

**GILSUM PLANNING BOARD**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Please be advised that pursuant to RSA 675:3 and 675:7 the Planning Board will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. on January 11, 2024 to present two proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- (1) To delete Article VII – Board of Adjustment, Paragraph H. Accessory Apartments, and amend Article II – General Provisions, Paragraph K. Accessory Apartments.

**Explanation:** The purpose of this amendment is to: remove the requirement that an accessory apartment receive ZBA approval; to increase the minimum square footage; to clarify that they are allowed in detached structures; and otherwise bring the ordinance into compliance with state law.

- (2) To amend Article XIII – Definitions, by deleting the definition of Accessory Apartment and replacing it with a new definition, as follows:

**Existing:**

~~**ACCESSORY APARTMENT.** A residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies. (Amended March 17, 2017)~~

**New:**

**ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU)** means a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, or is in a separate structure on the property, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.

**Explanation:** The purpose of this amendment is to bring the definition into compliance with state law.

- (3) To amend Article XIII – Definitions, by deleting the definition of “Family.”

**Explanation:** The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate a definition from the ordinance for a term that is no longer used in the ordinance.

A full copy of the proposed amendments is posted on the Town’s website at [Welcome to home - The Town of Gilsum NH 03448 \(gilsum-nh.gov\)](https://www.gilsum-nh.gov) and available at the Gilsum Town Offices during regular business hours.