



# upcoming **MTA WEBINAR** Roles & Functions of the ZBA

The zoning board of appeals (ZBA) was created as a safety valve, in recognition that the zoning ordinance is not able to anticipate how every property might be affected by zoning. With thousands of individual properties, a single zoning regulation cannot possibly be applied uniformly to every property's unique physical characteristics.

Planning and zoning expert Steve Langworthy will demonstrate how your township ZBA serves as a safety valve in those circumstances where zoning requirements don't fit. Explore how variances approved without sufficient justification can turn the safety valve into a leak, and a leak into a flood.

Course content has been packaged into three separate one-hour webinars that you can watch from the safety of your own home. It's like a half-day class—but one that you can pause, rewind or watch in portions. Those who purchase (and watch!) during the month of May can submit questions to the presenter, and will receive written compilation of answers to all questions submitted.

Whether you've been a member of your township's zoning board of appeals for many years or were recently appointed, this webinar series will assist you in carrying out your responsibilities. Elected officials can learn more about the role of the ZBA and its relationship with the township board.

Explore the ZBA's authority, duties and roles, including use of alternates and when a conflict of interest might exist. Dig into ZBA review standards, variances, appeals of administrative decisions and interpretations, and hear about other duties that may be assigned to ZBAs.

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