

TOWN OF THORNTON PLANNING BOARD

Third

Public Hearing

September 17, 2009

7:00 PM

Town Hall

Amendments to:

The Town of Thornton Wind Energy Systems Regulations

ADD TO:

A. PURPOSE: The following sentence at the end of the paragraph.

This small wind energy system **regulation** is enacted in accordance with RSA 674:62-66, and the purposes outlined in RSA 672:1-III-a. The purpose of this **regulation** is to accommodate small wind energy systems in appropriate locations, while protecting the public's health, safety and welfare. In addition, this **regulation** a permitting process for small wind energy systems to ensure compliance with the provisions of the requirements and standards established herein. **Short tower vertical axis wind turbines, as defined under B. Definitions, are exempt from the procedure for review items C2, iv, v and xvi, C3 and Section D. (Standards) with the exception that compliance with D1, a,c,e,f,l and j. must be verified.**

When short tower wind turbines are planned as part of a subdivision application and included as part of the subdivision documentation. Planning Board review and approval shall suffice for the requirements of the Procedure for Review (Section C).

The addition of short tower wind turbines to individual properties are exempt from the items voted above, but must comply with the requirements for a building permit (C1.) and application (C2.).

B. DEFINITIONS

Short tower vertical axis wind turbine. A wind turbine mounted on a tower forty (40') feet or less in height with blades that rotate 360 degrees around the tower.

Tall tower vertical axis wind turbine. A wind turbine mounted on a tower greater than forty 40" feet in height with blades that rotate 360 degrees around the tower.

ADD

4.9 WAIVER

Strict compliance with the requirements of these regulations may be waived or modified when, in the judgment of the Board, such action is consistent with the spirit and intent of these regulations and the public convenience, health, safety, or welfare are not adversely affected.