

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Ancram, New York

The “Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Ancram, New York,” is hereby amended by deleting in its entirety old Section X entitled “Interpretation and Application” and substituting in lieu thereof the following new section which shall be designated Section XI and entitled “Interpretation and Application”:

Section XI. Interpretation and Application

A. Legislative Intent.

In their interpretation and application, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be minimum requirements adopted for the promotion of the public health, safety and general welfare.

Non-Interference and Precedence. This Ordinance shall not interfere with, abrogate, annul or repeal any ordinance or any rule, regulation, or permit previously or here-after enacted or adopted, or issued pursuant to law, provided that, unless specifically excepted, whenever the requirements of this ordinance are inconsistent with the requirements of any other lawfully adopted rule, regulation, ordinance or local law, the more restrictive provisions that impose higher standards shall govern.

B. Reader’s Aid Boxes.

Appearing throughout this Ordinance are black boxes entitled “Reader’s Aid”. The text within these boxes, and any graphics associated with them, are not part of the Zoning Ordinance nor are they intended to be. Instead, they are simply explanations intended to make it easier for readers to understand the ordinance. In the event of any conflict between the meaning of the ordinance and an explanation in the Reader’s Aid box, the meaning of the ordinance, not the Reader’s Aid explanation, shall be applied. In the case that any provision of this Zoning Ordinance is found to be ambiguous, in construing that provision, the text in the Reader’s Aid box may be considered as some evidence of the intention of the drafters, but not to the exclusion of other statutory interpretation methods.

C. Separate Validity.

If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause, or other provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

D. Effective Date.

The effective date of this Ordinance, and of any amendments, shall be as set forth in Sections 264 and 265 of the New York State Town Law.