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AGENDA COMMON COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

1. A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EAF AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2020 RESOLUTION
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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EAF AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of establishing a Local Law to amend Chapter 179 of the City Code so as to create an Article IX and Article X dealing with Solar and Battery Storage Systems, respectively, in the City of Rensselaer, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has approved proposed Local Law No. 8 of the year 2020 to achieve such purposes, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the attached EAF and Negative Declaration relating to such Local Law No. 8 of 2020 and has determined that same is appropriate for approval,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the attached EAF and Negative Declaration for Local Law No. 8 of the year 2020 is hereby approved and the Common Council reaffirms the adoption of Local Law No. 8 of 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and file such Negative Declaration as required by law.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2020

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leabey	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
James Casey	<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
Margaret Van Dyke	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

ADDENDUM

The local law would enact two new articles of the City's Zoning Code: to provide a regulatory framework for consideration of solar energy projects. The law does not approve any specific projects or actions

The first part of the local law consists of the Solar Energy article. The law establishes three types of solar energy facilities:

- Tier 1 systems, which are roof-mounted or building-integrated systems that would be allowed in all zoning districts with a building permit required and a variety of design criteria that must be met.
- Tier 2 systems, which include ground-mounted systems. A maximum surface area for total panels is set in the draft at 4,000 square feet. As with Tier 1 facilities, a building permit would be required, with specified design criteria.
- Tier 3 systems, which include systems that do not fall under Tier 1 or Tier 2. Special use permit and site plan approval would be needed. The law would allow Tier 3 facilities only in Industrial, Light-Industrial and General Commercial zones.

The conditions for Tier 3 facilities also requires decommissioning of facilities no longer being used, as well as financial assurance to cover decommissioning costs. Also, provisions regarding expirations and extensions of approvals will be governed by the existing provisions of the Zoning Code's special use permit and site plan requirements.

The provisions of the Energy Storage Systems article are similar to the Solar Energy article: They establish two tiers of regulations, based on the total capacity of the batteries involved. As with the Solar article, the law would allow Tier 1 facilities in all zoning districts with a building permit required and would allow Tier 2 facilities only in the Industrial, Light-Industrial and General Commercial districts with special use permit and site plan approvals. The law would also impose decommissioning and financial assurance requirements similar to those for solar facilities.

The purpose of the law is to create standards for the installation and use of solar energy generating and storage systems to provide for the use of renewable, non-polluting energy resources. It is also intended to potentially decrease energy costs for residential and commercial properties. The law also establishes standards and requirements to minimize potential adverse visual and other impacts from such facilities.

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Agency Use Only [If applicable]
 Project :
 Date :

Part 2 is to be completed by the lead agency. Part 2 is designed to help the lead agency inventory all potential resources that could be affected by a proposed project or action. We recognize that the lead agency's reviewer(s) will not necessarily be environmental professionals. So, the questions are designed to walk a reviewer through the assessment process by providing a series of questions that can be answered using the information found in Part 1. To further assist the lead agency in completing Part 2, the form identifies the most relevant questions in Part 1 that will provide the information needed to answer the Part 2 question. When Part 2 is completed, the lead agency will have identified the relevant environmental areas that may be impacted by the proposed activity.

If the lead agency is a state agency and the action is in any Coastal Area, complete the Coastal Assessment Form before proceeding with this assessment.

Tips for completing Part 2:

- Review all of the information provided in Part 1.
- Review any application, maps, supporting materials and the Full EAF Workbook.
- Answer each of the 18 questions in Part 2.
- If you answer "Yes" to a numbered question, please complete all the questions that follow in that section.
- If you answer "No" to a numbered question, move on to the next numbered question.
- Check appropriate column to indicate the anticipated size of the impact.
- Proposed projects that would exceed a numeric threshold contained in a question should result in the reviewing agency checking the box "Moderate to large impact may occur."
- The reviewer is not expected to be an expert in environmental analysis.
- If you are not sure or undecided about the size of an impact, it may help to review the sub-questions for the general question and consult the workbook.
- When answering a question consider all components of the proposed activity, that is, the "whole action".
- Consider the possibility for long-term and cumulative impacts as well as direct impacts.
- Answer the question in a reasonable manner considering the scale and context of the project.

