

# SAMPLE BALLOT



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
THORNTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
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TOWN CLERK

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

### ZONING ARTICLES

#### Zoning Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance, as proposed by the Town of Thornton Planning Board, as follows:

Add a new Section 1. Authority which alters the sequential numbering of subsequent Articles and adds the following language:

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to RSA 674:21. The Town of Thornton Planning Board is vested with the authority to administer this ordinance, and may grant conditional use permits, or waiver provisions of this ordinance to allow the site of wireless telecommunications facilities.

Amend newly numbered Section 4. Applicability, Paragraph A to read:

In addition to compliance with this Ordinance, all applications are subject to Site Plan Review by the Thornton Planning Board in accordance with the Thornton Site Plan Review Regulations and are subject to approval by the Thornton Board of Selectmen.

Amend newly numbered Section 4. Applicability, to delete Paragraph B.

~~B. All requests for a variance must be before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.~~

Amend the first sentence of the newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, introductory paragraph to read:

All wireless telecommunications facilities shall, in all cases, require a zoning compliance certificate issued by the Board of Selectmen and may be permitted as follows:

Amend the newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, Paragraph A. Existing Tower Structures: as follows:

Change reference from building permit to zoning compliance certificate.

Change reference from Section 6 to Section 8.

Amend newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, Paragraph C. to change the reference from Section 6.C. to Section 8.C.

Amend newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, Paragraph D. to read as follows:

D. Ground-Mounted Facility: A wireless telecommunications facility involving construction of a ground mount shall require Site Plan Review and require a conditional use permit pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

Amend newly numbered Section 9. Monitoring and Maintenance, Paragraph B. to change reference from building permit to zoning compliance certificate.

Amend newly numbered Section 11. Application Procedure., Paragraph A. to read:

A. An applicant for a telecommunications tower must apply for a conditional use permit pursuant to the terms of this ordinance and for site plan review. If approved, the Planning Board will make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to issue a zoning compliance certificate.

Amend the first sentence of the newly numbered Section 11. Application Procedure., Paragraph C. to read:

C. If the applicant is proposing to build a tower or other ground-mounted structure, the applicant shall submit written evidence demonstrating why no existing structure can accommodate the applicant's proposed facility.

Amend newly numbered Section 12. Waivers, Paragraph A. to read:

**ZONING AMENDMENT #1 CONTINUED ON NEXT BALLOT**

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## ZONING ARTICLES CONTINUED

### ZONING AMENDMENT #1 CONTINUED

Amend newly numbered Section 12. Waivers, Paragraphs B. and C.:

Replace all references to Zoning Board of Adjustment with Planning Board.

Amend newly numbered Section 15. Savings Clause to read:

If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be unenforceable or unlawful by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not be construed to invalidate the remainder of the Ordinance.

Recommended by the Planning Board

PASS  
YES 272  
NO 87

### Zoning Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance Floodplain Development Ordinance, as proposed by the Town of Thornton Planning Board, as follows:

Amend Section II: Establishment, second paragraph to read:

The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for Grafton County, NH" dated February 20, 2008 as amended, together with associated flood insurance rate maps dated February 20, 2008, or as amended, which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Amend Section VI: Certification, Paragraph 1. to read:

1. The as-built elevation (in relation to Mean Sea Level) of the lowest floor (including basement) and include whether or not such structures contain a basement.

Amend Section VI: Certification, Paragraph 1.a. to read:

- a. If the structure has been flood-proofed, the as-built elevation (in relation to Mean Sea Level) to which the structure was flood-proofed.

Amend Section IX. Special Flood Hazard Areas to delete all references to 100-year flood elevation and replace it with Base Flood Elevation.

Amend Section IX. Special Flood Hazard Areas, Paragraph 6.c., third sentence, to read:

A minimum of two flood openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided.

Amend Section X: Variances and Appeals, Paragraph 2 to change the reference from RSA 674:33, I(b) to **RSA 674:33, I.**

Amend Section XI: Definitions to add the following definitions:

"Base Flood Elevation" (BFE) means the elevation of surface water resulting from the base flood.

"Flood Opening" means an opening in a foundation of enclosure walls that allows automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. See FEMA "Technical Bulletin 1, Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures."

Amend Section XI. Definitions to delete the definition of "Functionally Dependent Use".

Amend Section XI. Definitions to delete the existing definition of "Substantial Improvement" and insert the following:

"Substantial Improvement" means any reconstruction rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the "start of construction" of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred "substantial damage," regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

- a. Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or
- b. Any alteration of a "historic structure," provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation as a "historic structure."

Amend Section XI. Definitions to delete the incomplete sentence "Additional Sections Required", which follows the definition of "Water Surface Elevation"

Recommended by the Planning Board.

PASS  
YES 263  
NO 700

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT