

TOWN OF LANSING, TOMPKINS COUNTY, NEW YORK
LOCAL LAW NUMBER #2 OF 2026

**LOCAL LAW AMENDING TOWN CODE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF ALTERNATE
MEMBERS APPOINTED OR APPOINTABLE TO THE PLANNING BOARD AND
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Lansing as follows:

SECTION 1: AUTHORITY AND SUPERSESSION - This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the authority and power granted to the Town of Lansing under and pursuant to Town Law §§ 267(11) and 271(15), Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, and the New York State Constitution, at Article IX. To the extent inconsistent with said Town Law § 267(11) and § 271(15), this Local Law continues to supersede the same as relates to alternate members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals, respectively.

SECTION 2: PURPOSES - It is sometimes difficult to maintain a quorum or have full voting strength due to illnesses, absences, or conflicts of interest. Atop this, the size and complexity of many matters has grown such that it is deemed to be in the best interests of the Town to authorize additional alternate members for such land use review boards.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT OF TOWN CODE § 7.3 - Town code § 7.3, relating to alternates for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is repealed and re-stated in its entirety as follows:

“Alternate members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Town Board for a term of up to one year, running from January 1 through December 31 and until any successor is appointed and duly seated, unless the Town Board shall decide not to fill that alternate position. The Planning Board may have up to three alternate members appointed at any one time and the Zoning Board of Appeals may have up to two alternate members appointed at any one time. However, nothing requires the filling of all such alternate positions, or any vacancies as may arise, at any given time. Prior to appointment the Town Board shall refer the name of the proposed alternate member, together with any application materials provided by such candidate, to the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals, respectively, for review and comment. No alternate member may be appointed to the Planning Board or the Zoning Board of Appeals for more than seven terms.”

SECTION 4: CODIFICATION - This local law shall be incorporated into the Town Code, and the incorporator may designate such new section and numerical headings, or other indexed references, as make for a coherent Town Code, sequentially numbered or marked. Nothing in this local law is intended to disrupt or affect the existing Town Code, except to the extent any existing code provision is herein expressly amended, superseded, or repealed. All other provisions of the Town Code are hereby reaffirmed and continued in force and effect, and the codification of these amendments shall follow the procedure for amending the code as set forth in the code, or in the Town’s local laws, including but not limited to Local Law #2 of 2020.

SECTION 5: SAVINGS - The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of this local law as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase in this local law, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6: EFFECTIVE DATE - This Local Law shall take effect immediately, and the Town Clerk is directed to immediately file a copy of this Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State, as required by law.