1. Impact on Land Proposed action may involve construction on, or physical alteration of, the land surface of the proposed site. (See Part 1. D.1) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 2.</i>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur		
a. The proposed action may involve construction on land where depth to water table is less than 3 feet.	E2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b. The proposed action may involve construction on slopes of 15% or greater.	E2f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
c. The proposed action may involve construction on land where bedrock is exposed, or generally within 5 feet of existing ground surface.	E2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
d. The proposed action may involve the excavation and removal of more than 1,000 tons of natural material.	D2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
e. The proposed action may involve construction that continues for more than one year or in multiple phases.	D1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
f. The proposed action may result in increased erosion, whether from physical disturbance or vegetation removal (including from treatment by herbicides).	D2e, D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
g. The proposed action is, or may be, located within a Coastal Erosion hazard area.	B1i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

2. Impact on Geological Features

The proposed action may result in the modification or destruction of, or inhibit access to, any unique or unusual land forms on the site (e.g., cliffs, dunes, minerals, fossils, caves). (See Part 1, E.2.g)

NO

YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", move on to Section 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Identify the specific land form(s) attached: _____ _____	E2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may affect or is adjacent to a geological feature listed as a registered National Natural Landmark. Specific feature: _____	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Impacts on Surface Water

The proposed action may affect one or more wetlands or other surface water bodies (e.g., streams, rivers, ponds or lakes). (See Part 1, D.2, E.2.h)

NO

YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - l. If "No", move on to Section 4.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may create a new water body.	D2b, D1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in an increase or decrease of over 10% or more than a 10 acre increase or decrease in the surface area of any body of water.	D2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may involve dredging more than 100 cubic yards of material from a wetland or water body.	D2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve construction within or adjoining a freshwater or tidal wetland, or in the bed or banks of any other water body.	E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may create turbidity in a waterbody, either from upland erosion, runoff or by disturbing bottom sediments.	D2a, D2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may include construction of one or more intake(s) for withdrawal of water from surface water.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may include construction of one or more outfall(s) for discharge of wastewater to surface water(s).	D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may cause soil erosion, or otherwise create a source of stormwater discharge that may lead to siltation or other degradation of receiving water bodies.	D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may affect the water quality of any water bodies within or downstream of the site of the proposed action.	E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may involve the application of pesticides or herbicides in or around any water body.	D2q, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may require the construction of new, or expansion of existing, wastewater treatment facilities.	D1a, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Impact on groundwater
 The proposed action may result in new or additional use of ground water, or may have the potential to introduce contaminants to ground water or an aquifer. NO YES
 (See Part 1. D.2.a, D.2.c, D.2.d, D.2.p, D.2.q, D.2.t)
If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 5.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may require new water supply wells, or create additional demand on supplies from existing water supply wells.	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Water supply demand from the proposed action may exceed safe and sustainable withdrawal capacity rate of the local supply or aquifer. Cite Source: _____	D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may allow or result in residential uses in areas without water and sewer services.	D1a, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may include or require wastewater discharged to groundwater.	D2d, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the construction of water supply wells in locations where groundwater is, or is suspected to be, contaminated.	D2c, E1f, E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may require the bulk storage of petroleum or chemical products over ground water or an aquifer.	D2p, E2l	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may involve the commercial application of pesticides within 100 feet of potable drinking water or irrigation sources.	E2h, D2q, E2l, D2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Impact on Flooding
 The proposed action may result in development on lands subject to flooding. NO YES
 (See Part 1. E.2)
If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", move on to Section 6.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in development in a designated floodway.	E2i	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in development within a 100 year floodplain.	E2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in development within a 500 year floodplain.	E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in, or require, modification of existing drainage patterns.	D2b, D2e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may change flood water flows that contribute to flooding.	D2b, E2i, E2j, E2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. If there is a dam located on the site of the proposed action, is the dam in need of repair, or upgrade?	E1e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Impacts on Air The proposed action may include a state regulated air emission source. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES (See Part 1. D.2.f., D.2.h, D.2.g) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", move on to Section 7.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. If the proposed action requires federal or state air emission permits, the action may also emit one or more greenhouse gases at or above the following levels:			
i. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. More than 3.5 tons/year of nitrous oxide (N ₂ O)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon equivalent of perfluorocarbons (PFCs)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv. More than .045 tons/year of sulfur hexafluoride (SF ₆)	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. More than 1000 tons/year of carbon dioxide equivalent of hydrochloroflourocarbons (HFCs) emissions	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
vi. 43 tons/year or more of methane	D2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may generate 10 tons/year or more of any one designated hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons/year or more of any combination of such hazardous air pollutants.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may require a state air registration, or may produce an emissions rate of total contaminants that may exceed 5 lbs. per hour, or may include a heat source capable of producing more than 10 million BTU's per hour.	D2f, D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may reach 50% of any of the thresholds in "a" through "c", above.	D2g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in the combustion or thermal treatment of more than 1 ton of refuse per hour.	D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Impact on Plants and Animals The proposed action may result in a loss of flora or fauna. (See Part 1. E.2. m.-q.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - j. If "No", move on to Section 8.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may cause reduction in population or loss of individuals of any threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any rare, threatened or endangered species, as listed by New York State or the federal government.	E2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may cause reduction in population, or loss of individuals, of any species of special concern or conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government, that use the site, or are found on, over, or near the site.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in a reduction or degradation of any habitat used by any species of special concern and conservation need, as listed by New York State or the Federal government.	E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

