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**WINDMILLS**

Below are summarized some of the code requirements for windmills.

1. Freestanding windmills are allowed in all zoning districts.
2. Windmills cannot be located in the "yard" area specified in the City's Land Use Code.
3. A windmill is a structure, and requires a building permit to be erected.  
The installation must be designed by a professional engineer, and meet applicable electrical and structural codes, as applicable. An electrical permit is required for electrical generating windmills that are tied into a building's electrical system.
4. Outside the shoreland zone (land within 250' of certain waterbodies), the height of a windmill is not limited.
5. In the shoreland zone, the height of a windmill is limited to 35', unless the underlying zone is one of those listed below, in which case the windmill height is limited to the building height limit for those zones (shown)
  - R4 - 40'
  - R5 - 45'
  - C1 - in locations east of Commercial Street, south of Oak Street, and north Route One - 35'
  - C1 - all other locations - no limit
  - C5 - 40'
  - I - 75'
6. In the Historic Overlay District, freestanding windmills are allowed and have no height limit. Windmills attached to buildings must be such that they cannot be seen from a public way.

The City's Land Use Code is available on our website, through the Planning page. Let us know if you have questions or need further information.

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