

# Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld and Supervisor Romaine Successfully Amend Brookhaven's Apprenticeship Requirements to Include Industrial Zoned Properties & Foundations

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**Farmingville, NY** - Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld and Supervisor Ed Romaine moved the decision to amend the Town's Apprenticeship local law regarding new construction of commercial buildings to include industrial zoned properties and foundations. The decision, which was co-sponsored by Council members Kepert, Walsh and Panico, was unanimously adopted on July 2nd.

"It's vital to our economic future that we develop a properly trained, skilled workforce that will maintain the highest level of quality and safety on every job site," said Supervisor Romaine. "We need more young people to enter the building trades and this will open the door so they can get a start on a career path to benefit themselves and their families."

"This code amendment puts our skilled local laborers back to work on industrial construction sites while ensuring the public's safety, quality workmanship, and durability regarding our built environment. I'm proud to have initiated this change working closely with the Nassau Suffolk Building Trades, the Supervisor and our Town Board", stated Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld

"I am extremely pleased to have lent my support to Councilman Steve Fiore-Rosenfeld's amendment to our apprenticeship program. These projects are windows of opportunity to build skills for workers entering the trades and this newly accepted code amendment will take advantage of such important opportunities", said Councilwoman Kepert

"We thank Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld, Supervisor Romaine and the entire Town Board for putting our properly trained people back to work. Moving this initiative forward closes the loopholes regarding industrial zoned properties as well as foundations. It is through our local unions' apprenticeship training programs that we are able to develop a skilled, diverse and safe workforce for Long Island's construction projects. Apprenticeship training provides individuals with the skills needed to compete economically and work safely", said Mr. Richard O'Kane, President, Building Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk.

Under Section 16-3 of the Town Code, contractors and sub-contractors must prove they have in place an apprenticeship training program certified by the New York State Department of Labor in order to receive a building permit to construct a commercial building of at least 100,000 square feet. This amendment now clarifies that Brookhaven Apprenticeship Program applies to industrially zoned properties and foundations.

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