

ARTICLE I  
**Title, Purpose and Authority**

**§ 200-1. Title.**

This bylaw shall be known and cited as the "Zoning Bylaw of the Town of North Reading, Massachusetts," and is hereinafter referred to as the "Zoning Bylaw."

**§ 200-2. Purpose.**

The purpose of this Zoning Bylaw shall be to promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the inhabitants of North Reading; to lessen congestion in the streets; to conserve health; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic and other dangers; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population; to facilitate the adequate provisions of transportation, water, water supply, drainage, sewerage, schools, parks, open space and other public requirements; to conserve the value of land and buildings, including the conservation of natural resources and the prevention of blight and pollution of the environment; to encourage the most appropriate use of land throughout the Town; and to preserve and increase amenities within the Town of North Reading.

**§ 200-3. Authority.**

This Zoning Bylaw is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, hereinafter referred to as the Zoning Act and to accept the provisions of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975.