
Hospitality Overlay District Proposal

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To: Carol Mackin <townclerk@townofclinton.com>

Dear Clinton Town Board,

I am writing regarding the draft Hospitality Overlay District law.

This proposed law is a senseless legal mess that bends the rules for developers while doing nothing to protect residents. Through a reverse-engineered cutoff date of July 1, 2025, the Town is grandfathering the major applications currently threatening our town. Exempting these active developers creates a high presumption of illegal "Spot Zoning."

Not only does this proposition exempt the 3 entities that we do not want to see moving forward, it also continues the use of the broad term of 'events'; Without a strict definition of what 'events' encompass, companies like Six Senses will be able to come in and do as they please! ***At the end of the day, Clinton residents move to Clinton for peace and quiet....not big hotels with lots of events and all the noise, traffic, and environmental issues that come with that!!!***

Since these major pending applications are exempt – and Omega lacks the necessary road frontage – this overlay applies to no properties in Clinton.

The law also makes no sense. For example, Bed & Breakfasts can operate with 6 rooms on just 1 acre, highlighting how nonsensical this new hospitality rewrite truly is.

I urge the Board to abandon this convoluted permissive overlay. Clinton needs straightforward, town-wide area zoning that protects our Comprehensive Plan, not a convoluted law that applies to no one and invites legal risk.

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