

Question of the Week

"Can the Town have any control over the design and layout of new projects in the new Community Housing Overlay Districts (CHOD)?"



ANSWER:

Yes. Reasonable requirements and development design standards are allowed. The Town's MBTA zoning may include requirements for off-street parking and setbacks, for example. In addition, the Guidelines state that Site Plan Review may regulate matters such as vehicular access and circulation on a site, architectural design of a building, and screening of adjacent properties. The Task Force convened a subcommittee of residents with architectural experience to draft preliminary Design Standards to be applied for renovations and new buildings in established residential districts. These Design Standards would apply only to multifamily projects constructed under MBTA zoning.