e. The proposed action may diminish the capacity of a registered National Natural Landmark to support the biological community it was established to protect.	E3c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result in the removal of, or ground disturbance in, any portion of a designated significant natural community. Source: _____	E2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may substantially interfere with nesting/breeding, foraging, or over-wintering habitat for the predominant species that occupy or use the project site.	E2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action requires the conversion of more than 10 acres of forest, grassland or any other regionally or locally important habitat. Habitat type & information source: _____	E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Proposed action (commercial, industrial or recreational projects, only) involves use of herbicides or pesticides.	D2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Impact on Agricultural Resources			
The proposed action may impact agricultural resources. (See Part 1, E.3.a. and b.)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES
<i>If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", move on to Section 9.</i>			
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may impact soil classified within soil group 1 through 4 of the NYS Land Classification System.	E2c, E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may sever, cross or otherwise limit access to agricultural land (includes cropland, hayfields, pasture, vineyard, orchard, etc).	E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in the excavation or compaction of the soil profile of active agricultural land.	E3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may irreversibly convert agricultural land to non-agricultural uses, either more than 2.5 acres if located in an Agricultural District, or more than 10 acres if not within an Agricultural District.	E1b, E3a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may disrupt or prevent installation of an agricultural land management system.	E1 a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action may result, directly or indirectly, in increased development potential or pressure on farmland.	C2c, C3, D2c, D2d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed project is not consistent with the adopted municipal Farmland Protection Plan.	C2c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other impacts: _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Impact on Aesthetic Resources
 The land use of the proposed action are obviously different from, or are in sharp contrast to, current land use patterns between the proposed project and a scenic or aesthetic resource. (Part 1. E.1.a, E.1.b, E.3.h.)
If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", go to Section 10.

NO YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Proposed action may be visible from any officially designated federal, state, or local scenic or aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the obstruction, elimination or significant screening of one or more officially designated scenic views.	E3h, C2b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may be visible from publicly accessible vantage points: i. Seasonally (e.g., screened by summer foliage, but visible during other seasons) ii. Year round	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
d. The situation or activity in which viewers are engaged while viewing the proposed action is: i. Routine travel by residents, including travel to and from work ii. Recreational or tourism based activities	E3h E2q, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a diminishment of the public enjoyment and appreciation of the designated aesthetic resource.	E3h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There are similar projects visible within the following distance of the proposed project: 0-1/2 mile 1/2 -3 mile 3-5 mile 5+ mile	D1a, E1a, D1f, D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Impact on Historic and Archeological Resources
 The proposed action may occur in or adjacent to a historic or archaeological resource. (Part 1. E.3.e, f. and g.)
If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 11.

