

**VILLAGE OF MONROE
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR A
TEMPORARY MODIFICATION TO CHAPTER 80
OF THE VILLAGE OF MONROE MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of the Village of Monroe, Orange County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Purpose.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe finds that there exist within the Village buildings and structures that have a special character or special historical or aesthetic interest or value in American history, architecture and culture; that it is feasible to preserve and continue the use of such improvements; and that such improvements face the danger of being uprooted and destroyed without adequate consideration of the irreplaceable loss to the people of the Village of Monroe of the aesthetic, cultural and historical values represented by such improvements. It is the sense of the Village Board that the standing of Monroe as a community steeped in the history and culture of Orange County and the Hudson Valley region requires the maintenance and enhancement of the historical, aesthetic, cultural and architectural heritage of the Village.

Section 2. Temporary suspension of demolition and structural modification permits.

A. The Board of Trustees finds and determines that structures and buildings located within the Village of Monroe Historic District (identified as 98NR01380), and all structures and buildings listed or eligible for listing on the State of New York Historic Register and/or the National Historic Register, whether located in the Historic District or not, are currently unprotected by local laws intended to preserve their historic character and, thus, are vulnerable to irreparable loss through insensitive modification which threatens the historic character or through complete destruction. Therefore, for a period of six (6) months following the date of adoption of this local law, the Board of Trustees hereby imposes a suspension on all permits issued pursuant to Chapter 80 of the Village of Monroe Code for whole or partial modification to or demolition of any and all structures or buildings located within the Historic District or identified as National Register, State Register, or eligible for listing on the National Register or State Register of Historic Places, on the Cultural Resource Information System (CRIS) published by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (SHPO). A copy of the Historic District and CRIS listing is appended to this local law. However, any building or structure that meets the criteria above is also subject to these provisions.

B. Nothing in this local law shall prohibit the demolition of a structure or building deemed

unsafe by the building inspector. However, if the structure or building is located within the Historic District or listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register or State Register of Historic Places, then the application for a demolition permit shall be referred to the Village Board for a determination whether the permit should be issued in whole or in part. To inform its decision, the Village Board shall cause the property to be inspected by the Village engineer, who shall issue a report as to whether all or any portion of the structure or building can safely remain.

Section 3. Waiver

The record owner of a property covered by this suspension may apply to the Village Board of Trustees for a waiver for good cause shown. However, economic hardship alone shall not constitute good cause.

Section 4. Expansion

This suspension may be extended by one (1) additional period of up to three (3) months by resolution of the Village Board upon a finding of need for such extension.

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person, property or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the section, part, provision or application directly and expressly adjudged invalid and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State