

BACK-UP FOR ZONING BYLAW ARTICLE #40 AMEND ZONING BYLAW- DISTANCE FROM BASEMENT, SLAB OR CRAWL SPACE AND GROUNDWATER

The purpose of this Zoning Bylaw amendment is to alleviate the negative effects of water discharge from sump pumps in basements from new construction to the immediate and downhill neighborhoods. Communities adjacent to Burlington require separation from the groundwater and slab or basement of 2-feet. Basements that are built at least 2 feet above the Estimated Seasonal High Groundwater Table (ESHGWT) are much less likely to have any water in their basements requiring the use of pumps creating discharge. Currently, [Board of Health Regulations](#) prohibit the discharging of water into the street or onto neighboring properties. The enforcement of the BOH regulation is complaint driven. This Zoning Bylaw amendment is intended to stop a problem before it happens.

The amendment requires that the vertical distance between basement, slab or crawl space shall not be less than two (2) feet above the Estimated Seasonal High Groundwater Table (ESHGWT). This a dimensional requirement along with setbacks, height, etc...

