

imposed under Section 6.11 is similar enough for this Office to conclude that Section 6.11 is not inconsistent with G.L. c. 40A, § 3. Section 6.11's Total Living Area Limit seemingly regulates the bulk of buildings and lot coverage and only incidentally affects the interior area of a single-family residence. For this reason, we approve Section 6.11.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date that these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were voted by Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

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