

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD  
PUBLIC HEARING**

**June 30, 2020**

A public hearing regarding the adoption of a Local Law of the Town of Kirkwood for the year 2020 amending “Local Law No. 10-1995 Regarding Professional Consultation Fees” was held on June 30, 2020 at 6:00 at the Joseph A. Griffin Town Hall with Supervisor Gordon Kniffen presiding.

Present: Supervisor Gordon Kniffen  
Councilman Robert Weingartner  
Councilman Lewis Grubham  
Councilwoman Katie Legg  
Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney  
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works  
Chad Moran, Code Enforcement Officer  
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman  
Duane Travis, ZBA Chairman (via Zoom)

Supervisor Kniffen started by explaining the local law has to do with anyone submitting an application to the Zoning Board or Planning Board, for example, that might require outside sources to help us out with whatever the subject matter is and those would be consulting fees, so there is an expense with that the Town shouldn't have to bear, that would be done by the applicant and put into an escrow account until we get through the process. Mr. McKertich responded that sums it up, we already have a law in place for professional consulting fees, so this law amends the existing law and it brings it up to date in regard to recent court cases and the procedure for obtaining this money and obtaining reimbursement for professional expenses.

Supervisor Kniffen thanked Mr. McKertich, Councilman Grubham, and Marchie Diffendorf for working on this committee.

Supervisor Kniffen opened the hearing to public comment. Hearing none, Supervisor Kniffen ordered the hearing closed at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley M. Diffendorf  
Town Clerk