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Trending Legislative Topics



We've all heard about the recent controversy regarding the Religious Freedom Reformation Act (RFRA) laws in Indiana, Arkansas and, most recently, in Louisiana, but what's going on legislatively at the local level?

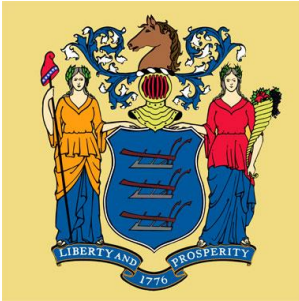
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- ['Zombie' properties](#) (via [Crain's Chicago Business](#))
- [Anti-discrimination: Rights of Atheists](#) (via [International Business Times](#))
- [Liquid nicotine](#) (via [CBS Local - New York](#))
- [Online home-sharing sites](#) (via [Insurance Journal](#))
- [Aggressive panhandling](#) (via [Pensacola Today](#))
- [Pet-friendly composting](#) (via [Star Tribune Minneapolis](#))

Have you passed any legislation recently? Keep your Code accurate and enforceable. Submit your latest legislation updates to us at EZSupp@generalcode.com! Contact us toll-free at (800) 836-8834 if you have questions.

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NJ's 1st Sustainable Site Plan Ordinance



Recently, the **City of Camden** (a General Code client) passed New Jersey's first Sustainability Site Plan Ordinance. It is one of just a handful of sustainability ordinances passed across the country that addresses environment justice and cumulative impacts.

Before this ordinance, a developer was required to report on how it alone would affect air quality, not taking into consideration that adjacent development might also be affecting air quality.

- [View the ordinance](#)
- [View the City of Camden eCode](#)
- [Read more about this unique law](#)

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Social Media for Local Government

According to results of the **International City/County Management Association (ICMA)**'s Digital Use Survey conducted in November 2014, 88% of respondents reported that their local government has a social media presence.



Check out this helpful article from ICMA that offers tips on how to "[Make Your Twitter Profile Stand Out in 5 Easy Steps.](#)"

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- [Town of Colchester, CT](#)
- [City of Mendota, IL](#)
- [City of Augusta, ME](#)
- [City of Normandy, MO](#)
- [City of Warsaw, MO](#)
- [City of Weldon Spring, MO](#)
- [Borough of East Rutherford, NJ](#)
- [Village of Cooperstown, NY](#)
- [Town of Williamson, NY](#)
- [Borough of Jefferson Hills, PA](#)
- [Borough of Kane, PA](#)
- [Township of Penn, PA](#)
- [Borough of Sharon Hill, PA](#)
- [Town of Addison, WI](#)

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General Code on the Road



April is a big conference month for us and we're excited to support so many of these great events. Our Reps look forward to sharing exciting news about the latest *eCode360* features and to discussing your 'general' codification needs!

- New York Planning Federation (Apr. 12 – 14)
- Connecticut Town Clerks Association (Apr. 15 – 17)
- Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (Apr. 19 – 22)
- Virginia Municipal Clerks Association (Apr. 22 – 24)
- Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey (Apr. 26 – 27)
- New York State Association of Towns (Apr. 26 – 29)
- Illinois Association of County Officials (Apr. 27 – 29)
- New York Conference of Mayors (May 3 – 5)

Check out our [Facebook](#) page for photos from our recent travels!

Celebrating Our Clients!

Congratulations to **Fairfield, New Jersey's** Town Clerk, Betsy Browne, on earning her Certified Municipal Clerk designation!

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Another **Fairfield** client – in **Connecticut** – was recently [recognized with a Sustainability Award](#) from Live Green Connecticut! Well done, Fairfield!

And we completely agree with Forbes magazine's judgment that **Lake Placid, New York** is one of the '[America's Prettiest Towns](#)'!

For more cool stories about our fantastic clients, check out our [board on Pinterest](#)!

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Lake Placid, New York

Customer Connection



Thank you to the following municipalities for choosing to partner with us on your current codification projects!

- Village of Bement, IL
- Caroline County, MD
- City of Port Huron, MI
- Village of Glen Echo Park, MO
- Village of Fonda, NY
- Borough of Whitaker, PA
- Township of Blair, PA
- Township of Maxatawny, PA
- Village of Coloma, WI
- Village of Hales Corners, WI

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