

Proposed Charter Change: Additional Planning Board Approvals

The proposed new charter provides:

“For all projects that are within the purview Department of Planning and Development, the Director shall prepare comments regarding the project, which shall specifically address whether the proposed action aligns with the Master Plan. The comments shall be presented to the Planning Board, which shall vote to adopt, amend, or reject them. The comments of the Director and the action taken by the Board, shall be included in any project approval decisions issued by the Board.”

Proposed Charter Section 3-12-4(C)

As the term “projects” is not limited, this provision applies to all of the following:

Projects under the Planning Departments Purview	Average Per Year Filings
Planning Board	
Subdivision	1 to 5*
Special Permits (VOSD & RDD)	5 to 10*
Site Plan Review	15 to 25*
Zoning Bylaw Amendments	1 to 4*
Zoning Board of Appeals	30 to 40*
Historic District filings	60 to 70
Visitor Service Board	40 to 50
Conservation Commission	
Requests for Determinations	25 to 35
Notice of Intent	60 to 70
Affordable Housing Trust	1 to 5
Energy Saving Initiatives	5 to 20
Public Art	5 to 10
Community Development	
Title V Upgrade Loans	8 to 10
Low & Mod Rehab Loans	8 to 15
Graffiti Removal	4 to 8
Micro Business Loans	2 to 4
Plan Updates (Village Centers, Open Space, Housing Production, Master Plan, MVP Plan etc.)	1 to 3*
Total “Projects” Under Department Review	271 to 384
Additional Projects for Planning Board Review	218 to 300

* Currently reviewed by the Planning Board