

February 13, 2025

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2025 Deleting Zoning Code 8164-41C (4) (f) & Creating a New Chapter 80A Fences. Said public hearing was held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Jesse Dwyer
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman Kevin Shuback
Councilman Thomas Mattingly

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on January 29, 2025.

(Copy of these legal notices are printed at the end of these minutes.)

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Good evening, everyone. We have a public hearing on Introductory Local Law Number 1 of 2025, deleting Zone Code 164-41C-4F and creating new Chapter 80A relating to fences. The proposed law has been posted on our website and provided for feedback and comment. The history on this is that we have received some recommendations from the public that we consider amending our town code to permit fences inside and rear yards greater than six feet. So, the Town Board, after our workshop discussion, considered proposing a law that will allow up to a maximum of eight feet for rear and side yards on town properties. We have also made some other technical adjustments and changes to make the code a little bit clearer and easier to find for the public. This law and the proposed code has been available in the Town Clerk's office for several weeks and on the website.

At this time we will open it up to any, is there any comment from the Board on Local Law Number 1 amending the fence law? None? We will open it up to the public on any public comment on Local Law Number 1? None? One thing that I did when I was Mayor of Greenwood Lake was, we, because we had a similar code, six-foot-high fences, we changed the code to permit residential homes that were next to commercial properties. We would allow those homes to put up to eight-foot fences.

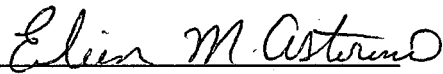
Obviously, if you are next to a lumber yard or a restaurant, you wanted to have the ability to go up eight feet. Generally, I don't think it makes sense for villages to have the same height as an eight foot because their homes are much closer together and it might feel a little, but a lot of our properties in the Town of Warwick outside of the villages have property, acre, two acres, three acres, and they might be in the woods where they have deer problems and other issues. So, we do feel that it makes sense in this case to change the town code.

We have gotten some good feedback, zero negative feedback on this. We have gotten some good positive feedback, but we probably will make a couple of additional changes to the actual ordinance itself. Therefore, what we are going to do is we are going to keep the public hearing open and then if we do not receive any overwhelming negative feedback between now and the next meeting, we will then hopefully move to consider passing the local law. One more opportunity from the public for any comment on the fence law.

CAROLE LIANTONIO – Resident - I don't know what your procedure is, but will you post the new law?

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Yes, if we make any changes, we are bound by law to post those updates before we consider voting. So, if we make any changes to this proposed law, we will post it on the website as well as include it and make it available in the Town Clerk's office.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo, that the public hearing be adjourned. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays) 7:10 p.m.
02-13-25 CP


Eileen Astorino, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will be holding a Public Hearing to consider Proposed Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2025 entitled, "A Local Law Deleting Zoning Code §164-41C(4)(f) and creating new Chapter 80A Fences. Said public hearing to be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, NY or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.

A complete copy of the Introductory Local Law is available for inspection in the Clerk's Office and/or the Town of Warwick website, townofwarwick.org.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard.

DATED: January 29, 2025

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN
BOARD OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK
EILEEN ASTORINO
TOWN CLERK**