NO YES

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, any buildings, archaeological site or district which is listed on the National or State Register of Historical Places, or that has been determined by the Commissioner of the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to be eligible for listing on the State Register of Historic Places.	E3e	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an area designated as sensitive for archaeological sites on the NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) archaeological site inventory.	E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may occur wholly or partially within, or substantially contiguous to, an archaeological site not included on the NY SHPO inventory. Source: _____	E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. If any of the above (a-d) are answered "Moderate to large impact may occur", continue with the following questions to help support conclusions in Part 3:			
i. The proposed action may result in the destruction or alteration of all or part of the site or property.	E3e, E3g, E3f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii. The proposed action may result in the alteration of the property's setting or integrity.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii. The proposed action may result in the introduction of visual elements which are out of character with the site or property, or may alter its setting.	E3e, E3f, E3g, E3h, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Impact on Open Space and Recreation			
The proposed action may result in a loss of recreational opportunities or a reduction of an open space resource as designated in any adopted municipal open space plan. (See Part 1. C.2.c, E.1.c., E.2.q.) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 12.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in an impairment of natural functions, or "ecosystem services", provided by an undeveloped area, including but not limited to stormwater storage, nutrient cycling, wildlife habitat.	D2e, E1b E2h, E2m, E2o, E2n, E2p	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the loss of a current or future recreational resource.	C2a, E1c, C2c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may eliminate open space or recreational resource in an area with few such resources.	C2a, C2c E1c, E2q	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may result in loss of an area now used informally by the community as an open space resource.	C2c, E1c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Impact on Critical Environmental Areas			
The proposed action may be located within or adjacent to a critical environmental area (CEA). (See Part 1. E.3.d) <i>If "Yes", answer questions a - c. If "No", go to Section 13.</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quantity of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in a reduction in the quality of the resource or characteristic which was the basis for designation of the CEA.	E3d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Impact on Transportation
 The proposed action may result in a change to existing transportation systems. NO YES
 (See Part 1. D.2.j)
If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 14.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. Projected traffic increase may exceed capacity of existing road network.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in the construction of paved parking area for 500 or more vehicles.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action will degrade existing transit access.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action will degrade existing pedestrian or bicycle accommodations.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may alter the present pattern of movement of people or goods.	D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Impact on Energy
 The proposed action may cause an increase in the use of any form of energy. NO YES
 (See Part 1. D.2.k)
If "Yes", answer questions a - e. If "No", go to Section 15.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action will require a new, or an upgrade to an existing, substation.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will require the creation or extension of an energy transmission or supply system to serve more than 50 single or two-family residences or to serve a commercial or industrial use.	D1f, D1q, D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may utilize more than 2,500 MWhrs per year of electricity.	D2k	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may involve heating and/or cooling of more than 100,000 square feet of building area when completed.	D1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Other Impacts: _____ _____			

15. Impact on Noise, Odor, and Light
 The proposed action may result in an increase in noise, odors, or outdoor lighting. NO YES
 (See Part 1. D.2.m., n., and o.)
If "Yes", answer questions a - f. If "No", go to Section 16.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may produce sound above noise levels established by local regulation.	D2m	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may result in blasting within 1,500 feet of any residence, hospital, school, licensed day care center, or nursing home.	D2m, E1d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may result in routine odors for more than one hour per day.	D2o	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

d. The proposed action may result in light shining onto adjoining properties.	D2n	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may result in lighting creating sky-glow brighter than existing area conditions.	D2n, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Impact on Human Health

The proposed action may have an impact on human health from exposure to new or existing sources of contaminants. (See Part 1.D.2.q., E.1. d. f. g. and h.) NO YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - m. If "No", go to Section 17.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action is located within 1500 feet of a school, hospital, licensed day care center, group home, nursing home or retirement community.	E1d	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The site of the proposed action is currently undergoing remediation.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. There is a completed emergency spill remediation, or a completed environmental site remediation on, or adjacent to, the site of the proposed action.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The site of the action is subject to an institutional control limiting the use of the property (e.g., easement or deed restriction).	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may affect institutional control measures that were put in place to ensure that the site remains protective of the environment and human health.	E1g, E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action has adequate control measures in place to ensure that future generation, treatment and/or disposal of hazardous wastes will be protective of the environment and human health.	D2t	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action involves construction or modification of a solid waste management facility.	D2q, E1f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. The proposed action may result in the unearthing of solid or hazardous waste.	D2q, E1f	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. The proposed action may result in an increase in the rate of disposal, or processing, of solid waste.	D2r, D2s	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. The proposed action may result in excavation or other disturbance within 2000 feet of a site used for the disposal of solid or hazardous waste.	E1f, E1g E1h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. The proposed action may result in the migration of explosive gases from a landfill site to adjacent off site structures.	E1f, E1g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. The proposed action may result in the release of contaminated leachate from the project site.	D2s, E1f, D2r	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Other impacts: _____ _____			

17. Consistency with Community Plans

The proposed action is not consistent with adopted land use plans.
(See Part 1. C.1, C.2. and C.3.)

