



VILLAGE OF EAST HAMPTON

Office of the
MAYOR

Dear Neighbor,

As we enter the holiday season, it is an opportune time to reflect on both our accomplishments of the past year and our vision for a better future.

I have a profound respect for **all** of the families that call our Village home, this is your Village, and you have given us the privilege of serving you. **I believe that the laws enacted by village government should reflect the needs and desires of all its residents, not just one group.** This year, we passed laws which recognize your right to utilize your property in a manner that you feel best suits your family's needs, while respecting your neighbors.

We've enacted nine (9) new zoning laws that: enhance the utilization of your properties, maintains the Village's historic integrity, encourages responsible development, and addresses the needs of our greater community. These laws are a direct response to real residents with real problems, and demonstrate that we have changed village government into a responsive government that balances residents' rights with thoughtful solutions to important local issues. Some of these laws include...

- **Local Law 17 - 2021: Roll-back of the 2015 Gross Floor Area Law.** Listening to countless residents angered by what happened years ago, we've voted to roll-back the Gross Floor Area limitations to those that existed in 2015. We have heard from numerous residents that believe **the 2015 amendments law was ill-advised and unfairly deprived residents of a fair use of their property.**
- **Local Law 19 - 2021: Allow accessory dwelling units to ensure housing for family members, and caregivers on lots over 60,000 square feet (1.3 acres).** **Housing for caregivers has long been an issue for an aging population in the village. The need for housing is at an all-time high, and village government must take action to further support seniors, their helpers, young people, and our local workforce.** Our new laws make housing in East Hampton Village more accessible for teachers, police officers, and year-round residents who are finding it harder to make a living. Equally important, my administration has ensured that the issuance of any permit for such use shall require the installation of an Innovative Alternative Septic System for all dwelling units to ensure environmental benefits as well. We've also mandated that these dwellings may not allow short-term rentals like: AirBNB, HomeAway, etc..

- **Local Law 24 – 2021: Revised limitations on cellars of single-family residential uses while mitigating any potential adverse impacts.** We received numerous requests from the public to relax these limitations, and we've revised our Code in such a way that we can accommodate the public's request without encouraging overdevelopment.
- **Local Law 21 - 2021: Instituting a 100% fine for those who begin residential construction before receiving a permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.** This measure will ensure both public safety as well as imposing a far stricter penalty on **those who disregard our building permit laws.**
- **Local Law 22 - 2021: Encouraging workforce housing near the train station.** One of the main impediments to expanding workforce housing is the prohibitive cost of parking improvements, so we have eliminated additional parking requirements for any mixed use located within 500 feet of a public mass transportation facility (only the LIRR train station) which results from the inclusion of workforce housing.
- **A “Historic Preservation Committee”** that can ensure the harmonious, orderly and efficient growth and development of the Village. It cannot be disputed that there exists within the Village numerous places, sites, structures and buildings of historic or architectural significance which should be conserved, protected and preserved to maintain the architectural character of the Village.

As I take time this week to give thanks for the many blessings in my life, I want to let you know how grateful I am to serve as your Mayor. May you enjoy the company of your family on Thanksgiving Day, and that the holidays bring happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a cursive "erry".

Jerry Larsen
East Hampton Village Mayor

PS – East Hampton Village is a community that cares. Please consider donating a toy or a non-perishable item to help a family in need before December 15th. If you know anyone who will go hungry this Thanksgiving, email me at: mayor@easthamptonvillage.org