

Arlington Town Meeting — Substitute Motion

ARTICLE NO. 53

Dated: 5/6/2026

I, Remy Macaluso, do hereby submit the following Substitute Motion under Article 53:

Voted:

That the following sentence is added to the end of Section 5.8.4.E(1) of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Arlington:

For purposes of this subsection 5.8.4.E.(1), “ground floor at street level” refers to the gross floor area of the ground floor, but shall in no case be less than 50% of the Building Area of the proposed building.

Comment:

This substitute motion clarifies the ARB’s interpretation of the term, “ground floor” as being correct, and adds a provision to limit minimally sized commercial spaces. The limits in this substitute motion keep the previous requirements that the commercial space is 60% of the ground floor, but limit the amount that podium parking can reduce this to only up to 16%. This will prevent tiny commercial spaces from getting the bonus without making the bonus impossible with our current parking requirements.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Remy Macaluso, Precinct 3

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____