NO

YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - h. If "No", go to Section 18.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action's land use components may be different from, or in sharp contrast to, current surrounding land use pattern(s).	C2, C3, D1a E1a, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action will cause the permanent population of the city, town or village in which the project is located to grow by more than 5%.	C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action is inconsistent with local land use plans or zoning regulations.	C2, C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action is inconsistent with any County plans, or other regional land use plans.	C2, C2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action may cause a change in the density of development that is not supported by existing infrastructure or is distant from existing infrastructure.	C3, D1c, D1d, D1f, D1d, E1b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The proposed action is located in an area characterized by low density development that will require new or expanded public infrastructure.	C4, D2c, D2d D2j	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The proposed action may induce secondary development impacts (e.g., residential or commercial development not included in the proposed action)	C2a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Other: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Consistency with Community Character

The proposed project is inconsistent with the existing community character.
(See Part 1. C.2, C.3, D.2, E.3)

NO

YES

If "Yes", answer questions a - g. If "No", proceed to Part 3.

	Relevant Part I Question(s)	No, or small impact may occur	Moderate to large impact may occur
a. The proposed action may replace or eliminate existing facilities, structures, or areas of historic importance to the community.	E3e, E3f, E3g	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The proposed action may create a demand for additional community services (e.g. schools, police and fire)	C4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The proposed action may displace affordable or low-income housing in an area where there is a shortage of such housing.	C2, C3, D1f D1g, E1a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The proposed action may interfere with the use or enjoyment of officially recognized or designated public resources.	C2, E3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The proposed action is inconsistent with the predominant architectural scale and character.	C2, C3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Proposed action is inconsistent with the character of the existing natural landscape.	C2, C3 E1a, E1b E2g, E2h	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Other impacts: _____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Full Environmental Assessment Form
Part 3 - Evaluation of the Magnitude and Importance of Project Impacts
and
Determination of Significance

Part 3 provides the reasons in support of the determination of significance. The lead agency must complete Part 3 for every question in Part 2 where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.

Based on the analysis in Part 3, the lead agency must decide whether to require an environmental impact statement to further assess the proposed action or whether available information is sufficient for the lead agency to conclude that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. By completing the certification on the next page, the lead agency can complete its determination of significance.

Reasons Supporting This Determination:

To complete this section:

- Identify the impact based on the Part 2 responses and describe its magnitude. Magnitude considers factors such as severity, size or extent of an impact.
- Assess the importance of the impact. Importance relates to the geographic scope, duration, probability of the impact occurring, number of people affected by the impact and any additional environmental consequences if the impact were to occur.
- The assessment should take into consideration any design element or project changes.
- Repeat this process for each Part 2 question where the impact has been identified as potentially moderate to large or where there is a need to explain why a particular element of the proposed action will not, or may, result in a significant adverse environmental impact.
- Provide the reason(s) why the impact may, or will not, result in a significant adverse environmental impact
- For Conditional Negative Declarations identify the specific condition(s) imposed that will modify the proposed action so that no significant adverse environmental impacts will result.
- Attach additional sheets, as needed.

Determination of Significance - Type 1 and Unlisted Actions

SEQR Status: Type 1 Unlisted

Identify portions of EAF completed for this Project: Part 1 Part 2 Part 3

Upon review of the information recorded on this EAF, as noted, plus this additional support information

and considering both the magnitude and importance of each identified potential impact, it is the conclusion of the
Common Council of the City of Rensselaer _____ as lead agency that:

A. This project will result in no significant adverse impacts on the environment, and, therefore, an environmental impact statement need not be prepared. Accordingly, this negative declaration is issued.

B. Although this project could have a significant adverse impact on the environment, that impact will be avoided or substantially mitigated because of the following conditions which will be required by the lead agency:

To A above - Please see Addendum _____

There will, therefore, be no significant adverse impacts from the project as conditioned, and, therefore, this conditioned negative declaration is issued. A conditioned negative declaration may be used only for UNLISTED actions (see 6 NYCRR 617.7(d)).

C. This Project may result in one or more significant adverse impacts on the environment, and an environmental impact statement must be prepared to further assess the impact(s) and possible mitigation and to explore alternatives to avoid or reduce those impacts. Accordingly, this positive declaration is issued.

