a commercial facility, at which goods or services are made available directly to the general public. Facilities of Public Accommodation include, but are not limited to: Lunch room, restaurant, cafeteria or other place for the service or sale of food or drink for on-premises consumption, provided that there is no dancing nor entertainment other than phonograph, radio, and television; Place for sale and consumption of food and beverages (other than drive-in restaurant) providing dancing or entertainment or both, provided that such	DELETE	Facility of Public Accommodation exists in the zoning only as it relates to areas regulated by Chapter 91. The uses listed in Facility of Public Accommodation are found associated with other use categories in the use tables throughout the Code.

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	establishment is	
	customarily open to the	
	public at large and does	
	not exclude any minor by	
	reason of age as a	
	prevailing practice;	
	Theater;	
	incucci,	
	Lobbies and public areas	
	of a hotel or motel;	
	Library, museum,	
	aquarium, educational,	
	historical, or cultural	
	institution open to the	
	public;	
	Adult education center,	
	community center, or	
	other interior space	
	dedicated to the	
	programming of	
	community meetings,	
	informational displays,	
	special recreational	
	events, or other public	
	activities;	
	Store primarily serving	
	the local retail business	
	needs of the residents of	
	the neighborhood,	

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including, but not limited	
to, store retailing one or	
more of the following:	
food, baked goods,	
groceries, drugs, tobacco	
products, clothing, dry	
goods, books, flowers,	
paint, hardware, and	
minor household	
appliances, but not	
including packaged	
alcoholic beverages;	
Department store,	
furniture store, general	
merchandise mart, or	
other store serving	
general retail business	
needs of a major part of	
the city, including	
accessory storage;	
Barber shop, beauty	
shop, shoe repair shop,	
self-service laundry,	
pick-up and delivery	
station of laundry or	
dry-cleaner, or similar	
use;	
Tailor shop or hand	
laundry;	
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Caterer's establishment, photographer's studio, upholsterer's shop, carpenter's shop, or electrician's shop;	
Day care facility;	
Sports or physical fitness facility open to the public; and	
Interior facility for waterborne public transportation facilities, recreational marina, boat rental establishment, recreational sailing or boating school, or other recreational boating facility or establishment.	

#### **Filled Tidelands**

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E	Article 42F	New Article 2	Notes
Filled Tidelands. Former submerged lands and tidal flats which are no longer subject to tidal	Filled Tidelands means former submerged lands and tidal flats which are no longer subject to tidal	Filled Tidelands means former submerged lands and tidal flats which are no longer subject to tidal	DELETE	Delete definition from Article 2. Retained Article 42A/42E/42F definitions.
action due to the presence of fill.	action due to the presence of fill.	action due to the presence of fill,		Provisions only used to regulate Chapter 91 land

	including drydocks used for Water	in the Harborpark.
	Dependent Uses.	

#### **Flowed Tidelands**

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E	Article 42F	New Article 2	Notes
Present submerged lands and tidal flats which are subject to tidal action at the time of license application under M.G.L. Chapter 91.	Flowed Tidelands means present submerged lands and tidal flats which are subject to tidal action at the time of license application under Chapter 91.	Flowed Tidelands means present submerged lands and tidal flats which are subject to tidal action at the time of license application under Chapter 91, <b>excluding</b> <b>drydocks used for</b> <b>Water Dependent Uses.</b>	DELETE	Delete definition from Article 2. Retained Article 42A/42E/42F definitions. Provisions only used to regulate Chapter 91 land in the Harborpark.

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#### Art Use

Article 2	Article 42E	New Article 2
The creation, manufacture, or assemblage	Art use means the creation, manufacture,	The creation, manufacture, or assemblage
of visual art, including two- or	or assemblage of visual art, including two-	of visual art, including two- or
three-dimensional works of fine art or craft,	or three-dimensional works of fine art or	three-dimensional works of fine art or craft,
or other fine art objects created,	craft, or other fine art objects created,	or other fine art objects created,
manufactured, or assembled for the	manufactured, or assembled for the	manufactured, or assembled for the
purpose of sale, display, commission,	purpose of sale, display, commission,	purpose of sale, display, commission,
consignment, or trade by artists or artisans;	consignment, or trade by artists or artisans;	consignment, or trade by artists or artisans;
or classes held for art instruction.	or classes held for art instruction.	or classes held for art instruction.

