

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE
ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
AND THE
TOWN OF RIDGEWAY



EXEMPTING CERTAIN MINOR LAND USE ACTIONS
FROM
COUNTY PLANNING BOARD REVIEW

MARCH 2009
(DATE OF FIRST REVISION)

*ENABLING LEGISLATION: NY STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, ARTICLE 12-B,
SECTION 239-M.3.(C) AS AMENDED BY THE LAWS OF 1991*

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I. Authority

In accordance with New York State General Municipal Law, Article 12-B, Section 239-m.3.(c) of the Laws of 1991, the Orleans County Planning Board is authorized to voluntarily enter into agreements with towns and villages that certain proposed land use actions are of local, rather than inter-community or County-wide concern, and therefore are not subject to referral to the Orleans County Planning Board as would otherwise be required by Section 239-m.

II. Purpose

It is the intent of this agreement to eliminate the need for local referral, and thus County review and recommendation, of actions which do not have significant inter-community or County-wide impacts as defined herein. By eliminating referral of such minor land use actions, the permitting process is expedited for the applicants, with a corresponding reduction in administration on the part of both the municipality and the County Planning Board. And as County population and development continue to increase, the agreement will afford greater opportunity for the County Planning Board to focus on more consequential referrals, as well as large scale, long-term planning priorities. It is furthermore the desire of the County Planning Board that this agreement be entered uniformly among municipalities to maintain a fair and efficient process. That is, the agreement between the Orleans County Planning Board and Town of Ridgeway shall be identical to that between the County and any other municipality.

III. Procedures

Upon the Town of Ridgeway's receipt of a proposal by an applicant, it is the responsibility of the municipal official(s) who is charged with submitting referrals to the County Planning Board to determine if an application is exempt from referral to the County Planning Board. This determination shall be based on those actions specifically listed in Section IV ("Minor Land Use Actions Exempt from Referral to the County Planning Board") of the agreement. If a proposal does not fall within one of the categories listed in Section IV, it shall be submitted to the County Planning Board in the prescribed manner. If it does fall within Section IV, there is no need for further involvement of or notice to the County Planning Board.

IV. Minor Land Use Actions Exempt from County Planning Board Review

1. Projects which require an area variance(s), provided it is not:

- a. also subject to special use permit, or**
- b. also subject to site plan approval, with the exception that site plans as provided in paragraph 4 herein shall be categorically exempt from County Planning Board review, or**
- c. for a principal structure on a parcel which adjoins a lot in another town or village in Orleans County.**

2. Projects which require an area variance(s), site plan review and/or special use permit for:

a. sign(s) or fence(s)

3. Projects requiring a special use permit or site plan approval on real property within 500 ft. of the boundary of a farm operation within an agricultural district as defined by Article 25AA of agriculture and markets law, provided that such projects would not otherwise qualify for submittal to the County Planning Board under Section 239-m. of General Municipal Law.

4. Projects which require site plan review for the following, regardless of whether an area variance(s) or special permit is also required:

a. the construction of one, two, or three-family residence(s), or the construction of their accessory structures, or

b. the partitioning of a parcel into one or more other parcels, or the reconfiguration of an existing parcel, or the combination of separate parcels into one or more parcels

V. Optional Review

Notwithstanding the previous section, nothing shall prevent the municipality from submitting any application to the County Planning Board for its review and recommendation as would be required under Section 239-m of General Municipal Law if this agreement were not enacted.

VI. Effective Date

This agreement shall be effective immediately upon its passage by majority resolutions of **both** the County Planning Board and the Town of Ridgeway.

VII. Amendment

Any amendment to the agreement becomes effective immediately upon passage of a majority resolution of **both** the County Planning Board and the Town of Ridgeway. Upon such action, the amended version succeeds previous editions of the agreement.

VIII. Termination

This agreement can be terminated at any time without cause by majority resolution of **either** the County Planning Board or the Town of Ridgeway. Notice of such termination should be made in writing within ten days of the resolution to the other party which entered into this agreement. Upon termination, the municipality shall resume responsibility for sending all eligible referrals to the County Planning Board as otherwise established in Section 239-m.

Date adopted by the County Planning Board: May 28, 2009 Brian Napoli

Date adopted by the Town of Ridgeway: 4/24/09 Brian Napoli

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COUNTY OF ORLEANS
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May 26, 2009

RESOLUTION NO. 64 - 4/20/09

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE
SUPERVISOR TO SIGN AGREEMENT
BETWEEN TOWN OF RIDGEWAY
AND ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING
BOARD

Offered by Councilman Wells, who moved its adoption.
Seconded by Councilman Toussaint.

Resolved to authorize Supervisor to sign agreement between Town of Ridgeway
and Orleans County Planning Board exempting certain minor land use actions.

Adopted: 5 ayes 0 nays

Councilman Wells
Councilman Toussaint
Councilman Maynard
Councilman Canham
Supervisor Napoli

COUNTY OF ORLEANS)
STATE OF NEW YORK) ss:
TOWN OF RIDGEWAY)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a
resolution duly adopted by the Ridgeway Town Board on the 20th day of
April, 2009.

Dated at Ridgeway, New York

May 26, 2009
Barbara J. Klatt
Barbara J. Klatt
Town Clerk of the Town of Ridgeway



Brian Napoli, Chairman

COUNTY OF ORLEANS

Tibbs Ahlberg, Vice-Chairman

PLANNING BOARD

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(Orleans County Planning Board – Ridgeway Town Council)
Resolution No. CPB0509-07

**Resolution to Revise Agreement Exempting
Certain Minor Actions from County Planning Board Review**

WHEREAS, the Ridgeway Town Council entered into an Agreement with the Orleans County Planning Board on November 18, 1996 for the purpose of Exempting Certain Minor Land Use Actions from County Planning Board Review, and

WHEREAS, the Orleans County Planning Board has requested amendments to said Agreement to provide further exemptions from County Planning Board Review, including site plan review for the construction of homes on individual lots as well as all subdivision of real property; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgeway Town Council adopted said revised Agreement on April 20, 2009; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Orleans County Planning Board similarly adopts said revised Agreement, rendering it effective immediately.

County Planning Board Member who made the Motion to Adopt:
County Planning Board Member who seconded the Motion to Adopt:

Dan Gleason
Tibbs Ahlberg

Vote: 13 ayes - Tibbs Ahlberg, Dan Gleason, Tom Keeler, Dan Strong, Kevin Johnson, Ted Broekhuizen, Phil D'Agostino, Steve McAvoy, Marty Busch, Larry Petrie, Kirk Myhill, Gary Daum, Paul Hendel

1 abstention - Brian Napoli

0 nays

Adopted May 28, 2009 at the Regular County Planning Board Meeting, Albion, New York.

James R. Bensley
Acting Executive Secretary