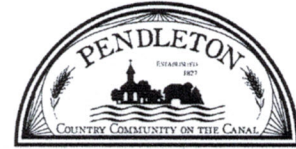


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To: Town Board

Re: Code Changes 2017

This letter is to request that we schedule public/hearings regarding a few code changes that we will be submitting to the board for approval. While at Code Certification school this past year a few items that are in our town code book have been noticed to either be insufficient relating to the state requirements or insufficient in relation to how we can enforce the code. I am proposing the following code sections be amended effective January 1st 2018.

1. Fee Schedule Revision

The fee schedule needs to be updated and has been compared to surrounding towns for comparison. Our fees do not sufficiently cover the work being expended for each permit and needs to be adjusted to better cover town costs and time spent on projects. Also there are several areas where the fee is not present in the fee schedule such as what the fee for Operating Permit is which would be addressed in the code revision.

2. Chapter 132

Chapter 132 gives the Code Enforcement Officer the right to enforce the duties of the position around the town. Based on a review of what the State allows the chapter needs to be amended to allow for the issuance of Compliance Certificates which had been excluded from the section.

3. 247-41 Domestic Animals and Livestock

Due to resident feedback it has been discussed that adding "Pot Belly Pig" to the definition of "Domestic Use" would be preferred. This would allow for a "Pot Belly Pig" to be kept as a house pet. Recommendations regarding quantity and requirements would be adjusted to better reflect this change.

4. Chapter 200

The current signage code for the Town is lacking in several areas making it difficult to address complaints we receive from residents around town. After a comparison to surrounding towns the code needs to be updated to help better address complaints from the town residents.

5. Grass, weeds and Rubbish

The town currently does not have a code regarding grass, weeds and Rubbish. Currently the only violation we can send is to utilize the State Property Maintenance Code. It would be more beneficial and effective for this department as well as the residents affected by these issues for us to have a local code regarding this matter.

6. 247-13 C02 District

We need to add the term "Storage Units" and "Storage Facilities" to the list of uses that are allowable by right in a Medium Commercial Zoning. The Board already voted to approve this change in the past; however, it was never added to the code section.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter. I will be submitting the formal code changes for review.

Thank you

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