FROM THE BEGINNING

The Village of Sherman has had local laws or 'ordinances' since the incorporation in September 1890.

First Ordinances established October 1890.

Ordinances revised in 1966*.

2009 Zoning Law is a Local Law

within the Municipal Code

Types of Laws

Municipal Laws

Enforcement of local laws that govern all within the VOS.

Zoning Law

Enforcement according to <u>Districts</u> within the VOS.



State Building Code

Enforcement of NYS Building Code.

International Building Code ICC – International Code Council

NYS Building and Fire Code has adopted the International Code. (NY Dept of State)

BUILDING & FIRE CODE

The Village of Sherman has adopted NYS Building and Fire Code, recognizing the ICC's Building Code

Three different but often overlapping laws, each involving permits.

Zoning Laws are designed by and for local municipalities. Parameters of writing and administering local zoning laws are outlined in NY State Law.

ZONING LAW

The **ZBA** hears appeals and requests for **Variance** from the local zoning law. The determination is made by a wholly separate **Zoning Board of Appeals**.

ZBA decisions can be appealed to the NYS Supreme Court within a period specified by NYS Law and the Dept of State.

CODES AND PERMITS EXPLAINED

Village of Sherman municipal code, local laws, are overseen by the Municipal Zoning Board, the Village Board of Trustees.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAWS

Enforcement by the Village Board can include remediation or fees. The Village can pursue fines through the Court.

Building Code and Property
Maintenance Laws are universal,
covering all properties, regardless
of location. Whereas the Zoning
Law's purpose is to designate
specific guidelines for different
property types and zones. For
instance, the needs of row
buildings on Main Street vary
greatly from agricultural property
near the Village / Town line.

Purpose

"...brings benefits to a community which may or may not be highly or immediately visible. However, the resulting conditions will enhance and preserve the quality of living, health, and safety for the municipality." This is all balanced with federal and state laws preserving the rights of property owners and individual freedom of speech, along with laws protecting agricultural practices.





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PROPOSED LOCAL LAW DISCUSSIONS

LIMITING NUMBER OF CATS
RENTAL REGISTRATION
AIR BnB's & SHORT TERM RENTALS
ZONING AMENDMENTS

Fences

Marijuana



ENFORCEMENT

EDUCATE, EDUCATE, EDUCATE

Staff presence and availability has increased.

Not just 'building permits' - remediation, safety, and education.

RATS - CATS - BATS (COVID)

Cross over from local municipal law **enforcement to liaison** w/school and police enforcement, and other authoritative agencies.

DOH, DEC, Army Corp of Engineers, DOS

FUTURE GOALS

- Provide continued education and support materials for ZBA
- Part time to full time Enforcement Officer
- Organize Municipal Code and continue to address LL needs, incl:
 - Adopt an Updated Zoning Law in phases over 2-5 years
 - Review and redefine
 Village Districts –

*Business District



2009 Zoning Law

- Contains Property Maintenance Issues that should be Local Laws
- Contains Errors & Omissions that require correction & updates
- Comprehensive Plan is first step in Adoption of new Zoning Law



Amendments can be made to the Zoning Law in the Interim to adjust & add new items, i.e. Marijuana