

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TO AMEND
THE TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
LAND USE REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. §4442, the Charlotte Selectboard will hold a public hearing in the multi-purpose room at the Charlotte Central School located at 408 Hinesburg Road, Charlotte, Vermont on Monday, March 6, 2017 at 4:30 PM for the purpose of receiving public comment on an amendment to the Town of Charlotte Land Use Regulations submitted by petition.

The proposed amendment to the Land Use Regulations would allow an existing “Event Facility” that has been operating since January 1, 2016 as an “Allowed by Right” use within the existing West Charlotte Village (WCV) zoning district, and it would reduce the maximum allowed noise performance standard for such a facility.

Proposed amendment A. would affect the whole Town of Charlotte. Proposed amendments B. and C. would affect the West Charlotte Village District (WCV).

The full text of the proposed amendment to the “Land Use Regulations for the Town of Charlotte, Vermont” is as follows:

A. Under Chapter 10, Section 10.2 – Definitions:

Add the following – “**Event Facility:** Any lot or structure where events take place on a regular basis involving the gathering of individuals assembled for the common purpose of attending an event. Such events or gatherings may include; community of civic events; or celebrations or ceremonies (such as weddings, funerals, receptions, parties, etc.); or entertainment performances (such as concerts, plays, etc.); or private or public functions (whether held by profit or not for profit or governmental entities); or banquets or food and drink service, including alcoholic drinks; or similar activities to the foregoing. The events may occur entirely within a structure, outside of a structure on the lot, or both inside and outside of the structure and on the lot. The facility owner operator may or may not charge fees for the use of the facility and the services provided at the facility.”

B. Under Table 2.1 (B) Allowed By Right (No permit needed):

Add the following – “6. Event Facility in existence and operating as of January 1, 2016.”

C. Under Section 3.12 Performance Standards

Amend - (1) noise in excess of 70 decibels, or which otherwise represents a significant increase in noise levels in the vicinity of the use so as to be incompatible with the surrounding area; or within the Commercial/Light Industrial District, noise in excess of 75 decibels; With - “or within the Charlotte West Village District (WCV), noise in excess of 65 decibels by any Event Facility in existence and operating as of January 1, 2016.”