Name of Action: Solar Energy Law

Name of Lead Agency: Common Council of the City of Rensselaer

Name of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency: Michael Stammel

Title of Responsible Officer: Mayor

Signature of Responsible Officer in Lead Agency:

Date:

Signature of Preparer (if different from Responsible Officer)

Date:

For Further Information:

Contact Person: Ketura Vics, Director of Planning and Development

Address: City Hall, 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, NY 12144

Telephone Number: (518) 462-4839, ext. 1527

E-mail: ketura.vics@rensselaer.ny.gov

For Type 1 Actions and Conditioned Negative Declarations, a copy of this Notice is sent to:

Chief Executive Officer of the political subdivision in which the action will be principally located (e.g., Town / City / Village of)

Other involved agencies (if any)

Applicant (if any)

Environmental Notice Bulletin: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/enb/enb.html>

PRINT FULL FORM

#2

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of amending Title XI, Section 229, of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relative to the constitution of the Board of Public Safety so as to remove any ambiguities contained therein, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed Local Law No. 9 of the year 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, such Local Law is appropriate as to form and substance, and a public hearing having been conducted so as to consider public comments on such Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 9 of the year 2020 is hereby approved, and shall take effect immediately, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of such Local Law No. 9 of 2020 with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of September, 2020

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<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. 9 OF THE YEAR 2020.

**A Local Law
of
to
Safety**

**To Amend Title XI, Section 229, of the Charter
the City of Rensselaer, New York, Relative
the Constitution of the Board of Public**

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. 9 of 2020, and shall amend Title XI, Section 229, of the Charter of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relating to the Constitution of the Board of Public Safety. This Local Law amends and supersedes all previously adopted Local Laws concerning such Constitution of the Board of Public Safety of the City of Rensselaer. The purpose of this Local Law is to update Section 229 of the City Charter to address those situations where there are either no or multiple members of minority parties on the City Common Council.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York, hereby amends Article XI, Section 229, of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, New York, so as to read as follows:

§ 229. Constitution of Board.

The Mayor, the City Treasurer, the City Clerk, a Majority Member of the Common Council and a Minority Member of the Common Council, by virtue of their offices, while in office, shall be and are hereby constituted Commissioners and members of the Board of Public Safety. By duly adopted Resolution, the Common Council shall determine the Majority and Minority Members appointed to the Board of Public Safety. In the event that there are no Minority Party members serving on the Common Council, an "At Large" member shall be appointed to the Board of Public Safety in place of a Minority Member.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 200__ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____, 200__, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1, above.

Clerk of the County Legislative Body, City, Town or Village
Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

CITY CLERK

(Seal)

Date: _____

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

State of New York
County of Rensselaer

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Local Law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the Local Law annexed hereto.

#3

By Alderperson

LEAHEY

Seconded by Alderperson

Council as a Whole

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE OF CITY PARKS BY THE CAPITAL DISTRICT POP WARNER FOOTBALL FEDERATION, INC. - YOUTH BUREAU

WHEREAS, the Youth of our Rensselaer Community are our future, and promoting healthy activities for children is in the best interests of the City of Rensselaer, and

WHEREAS, it has been the custom of this City to permit the use of City Parks to not for profit community organizations, such as the Capital District Pop Warner Football Federation, Inc., to promote community spirit and youth activities,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Capital District Pop Warner Football Federation, Inc. be granted use of City Parks for youth activities at such times and under such circumstances as approved by the City of Rensselaer Youth Director, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such permission is conditioned upon the delivery of a Certificate of Insurance to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Rensselaer, and evidencing liability coverage in an amount of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), and specifically indemnifying the City on account of the activities planned, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Rensselaer County Department of Public Health permit be obtained and filed with the Corporation Counsel, and all COVID-19 Protocols for Public Gatherings are to be followed.

James Van Vorst	<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				

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of _____, 2020

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

11/1

By Alderperson : _____ COUNCIL AS A WHOLE _____

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF STIPENDS PER SCHOOL CONTRACTS
– CITY TREASURER AND CITY ASSESSOR**

WHEREAS, The Rensselaer City School Contracts with the City of Rensselaer for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 provide for payment of Stipends to the Offices of the City Treasurer and the City Assessor in return for real estate tax assessment and collection services, with such amounts paid by the Rensselaer City School District totaling stipends of \$9,250.00 to the City Treasurer; \$2,500.00 to the City Assessor; and \$9,250.00 to be divided equally by the two staff members in the Office of the City Treasurer, and such City Employees have otherwise been rendering invaluable service to the City of Rensselaer in effectuating the contracts between the City and the School District, and

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of rewarding such strong work ethic and service to the City,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer hereby authorizes payments of stipends of \$9,250.00 to the City Treasurer; \$2,500.00 to the City Assessor; and \$9,250.00 to be divided equally by the two staff members in the Office of the City Treasurer, with such payments only to be made after the City receives the Stipend Funds from the Rensselaer City School District.

