

# Town of Ancram Zoning Revisions Committee Remit

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## 1. Purpose

The Zoning Revisions Committee (ZRC) is an advisory body appointed by the Town Board to review and recommend clarifications and amendments to the Town of Ancram Zoning Law and related land use regulations e.g. Subdivision Law and Highway Standards. The ZRC operates in furtherance of the Town of Ancram Comprehensive Plan, which serves as the foundation for all local land use laws and policies.

The Committee's role is to ensure that zoning regulations are brought into alignment with the goals and strategies of the current Comprehensive Plan and identify areas where the Zoning Law may require clarification, correction or updating to reflect new issues and challenges that have been recognized since the Comprehensive Plan was adopted.

The ZRC does not determine whether zoning should exist in Ancram. The existence of zoning and adoption of the Comprehensive Plan are policy decisions of the Town Board and the residents of Ancram.

## 2. ZRC Scope

- Review suggestions for revisions from
  - The Town Board
  - Planning Board
  - Zoning Board of Appeals
  - Code Enforcement Officer
  - The Town Planner and/or Town Attorney
  - Other Town committees
  - Members of the public
- Review specific sections of the Zoning Law and related land use regulations.
- Evaluate whether regulations:
  - Are consistent with stated Comprehensive Plan goals.
  - Are clear and administratively workable.
  - Avoid unnecessary procedural burden
- Propose amendments to better implement the current Comprehensive Plan.

- Develop draft revisions based both on research and consultation with outside experts and on review of the law.

The ZRC is not authorized to:

- Adopt local laws.
- Override the Comprehensive Plan.
- Act independently of Town Board review and approval.
- Serve as an advocacy body for or against zoning as a concept.

### **3. Procedure**

After the ZRC receives a suggested revision:

- We review, research, ask consultants and outside experts to fully understand the suggested topic.
- Send draft document to the Town Planner and then incorporate Town Planner's comment in first draft revision.
- Send first draft revision to Town Attorney and then if needed incorporate Town Attorney's comments into second draft revision.
- Send second draft revision to the Town Board for review and if needed incorporate Town Board's comments into third draft revision.
- The Town Board holds a public hearing. ZRC incorporates revisions by Town Board as needed.
- The Town Board retains full legislative authority.