



City of Gardner

January 13, 2026

Hon. George C. Tyros, Council President
And City Councilors
Gardner City Hall, Rm 121
95 Pleasant Street
Gardner, MA 01440

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GARDNER, MA

RE: An Ordinance To Amend The Code Of The City Of Gardner, Chapter 675, Thereof Entitled Zoning, To Remove Article IX, Thereof Entitled "Signs And Advertising Devices," And Move It To A New Non-Zoning Chapter To Be Numbered Chapter 665

Dear Mr. President and Councilors,

We hereby submit the attached zoning ordinance amendment proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy A. Mack
Councillor At-Large
Gardner City Council

Michael J. Nicholson
Mayor, City of Gardner

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AND ADVERTISING DEVICES,” AND MOVE IT TO A NEW NON-ZONING CHAPTER TO BE
NUMBERED CHAPTER 665**

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the City of Gardner is looking to promote business growth and make things easier for individuals to open and expand business opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardner and its officials have received feedback from residents and prospective business owners of the restrictive natures of the City’s current ordinance regarding signs and advertising devices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gardner is looking for greater flexibility in evaluating, adapting, and evolving its ordinances regarding the placement, regulation, and requirements for signs and advertising devices;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDNER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Article IX of Chapter 675 of the Zoning Code of the City of Gardner, thereof entitled “Signs and Advertising Devices,” be removed from the City’s Zoning Code and created as a new non-zoning chapter to be numbered and entitled “Chapter 665: Signs and Advertising Devices.”

SECTION 2: That the Articles and Sections of Chapter 675 be renumbered accordingly to account for this removal.

SECTION 3: That the Sections of the new Chapter 665 be renumbered accordingly as Sections 1 through 9

SECTION 4: Severability

If any provision of this section is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be considered separately and apart from the remaining provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5: That this ordinance take effect upon passage and publication as required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth and the Charter of the City of Gardner for all Zoning Ordinance procedures and timelines.

CITY OF GARDNER**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING***Manca Annex, 115 Pleasant Street, Room 201, Gardner, MA 01440**Telephone: (978) 630-4014 ♦ Fax: (978) 632-1905***PLANNING BOARD – PUBLIC HEARING RECOMMENDATION**

Dear Mrs. Siriphan,

On Tuesday, March 10, with a vote of 4-0, the Planning Board motioned to recommend that a joint public hearing of the City Council and the Planning Board be scheduled for Monday, April 6, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, MA 01440 to consider the following proposed zoning ordinances:

11772 - An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the City of Gardner, Chapter 675, Thereof Entitled Zoning, to Remove Article IX, Thereof Entitled "Signs and Advertising Devices," and Move it to a New Non-Zoning Chapter to be Numbered Chapter 665.

Please initiate the necessary legal notice and publication procedures required under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 5, to ensure proper public notification and advertisement of the hearing.

Thank you for your attention and coordination in scheduling this joint hearing. Please let me know if any further materials are needed for inclusion with the public notice.

Sincerely,

Jason Stevens
Director of Community Development & Planning
City of Gardner



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CITY OF GARDNER
NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to G.L. 40A, § 5, notice is hereby given that the City Council and Planning Board will conduct a **Joint Public Hearing** on **Monday, April 6, 2026** at **7:00 P.M.** in the City Council Chamber, Room 219, City Hall, 95 Pleasant Street, Gardner, to consider amending Chapter 675, the Zoning Code of the City of Gardner. The proposed Amendment involves changing item:

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Information regarding these amendments and associated maps are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Office, the Department of Community Development and Planning (DCDP), or on the City's webpage – www.gardner-ma.gov.

All persons interested in this matter and desire to offer testimony are invited to attend the hearing.

Titi Siriphan
City Clerk