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## Lake Bluff Letter

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### [Architectural Board of Review Meeting](#)

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 - 7:00pm

## Village News

### [Upcoming Building Code Revisions Meeting \(02/02\)](#)

On February 2, 2016 (7:00 p.m.) the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) will conduct a public hearing to consider comprehensive updates to the Village's Building Code (Title 9 of the Village's Municipal Code). Pursuant to Village policy, a review of the Building Code is conducted every three to four years. Frequent reviews of the Building Code allows the Village to stay current with the latest technology and best practices in the industry. As was the case in previous years, the model codes under consideration are published by the International Code Council (ICC), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), or the State of Illinois (Plumbing Code & Accessibility Code).

The following are significant changes for the ABR to consider:

- Amend Section 9-1-9 of the Building Regulations concerning permit renewals;
- Adoption of the 2015 edition of the International Building Code (IBC) with the same local amendments previously approved (in 2012);
- Adoption of the International Energy Conservation Code (2015) changes to comply with the 2015 edition for all construction

projects for which permits are submitted on or after January 1, 2016;

- Changes to the Illinois Plumbing Code;
- Adoption of requirements pursuant to the Illinois Radon Resistant Construction Act; and
- Adoption of the 2014 National Electrical Code.

Following the ABR's review and consideration of the proposed updates it will forward a recommendation to the Village Board for final consideration. Additional information is available by clicking on the link below or calling Building Codes Supervisor Mike Croak at 847-283-6885.

### [Title 9 Building Regulations with 2016 Proposed Amendmnets](#)

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### [Downtown Visioning Workshop Continued to February 9th](#)

Earlier this year the Committee-of-the-Whole (COW) met with Staff to discuss the potential redevelopment of the Central Business District (CBD), more specifically, Block Two (bounded by Scranton/Oak/North/Walnut) and Block Three (bounded by Scranton/Oak/Evanston). To best prepare for potential downtown redevelopment, the Village engaged Teska Associates, Inc., a land use planning firm, to perform a visual preference survey of both CBD Blocks Two and Three, and using input from the community, prepare Design Guidelines. The Design Guidelines are derived from the community outreach activities and best design and planning practices. They are intended to promote the vitality and economic health of Lake Bluff's downtown by providing design direction on the type, character and quality of the built environment that unify Blocks Two and Three with the surrounding CBD areas. Additionally, the purposes of the Design Guidelines are to:

- Implement the general policies and recommendations of the 1998 CBD Planning Study by providing more detailed guidelines and specifications governing building architecture and improvements to public streetscapes within Blocks Two and Three; and
- Establish a set of standards and identify elements of building streetscape design that the Village should encourage in the downtown.

In the spring the Village commenced with a public engagement process and sought feedback from a variety of community stakeholders, including elected and appointed officials and CBD neighbors. A website was created for the Downtown Visioning Project that shared information with the community, and from April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, invited the community to upload photographs of their favorite destinations for use in the Visual Preference Survey. The photographs were then used in the online survey (available from June 17 to July 31) and at the Open House held on June 24<sup>th</sup>. At its meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> the Village Board accepted the draft Downtown Subarea Visioning

Report (Report) and referred it to the PCZBA and ABR for finalization.

#### Update:

- The PCZBA and ABR will hold a joint workshop on February 9, 2016 (7:00 p.m.) to continue their consideration of the Downtown Design Guidelines.
- On January 20, 2016 the PCZBA and the ABR met for a workshop meeting and discussed the design guidelines for Blocks 2 and 3 presented by Teska Associates. The members drafted revisions to the 10 planning principles contained within the design guidelines and received comments from the public. The PCZBA/ABR anticipate scheduling an additional workshop meeting to finish the discussion of the design guidelines and forward a recommendation to the Village Board.

Click [here](#) to view the revised 10 planning principles.

- On December 16, 2015 the PCZBA and the ABR held a joint workshop and received a report and presentation of the findings from Jodi Mariano of Teska. Following a discussion of the results and neighborhood feedback, further consideration and discussion of the report is scheduled for January 20, 2016 (7:00 p.m.) in the Village Hall Board Room.

[Draft Downtown Subarea Visioning Report](#)

[January 20, 2015 Joint PCZBA and ABR Meeting Packet](#)

[December 16, 2015 Joint PCZBA and ABR Meeting Packet](#)

For additional information, please contact Brandon Stanick, Asst. to the Village Administrator, at 847-283-6889.

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[Attend "Adults Behaving Badly" Event on 2/02/16](#)

Have you ever witnessed adult bullying? Mark your calendars! Linking Efforts Against Drugs and the Charmm'd Foundation are hosting Adults Behaving Badly. The event will be held on February 2nd (8:00 a.m.) at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest (700 N. Sheridan Road). For additional information and to register for the event go to [charmmdfoundation.org](http://charmmdfoundation.org)

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