



Public Notice

August 15, 2019

The Provincetown Board of Health held a **Public Hearing** on **Thursday, August 15, 2019**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the **Judge Welsh Room, Provincetown Town Hall, 260 Commercial Street, Provincetown, MA** on **Board of Health Regulations, 600: SUBSURFACE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS**. The Board of Health voted 5-0-0 to approve the changes to the regulation that are underlined and in bold below. The regulations go into effect as of posting.

Under Section 603. DEFINITIONS

BEDROOM is a portion of a dwelling that shall meet the minimum standards of a sleeping room as required by the State Building Code (780 CMR) and the Minimum Standards of Human Habitation (105 CMR 410) **and the definition of a bedroom in the State Environmental Code, Title 5 (310 CMR 15)**. A bedroom does not include a kitchen, bath, hall, or unfinished cellar or attic. All bedrooms shall have finished walls and ceilings. A room that must be walked through in order to reach another room (other than a bathroom) will not be considered to have the minimum isolation necessary to be considered a bedroom. **Stairwells that connect one floor to another meet the minimum standards for isolation.** For new construction or remodeling, in order for a room not to be considered a bedroom there must be a minimum 6' opening into any other room other than a bathroom. Dwellings built prior to the 1978 Building Code will have their bedrooms determined on a case by case basis.

And the addition of section:

625. NUMBER OF BATHROOMS

As of September 1, 2019, residential properties shall be allowed up to one bathing facility (shower or bath) per legal bedroom and one toilet per legal bedroom plus one additional toilet for the whole property. This regulation applies to any residential property, existing as well as new construction, that requires Health Department review per section 621. Building Permit Applications. Requests for additional bathrooms or bathing facilities must be made in writing to the Board of Health as appeals of the Health Agent's decision.

The existing regulation is available online at www.provincetown-ma.gov and in the offices of the Town Clerk or the Health Department, Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am to 11:45 am. For further information please contact the Provincetown Health Department at (508) 487-7020.

Mark Phillips, Chair

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