PART II – GENERAL LEGISLATION

Chapter 161 – Official Map – Reserved Chapter

[Reserved to be included as Ch. 161 of the Code upon possible enactment]

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Section 161-1 – Purpose

    a. There are a number of different types of maps that may exist as part of the land planning and development tools of a municipality. There is the optional official map available to all municipalities in New York who desire to set forth existing and proposed public improvements.

    b. Roughly half of the states have adopted enabling legislation that gives local governments the power to adopt and implement official maps. Most statutes follow a central theme, promoted in early model statues, that authorizes local legislatures to adopt a map showing existing and proposed streets, highways, drainage systems, parks, and other public improvements. Cities, towns, villages and counties in New York are authorized to adopt and amend an official map; they are not, however, required to do so. While the enabling statutes for each type of municipal jurisdiction are not identical with respect to the official map, they generally all provide that the official map should delineate streets, highways and parks theretofore laid out, adopted and established by law, as well as drainage systems.

    c. Official maps are planning tools in their own right, and cannot be considered synonymous with comprehensive plans or zoning maps in general, which differ in purpose and scope. In New York, the adoption of an official map is conclusive with respect to the local and width of proposed streets, parks, and drainage systems, so the scale and dimensions found on an official map must be precise, and based on surveys rather than rough estimates.

Section 161-2 – 161-15 – Reserved

    The Official Map is a reserve chapter page of the Village of Marcellus Code. It has been inserted here to allow for its possible integration upon its possible future enactment, the subject of which will fall alphabetically into this part of the Code.

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