

VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO  
LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2024  
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 195, ZONING, TO LOWER THE NUMBER OF  
HPPC MEMBERS FROM NINE TO SEVEN TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY

Be it enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Montebello by authority of Article 7 of the Village Law and Article 2, Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, as follows:

*(Note: Proposed insertions of language into the Code are indicated by underlining. Proposed deletions of language from the Code are indicated by strikeout symbols. All other language shown is to remain unchanged. The symbol “\* \* \* \* \*” indicates portions of the Code to remain unchanged, which are not shown here for brevity.)*

*Section 1: Legislative findings and intent. The Village Board of the Village of Montebello hereby finds and declares:*

The Village periodically reviews its Zoning Code to ensure that the various provisions continue to effectively implement the purposes set forth in § 195-3 of the Village Code, which directs the zoning law to protect and enhance environmental, human and community resources and maintain the rural and semirural character of the Village, while also providing opportunities for employment and economic development. The Village finds the nine-person membership of the HPPC, including seven full members and two ad hoc members, decreases the efficiency of the commission.

*Section 2: Amend Chapter 195, Zoning, Article XI, “Architectural Review Board, Historic Preservation and Parks Commission, Community Development Review Committee, and Overlay Districts Section 195-60 “Historic Preservation and Parks Commission”” as follows:*

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- (a) The HPPC shall consist of five full members and two non-voting ad hoc members, all of whom shall be residents of the Village of Montebello. The members shall be appointed by the Village Board upon Mayoral recommendation for terms of years. The first appointments shall be for terms so fixed that two shall expire annually, and one in the fifth year, and succeeding appointments shall be for five-year terms. Each member shall serve until the appointment and qualification of his successor. The terms of the members first taking office shall commence on the date of their appointment. The Village Historian shall be an advisor to the Commission. All members shall have a known interest in historic preservation and architectural development within the Village of Montebello and/or in preservation of open space, horticulture, parks and recreation. To the extent available in the community and willing to serve, it is preferred that members include persons with architectural experience in working with historic buildings, an historian or person with historical knowledge of the area, a resident of an historic district, and a person who has demonstrated significant interest in and commitment to the field of historic preservation, as well as persons with horticultural, landscaping, parks and recreational knowledge and experience. More than one of these qualities can be attributed to the same member. The Commission may regularly, as necessary, supplement the skills of its members by obtaining the assistance of an architect or other persons possessed of the foregoing skills, in addition to the right to call witnesses per § 195-60D(9)(g). Upon adoption of this section, the Chair shall poll his or her respective board to

ascertain if any member wishes to leave the HPPC, or wishes to serve as an ad hoc member rather than as a full member, and shall report to the Mayor and the Village Clerk-Treasurer no later than October 1, 2024. Based upon that information, the Mayor shall select the five members and two ad hoc members, subject to retroactive ratification at the next regular meeting of the Village Board.

- (b) The members shall be paid for services as fixed by resolution of the Village Board.
- (c) In the event of a vacancy occurring during the term of a member, the Village Board with the recommendation of the Mayor shall make an interim appointment to fill out the unexpired term of such member.
- (d) A single Chair shall be appointed annually by the Village Board upon the recommendation of the Mayor.
- (e) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the full authorized membership of the HPPC. At this time there are three members.

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*Section 3: This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.*