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Memorandum

To: Supervisor and Town Board

Re: Consideration-Temporary Fence Law

Date: August 10, 2019

During the course of our planning with the USGA and Winged Foot Golf Club for the 2020 US Open, there has been discussion of installing temporary fencing. Temporary fencing was installed for the 2006 US Open however the fencing was compliant with the Town Code. With events such as the Open now having even greater challenges for safety and security, some of the USGA proposals call for fencing that exceeds our current zoning code. A question that arose was whether temporary fencing that exceeds the Town zoning code would require a variance.

Considering other circumstances where temporary fencing may be necessary for safety and security, there was a thought that the Town may wish to consider a temporary fencing law. For instance, temporary fencing may be appropriate for situations such as construction projects, storage of equipment or securing a building site or property where a building has been severely damaged or there is some other hazard.

Some of the issues to be considered for such a law would be:

- Duration of time the fence could be installed (granting of time extensions)
- Maximum height of a temporary fence
- Type of fence to be permitted
- Monitoring and maintenance of a temporary fence
- Location/siting of a temporary fence ie: proximity to a street or adjacent property
- Protection of trees

Before drafting such a law, the first step is to determine the Town Board's interest in pursuing this matter.

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