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AGENDA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 1, 2026

1. A RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
2. A REOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET-FIRE DEPARTMENT
3. A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RENSSELAER LITTLE LEAGUE
APPLICATION TO THE SAFE TO PLAY FACILITY IMPROVEMENT
GRANT
4. A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW # 3
OF 2026
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OF 2026
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LOAD EVENT AND PARADE

8. A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET-FIRE
DEPARTMENT

9. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026 AS TO
FORM AND SUBSTANCE AFTER PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

RESOLUTION APPOINTING COMMISIONER OF DEEDS

WHEREAS, the Rensselaer Common Council has the power to appoint and re-appoint Commissioners of Deeds for a term of two (2) years from the date of their appointment; and **WHEREAS**, it is beneficial to the citizens of Rensselaer, NY to have certain persons appointed Commissioner of Deeds. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following person(s) be and is hereby reappointed Commissioner of Deeds, with a term commencing forthwith and ending April 30, 2028.

Anne Burton
62 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sara Bollman
62 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Donna Baxter
57 Pine St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Diane Dwyer
62 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Tim Kitterman
62 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Stacy Hover
62 Washington St.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a Certificate of Appointment for the aforesaid person with the Rensselaer County Clerk and said Certificate shall specify the terms for which said Commissioner of Deeds shall have been appointed.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
This _____ day of April, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Andrew P. Kretzschmar	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Diane Dwyer	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Anne E. Burton	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

Mayor

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Fire Department requires budget amendments to move funds from Physicals to Uniforms budget lines for the efficient running of the department during the 2025/2026 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department Uniforms line requires an increase with the promotion of one firefighter, three new hires, and one additional hire in May 2026, resulting in more funds required to cover the cost. This cost is to be covered with a transfer between departmental appropriation lines.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

	DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S)			
Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.3410.7414	Physicals	18,000.00	-5000.00	13,000.00
A.3410.7412	Uniforms	9436.23	5000.00	14,436.23

Approved as to form and sufficiency

This ___ day of _____, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

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BY ALDERPERSON(s):

Council as a Whole

SECONDED BY:

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RENSSELAER LITTLE LEAGUES APPLICATION TO THE SAFE TO PLAY FACILITY IMPORVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Rensselaer Little League has served the youth and families of the City of Rensselaer for over seventy (70) years, providing recreational opportunities and promoting community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer Little League owns and maintains its facilities, which are utilized by residents and families throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the visitor-side bleachers at the Little League field are aging and consist of wooden seating that is subject to deterioration, requiring frequent repair and presenting ongoing safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, Rensselaer Little League is seeking funding through the SAFE to Play Facility Improvement Program Grant to replace the existing bleachers with new aluminum bleachers to improve safety and reduce maintenance needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project represents a meaningful investment in public safety and recreational infrastructure within the city; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer hereby supports Rensselaer Little League's application to the SAFE to Play Facility Improvement Program Grant; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council recognizes the importance of this project in enhancing the safety and usability of community recreational facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be provided to Rensselaer Little League in support of its application.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
This 1st day of April, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

Mayor

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson :

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that in order to establish clear procedures for the collection of unpaid fees, penalties, administrative charges, and accrued interest issued by the Building and Code Enforcement Office, and to authorize the certification and re-levy of such unpaid charges onto the City tax roll after a period of twelve (12) months it is necessary to amend Chapter 85-A Buildings, Vacant of the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding a new Article III “Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Vacant Building Registration Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges”, and Interest to achieve such purpose ; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2026 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on April 15, 2026, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to the allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

this ____ day of , 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2026 **A Local Law to Amend Chapter 85-A Buildings, Vacant of Code of the City of Rensselaer to add a new Article III “Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Vacant Building Registration Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges, and Interest.”**

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 3 of 2026 and shall amend the Code of the City of Rensselaer relating to the Chapter 85-A Buildings, Vacant by adding a new Article III “Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Vacant Building Registration Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges, and Interest” in order to establish a clear procedure for the collection of unpaid vacant building registration fees, penalties, administrative charges, and accrued interest, and to authorize the certification and re-levy of such unpaid charges onto the City tax roll after a period of twelve (12) months.).

