



Land Use Training for Local Officials

Thursday, October 20, 2022
5:00 – 9:30 p.m.



Samuel M. Ferraro Center for Economic Development
6311 Inducon Corporate Drive, Suite One
Sanborn, NY 14132

The NYS Department of State, Local Government Training Staff will provide an in-person training opportunity designed for Members of Planning Boards, Zoning Boards of Appeals, Elected Officials, Municipal Attorneys, Zoning / Code Enforcement Officers, and anyone interested in planning and zoning issues. This training will assist in meeting the annual 4-hour training requirement.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m.: Short-Term Rentals (1.5 Credit Hours)

Short-term rentals have been around for years, but the availability of online booking sites and the growth of local management companies has had dramatic effects on neighborhoods by and small across the state (and around the world). A number of cities, towns, and villages in New York have come up with a variety of means to permit or restrict short-term rentals consistent with the character of the respective communities. This session looks at the problems short-term rentals posed for several of those municipalities and summarizes the regulations with which they responded to the challenge.

6:30-6:50 p.m.: Food Break – Refreshments will be provided

6:50-8:20 p.m.: Spot Zone or Grant the Illegal Use Variance (1.5 Credit Hours)

Neither, we hope. The title of this course is to catch your attention and aspires to help avoid both spot zoning and the granting of illegal use variances. This course explores how situations in which a proposed use different from those around it (which local officials agree would not be a detriment to the community) might best be handled – with a review of the use variance test, the definition of spot zoning, and a few cases that will help local officials make sure their zoning works for their municipality.

8:30-8:30 p.m.: Break

8:30-9:30 p.m.: Joint Boards: Options for Consolidating Review Boards (1 Credit Hour)

Some local governments across the state have been challenged to find citizens able to serve on their planning boards and zoning boards of appeals. One option is to reduce the number of board members; another is for villages and towns to form joint village-town planning boards and sometimes village-town zoning boards of appeals. This course discusses these and other innovative approaches to maintaining planning boards and zoning boards of appeals when there is not a waiting list of applications for those posts.

Attendance for this training is limited to 75 participants due to capacity restrictions.
Register now to ensure your spot.

Access the registration portal by clicking on the button below
or by visiting www.niagaracountybusiness.com

The registration deadline is Friday, October 14, 2022

For specific questions about the training, contact Nate Bonafede, Planner
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