

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD
PUBLIC HEARING**

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A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2019 entitled "A Local Law Amending the Zoning Local Law, Regulations and Ordinances of the Town of Kirkwood" was held on November 26, 2019 at 6:10 PM at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall, 70 Crescent Drive, Kirkwood, New York with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen
Councilman Robert Weingartner
Councilman Lewis Grubham
Councilwoman Linda Yonchuk
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney
Gayle Diffendorf, Town Clerk
John A. Finch, Jr., Commissioner of Public Works
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Bd. Chairman
Duane Travis, ZBA Chairman

Supervisor Kniffen said Councilman Grubham was chairman of a committee that worked on this as a result of our current Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Grubham said it took a year or more to do this and we now think we have a good package. It's been reviewed by Broome County and we made the adjustments they requested. It's now ready to vote on unless something comes up tonight that we want to change. A copy of the new Zoning Local Law with all the proposed changes is available for review at the Town Hall. Since it is 249 pages there is only one copy at this time.

Supervisor Kniffen said this is a great effort and we appreciate all the work that was done, noting that Duane Travis did a lot of extra work on this as well. This was done to keep up with the times.

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing to public comment.

Larry Holt of lower Trim Street responded:

I was at home and wrote a poem to let you know how I feel. I call it "My Appeal for the Automobile".

The unregistered vehicle in spots about the town
Some folks it doesn't bother, while other's make a frown.

Some want them done away with, taken out of sight,
2 was the law for many years, they must have got it right.

Professor's Rehberg and Frazier were hired back in 2002,
The study that they turned in affects both me and you.

Their students did the study, then graduated after looking around,
They didn't move to Kirkwood, but went home to Long Island Sound.

So I did a study about town driving and looking hard,
But couldn't find many unregistered vehicles in anyone's backyard.

So you have the final decision, I hope you'll do what's right,
All I ask for the automobile is, Let Freedom Ring Tonight.

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Now this poem is over, a message I wanted to send,
When I go out the door tonight, you'll still be my friend.

Larry said I think you got it wrong on the unregistered vehicle; I think you had it right for years. To change that policy, I can't understand what the problem is other than I firmly believe in this town you got neighbors that don't like their other neighbors and they look in their backyard and whatever they see they have an ax to grind. I don't think this is a necessary thing to do, but that's going to be up to you, the Board. I've been to almost every meeting on this Comprehensive Plan since 2002 and I'll be damned if I've heard anybody stand up in the audience, at Bell School or wherever it was, and complain about an unregistered automobile. Not a one. I've spoken out about this since 2002 and I don't think you have a problem in this town. That's my opinion and I hope you do what's right, that's all I can ask. Thank you very much for your time.

Supervisor Kniffen said thank you Larry for coming and participating and sharing your thoughts with us. We appreciate that.

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing for additional comments. Hearing none, he closed the hearing at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle M. Diffendorf
Town Clerk