

Councilman Panico Lowering the Cost of Government

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Amends Town Code to Lessen the Cost of Planning and Zoning Matter Notice Requirements

Farmingville, NY - At the last Town Board Meeting, Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico and the Town Board changed the costly 500 feet notice requirement for property owners with matters before the Town's Planning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals. Now, only the first 200 feet require a certified mailing, while the remaining 201- 500 feet only need be done with regular first class postage and an affidavit of mailing. This is especially helpful in areas of the Town with small lots where the cost of a certified mailing would sometimes exceed a thousand dollars and would inevitably lead homeowners to move forward without first obtaining proper approvals. That cost is now substantially lower while keeping the notified distance the same.

"We have kept the same distance of notice, but lowered the cost for folks looking to improve their homes and properties," commented Brookhaven Town Councilman Dan Panico. "There is no reason to be unnecessarily writing checks to the United States Postal Service for hundreds, and at times over a thousand dollars for what could be equally achieved with regular First Class stamps. I am going to continue to go through our Town Code to see where we can achieve savings for our taxpayers to bring down the cost of government."

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