
Town of Clinton Hospitality Overlay Law

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To: townclerk@clintondcny.gov

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Dear Clinton Town Board,

I'm writing to express my strong concerns regarding the proposed hospitality overlay district. This draft law leaves our quiet rural neighborhoods completely vulnerable to creeping commercial noise and traffic.

First, the draft continues to use the vague term "Events". As we have already 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 an 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 New York law, the town cannot revoke one without clear, objective rules codified in the local law.

You are proposing a law with no teeth. Please send this draft back to the drawing board and focus on straightforward zoning that actually serves and protects the residents of our town of Clinton.

Thank you for your efforts in this regard.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad