

**TOWN OF MOREAU
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 124 OF THE MOREAU
TOWN CODE RELATING TO THE TERM AND TRAINING OF
TOWN PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS**

Be it Enacted by the Moreau Town Board as Follows:

Section 1. Authority.

This Local Law amending Section 124-1 (B) of the Town of Moreau Code relating to the term of office and training of Town Planning Board members is adopted pursuant to Section 10 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and Town Law Article 16.

Section 2. Purpose.

The Moreau Town Planning Board consists of seven members each serving seven-year terms. The Town Board believes that the appropriate term of a Planning Board member is five years. New York Town Law Section 271 (4), (5) and (6) provides that the term of a Planning Board member shall be equal in years to the number of members of the board. Accordingly, this Local Law supersedes Town Law Section 271 (4), (5) and (6) and amends Town Code Section 124-1 (B) (2) to shorten to five years the term of each Planning Board member appointed after the effective date of this Local Law.

Town Law Section 271 (7-a) requires Planning Board members to complete, at a minimum, four hours of training each year that is approved by the Town Board. This Local Law amends Town Code Section 124-1 (B) (1) to clarify that Planning Board members must comply with the training requirements required by Town Law Section 271 (7-a).

Finally, Town Law Section 271 (9) provides that any Planning Board member may be removed for non-compliance with minimum requirements relating to meeting attendance and training as established by Local Law. This Local Law supersedes Town Law Section 271 (9) and requires the removal of any Planning Board member who fails to comply with minimum requirements relating to meeting attendance or training.

Section 3. Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (B) of Town Code Section 124-1 are repealed and new paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision (B) of Town Code Section 124-1 are added to read as follows:

- (1) In accordance with § 271 of the Town Law of the State of New York, the Planning Board shall consist of seven members. The chairperson of the Planning Board shall be designated by the Town Board. In the absence of a chairperson, the Planning Board may designate a member to serve as acting chairperson. The Planning Board may provide for compensation to be paid to experts, clerks and a secretary and provide for such other expenses as may be necessary and proper, not exceeding the appropriation made by the Town Board for such purpose. The Town Board shall require members of the Planning Board to complete training and continuing education courses in order to fulfill their duties as members of the Planning Board. At a minimum, each Planning Board member shall satisfy the training requirements of Town Law Section 271 (7-a).
- (2) The term of each Planning Board member appointed after the effective date of this Local Law shall be five years. Any Planning Board member who fails to satisfy the annual training requirements established by the Town Board or the minimum training required by Town Law Section 271 (7-a) shall be removed from office by the Town Board.

Section 4. Repealer; Supersession.

Any provision of Local Law, Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with any provision of this Local Law is hereby repealed. This Local Law supersedes New York Town Law Section 271, notably subdivisions (4), (5), (6) and (9), to the extent it is inconsistent with this Local Law.

Section 5. Severability.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Local Law by a valid judgement of any court of competent jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State.