

ARTICLE ZB (2012ATM) #
(Two-thirds vote)

**AMEND ZONING BYLAW – MOBILE BUSINESSES AND
MOVABLE OFFICE PODS AND STORAGE CONTAINERS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by inserting in section 3.7 (list of Prohibited Uses) the following:

Mobile businesses such mobile food vendors or mobile retailers.	Movable office pods; Movable storage containers, except where in connection with the move of a business or household or an active construction project.
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, or take any other action relative thereto.

SUMMARY

This article responds to an increasing number of inquiries at the Planning Department for mobile food vendors, mobile retailers, mobile office units, and mobile storage containers. Some of these may in fact have been set up without asking. The zoning bylaw’s current definition for a BUILDING contemplates portable, i.e. mobile buildings, and thus would allow in principle mobile business establishments, and movable offices and storage containers. So far specific site configurations, circumstances and histories, or site specific process and permitting requirements have acted as deterrents n each of the cases, in which the Planning Department was consulted. A vote in favor of this article would prohibit mobile businesses, and movable office pods and storage containers in Acton; a vote opposed to this article would continue the status quo, which allows them, whereby a site plan special permit may be required in some circumstances.

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Selectman assigned:

- Board of Selectmen:**
- Finance Committee:**
- Planning Board:**