

**VILLAGE OF MONROE
INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW
INCREASE IN PLANNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe, County of Orange, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings, Purpose and intent.

The Village Board of Trustees finds and determines that the public interest would be served by increasing the number of Village residents engaged in land use planning matters within the Village by increasing the number of members of the Village Planning Board from the current five (5) to seven (7), which increase will lessen the burden of individual Planning Board members and broaden the public's understanding of and participation in the application of Village planning and zoning law to individual properties.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and Section 7-718(6) of Village Law.

Section 3. Chapter 56, titled, "Planning Board," of the Code of the Village of Monroe is hereby amended as follows:

Subsection A, titled "Creation," of Section 56.1, titled, "Creation, appointment and organization," shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

A. Expansion of Planning Board, terms in office. The membership of the Planning Board shall be increased from five (5) to seven (7) members. Each member shall be a regular member with full voting rights pursuant to Village Law. Members now holding office for terms which do not expire at the end of the Village official year shall, upon the expiration of their term, hold office until the end of the village official year and their successors shall then be appointed for terms which shall be equal in years to the number of members of the board. The two additional members appointed as a result of the expansion of the Planning Board shall be first appointed for single terms in order that the terms of members shall expire in each of seven successive years and their successors shall thereafter be appointed for full terms of seven years. No such additional member shall take part in the consideration of any matter for which an application was on file with the planning board at the time of his or her appointment.

Section 56-2, titled, "Alternate members," is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following sections renumbered accordingly.

Section 4. Supersession, of Inconsistent Laws, if any. The Village Board of Trustees hereby declares its legislative intent to supersede any provision of any local law, rule, or

regulation and any provision of the state Village Law or other special law that may be declared inconsistent or in conflict with this local law. The courts are specifically requested to take notice of this legislative intent and apply such intent in the event the Village has failed to specify any provision of law that may require supersession. The Village Board hereby declares that it would have enacted this local law and superseded such provision had it been apparent.

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person, property or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the section, part, provision or application directly and expressly adjudged invalid and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof,

Section 6. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.