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Re: Agenda Item 7A - Ordinance 24-03-670

Dear Assembly Members:

Please **vote NO on agenda item 7A - Ordinance 24-03-670** to change borough code to permanently extend the borough's response time on Use-By-Right Land Use Permits due to the temporary issue of a vacant position in the Lands Department.

The desire of Borough Manager Annette Krietzer to permanently change borough code for Land Use procedures extending the response time from 10 business days to 30 for the stated reason of "due to staff shortages" is not the appropriate way to handle the temporary vacancy in staff. The issue at hand is a management issue, not a problem with a change in borough code.

The issue of staff shortages that have occurred under this administration needs to be addressed with effective management measures not by permanently changing borough code.

Our borough code establishes the rules that the public and the government must adhere to. The government has been unyielding to the public when issues arise. For example, recently the issue of an unfair requirement of \$250,000 maximum for the Hardship Exemption was brought up. It was suggested that an extension should be granted for property owners to apply. The same borough manager that wants to change code for her convenience spoke out against extending an opportunity for those citizens in our community that are most in need to apply for a Hardship Exemption.

The manager's inability to properly staff and manage staff resources is no reason to change borough code. Perhaps the assembly should look at why this is an issue for the manager and fix that problem.

The government exists to serve the people not for the convenience of the borough manager.

Please vote "NO" on Agenda Item 7A - Ordinance 24-03-670.

Thank you,

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