
Town of Clinton Hospitality Overlay law1 message

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Dear Clinton Town Board,

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding the proposed Hospitality Overlay District. This draft law leaves our quiet rural neighborhoods entirely vulnerable to creeping commercial intensity, noise, and traffic.

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.

Please reject this proposal and focus on straightforward zoning that actually serves and protects the residents of Clinton.

Yours,
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