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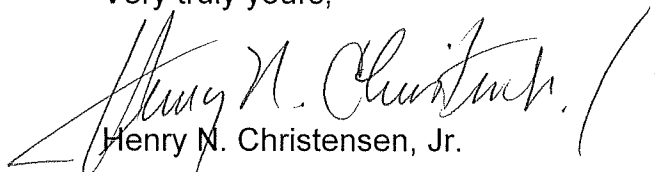
Re: Local Law #2 for 2009

Dear Mrs. Rivera:

Enclosed is the Local Law Filing Information Sheet for Local Law #2 of 2009. Please sign where indicated and affix the Village's seal. After signing, please return the Local Law Filing Information Sheet to me and I will have it 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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Enclosures

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. 2 of the year 2009

A local law entitled, "Amendment to Chapter 51 Flood Damage Prevention"
(Insert Title)

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

County
City of Chester as follows:
Town
Village

Section 1. The Code of the Village of Chester Chapter 51 Flood Damage Prevention, Section 2.0, DEFINITIONS, is amended to replace the definitions of SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE and SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT in their entirety with the following

“Substantial Damage” means damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. Substantial damage also means flood-related damages sustained by a structure on two separate occasions during a 10-year period for which the cost of repairs at the time of such flood event, on the average, equals or exceeds 25 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.

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

“Substantial Improvement” means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. Substantial improvement also means “cumulative substantial improvement.” The term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage”, regardless of the actual repair work performed. The terms does not, however, include either:

- (1) Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safety living conditions; or
- (2) Any alteration of a “Historic structure”, provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “Historic structure”.

and adding the following definitions:

“Cumulative Substantial Improvement” means any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure that equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure at the time of the improvement or repair when counted cumulatively for 10 years.

“Critical facilities” means:

- (1) Structures or facilities that produce, use, or store highly volatile, flammable, explosive, toxic and/or water-reactive materials;
- (2) Hospitals, nursing homes, and housing likely to contain occupants who may not be sufficiently mobile to avoid death or injury during a flood;
- (3) Police stations, fire stations, vehicle and equipment storage facilities, and emergency operations centers that are needed for flood response activities before, during, and after a flood; and
- (4) Public or private utility facilities that are vital to maintaining or restoring normal services to flooded areas before, during, and after a flood.

Section 2. The Code of the Village of Chester Chapter 51 Flood Damage Prevention, Section 5.1-2, ENCROACHMENTS, is amended to add the following subsection:

(3) Whenever any portion of a floodplain is authorized for development, the volume of space occupied by the authorized fill or structure below the base flood elevation shall be compensated for and balanced by a hydraulically equivalent volume of excavation taken from below the base flood elevation at or adjacent to the development site. All such excavations shall be constructed to drain freely to the watercourse. No area below the waterline of a pond or other body of water can be credited as a compensating excavation.

Section 3. The Code of the Village of Chester Chapter 51 Flood Damage Prevention, is amended to add the following section.

5.6 CRITICAL FACILITIES

In order to prevent flood damage to certain facilities that would result in serious danger to life and health, or widespread social or economic dislocation, no new critical facility shall be located within any Area of Special Flood Hazard, or within any 500-year flood zone shown as a B zone or a Shaded X zone on the Community's Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

Section 4. The Code of the Village of Chester Chapter 51 Flood Damage Prevention, Section 3.2, BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD, is amended to replace that section in its entirety with the following:

3.2 BASIS FOR ESTABLISHING THE AREAS OF SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD

The areas of special flood hazard for the Village of Chester, Community Number 361541, are identified and defined on the following documents prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency:

(1) Flood Insurance Rate Map Panel Numbers:

36071C0456E, 36071C0457E, 36071C0458E,
36071C0476E,

whose effective date is August 3, 2009 , and any subsequent revisions to these map panels that do not affect areas under our community's jurisdiction.

(2) A scientific and engineering report entitled "Flood Insurance Study, Orange County, New York, All Jurisdictions" dated August 3, 2009 .

The above documents are hereby adopted and declared to be a part of this Chapter. The Flood Insurance Study and/or maps are on file at:

The Village of Chester Village Office
47 Main Street
Chester, New York 10918

Section 5. Repealer. All Local Laws, Ordinances or parts of Local Laws or Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with these Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

Section 6. 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 7. 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. 2 of 2009 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)~~(Village) of Chester was duly passed by the Village Board on July 13 2009, 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) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)

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) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. 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.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)

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) (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.
(Name of Legislative Body)
(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)

* 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 _____, above.

Rebecca Rivera

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Rebecca Rivera, Village Clerk

Date: _____

(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.

Signature Henry N. Christensen, Jr.

Attorney for the Village
Title

County
City of Chester

Town
Village

Date: _____