

August 8, 2025

Jim Orman, Mayor  
Village Trustees  
Village of Aurora  
Aurora, NY

Dear Mayor Orman and Village Trustees

The CPP recommends a Zoning Law amendment (outlined below) to the Village Board for approval.

The Zoning Law that was recently proposed for adoption has several paragraphs in Article VII which the Community Preservation Panel recommends to be changed. Major changes include:

1. Three additional definitions which will help the CPP in defining its work.
2. Minor language changes in section 7.06 regarding notification of a public hearing (number of days before the public hearing to be 5 and the notification to residents effected by email). It also allows that written comment does not need to be read at the public hearing, though all comments will be posted and attached to the minutes
3. Elimination of language in section 7.06, 3 that, after a CPP public hearing and recommendation, requires a public hearing by the Village Board for the addition of a landmark, historic district, etc. immediately after a public hearing was held by the CPP. This eliminates the duplication of two public hearings back to back for the same issue, and it eliminates the need for the Village Board to have two public hearings on the same matter. Of course, the Village Board will need a public hearing before it can adopt the recommendation into law.
4. Updating the reference to the Secretary of Interiors guide for landmarks to the most recent version in Section 7.08, B.
5. Further defines that CPP is responsible to consider demolition or relocation of structures located within the Historic District in Section 7.08, H.
6. Allows the Code Officer and the CPP Chair to determine whether an application consists of ordinary maintenance and repair for which a Certificate of Appropriateness is not required, rather than bringing the application to the entire Panel thereby slowing the application process in Section 7.09, E.
7. Eliminates a monthly report by CPP to the Village Board in Section 7.09, F. (Minutes are posted online for review).
8. And again in Section 7.13 clarifies that the CPP has jurisdiction only over demolitions, removals, and relocations in the Historic District.

All recommended deletions from Article VII are in red font and struck through with a line. All recommended additional language is in bolded blue font. The proposed Article VII is attached.

Thank you

Jim Burkett, Chair  
Community Preservation Panel

Attachments:

- Article VII Proposed Amendments