VILLAGE OF MONROE
LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 56, § 56-1(A), OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MONROE TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PLANNING BOARD FROM SEVEN MEMBERS TO FIVE MEMBERS

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

SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.

The purpose of this local law is to reduce the membership of the Village of Monroe Planning Board from seven members to five members pursuant to Village Law § 7-718(7) and New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, with the reduction taking effect upon the next two expirations of terms and without shortening the term of any incumbent member. The Village Board has received notice from the Planning Board Chairman, that, as currently constituted, the Planning Board is having a difficult time reaching the necessary quorum associated with seven seats, as two seats have remained unfilled due to the resignation of one member and the death of another. As a result, several Village Planning Board sessions have been cancelled due to the inability to have a quorum present, placing an unnecessary burden on applicants. The Village Board finds in light of this burden, coupled with the lack of qualified, available, potential appointees to be appointed to the currently vacant seats, that it is necessary and prudent to reduce the number of Planning Board seats from seven to five, in accordance with Village Law § 7-718(7).

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF § 56-1(A).

Subsection A of § 56-1 of Chapter 56, entitled "Expansion of Planning Board, terms in office." of the Code of the Village of Monroe, including existing paragraphs (1) and (2), is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety with the following:

A. Membership; reduction; terms of office.

> (1) The membership of the Planning Board shall be reduced from seven members to five members in accordance with paragraph (2) of this subsection. Each member shall be a regular member with full voting rights pursuant to Village Law.
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> (2) Pursuant to Village Law § 7-718(7), the reduction shall take effect upon the next two expirations of terms occurring on or after the effective date of this local law. The two positions whose terms next expire shall be abolished upon their respective term expirations, and no successors shall be appointed to those positions. Upon the first such expiration, the authorized membership shall be

reduced from seven to six; upon the second such expiration, the authorized membership shall be reduced from six to five. If both terms expire on the same date, both positions shall be abolished on that date. No incumbent member's term shall be shortened by reason of this reduction.

SECTION 3. CONTINUITY; OTHER PROVISIONS UNCHANGED.

The Planning Board shall continue in existence without interruption, and all applications, proceedings, approvals, determinations, records, powers and duties of the Planning Board shall remain unaffected by this local law. Except as expressly amended herein, all other provisions of Chapter 56 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. REPEAL.

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this local law or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this local law and its application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 6. CODE PREPARATION.

The Village's Code preparation contractor is authorized, without further action of the Village Board, to correct typographical errors, numbering and other related technical changes that do not affect or alter the substantive provisions of this local law.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 27, with the reduction in Planning Board membership occurring as provided in Section 2 of this local law.