

Village of Lancaster Local Law _____ of the year 2026

A Local Law to amend Section 350-61 of Chapter 350 Article VII “Board of Appeals” of the Lancaster Village Code.

Whereas the Village Board wishes to amend Section 350-61 of Chapter 350 Article VII “Board of Appeals” of the Lancaster Village Code to provide for the appointment of designated alternates to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals and

Whereas the Village Board wishes to expand beyond the limited circumstances set forth at New York Village Law §7-712 (11) when a designated alternate of the Village of Lancaster Zoning Board of Appeals may serve for a member when such member is unable to participate on an application or matter before the board.

Pursuant to the authority invested in The Village Board of the Village of Lancaster by New York State Municipal Home Rule Law §10(1)(ii)(e)(3):

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Lancaster, New York as follows:

1) Section 350-61 of Chapter 350 Article VII Board of Appeals of the Lancaster Village Code shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 350-61. Creation and organization.

A. Pursuant to the authority invested in the Village of Lancaster by § 7-712 (2) of the Village Law and as further set forth in this section, a Zoning Board of Appeals, consisting of five members and up to two designated alternates is hereby created. The Board of Appeals shall have all the powers and shall perform all the duties prescribed by statute and by this chapter.

B. Board member vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Village Law § 7-712 (2).

C. Alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, for terms established by the Village Board of Trustees.

D. The Chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals may designate an alternate member to substitute for a member when such member is unable to participate for good reason on an application or matter before the board. When so designated, the alternate member shall possess all the powers and responsibilities of such member of the board. Such designation shall be entered into the minutes of the initial Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at which the substitution is made.

E. All provisions of Village Law § 7-712 (7-a) Training and attendance requirements relating to Zoning Board of Appeals member training and continuing education, attendance, conflict of interest, compensation, eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, and service on other boards, shall also apply to alternate members.

2) This local law supersedes New York State Village Law §7-712(11)

3) This local law shall become effective on the 20th day following its enactment.