

TOWN OF NEWINGTON

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Town Planner

Memorandum

To: Town Plan and Zoning Commission
From: Town Planner Craig Minor, AICP
Date: May 19, 2020
Subject: **Brewery and Brew Pub Amendment**

Earlier this year I had meetings with two different individuals who wanted to open brew pubs in Newington. For different reasons neither of those efforts came to fruition, but in the process it became clear that Newington's zoning regulations do not allow brew pubs.

I say that, because "brew pubs" are a hybrid of industrial activity (the brewing process) and restaurant activity (the pub), which are two activities not typically allowed in the same location. I did some research into how other towns in Connecticut are handling this, and developed the attached proposed amendment.

This amendment was discussed by TPZ on March 11, 2020 and was poised to go forward, but it was put on hold due to uncertainties over how to conduct a meaningful public hearing during the COVID-19 shutdown of public meetings. That issue has been resolved, so TPZ is ready to go forward with the public hearing on the proposed amendment.

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