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<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
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Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of _____, 2020

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

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By Alderperson : GARNDER

Seconded by Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

A RESOLUION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH JEFFERSON SOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of entering into a contract with Jefferson Solutions to perform and undertake preparation of the GASB 75 Report for Fiscal years 2019 and 2020, and

WHEREAS, said contract is annexed hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer be authorized to execute the contract with Jefferson Solutions.

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this ____ day of _____, 2020

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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JEFFERSON SOLUTIONS, INC.
14 Brittany Oaks, Clifton Park New York 12065
518-461-7805
Ray.Cerrone@JEFSI.Com
www.GASB45.Com

September 3, 2020

Mr. Steven Terry, Comptroller
City of Rensselaer

Re: GASB 75 Report - Actuarial Valuation - Two Year Report

Dear Steven:

Thank you for contacting Jefferson Solutions. As we discussed, I am providing you with a quote for a GASB 75 actuarial valuation.

We look forward to the opportunity to assisting you in developing a valuation under GASB 75. This letter outlines our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement.

We plan to start the engagements on or about October 1, 2020 and (unless unforeseeable problems are encountered) complete the engagement by December 31, 2020. We will analyze the underlying demographic data along with summary plan descriptions to determine your organizations liability under GASB 75. The purpose of our engagement is to calculate your City's full OPEB liability and determine the annual required contributions and annual accrued liability. Our combined report will include all information required for disclosure in the City's financial statements for the two years ending July 31, 2019 and July 31, 2020.

The following reflects the scope of services to be provided to the City. Jefferson Solutions will:

1. Conduct a telephone conference as necessary to plan the project and make necessary decisions and report progress with regard to conduct of the analysis as well as educate City staff on the 75 requirements.
2. Analyze the data to assess any inconsistencies and make recommendations for enhancing data quality.
3. Planning with City – Review plan provisions, discuss and select actuarial assumptions and agree on a project plan.
4. Prepare an actuarial valuation following GASB 75 standards.
5. The GASB 75 analysis will include all applicable City employees and retirees. We will work with the City determine the amount of costs and liabilities to allocate to the various employee groups and the governmental activities i.e. General and Federal fund programs. Our report will include:
 - a. An Actuarial Valuation Opinion.
 - b. An Executive Summary presenting key results and figures.
 - c. Summary of Actuarial Valuation Results. This section will provide a summary of the actuarial valuation results.

- d. Summary of Assets (if applicable).
- e. Development of Total OPEB Liability. This section will show the development of the Total OPEB Liability which is to be accrued to date.
- f. Actuarial Experience. This section will illustrate the actuarial gains and losses that arise from experience different from that previously assumed, changes in actuarial assumptions and methods, and changes in program provisions.
- g. Development of Fiscal Year Expense. This section will illustrate the development of the expected OPEB expense under GASB No. 75 for fiscal year ending July 31, 2020 and actual OPEB expense for fiscal year ended July 31, 2019.
- h. Schedule of Deferred Outflows and Deferred Inflows of Resource as required for disclosure in the organizations footnotes.
- i. 10-Year Projection of Employer Benefit Payments (as applicable).
- j. Assumption Sensitivity. This section will provide information about the sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to certain assumptions made in this actuarial valuation; primarily healthcare inflation trends and discount rate.
- k. Summary of Demographic Information showing relevant information about the population included in the valuation.
- l. A summary of Program Provisions illustrating the overall eligibility provisions for retiree health coverage, graduated eligibility provisions, the various plans offered by the organization, and Medicare integration methods by plan.
- m. Summary of actuarial methods and actuarial assumptions detailing the assumptions used to determine the organizations OPEB cost and obligation.
- n. Glossary of key terms used in the report.

In performing our engagement, we will be relying on the accuracy and reliability of information provided by the City. We will not audit, the information. Please also note that our engagement cannot be relied on to disclose errors, fraud, or other illegal acts that may exist. The procedures we perform in our engagement will be heavily influenced by the representations that we receive from City personnel.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the actuarial services we provide; you will oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; you will evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and you will accept responsibility for them.

