

**Sec 12 – Town Plan – Clarifications recommended by RPC and DHCD**

1 (10) A housing element that shall include a recommended program for  
2 ~~addressing low and moderate income persons’ public and private actions to~~  
3 address housing needs as identified by the regional planning commission  
4 pursuant to subdivision 4348a(a)(9) of this title. The program should use data  
5 on year-round and seasonal dwellings and include specific actions to address  
6 the housing needs of persons with low income and persons with moderate  
7 income and account for permitted accessory dwelling units, as defined in  
8 subdivision 4412(1)(E) of this title, which provide affordable housing  
residential development in subdivision 4412 of this title.

**Sec. 25. ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE; STUDY COMMITTEE**

Changes to better integrate life safety and building codes with energy codes as part of the study.

1 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall consider and recommend  
2 strategies to increase awareness of and compliance with the RBES and CBES,  
3 including designation of the Division of Fire Safety (DFS) in the Department  
4 of Public Safety as the statewide authority having jurisdiction for  
5 administration, interpretation, and enforcement, in conjunction with DFS’  
6 existing jurisdiction, over building codes. The Division of Fire Safety shall  
7 identify and examine provisions from other jurisdiction’ fire and life safety  
8 codes for residential buildings that would facilitate in Vermont: the increased  
9 construction of new residential units; the conversion of existing space into new

10 residential units, or both; and could be incorporated into the Vermont Fire &  
11 Building Safety Code, including recommendations for any legislative action  
12 necessary to enable the identified provisions into Vermont's Fire and Building  
Safety Code.

Sec. X. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 182, Sec. 40 is amended to read:

10 Sec. xx. DESIGNATED AREA REPORT; APPROPRIATION

12 (3) On or before ~~July 15, 2023~~, December 31, 2023, the consultant shall  
13 submit a written report to the General Assembly with its findings and any  
recommendations for legislative action.

Sec. X. 24 V.S.A. § 4306 is amended read:

Grant program changes to support towns needing help with neighborhood area designations.

8 (A) shall be confirmed under section 4350 of this title; or

9 (B)(i) shall use the funds for the purpose of developing a municipal  
10 plan to be submitted for approval by the regional planning commission, as  
11 required for municipal confirmation under section 4350 of this title; and

12 (ii) shall have voted at an annual or special meeting to provide  
13 local funds for municipal and regional planning purposes.

14 (3) Of the annual disbursement to municipalities, an amount not to

15 exceed 20 percent of the total may disbursed to the Department to administer a

16 program providing direct technical consulting assistance under retainer on a  
17 rolling basis to any eligible municipality to meet the requirements for  
18 neighborhood designation under chapter 76A of this title, provided that the  
19 municipality is eligible for funding under subsection 2 and meets funding  
20 guidelines established by the Department to ensure accessibility for lower  
capacity communities, municipal readiness, and statewide coverage.

1 (4) Of the annual disbursement to municipalities, the Department may  
2 allocate funding as bylaw modernization grants under 4307.

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4 ~~(d) New funds allocated to municipalities under this section may take the~~  
5 ~~form of Municipal Bylaw Modernization Grants in accordance with section~~  
~~4307 of this title.~~

**Sec 1 - Parking -- This is a compromise position with the Senate passed changes. DHCD, Environmental, and Housing, and RPC and many towns support reducing municipal parking requirements as they add cost and harm the environment.**

9 (4) Parking and loading facilities. A municipality may adopt provisions  
10 setting forth standards for permitted and required facilities for off-street  
11 parking and loading, which may vary by district and by uses within each  
12 district. In any district that is served by municipal sewer and water  
13 infrastructure that allows residential uses, a municipality shall not require more  
14 than one parking space per dwelling unit. However, a municipality may  
15 require 1.5 parking spaces for duplexes and multi-unit dwellings in areas not

16 served by water and sewer and in areas that are located more than one-quarter  
17 mile away from public parking rounded down to the nearest whole number  
18 when calculating the total number of spaces. These bylaws may also include  
19 provisions covering the location, size, design, access, landscaping, and  
20 screening of those facilities. In determining the number of parking spaces for