Rockland County

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Clarkstown Town Board
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Tax Data:

Re: GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW REVIEW: Section 239 L and M
Map Date: **Date Review Received:** 2/13/2019

Item: ***TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN - PET SERVICE FACILITIES (C-3632)***

Zoning Code Amendment to define Pet Care Service businesses and regulate their use, and to define Kennels in the Town Code.
Throughout the Town in the M, CS, RS, LIO, and COS zoning districts

Reason for Referral:

State and County roads, parks, and facilities; county streams; Long Path; Villages of Chestnut Ridge, Haverstraw, New Square, Nyack, South Nyack, Spring Valley, Upper Nyack; and towns of Haverstraw, Orangetown and Ramapo

The County of Rockland Department of Planning has reviewed the above item. Acting under the terms of the above GML powers and those vested by the County of Rockland Charter, I, the Commissioner of Planning, hereby:

Recommend the following modifications

1 The proposed amendment to Use Table 10 - M District is to add language to Column 2 as #6 in the list. Since there are 17 existing permitted uses listed, this should be corrected to be a new #18 in Column 2.

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Acting Commissioner of Planning

cc: Supervisor George Hoehmann, Clarkstown

Attention Pat McDonald, Town Attorney's Office
Justin Sweet, Town Clerk
Clarkstown Planning Board, Attention Joe Simoes

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**NYS General Municipal Law Section 239 requires a vote of a 'majority plus one' of your agency to act contrary to the above findings.*

The review undertaken by the Rockland County Planning Department is pursuant to, and follows the mandates of Article 12-B of the New York General Municipal Law. Under Article 12-B the County of Rockland does not render opinions, nor does it make determinations, whether the item reviewed implicates the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. The Rockland County Planning Department defers to the municipality forwarding the item reviewed to render such opinions and make such determinations if appropriate under the circumstances.

In this respect, municipalities are advised that under the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, the preemptive force of any provision of the Act may be avoided (1) by changing a policy or practice that may result in a substantial burden on religious exercise, (2) by retaining a policy or practice and exempting the substantially burdened religious exercise, (3) by providing exemptions from a policy or practice for applications that substantially burden religious exercise, or (4) by any other means that eliminates the substantial burden.

Proponents of projects are advised to apply for variances, special permits or exceptions, hardship approval or other relief.

Pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law §239-m(6), the referring body shall file a report of final action it has taken with the Rockland County Department of Planning within thirty (30) days after final action. A referring body which acts contrary to a recommendation of modification or disapproval of a proposed action shall set forth the reasons for the contrary action in such report.