

Local Law ~~2015~~ 2015 Town of Andes Flood Commission

A Local Law to establish The Town of Andes Flood Commission

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF ANDES, as follows:

**Purpose:**

The Town Board of the Town of Andes finds that it shall benefit its citizens to establish a town entity to oversee the Town's efforts and actions in regards to the hazard of flooding within the Town and in surrounding areas as it effects the Town. To that end, the Town Board of the Town of Andes shall hereby establish a public body through which the government of, the citizens of and employees of this Town may be informed of and protected as far as flooding in our area. This action shall also make it possible to coordinate flood protection with other agencies and groups for the benefit of the Town and its citizens.

**Establishment; membership; terms of office**

There is hereby established a nine member commission to be known as the "Town of Andes Flood Commission," consisting of seven (7) Town of Andes property owners to be appointed by the Supervisor and confirmed by the Town Board. The Town Highway Superintendent and the Town Code Enforcement Officer shall be the eighth and ninth members of the commission. Members appointed or reappointed shall hold office for a term of three years. At the initial establishment of the Commission, three members shall be appointed for terms of three years, two for terms of two years, and two for a term of one year. Thereafter the commissioners shall serve for the full three year term.

**Compensation**

The members of the Commission shall not receive compensation for their service on the board.

**Meetings**

The Commission shall meet from time to time as a majority of the members shall agree, by advance notification to the Town Clerk as to time, location and date of such meetings. The commission shall designate one of its members as Secretary of the Commission and shall keep all records in relation thereto. Such records shall be transmitted to the Town Clerk for public dissemination.

**Powers and duties**

It shall be the duty of the Commission to:

- Identify flood risks in the Town of Andes
- Educate & inform residents, businesses, government officials & local agencies of flood risks
- Work with local, state & federal officials & agencies to:
  1. Identify projects & programs that reduce the incidence & impacts of flooding
  2. Work together regionally & individually to fund & implement projects & associated programs throughout our area
  3. Enhance & encourage economic development in flood safe areas
  3. Educate Andes citizens and the wider public regionally as to the mitigation & flood planning and recovery efforts that are in process
- Work to coordinate & support local & regional communication & recovery efforts during declared disaster events across municipal boundaries
- Carry out other duties as the Town Board and Supervisor may assign from time to time.

**Cooperation with other entities**

The Commission shall welcome the cooperation with other municipalities, including Delaware County, the Delaware County Soil and Water District, with citizens, community service organizations, educational institutions, professional and technical organizations and other groups in carrying out its work.

**Reports**

The Commission shall from time to time report activities and initiatives to the Town Clerk's office to be distributed to the Town Board.

**Effective date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon it being enacted in the filing of a certified copy hereof as required by law.