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**Four Separate One-Hour Webinars in
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Please join us in November and December for NYCOM's 2023 Planning and Zoning Webinar Series presented by NYCOM General Counsel Wade Beltramo. Whether you are a new or a seasoned municipal official, these one-hour webinars will provide you with the most up-to-date information in planning and zoning law on the following topics:

Thursday, November 30th (11:00 a.m. - Noon)

Planning and Zoning Primer

This webinar is designed to introduce newly appointed ZBA and planning board members to the fundamentals of planning and zoning and will address core topics, including: how ZBA's and planning boards are structured and operate, the basics of traditional Euclidian zoning, area and use variances, special use permits, site plan approvals, and the subdivision process. The presentation will conclude with a brief discussion of drafting decisions.

Thursday, December 7th (11:00 a.m. - Noon)

SEQRA – Demystifying the State’s Environmental Review Process

Every action of an agency, such as a ZBA or a planning board, is subject to the State’s Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). While the SEQRA statute and regulations are a bit convoluted and weirdly structured, SEQRA’s requirements are fairly straightforward. This webinar will provide a clear explanation of the SEQRA process, highlighting the basic requirements of SEQRA and explaining the differences between Type I, Type II, and Unlisted Actions. The presentation will also include an introduction to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s EAF Mapper and how it can be used to facilitate preparing both short and long environmental assessment forms. The webinar will conclude with a brief discussion of drafting SEQRA decisions.

Thursday, December 14th (11:00 a.m. - Noon)

Pre-Existing Nonconforming Uses: Understanding Vested Rights and What Local Governments Can Do to Regulate Them

Pre-existing nonconforming uses are extremely common in New York. However, most local governments have not proactively addressed them. This webinar will provide an overview of what a pre-existing nonconforming use is, why property owners have vested rights in continuing those uses, and how such rights can be abandoned. Additionally, this webinar will address some of the steps local officials can take to phase out such uses and facilitate enforcement of nonconforming uses that are NOT prior existing to newly adopted land use regulations.

Thursday, December 21st (11:00 a.m. - Noon)

The State’s Newly Promulgated Cannabis Regulations: What They Mean for Local Governments

The possession and use of adult-use cannabis was legalized in 2021 but the State only recently finalized the regulations that will govern the licensing and operation of cannabis businesses. This webinar will provide an overview of the newly adopted regulations, focusing on what local governments can and cannot do with respect to regulating cannabis businesses in their municipality.

These webinars are open to NYCOM members and non-members, including non-planning board and non-ZBA members. The cost of participating in each webinar is \$30 for members and \$100 for non-members.

Annual Planning and Zoning Training Requirement: Note that each of these webinars will last one-hour. If your city or village allows webinars as a valid form of training, individuals who participate in each of the four webinars will satisfy the State’s four-hour annual training requirement for planning board and ZBA members.

CLE: *In addition, each of these webinars is eligible for one hour of CLE credit in the Area of Professional Practice. Attorneys wishing to obtain CLE credit for*

participating in these webinars MUST PRE-REGISTER. These CLE courses contain new content for 2023 and are not “repeat” courses for purposes of the NYS CLE Board's “no repeat” rule. In addition, these CLE courses are appropriate for both newly admitted and experienced attorneys and are a permissible format for newly admitted attorneys. For a copy of NYCOM's CLE Financial Hardship Policy, contact Wade Beltramo at (518) 463-1185.

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