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends the Vacant Building Registry provisions of the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding the following section relating to the collection of unpaid fees:

ARTICLE III Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Vacant Building Registration Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges, and Interest

§ 85A-20 COLLECTION OF UNPAID VACANT BUILDING FEES

A. Interest on unpaid fees. Any vacant building registration fee, renewal fee, penalty, or related charge that remains unpaid thirty (30) days after the date of issuance shall accrue interest at a rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) every thirty (30) days until paid in full.

B. Administrative fee. If any vacant building registration fee, renewal fee, penalty, or accrued interest remains unpaid, the City may impose an administrative fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) to cover the cost of enforcement, billing, and collection.

C. Re-levy of unpaid charges. Any vacant building registration fee, renewal fee, penalty, administrative fee, or accrued interest that remains unpaid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance shall be deemed a charge against the real property on which the vacant building is located.

D. Certification to City Treasurer. The Building Department shall maintain a list of delinquent vacant building registration fees, penalties, administrative fees, and accrued interest and shall certify such unpaid charges to the City Treasurer no later than June 1 of each year.

E. Annual tax levy. All unpaid charges so certified shall be re-levied against the property on the City tax roll prepared in July of each year and shall thereafter be collected in the same manner as City real property taxes.

F. Lien. Upon being re-levied onto the tax roll, such charges shall constitute a lien upon the property and shall be enforced and collected in the same manner as other City real property taxes.

G. Other remedies preserved. Nothing in this section shall prevent the City from pursuing any other lawful method of collection or enforcement authorized by law.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Passed by the following vote of Common

Members with voting recorded as follows:

Approved as to form and
sufficiency this ____ day of
_____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson :

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that in order to establish a clear procedure for the collection of unpaid fees, penalties, administrative charges, and accrued interest issued by the Building and Code Enforcement Office, and to authorize the certification and re-levy of such unpaid charges onto the City tax roll after a period of twelve (12) months it is necessary to amend Chapter 101 Fire Prevention and Building Code, Uniform of the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding a new Section 101-20 “Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Building and Code Enforcement Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges, and Interest” to achieve such purpose ; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2026 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on April 15, 2026, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to the allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

this ____ day of _____, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Sara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

LOCAL LAW FILING

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

41 State Street, Albany, NY 12231

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2026

A Local Law to Amend Chapter 101 Fire Prevention and Building Code, Uniform of the City of Rensselaer to add a new Section 101-20 “Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Building and Code Enforcement Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges, and Interest”

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall amend Chapter 101 “Fire Prevention and Building Code, Uniform” of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, by adding a new Section 101-20 titled, “Collection and Re-Levy of Unpaid Building and Code Enforcement Fees, Penalties, Administrative Charges, and Interest” in order to establish a clear procedure for the collection of unpaid fees, penalties, administrative charges, and accrued interest issued by the Building and Code Enforcement Office, and to authorize the certification and re-levy of such unpaid charges onto the City tax roll after a period of twelve (12) months

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends Chapter 101 “Fire Prevention and Building Code, Uniform” of the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding the following section relating to the collection of unpaid fees:

§ 101-20 **COLLECTION OF UNPAID BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT FEES**

A. **Applicability.** This section shall apply to any fee, charge, penalty, fine, or cost assessed by the Building and Code Enforcement Office in connection with the administration and enforcement of the City Code, including but not limited to building permit fees, Certificate

of Occupancy fees, fire safety inspection fees, stop-work order penalties, no-access or failed inspection fees, civil penalties, fines, and any other fee or cost imposed by the Building and Code Enforcement Office in the enforcement of the Code.

B. Payment due. All fees, charges, penalties, or costs assessed by the Building and Code Enforcement Office shall be due and payable within thirty (30) days from the date of issuance unless otherwise specified by law.

