

2019 Arlington Town Meeting

Article 24 Amendment

I, Christian Klein, hereby propose the following amendment to the recommended vote of the Arlington Redevelopment Board under Article 24 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting:

VOTED: In the proposed definition for “Story, Half”, replace the words “or gambrel roof” with the words “gambrel, or other sloped roof with a minimum slope of 2:12” so the amended definition will read:

“Story, Half: A story which is under a gable, hipped, gambrel, or other sloped roof with a minimum slope of 2:12, where less than one half the floor area measured from the underside of the roof framing to the finished floor below has a clear height of 7 feet 0 inches or more.”

COMMENTARY: The existing and proposed definition limit the roof shapes that are available to be used for a half story. At this time, most of the attic additions which create a half story are actually shed roofs, a category not included on this list. By adding the catchall “or other sloped roof”, the definition will preserve the stated preference for gable, hipped, and gambrel roofs, and allow for shed roofs. The revised definition further provides a minimum slope for a roof to be considered slope. A 2:12 pitch (2” vertical for each 12” horizontal) is the minimum slope for most shingle roofs..

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