## Authority

Article 2	Article 87	New Article 2
Authority. The Boston Redevelopment	Authority - the Boston Redevelopment	Authority. The Boston Redevelopment
Authority.	Authority.	Authority.

#### Boat Rental Establishment

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Boat Rental Establishment. Any use or	Boat Rental Establishment means any use	Boat Rental Establishment. Any use or
establishment that involves the renting,	or establishment that involves the renting,	establishment that involves the renting,
hiring, or instruction in the use of any	hiring, or instruction in the use of any	hiring, or instruction in the use of any
sailboat, rowboat, or other Recreational	sailboat, rowboat, or other Recreational	sailboat, rowboat, or other Recreational
Vessel that does not require an operator's	Vessel that does not require an operator's	Vessel that does not require an operator's
license by the United States Coast Guard or	license by the United States Coast Guard or	license by the United States Coast Guard or
the conferring of seasonal use privileges in	the conferring of seasonal use privileges in	the conferring of seasonal use privileges in
a fleet of such Recreational Vessels.	a fleet of such Recreational Vessels.	a fleet of such Recreational Vessels.

## Bulkhead

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
8	Bulkhead. A vertical structure used to create an edge between the land and the water against which Vessels can be placed to unload or engage in other activities.	Bulkhead. A vertical structure used to create an edge between the land and the water against which Vessels can be placed to unload or engage in other activities.

# Chapter 91

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Chapter 91. M.G.L. Chapter 91 and	Chapter 91. M.G.L. Chapter 91 and	Chapter 91. M.G.L. Chapter 91 and
implementing regulations, codified as of the	implementing regulations, codified as of the	implementing regulations, codified as of the
effective date of this article at 310 C.M.R.	effective date of this article at 310 C.M.R.	effective date of this article at 310 C.M.R.
9.00, as said statute and regulations may,	9.00, as said statute and regulations may,	9.00, as said statute and regulations may,
from time to time, be amended.	from time to time, be amended.	from time to time, be amended.

#### Commonwealth Tidelands

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42F	New Article 2
Commonwealth Tidelands. The meaning ascribed in Chapter 91.	8	Commonwealth Tidelands. The meaning ascribed in Chapter 91.

# High/Low Tide Line

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
High/Low Tide Line. The present arithmetic	High/Low Tide Line. The present arithmetic	High/Low Tide Line. The present arithmetic
mean of the water heights observed at high	mean of the water heights observed at high	mean of the water heights observed at high
or low tide, as applicable, over a specific	or low tide, as applicable, over a specific	or low tide, as applicable, over a specific
19-year Metonic Cycle (the National Tidal	19-year Metonic Cycle (the National Tidal	19-year Metonic Cycle (the National Tidal

using hydrographic survey data of the National Ocean Survey of the U.S.	using hydrographic survey data of the National Ocean Survey of the U.S.
Department of Commerce.	Department of Commerce.
	using hydrographic survey data of the National Ocean Survey of the U.S.

#### Institutional Master Plan, Institutional Use, and High Impact Subuse

Article 2	Article 25A	New Article 2
Applicable Institutional Master Plan or Applicable IMP. With respect to a Proposed Institutional Project, means an Institutional Master Plan of the proponent of such Proposed Institutional Project approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Zoning Commission in accordance with applicable provisions of the code, and covering the project location.	Institutional Master Plan, Institutional Use, and High Impact Subuse - shall have the meanings given in Article 2A (Definitions Applicable in Neighborhood Districts and in Article 80, Development Review and Approval).	Applicable Institutional Master Plan or Applicable IMP. With respect to a Proposed Institutional Project, means an Institutional Master Plan of the proponent of such Proposed Institutional Project approved by the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Zoning Commission in accordance with applicable provisions of the code, and covering the project location.
Institutional Uses. College or University Uses, Hospital Uses or Nursing or Convalescent Home Uses.		Institutional Uses. College or University Uses, Hospital Uses or Nursing or Convalescent Home Uses.
High Impact Subuse. Any subuse of an Institutional Use that is identified as a High Impact Subuse in the definition of such Institutional Use.		High Impact Subuse. Any subuse of an Institutional Use that is identified as a High Impact Subuse in the definition of such Institutional Use