C. Interest on unpaid fees. Any fee, charge, or penalty that remains unpaid thirty (30) days after the date of issuance shall accrue interest at a rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) every thirty (30) days until paid in full.

D. Administrative fee. If any fee, charge, penalty, or accrued interest remains unpaid, the City may impose an administrative fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) to cover the cost of enforcement, billing, and collection.

E. Municipal charge. Any fee, penalty, administrative charge, or accrued interest imposed pursuant to this section shall constitute a municipal charge against the real property where the violation occurred.

F. Re-levy of unpaid charges. Any fee, penalty, administrative fee, or accrued interest that remains unpaid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issuance shall be deemed a charge against the real property where the violation occurred.

G. Certification to City Treasurer. The Building Department shall maintain a list of delinquent fees, penalties, administrative fees, and accrued interest and shall certify such unpaid charges to the City Treasurer no later than June 1 of each year.

H. Annual tax levy. All unpaid charges so certified shall be re-levied against the property on the City tax roll prepared in July of each year and shall thereafter be collected in the same manner as City real property taxes.

I. Lien. Upon being re-levied onto the tax roll, such charges shall constitute a lien upon the property and shall be enforced and collected in the same manner as other City real property taxes.

J. Other remedies preserved. Nothing in this section shall prevent the City from pursuing any other lawful method of collection or enforcement authorized by law.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Approved as to form and sufficiency this
____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

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SO APPROVED!

Mayor

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson :

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that for the betterment of the City and in an effort instill more pride in the City and its residents the Common Council seeks to create and adopt an official City crest, an official City flag, and an official crest of the Treasurer’s office. The City of Rensselaer presently has an official City seal with much appreciation to Ernie Mann and now the Common Council seeks to build on that by adding these items to symbolize our great city. Therefore, it is necessary to amend the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding a new Chapter 13 titled “City Crest, City Flag, and Treasurer’s Office Crest” to achieve such purpose ; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 5 of the year 2026 attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 5 of the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on April 15, 2026, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to the allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

Approved as to form and sufficiency

this ____ day of _____, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Anne E. Burton	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

LOCAL LAW FILING

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

41 State Street, Albany, NY 12231

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CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2026,

A Local Law to Add Chapter 13
City Crest, City Flag and
Treasurer's Office Crest to the
Code of the City of Rensselaer.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No.5 of 2026 and shall add a new Chapter 13 to the Code of the City of Rensselaer entitled "City Crest, City Flag and Treasurer's Office Crest."

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding the following Chapter 13 City Crest, Flag and Treasurer's Flag:

Chapter 13 City Crest, City Flag and Treasurer's Office Crest

13-1. City Crest

- A. Description:** There shall be an official crest of the City of Rensselaer. From left to right starting at the top there is a ship paying homage to the trade industry that Rensselaer ports played a part in, a dagger for Fort Crailo, the caduceus representing the City's rich pharmaceutical history, scales for the City's tax collection, wheat for the breweries that the City of Rensselaer was once home to, and a pinecone for the name we once held for land in the pines. The year is when the City of Rensselaer was incorporated.

13-2. City Flag

- A. Description:** There shall be an official flag of the City of Rensselaer. The flag boasts the Dutch colors as well as the City of Rensselaer seal.

13-3. Crest of the City of Rensselaer Treasurer

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- A. Description:** There shall be an official crest of the City of Rensselaer Treasurer. The Treasurer's crest has a beaver which represents Rensselaer's revenue in the 1600s, the scales to represent the financial responsibility the Treasurer's Office maintains, separated with a banner of squares with stars a design that combines the United States Treasury seal as well as the Rensselaer family crest, and lastly at the bottom the Van Rensselaer trade stamp that was on all the boxes that left the City of Rensselaer's shores during the trade industry of our city's infancy.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

