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The Saranac Lake Village Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM in the Harriestown Auditorium at 39 Main Street, Saranac Lake NY. The purpose of the hearing is to gathering public input regarding the proposed local law amending the Village of Saranac Lake Unified Development Code. A copy of the proposed law may be seen at the Village Office 39 Main St. Saranac Lake or online at www.saranaclakeny.gov under documents and forms public notices, public hearings.

LOCAL LAW NO. #-2021

**A LOCAL LAW WITH AMENDMENTS INTENDED TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO
THE VILLAGE'S DEVELOPMENT CODE PROCESS**

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saranac Lake the following amendments to the Development Code of the Village of Saranac Lake as follows:

SECTION 1.

SHORT TITLE

This Local Law shall be cited as Local Law #X of 2021 of the Village of Saranac Lake and is entitled "Development Code Improvements of 2021."

SECTION II.

LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

Through the adoption of these amendments, it is the legislative intent of the Village of Saranac Lake ("Village") Board of Trustees ("Board") to make the process for achieving development approvals more efficient while ensuring the continued quality of review of applications for projects. The Board finds that entrusting more authority in the Development Director to approve certain less impactful projects involving changes in the use or development of property will contribute to such procedural efficiency while still requiring compliance with the standards provided in the Development Code. For projects to be reviewed by the Development Board, requiring applicants to consistently provide sufficient application information a standard amount of time in advance of public hearings on their projects will provide predictability to applicants and give them time to work with the Development Director and, at workshops, with the Development Board to resolve issues before coming before the Board in a public hearing. Providing notice of such hearings within timeframes that are more consistent with New York State law will further improve the efficiency of the review process while still providing ample notice of public hearings. Finally, it is the desire and intent of the Board that continuing improvements to the Development Code will occur and that additional amendments will be forthcoming.

SECTION III.

AUTHORITY

The Development Code of the Village of Saranac Lake is enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Saranac Lake pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under Article IX of the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and implements authority provided to New York State villages pursuant to Article 7 of New York State Village Law.

same timeframe, a copy of the notice shall also be provided by the applicant by certified mail to all owners within 200 feet of the tax map parcel on which the applicant's project is proposed. Proof of certified mailing upon such individual property owners shall be provided to the Director before the public hearing is held. The applicant shall also post a conspicuous, waterproof copy of the notice at the site of the proposed project at least 10 days prior to the date of the hearing.

Subdivision B of § 106-20 of the Development Code is repealed.

6. Petition, application and appeal forms.

§ 106-17 of the Development Code shall be renamed Petition, application and appeal forms: Deadline for submission for Development Board review and shall be amended as follows:

Unless otherwise stated, all petitions, applications and appeals provided for in this code shall be made on forms prescribed by the Director or the board with jurisdiction over the particular matter. Completed forms shall be accompanied by whatever further information, plans or specifications may be required by such forms and/or this code. Petitions, applications and appeals containing sufficient information for Development Board review as determined by the Director shall be submitted at least 15 days prior to a scheduled Development Board meeting in order to be included on the agenda for the meeting absent good cause shown as found by the Director in consultation with the Chair of the Development Board.

SECTION V.

SEVERABILITY

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

SECTION VI.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately, as provided by law, upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.