

LOCAL LAW NO. ____-2019

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW #22 OF 1987. THE PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE LAW OF CHESTNUT RIDGE, TO PROHIBIT
THE BURIAL OF HUMAN REMAINS
IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS**

Be it enacted by the [Village Board](#) of the [Village of Chestnut Ridge](#) as follows:

The Code of the [Village of Chestnut Ridge](#), specifically [Local Law #22 of 1987](#) (entitled “[Property Maintenance](#)” is hereby amended by adding a new section (5), entitled “Permitted burial of human remains”) to read as follows (the remaining sections in the Village Code shall be renumbered):

§1. Legislative Findings; Intent and Purpose; Authority.

The Municipality is authorized to implement this local law pursuant to Section 10(1)(ii)(a) of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law. The Village of Chestnut Ridge is predominantly a residential community with homes located on lots typically one acre or less. Furthermore, residential areas not serviced by private water companies may utilize well water as the potable water source for a home. Thus, while not prohibiting the burial of human remains on private property, the Village Board is desirous of regulating burials by having the Planning Board review an application indicating that the remains will be buried in a manner so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

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§5. Permitted burial of human remains

Notwithstanding inconsistency with any general law relating to the burial of human remains, it shall be a violation of this Chapter to:

A. Bury human remains on any property in the Village of Chestnut Ridge, other than on a property with an approved Site Development Plan authorizing its use as a Cemetery, without first obtaining Site Development Plan approval from the Chestnut Ridge Planning Board. This provision shall supersede any contrary provision of any conflicting general law.

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This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.