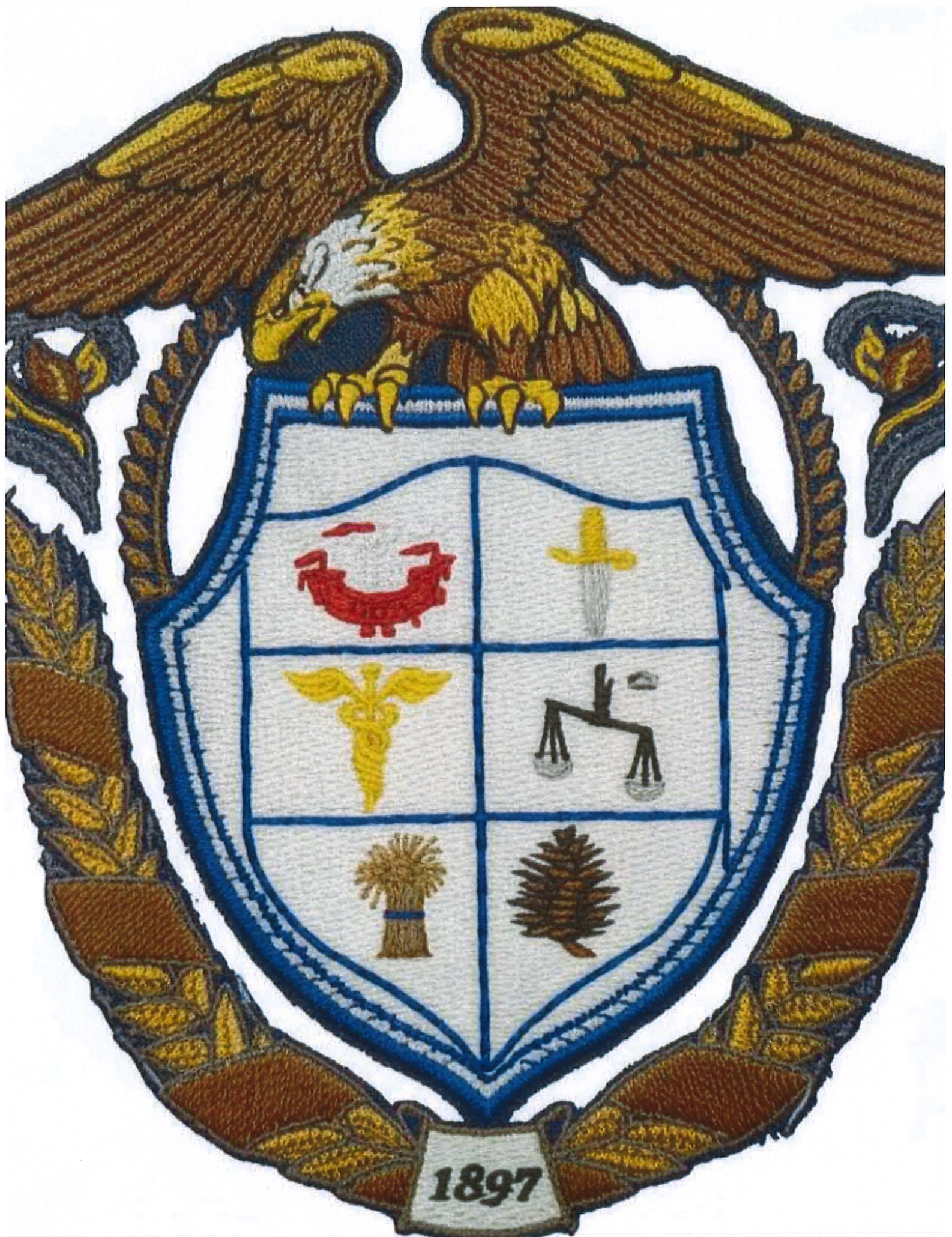
This Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Approved as to form and
sufficiency this ____ day of
_____, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Mayor



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By Alderperson : Council As A Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE 2026 CARRY THE LOAD EVENT AND PARADE

