

Code of the Village of Port Dickinson

COUNTY OF BROOME
STATE OF NEW YORK

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PREFACE

The Village of Port Dickinson has, like many other municipalities, passed through the struggles characteristic of American communities in their early history. While only a few simple laws were necessary at the time of the incorporation of the village in 1876, subsequent growth of the community, together with the complexity of modern life, has created the need for more and detailed legislation for the proper function and government of the village. The recording of local legislation is an aspect of municipal history and, as the community develops and changes, review and revision of old laws and consideration of new laws, in the light of current trends, must keep pace. The orderly collection of these records is an important step in this ever-continuing process. Ordinances and local laws must be more than mere chronological enactments reposing in the pages of old records. They must be available and logically arranged for convenient use, and must be kept up-to-date. It was with thoughts such as these in mind that the Board of Trustees ordered the following codification of ordinances and local laws.

Contents of Code

The various chapters of the Code contain all currently effective legislation of a general and permanent nature enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Dickinson. In accordance with recognized codification procedures used in the State of New York, any revisions or amendments made in existing legislation in the course of codification were enacted by separate legislation prior to the enactment of the local law adopting the Code.

Reserve Chapters

Space has been provided for the convenient insertion, alphabetically, of later enactments. In the Table of Contents such space appears as chapters titled “(Reserved).” In the body of the Code, reserved space is provided by breaks in the page-numbering sequence between chapters.

Division of Code

The Code is divided into two parts. Part I, Administrative Legislation, contains all ordinances and local laws of an administrative nature, namely, those dealing with the administration of government, those establishing or regulating municipal departments, and those affecting officers and employees of the municipal government and its departments. Part II, General Legislation, contains all other ordinances and local laws of a regulatory nature. Ordinances and local laws in this part generally impose penalties for violation of their provisions whereas those in Part I do not.

Grouping of Ordinances and Local Laws and Arrangement of Chapters

Legislation is organized into chapters, their order being an alphabetical progression from one subject to another. Wherever there are two or more ordinances or local laws dealing with the same subject, they are combined into a single chapter. Thus, for example, all legislation dealing with taxation may be found in Part II, in the chapter entitled “Taxation.” In such chapters, use of part or Article designations has preserved the identity of individual legislation.

Table of Contents

The Table of Contents details the arrangement of material by chapter as a means of identifying specific areas of legislation. Wherever two or more ordinances or local laws have been combined by the editors into a single chapter, titles of the several parts or Articles are listed beneath the chapter title in order to facilitate location of the individual ordinances or local laws.

Pagination

A unique page-numbering system has been used, in which each chapter forms an autonomous unit. One hundred pages have been allotted to each chapter, and the first page of each is the number of that chapter followed by the numerals “01.” Thus, Chapter 22 begins on page 2201, Chapter 49 on page 4901, etc. By use of this system, it is possible to add or to change pages in any chapter without affecting the sequence of subsequent pages in other chapters, and to insert new chapters without affecting the existing organization.

Numbering of Sections

A chapter-related section numbering system is employed in which each section of every ordinance and local law is assigned a number which indicates both the number of the chapter in which the ordinance or local law is located and the location of the section within that chapter. Thus, the first section of Chapter 5 is § 5-1, while the sixth section of Chapter 60 is § 60-6.

Scheme

The Scheme is the list of section titles which precedes the text of each chapter. These titles are carefully written so that, taken together, they may be considered as a summary of the content of the chapter. Taken separately, each describes the content of a particular section. For ease and precision of reference, the Scheme titles are repeated as section headings in the text.

General References

In each chapter containing material related to other chapters in the Code, a table of General References is included to direct the reader's attention to such related chapters.

Index

The Index is a guide to information. Since it is likely that this Code will be used by persons without formal legal training, the Index has been formulated to enable such persons to locate a particular section quickly. Each section of each chapter has been indexed. The Index should be supplemented and revised from time to time as new legislation is added to the Code.

Appendix

Certain forms of local legislation do not fall into the categories as established for Parts I and II of the Code, but are of such significance that their application is community-wide or their provisions are germane to the conduct of municipal government. The Appendix of this Code is reserved for such legislation and for any other material that the community may wish to include.

Supplementation

Supplementation of the Code will follow the adoption of new legislation. New ordinances and local laws and amendments to existing ordinances and local laws will be included and repeals will be indicated as soon as possible after passage.

Acknowledgment

This Code is the product of much work on the part of the Mayor, Board of Trustees and other village officials. In particular, the assistance of the Village Attorney, John M. Thomas, Esq., is gratefully acknowledged.

The codification of the ordinances, resolutions and local laws of the Village of Port Dickinson reflects an appreciation of the needs of a progressive and expanding community. As in many other municipalities, officials are faced with fundamental changes involving nearly every facet of community life. Problems increase in number and complexity, and range in importance from everyday details to crucial areas of civic planning. It is the profound conviction of General Code Publishers Corp. that this Code will contribute significantly to the efficient administration of local government. As Samuel Johnson observed, "The law is the last result of human wisdom acting upon human experience for the benefit of the public."

CERTIFICATION

VILLAGE OF PORT DICKINSON

Office of the Village Clerk

I, **WALTER J. WELCH**, Village Clerk of the Village of Port Dickinson hereby certify that the chapters contained in this volume are based upon the original ordinances, resolutions and local laws of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Port Dickinson and that said ordinances, resolutions and local laws, as revised and codified, renumbered as to sections and rearranged into chapters, constitute the Code of the Village of Port Dickinson, County of Broome, State of New York, as adopted by local law of the Board of Trustees on June 10, 1975.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Village of Port Dickinson, County of Broome, State of New York, this 10th day of June 1975, at Port Dickinson, New York.

s/WALTER J. WELCH

Village Clerk