

[Selected planning and zoning legislation from the First Year of the 167th General Court \(2021\).](#)

HB 2 – OSI Repealed; OPD Established

Chaptered Law 91

This bill repeals RSA 4-C, which established and governed the Office of Strategic Initiatives, and effectively transferred OSI’s planning personnel and functions to the newly established Office of Planning and Development (within the existing Department of Business and Economic Affairs).

Effective Date: July 1, 2021

HB 284 – Perpetual Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots

Chaptered Law 136

This bill amends RSA 674:39-aa, II(a) by repealing the deadline for requests for restoration of lots that were previously involuntarily merged by municipalities.

Effective Date: September 21, 2021

SB 155 – Protecting Pre-Existing, Non-Conforming Summer Camps

Chaptered Law 121

This bill protects the pre-existing, non-conforming zoning status of summer camps due to their failure to operate (or their reduced operation) during the summers of 2020 and/or 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective Date: July 9, 2021

HB 332 – Planning Board Deadline Extended Upon DRI Determination

Chaptered Law 69

This bill amends RSA 676:4, I(c)(1) by giving a planning board an additional 30 days to act upon a complete application that is found to be a development of regional impact. In other words, upon a determination by the board that an application is a development of regional impact, such board must act to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove within 95 days of finding such application complete.

Effective Date: August 9, 2021

SB 86 – Rules for Third-Party Inspections Conducted Pursuant to a Planning Board Approval

Chaptered Law 224

This bill amends RSA 676:4-b, II by adding requirements that are triggered when a planning board requires third-party inspection. When a planning board requires third-party inspection during construction for an approved development, it must develop an inspection scope in consultation with the applicant. Alternatively, the planning board may require a signed certification (or certifications, if stages) from the site plan designer stating that the project was built in accordance with the approved plans.

Effective Date: October 23, 2021

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