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Abstract

The purpose of § 108-4 of the Town Code for the Town of Hyde Park is to protect and promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience, economy, aesthetics, general welfare, along with the preservation of the natural, agricultural and cultural resources of the Town of Hyde Park, and to serve other enumerated purposes in this ordinance such as promoting the success of the Town's comprehensive plan, and encouraging smart growth.

Resource

Town of Hyde Park NY Zoning Law Purposes
Code of the town of Hyde Park NY
Chapter 108: Zoning
General Code

§ 108-4. Purposes.

The purpose of this chapter is to protect and promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience, economy, aesthetics, general welfare, along with the preservation of the natural, agricultural and cultural resources of the Town of Hyde Park, and to serve the following additional specific purposes:

- A. To promote the four strategic directions identified in the Town's Comprehensive Plan, a copy of which is available for inspection and review in the office of the Town Clerk.
- B. To encourage a pattern of land use in the Town in which development with higher density, scale, and intensity of use, mixed land use, and mixed building use occurs in community centers with appropriate infrastructure and municipal services, and in which outlying areas are reserved for lower density, scale and intensity of use and

maintenance of open space and natural resources.

- C. To foster throughout the Town, but particularly in community centers, a pedestrian-oriented physical environment which encourages walking and facilitates the safe, convenient and efficient movement of pedestrians.
- D. To support the continued expansion and diversity of the Town's economic and employment base by fostering orderly expansion of community centers while preserving the open space and rural character of outlying areas of the Town.
- E. To facilitate the adequate provision of water, sewer, parks and other public needs by establishing infrastructure requirements for new development, and by providing public water, sewer and stormwater systems on a priority basis for the more densely developed commercial areas, Hamlets, Neighborhoods, and Landings.
- F. In recognition of the value of the Town's location on the historic Hudson River, to protect the integrity of scenic views along the river, while promoting waterfront-based recreation areas and sensitively designed water-dependent economic development at appropriate locations along the river.
- G. In recognition of the significance of the historic resources of the Town, including the Roosevelt properties, the Vanderbilt Mansion, the Culinary Institute of America, and Staatsburg (formerly Mills Mansion), among many others, the preservation and protection of lands, buildings, and districts that are historically significant and to enhance the aesthetic and architectural quality of the Town in the vicinity of such resources.
- H. To provide a range of housing opportunities, including affordable housing, for all segments of the local population with due consideration for regional housing needs.
- I. To reduce traffic congestion on major roads by establishing a pattern of development and circulation that reduces the need for driving, restricts the number of driveways directly entering major streets, provides alternative routes between destinations, and encourage walking, bicycling, and the use of public transportation.
- J. To protect and preserve environmental resources of the Town, including waterways, ground- and surface water supplies, ecological systems, wetlands, wildlife habitat, native vegetation, and environmentally significant open space.
- K. To encourage the conservation of energy and the appropriate use of solar and other renewable energy resources.

- L. To establish clear, efficient and flexible land use review procedures, standards and guidelines for future projects.

- M. To ensure access to light and air, facilitate the prevention and fighting of fires, minimize the cost of municipal services, and accomplish the other purposes enumerated in § 263 of the Town Law of the State of New York.