
Hospitality Overlay District

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Dear Clinton Town Board,

I am a 30 year resident of the Browns Pond community and have very strong concerns regarding the proposed Hospitality Overlay District. This draft law leaves quiet rural neighborhoods like my own entirely vulnerable to creeping commercial intensity, noise, and traffic. My family and dozens of others choose to settle here BECAUSE OF the quiet rural character of our area that is specifically devoid of nearby commercial properties.

First, the draft continues to use the vague term "Events." As we have seen with pending applications, without a highly specific definition of what constitutes an event (versus an "activity" or a "program"), this creates a massive loophole. This term must be rigidly defined (or eliminated) before any vote takes place.

Second, the proposed law creates a complete legal vacuum when it comes to enforcement. While it requires annual fire and zoning inspections, it fails to outline any process for how permits are renewed or revoked if a venue breaks the rules. Because a Special Use Permit is a protected property right under NY law, the town cannot revoke one without clear, objective rules codified in the local law.

You are proposing a law that feels unjust and inappropriate for our area. Please decline this current draft and focus on straightforward zoning that actually serves and protects the residents of Clinton.

Sincerely yours,

Annette & Michael Cerrato

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