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer wishes to support the 2026 Carry the Load Event and Parade as set forth on the attached Flyer, to take place on Saturday, May 2nd 2026 between approximately the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., so as to honor the sacrifices of our military, veterans, first responders, and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the streets along the Parade Route be partially closed to traffic as deemed necessary by our Chief of Police until the Parade is completed, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Event Sponsors are hereby authorized to use Riverfront Park for the Event festivities as detailed in the attached Flyer, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall post the appropriate legal notice on the City website and Bulletin Board at City Hall, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer DPW and Police Department are authorized to assist in safeguarding the parade route and event as is appropriate.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

Approved By:

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Stacy Hover	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Eric Endres	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

CARRY THE LOAD

RENSSELAER EVENT

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

RIVERFRONT PARK
5TH AVE. AND BROADWAY
RENSSELAER, NY 12144
10:15 AM - 2:30 PM

10:15 am: Gather at Riverfront Park

11:00 am: Welcome & National Anthem

11:05 am: Inspiring Speakers – Hear powerful stories from veterans, first responders, and families honoring those who served.

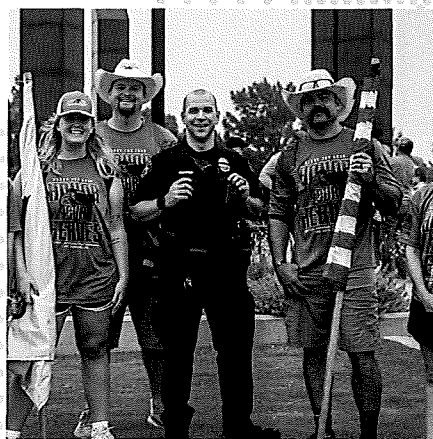
11:30 am: Begin the 5-mile walking loop

1:00 pm: Walk Concludes

1:05 pm: Post-Walk Hangout with Food

2:30 pm: Event Ends

JOIN TODAY



CARRY THE LOAD

RENSSELAER EVENT



MAY 2, 2026

RIVERFRONT PARK

5TH AVE. AND BROADWAY, RENSSELAER, NY 12144

10:15 AM - 2:30 PM

Join Carry The Load for Memorial May, a month-long movement honoring the sacrifices of our military, first responders, and their families.

This event includes inspirational speakers, a community walk of remembrance and connection, and refreshments, all honoring and supporting our nation's heroes.

**SUPPORT THE MISSION. HONOR OUR HEROES.
TOGETHER, WE CARRY THE LOAD.**

JOIN TODAY



WHO ARE
YOU
CARRYING?



CARRYTHELOAD.ORG

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson: _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, as a result of the efforts of the City Fire Chief and his staff, and the generosity of certain residents and local businesses, the Fire Department periodically receives donations towards the purchase of equipment to be used by the City’s Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of this donation is \$524.00, received from Walter Pratt & Sons and Hannaford Bloomin’ 4 Good Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council for the City of Rensselaer hereby amends the 2025-2026 Adopted Budget as follows:

Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.3410.7250	Fire – Other Equipment	131,217.05	524.00	131,741.05
GENERAL FUND REVENUE (A.0000)				
Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.0000.2705	Gifts and Donations	109,902.00	524.00	110,426.00

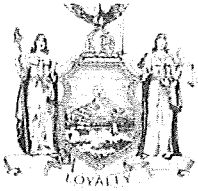
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Approved as to form and sufficiency

This ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

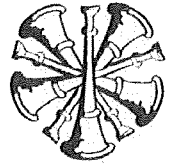
Mayor



WILLIAM F. BROOKING, JR.
CHIEF OF DEPARTMENT

CITY OF RENSSELAER
OFFICE OF
FIRE DEPARTMENT

959 BROADWAY
RENSSELAER, NEW YORK 12144
(518) 465-3259 – OFFICE
(518) 445-2621 - FAX



RANDY CHERUBINO
ASSISTANT CHIEF

February 18, 2026

Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc.
317 Columbia Street
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Dear Mr. Pratt,

On behalf of the City of Rensselaer Fire Department, I am writing to respectfully request your consideration of financial assistance to help us enhance the safety of our personnel and the public during water-related emergencies along the Hudson River.

