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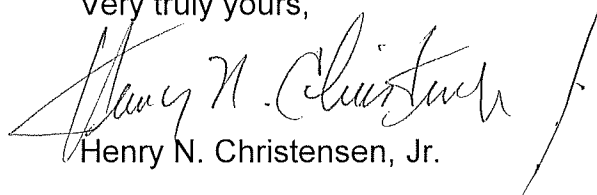
Re: Local Law #1 for 2008

Dear Mrs. Rivera:

Enclosed is the Local Law Filing Information Sheets for Local Law #1 of 2008. Please sign where indicated and affix the Village's seal. After signing, please return the Local Law Filing Information Sheets to me and I will have them filed with the State. Enclosed is a self-addressed stamped envelope for your convenience.

Please call if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Henry N. Christensen, Jr.

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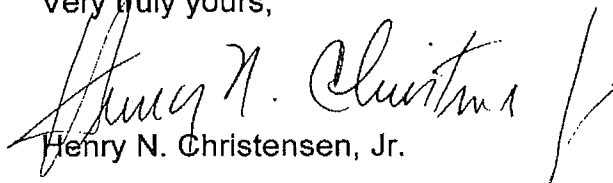
Re: Filing of Local Law for the Village of Chester

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the Village of Chester, County of Orange, State of New York, enclosed for filing is Local Law Filing Information Sheet for Local Law #1 of 2008, which is entitled "Moratorium on the Construction/Installation of Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces" Please return an acknowledgment of receipt.

If you require any additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Henry N. Christensen, Jr.

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cc: Rebecca Rivera, Village Clerk ✓

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

- County
 City of Chester
 Town
 Village

Local Law No. 1 of the year 20 08

A local law (Insert Title) entitled "Moratorium on the Construction/Installation of Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces"

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the (Name of Legislative Body)

- County
 City of Chester as follows:
 Town
 Village

(Delete this line of text and enter text of local law here)

Section 1. PURPOSE.

(A) It is the purpose of this law to address potential environmental, safety and planning concerns by preventing and avoiding, for a reasonable period of time, the construction and installation of outdoor wood burning furnaces, which may seriously and detrimentally impair the safety of the citizens of the Village of Chester, and contribute to the degradation of the significant environmental resources of the Village of Chester. It is the further purpose of this law to allow the Village of Chester time to evaluate and effectuate solutions to the potential safety and environmental issues and concerns, and in order not to undermine the conscious and continuous determination by the Village of Chester to resolve and lessen such threats to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Village of Chester.

(B) It is the further purpose of this law to enable the Village of Chester to suspend the construction and installation of outdoor wood burning furnaces, for a reasonable period of time pending the completion of a master plan for the construction and installation of such outdoor wood burning furnaces in the Village of Chester, and pending the adoption of local laws necessary to

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

effectuate that master plan through amendments to the zoning laws of the Village of Chester and other appropriate local laws of the Village of Chester required to conform to such master plan.

(C) It is further the purpose of this law to fulfill the Village of Chester's constitutional, statutory and legal obligations to protect and preserve the public health, welfare and safety of the citizens of the Village of Chester and in particular to protect the safety of its citizens and the value, use and enjoyment of property in the Village of Chester, to prohibit the filing of new applications for the construction and installation of outdoor wood burning furnaces and thus defer official governmental action permitting the construction and installation of such furnaces until the Planning Board and Village Board have instituted and completed proceedings on recommendations for adoption of the outdoor wood burning furnaces master plan, amendments to the Zoning Local Law of the Village of Chester, and other local laws of the Village of Chester.

Section 2. IMPOSITION OF MORATORIUM.

(A) For a period of one hundred eighty (180) days from and after the adoption date of this local law, no application for the construction or installation of an outdoor wood burning furnace may be filed, accepted or processed, except as provided in paragraph (B) below and Section "3" of this local law. For the purpose of this local law, an application for the construction and installation of an outdoor wood burning furnace shall be deemed to mean and include any request for official action by the Village Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, any building or zoning enforcement officer, or any other board, officer or agency of the Village of Chester, which request and approval would in any way commence or continue the process whereby an outdoor wood burning furnace is or may be constructed or installed.

(B) The imposition of this local law shall not affect the processing of applications for the construction and installation of outdoor wood burning furnaces which have been received and approved prior to the effective date of this local law. No new applications for the construction and installation of outdoor wood burning furnaces shall be considered by any board, officer or agency of the Village of Chester while the moratorium imposed by this local law is in effect.

Section 3. ALLEVIATION OF HARDSHIP.

(A) The Village Board of the Village of Chester may authorize exceptions to the moratorium imposed by this local law when it finds, based upon evidence presented to it, that deferral of action on an application for the construction and installation of an outdoor wood burning furnace, and the deferral of approval of such application for the duration of the moratorium would impose an extraordinary hardship on the landowner or applicant.

(B) A request for an exception based upon extraordinary hardship shall be filed with the Village Clerk or designee, including a fee of Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$500.00) to cover the processing and advertising costs, to be paid by the landowner, or by the applicant with the consent of the landowner, and shall provide a recitation of the specific facts that are alleged to

support the claim of extraordinary hardship, and shall contain such other information as the Village Clerk or designee shall prescribe as necessary for the Village Board to be fully informed with respect to the application.

(C) A public hearing on any request for an exception based on extraordinary hardship shall be held by the Village Board at the first regular meeting of the Village Board that occurs after the expiration of the period for publication of notice of the request for an exception.

(D) In reviewing an application for an exception based upon a claim of extraordinary hardships, the Village Board shall consider the following criteria:

(1) The extent to which the proposed construction/installation would cause significant environmental degradation, adversely impact natural resources or cause public health or safety concerns.

(2) Whether the moratorium will expose the applicant to substantial monetary liability to third persons or would leave the applicant completely unable, after a thorough review of alternative solutions, to earn a reasonable return on the property.

(3) The extent to which actions of the applicant were undertaken in a good faith belief that the proposed construction/installation would not lead to significant environmental degradation, undue adverse impacts on natural resources or public health or safety concerns.

(e) At the conclusion of the public hearing and after reviewing the evidence and testimony placed before it, the Village Board shall act upon the request to approve, deny, or approve in part and deny in part the request made by the applicant.

Section 4. SUPERSESSION AND SUSPENSION OF OTHER LAWS. This Local Law supersedes and suspends all prior local laws, to the extent that said prior local laws conflict with the moratorium set forth herein, but only for the duration of this moratorium. This Local Law, to the extent permitted by law, further supersedes and suspends any other law that may require acceptance, hearing, consideration, determination or any other action with respect to any application or request for the construction and installation of an outdoor wood boiler, until the expiration or termination of this local law.

Section 5. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any clause, sentence, section or other part of this Local Law is declared to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of this chapter.

Section 6. EFFECTIVE. This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 1 of 20 08 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Chester was duly passed by the Village Board on Sep. 8, 20 08, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 _____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20 _____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* on _____ 20 _____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 _____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20 _____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20 _____ *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general) (special)(annual) election held on _____ 20 _____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 _____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20 _____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20 _____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20 _____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 _____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20_____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 _____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20_____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1, above.

Rebecca P.
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body
Village Clerk
Date: 9/16/08

(Seal)

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF Orange

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

Henry N. Christensen, Jr.
Signature Henry N. Christensen, Jr.
Village Attorney
Title

County
City of Chester
Town
Village

Date: 9/16/08