# Main Shipping Channel

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Main Shipping Channel. The shipping	Main Shipping Channel. The shipping	Main Shipping Channel. The shipping
channel for deep draft vessels in the Boston	channel for deep draft vessels in the Boston	channel for deep draft vessels in the Boston
Inner Harbor as depicted by dashed lines	Inner Harbor as depicted by dashed lines	Inner Harbor as depicted by dashed lines
on that certain chart issued by National	on that certain chart issued by National	on that certain chart issued by National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as	Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as	Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as
chart number 13272 and entitled "Boston	chart number 13272 and entitled "Boston	chart number 13272 and entitled "Boston
Inner Harbor," 39th Edition, dated	Inner Harbor," 39th Edition, dated	Inner Harbor," 39th Edition, dated
November 24, 1984.	November 24, 1984.	November 24, 1984.

# Natural High/Low Tide Line

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Natural High/Low Tide Line. The historic	Natural High/Low Tide Line. The historic	Natural High/Low Tide Line. The historic
high/low tide line that would be observed	high/low tide line that would be observed	high/low tide line that would be observed
except for alteration of the shoreline by	except for alteration of the shoreline by	except for alteration of the shoreline by
filling, dredging, or impounding.	filling, dredging, or impounding.	filling, dredging, or impounding.

# Neighborhood Council

Article 2	Article 33	New Article 2
Neighborhood Council. Any	Neighborhood Council. Any	Neighborhood Council. Any
neighborhood-based council established by	neighborhood-based council established by	neighborhood-based council established by
the Mayor to render advice to	the Mayor to render advice to	the Mayor to render advice to
neighborhood residents, the Mayor, city	neighborhood residents, the Mayor, city	neighborhood residents, the Mayor, city
departments, and the Boston	departments, and the Boston	departments, and the Boston
Redevelopment Authority regarding any	Redevelopment Authority regarding any	Redevelopment Authority regarding any
municipal issues of neighborhood concern.	municipal issues of neighborhood concern.	municipal issues of neighborhood concern.

Pier

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Pier. Any structure that extends seaward of the High Tide Line, but excluding any floating structure.	Pier. Any structure that extends seaward of the High Tide Line, but excluding any floating structure.	Pier. Any structure that extends seaward of the High Tide Line, but excluding any floating structure.

## **Pierhead Line**

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Pierhead Line. The seaward limit of Pier	Pierhead Line. The seaward limit of Pier	Pierhead Line. The seaward limit of Pier
construction as established in applicable	construction as established in applicable	construction as established in applicable
law of the Commonwealth of	law of the Commonwealth of	law of the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts.	Massachusetts.	Massachusetts.

## Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee

Article 2	Article 33	New Article 2
Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee	Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee	Planning and Zoning Advisory Committee
shall mean any neighborhood-based	shall mean any neighborhood-based	shall mean any neighborhood-based
committee appointed by the Mayor to	committee appointed by the Mayor to	committee appointed by the Mayor to
render advice to neighborhood residents,	render advice to neighborhood residents,	render advice to neighborhood residents,
the Mayor, city departments, and the	the Mayor, city departments, and the	the Mayor, city departments, and the
Boston Redevelopment Authority regarding	Boston Redevelopment Authority regarding	Boston Redevelopment Authority regarding
land use planning and zoning issues.	land use planning and zoning issues.	land use planning and zoning issues.

#### **Private Tidelands**

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Private Tidelands has the meaning ascribed in Chapter 91.	Private Tidelands has the meaning ascribed in Chapter 91.	Private Tidelands has the meaning ascribed in Chapter 91.