The Hudson River parallels the entire length of the City of Rensselaer and is a significant part of our community. Within our response area are a public boat launch, a riverfront park, and a yacht club, which increase recreational activity and, unfortunately, the potential for water-related emergencies. Our department regularly responds to calls involving distressed boaters, individuals in the water, shoreline incidents, and other river-related emergencies.

To ensure the safety of both our firefighters and the citizens we serve, we are seeking funding of \$2,500.00 to purchase Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for department members. Properly fitted, high-quality PFDs rated for 1st Responders are essential safety equipment for our members operating near or on the water. They significantly reduce risk during rescue operations and are critical in protecting responders while they work in unpredictable and hazardous river conditions.

Providing each responding member with an approved PFD will allow us to operate more safely and effectively during incidents on or near the Hudson River. This investment will directly enhance public safety and strengthen our department's ability to respond to emergencies in our waterfront areas.

Walter S. Pratt & Sons, Inc. has long been a valued member of the Rensselaer business community, and your continued commitment to supporting local initiatives is greatly appreciated. We respectfully ask you to consider partnering with us in this important safety initiative. Any financial contribution toward the purchase of this equipment would have a meaningful and lasting impact.

We would be pleased to provide additional details regarding equipment specifications, costs, or recognition opportunities for your support. Thank you for your time and consideration, and for your ongoing commitment to the City of Rensselaer.

Sincerely,

William F. Brooking, Jr.
Chief of Department
City of Rensselaer Fire Department
(518) 269-5699 – bill.brooking@rensselaerny.gov

PAYMENT DATE
03/17/2026
COLLECTION STATION
Counter
RECEIVED FROM
WALTER S PRATT &
SONS

City of Rensselaer, New York

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Dominique Bailey
ENTRY DATE
03/17/2026 03:25:24 PM

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MAR 17 2026

CITY OF RENSSELAER
TREASURER'S OFFICE

DESCRIPTION
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WALTER S. PRATT & SONS INC. KeyBank National Association
317 COLUMBIA ST
RENSSELAER, NY 12144

Amount
\$*****500.00

VOID AFTER 180 DAYS

Wayne P. Pratt
Walter S. Pratt

Pay Exactly FIVE HUNDRED & 00/100 DOLLARS

TO THE ORDER OF CITY OF RENSSELAER - FIRE DEPARTMENT
959 BROADWAY
RENSSELAER NY 12144

Memo: DONATION TO HELP PURCHASE PERS

DOCUMENT CONTAINS COLORED BACKGROUND ON WHITE PAPER, VOID FEATURE, SIMULATED WATERMARK (REVERSE SIDE), MICRO PRINT BORDER.

	Total Amount:	\$500.00

Customer Copy

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND
SUBSTANCE AFTER PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that in order to meet the increased costs of installing new water meters in the City of Rensselaer, a Local Law is necessary to amend § 175-3 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer to increase the fees for installing a new water meter and therefore it is necessary to adopt Local Law No. 2 of 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, to achieve such purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026, and

WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and substance, and a Public Hearing having been conducted thereon,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form and substance, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of such Local Law with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

So Approved!

Mayor

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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LOCAL LAW FILING

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

41 State Street, Albany, NY 12231

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2026,

A Local Law to amend Article II
Rates, Fees, and Fines § 175-3
Rates, fees and fines established
of the Code of the City of
Rensselaer.

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 2 of 2026 and shall amend Article II Rates, Fees, and Fines § 175-3 Rates, fees and fines established of the Code of the City of Rensselaer.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends Article II Rates, Fees, and Fines § 175-3 Rates, fees and fines established of the Code of the City of Rensselaer by making the following amendments:

Article II Rates, Fees, and Fines

§ 175-3 Rates, fees and fines established.

Type	Rate
Estimated fee	
Purchase of meter	\$350 <u>\$400</u>

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Approved as to form and
sufficiency this ____ day of
_____, 2026

Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

Mayor