

Oneida County Planning & Zoning Commission

Public Hearing Minutes

File No.: 26006 – Code Amendments

Date: February 4, 2026

Location: Oneida County Fairgrounds

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Oneida County Planning & Zoning Commission was called to order. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present. Two members were excused. The public hearing for File No. 26006 was opened.

2. Staff Report

Staff presented proposed amendments to the Oneida County Development Code addressing the following:

A. Definitions – Slaughterhouse and Butcher Shop

- Clarification and distinction between “slaughterhouse” (animal harvest facility) and “butcher shop” (retail meat cutting and sales).
- Modification of the Land Use Table:
 - Slaughterhouses to be permitted through a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the Agricultural zone.
 - Butcher shops permitted in Commercial and Industrial zones.
- Addition of specific use standards for slaughterhouses.
- Adjustment of numbering and formatting for consistency.

B. Contiguous Parcel Clarification

- Clarified definition of contiguous parcels as unplatted parcels held in one ownership that abut at a common boundary.
- Proposed deletion of Section 4-8-8 due to inconsistency with the definition and lack of necessity.

C. Penalties and Enforcement (Chapter 7-8)

- Standardization of enforcement procedures.

- Clarification that timelines are based on calendar days.
- Establishment of a framework for violations, fees, and penalties.
- Fee schedule and penalty amounts to be established by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

Staff reported that public hearing notices were properly posted and advertised in accordance with statutory requirements.

3. Public Comment

One member of the public provided comment regarding slaughterhouse regulations. The commenter expressed support for allowing slaughterhouse facilities within the county, noting potential economic benefits to local agricultural producers, job creation, and retention of livestock processing within the county. The commenter encouraged the Commission to consider broader economic impacts in future decisions.

No additional public comment was received.

Public comment was closed.

4. Commission Discussion

The Commission discussed:

- The distinction between slaughterhouses and butcher shops.
 - State agency involvement in development review, including health, environmental, and infrastructure requirements.
 - Clarification that Planning & Zoning facilitates inter-agency review but does not independently impose those regulatory standards.
 - Removal of Section 4-8-8 regarding contiguous parcels.
 - The need for a future update to the county fee schedule to reflect administrative costs.
 - Clarified enforcement language, particularly regarding calendar-day timelines.
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5. Action

Motion:

A motion was made to approve the language as presented in the staff report and recommend forwarding File No. 26006 to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

Second: Motion was seconded.

Vote:

All in favor – Aye

Opposed – None

Motion Passed Unanimously.

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the public hearing on File No. 26006 was concluded.