# Proposed Institutional Project

Article 2	Article 32	New Article 2
Proposed Institutional Project. A Proposed	Proposed Institutional Project. A Proposed	Proposed Institutional Project. A Proposed
Project occupied or to be occupied for	Project occupied or to be occupied for	Project occupied or to be occupied for
Institutional Uses upon issuance of a	Institutional Uses upon issuance of a	Institutional Uses upon issuance of a
building, use, or occupancy permit.	building, use, or occupancy permit.	building, use, or occupancy permit.

#### Public Boat Ramp

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Public Boat Ramp. Any ramp structure that provides public access to or egress from the water for Vessels.	Public Boat Ramp. Any ramp structure that provides public access to or egress from the water for Vessels.	Public Boat Ramp. Any ramp structure that provides public access to or egress from the water for Vessels.

#### **Recreational Marina**

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Recreational Marina. Any arrangement of	Recreational Marina. Any arrangement of	Recreational Marina. Any arrangement of
docks, slips, Piers, pilings, moorings, or	docks, slips, Piers, pilings, moorings, or	docks, slips, Piers, pilings, moorings, or
other facilities in or adjacent to the water,	other facilities in or adjacent to the water,	other facilities in or adjacent to the water,
for use primarily by Recreational Vessels,	for use primarily by Recreational Vessels,	for use primarily by Recreational Vessels,
including, but not limited to, any such	including, but not limited to, any such	including, but not limited to, any such
facility associated with a yacht club or boat	facility associated with a yacht club or boat	facility associated with a yacht club or boat

club.	club.	club.
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#### Seasonal Dry Storage

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Seasonal Dry Storage. The storage of	Seasonal Dry Storage. The storage of	Seasonal Dry Storage. The storage of
Recreational Vessels on land for periodic	Recreational Vessels on land for periodic	Recreational Vessels on land for periodic
use in the water during the active boating	use in the water during the active boating	use in the water during the active boating
season, generally from April through	season, generally from April through	season, generally from April through
October.	October.	October.

#### Sides of a Pier

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Sides of a Pier means the edges of the Pier	Sides of a Pier means the edges of the Pier	Sides of a Pier means the edges of the Pier
other than the edge connecting the Pier	other than the edge connecting the Pier	other than the edge connecting the Pier
with dry land and other than the End of the	with dry land and other than the End of the	with dry land and other than the End of the
Pier.	Pier.	Pier.

#### Tidelands

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Tidelands. Present and former submerged	Tidelands. Present and former submerged	Tidelands. Present and former submerged
lands and tidal flats lying between the	lands and tidal flats lying between the	lands and tidal flats lying between the
Natural High Tide Line and the seaward	Natural High Tide Line and the seaward	Natural High Tide Line and the seaward
limit of state jurisdiction.	limit of state jurisdiction.	limit of state jurisdiction.

#### Vessel

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Vessel. Any watercraft, including, but not	Vessel. Any watercraft, including, but not	Vessel. Any watercraft, including, but not
limited to, a Commercial Vessel or	limited to, a Commercial Vessel or	limited to, a Commercial Vessel or
Recreational Vessel, but not including any	Recreational Vessel, but not including any	Recreational Vessel, but not including any
floating structure permanently moored or	floating structure permanently moored or	floating structure permanently moored or
attached to land or a Pier.	attached to land or a Pier.	attached to land or a Pier.

#### Vessel, Commercial

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Vessel, Commercial. Any Vessel used for the	Vessel, Commercial. Any Vessel used for the	Vessel, Commercial. Any Vessel used for the
principal purpose of engaging in a	principal purpose of engaging in a	principal purpose of engaging in a
water-related commercial activity, including,	water-related commercial activity, including,	water-related commercial activity, including,
but not limited to, charter boat, fishing	but not limited to, charter boat, fishing	but not limited to, charter boat, fishing
boat, tug boat, cruise boat, freighter, or	boat, tug boat, cruise boat, freighter, or	boat, tug boat, cruise boat, freighter, or
barge.	barge.	barge.

## Vessel, Recreational

Article 2	Article 42A, Article 42E, Article 42F	New Article 2
Vessel, Recreational. Any Vessel used principally for recreational purposes.	Vessel, Recreational. Any Vessel used principally for recreational purposes.	Vessel, Recreational. Any Vessel used principally for recreational purposes.