

Resolution of the Town of Ancram Town Board

Introducing Local Law No. 6 of 2023, a proposed “Local Law Repealing and Replacing the Town of Ancram Zoning Law previously adopted and dated August 2022, and replacing it with a new Town of Ancram Zoning Law. ”

Resolution date: October 19, 2023

Whereas:

1. This resolution introduces a proposed new local law (LL No. 6 of 2023) that amends various sections of the Town of Ancram Zoning Law (the “Zoning Law”).
2. The zoning amendments are proposed in the form of a Local Law pursuant to the authority and power granted to the Town Board and the Town by Articles 2 and 3 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and by Article 2 of the New York State Statute of Local Governments.
3. The zoning law amendments in this local law are proposed to further implement the 2019 Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan that established the need and direction for further protecting the unique environment in the Town, and to further the vision and goals established by the Community.
4. The Town’s Zoning Revisions Committee (ZRC) thoroughly discussed all proposed language in coordination with the Town’s Planner.
5. Pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule Law § 20, Local Law No. 6 of 2023 as described herein was received by each member of the Town Board prior to this meeting via email, and the proposed Local Law shall be deemed to be on the desk of each member of the Town Board as of tonight’s Town Board meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

Section A. For the reasons set forth in this Resolution, and pursuant to New York State Municipal Home Rule § 20 and Article XII of the Town of Ancram Zoning Law, the Town Board hereby introduces Town of Ancram “Local Law No. 6 of 2023, Local Law Repealing and Replacing the Town of Ancram Zoning Law previously adopted and dated August 2022, and replacing it with a new Town of Ancram Zoning Law. ”

Section B. Pursuant to provisions of SEQRA the Town Board hereby determines to classify the adoption of the proposed new local law (the “proposed action” in SEQRA parlance) as a Type I action [see, New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), Article 8; 6 New York Code of Rules & Regulations (NYCRR), Part 617.4(b)(2)].

Section C. Further pursuant to SEQRA, the Town Board further determines that it will be the only agency with approval authority over the proposed action. Accordingly, the Town Board hereby declares itself to be the Lead Agency for the conduct of the environmental review of the proposed action under SEQRA. The Town Board further identifies the Town of Ancram Planning Board and the Columbia County Planning Board as interested agencies.

- Section D. The Town Board directs Nan Stolzenburg, AICP, the Town's planning consultant, to prepare for the Town Board's review, an Environmental Assessment Form (EAF), Part 1, and all other documents pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) for adoption.
- Section E. The Town Board hereby directs that the proposed local law be referred to the Columbia County Planning Board for its review and for an advisory opinion pursuant to Section 239-m of the New York State General Municipal Law. The Town Board directs the Town Clerk to make the referral in conformity with the applicable provisions of New York State General Municipal Law § 239-m.
- Section F. The Town Board hereby directs that the proposed amendments to the Zoning Law (LL No. 6 of 2023) be referred to the Town of Ancram Planning Board for its review and for an advisory opinion pursuant to Town of Ancram Zoning Law Article XII entitled "Amendments," and subsection B entitled "Advisory Report by Planning Board." The Planning Board shall deliver its response to this referral to the Town Board within forty-five (45) days of the date of this referral. The Town Board directs the Town Clerk to make the referral in Zoning Law Article XII (B).
- Section G. In accordance with New York State Municipal Home Rule Law § 20(5), the Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing on [November 16], 2023, at [6:45] p.m. at to be held at the Town of Ancram Town Hall, located at 1416 County Route 7, Ancram NY 12502 to hear public comments on the proposed local law. The Town Board directs the Town Clerk to provide notice to the public of the public hearing in accordance with the requirements for same set forth in the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law, and Town of Ancram Zoning Law Article XII(C) and directs the Town Clerk to cause publication of a legal notice in the Town's official newspaper not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the Public Hearing
- Section H. The Town Board also directs the Town Clerk to send said public hearing notice to all adjacent municipalities not less than ten (10) calendar days prior to the Public Hearing.
- Section I. The Town Board also directs the Town Clerk to post a copy of the proposed Local Law on the Town's web site, and to make a paper copy of the proposed Local Law available for review by the public at the Town of Ancram Town Hall, located at 1416 County Route 7, Ancram NY 12502.
- Section J. The Town Board hereby directs the Town's Planning consultant to prepare for the Town Board's review at a later date a SEQRA EAF Part 2 for the Town Board's review and consideration.

On a motion by: Hugh Clark

And seconded by: _____

Roll Call Vote of Resolution:	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Absent
Arthur Bassin, Supervisor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Hugh Clark	_____	_____	_____	_____
David Boice	_____	_____	_____	_____
Amy Gold	_____	_____	_____	_____
Bonnie Hundt	_____	_____	_____	_____

This resolution was filed in the office of the Town of Ancram Town Clerk on the____of _____, 2023, by Monica Cleveland, Town Clerk of the Town of Ancram.

Exhibit A: Proposed Local Law No 6. of 2023, a proposed "Local Law Repealing and Replacing the Town of Ancram Zoning Law previously adopted and dated August 2022, and replacing it with a new Town of Ancram Zoning Law."