Jefferson Solutions shall retain all rights, title, and interest (including, without limitation, all copyrights, patents, service marks, trademarks, trade secret, and other intellectual property rights) in and to all technical or internal designs, methods, ideas, concepts, know-how, techniques, generic documents, and templates that have been previously developed by Jefferson Solutions or developed during the course of the provision of the Services, provided such generic documents or templates do not contain any Plan Sponsor Confidential Information or proprietary data. Rights and ownership by Jefferson Solutions of original technical designs, methods, ideas, concepts, know-how, and techniques shall not extend to or include all or any part of the Plan Sponsor's proprietary data or Plan Sponsor Confidential Information.

To the extent that Jefferson Solutions may include in the materials any pre-existing Jefferson Solutions proprietary information or other protected Jefferson Solutions materials, Jefferson

Solutions agrees that Plan Sponsor shall be deemed to have a fully paid up license to make copies of the Jefferson Solutions-owned materials as part of this engagement for its internal business purposes and provided such materials cannot be modified or distributed outside the Plan Sponsor without the written permission of Jefferson Solutions. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the parties acknowledge that the City of Rensselaer is a municipality in the State of New York and will comply with all Freedom of Information Laws and other laws requiring disclosure of public documents. Nothing in this contract shall be read to restrict the City's obligations concerning disclosure of public documents.

In the event of any dispute arising out of or relating to the engagement of Jefferson Solutions by Plan Sponsor, the parties agree first to try in good faith to settle the dispute voluntarily with the aid of an impartial mediator who will attempt to facilitate negotiations. A dispute will be submitted to mediation by written notice to the other party or parties. The mediator will be selected by agreement by the parties. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, a mediator will be designated by the American Arbitration Association at the request of a party.

The mediation will be treated as a settlement discussion and therefore will be confidential. Any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled during the pendency of the mediation. Each party will bear its own costs in the mediation. The fees and expenses of the mediator will be shared equally by the parties.

If the dispute has not been resolved within 60 days after the written notice beginning the mediation process (or a longer period, if the parties agree to extend the mediation), the mediation will terminate, and the dispute will be resolved by final and binding arbitration under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitration will take place before a panel of three arbitrators. Within 30 days of the commencement of the arbitration, each part will designate in writing a single neutral and independent arbitrator. The two arbitrators designated by the parties will then select a third arbitrator. The arbitrators will have a sufficient background in employee benefits, actuarial science, or law. The arbitrators will have the authority to permit limited discovery, including depositions, prior to the arbitration hearing, and such discovery will be conducted consistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The arbitrators will have no power or authority to award punitive or exemplary damages. The arbitrators may, in their discretion, award the cost of the arbitration, including reasonable attorney fees, to the prevailing party. Any award made may be confirmed in any court having jurisdiction. Any arbitration shall be confidential, and except as required by law, neither party may disclose the content or results of any arbitration hereunder without the consent of the other party.

We estimate that our fees for these services will not exceed \$5,950¹ for the July 31, 2019 report. This report will satisfy the requirements of GASB 75 for a two year period. Our fee works out to approximately \$2,975 per fiscal year.

Our fee is inclusive of all travel and other out-of-pocket costs such as report production, word processing, postage, etc. The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that the City will be able to provide us with all required data in an electronic format. Our invoices will be presented electronically at the conclusion of the engagement. We reserve the right to bill 50% of the fee upon delivery of the draft report and the balance when the final report is delivered. Payment is due within 30 days of the invoice submission. Should the fee remain unpaid past the 30 day due date, we will issue invoices each 30 days with a \$100 additional invoicing fee.

¹ Please advise us if benefits have changed from the Prior Year, this could result in a revised fee arrangement.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe that this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with the terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy to confirm your understanding, and return it to us.

Sincerely,



Raymond R. Cerrone CPA²

RESPONSE:

This letter correctly sets forth the understanding of City of Rensselaer.

Signature

Date

Name

Title

² Please advise us if benefits have changed from the Prior Year, this could result in a revised fee arrangement.

By Alderperson : Council As A whole

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND DECLARING PROJECTS COMPLETE – COMPTROLLER

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer wishes to consolidate accounts and declare certain projects complete as has been recommended by the City Comptroller, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Rensselaer hereby declares the projects associated with the below listed accounts complete and directs that any remaining funds in such accounts be rolled over and consolidated into the General Fund as indicated:

ACCOUNTS TO BE CLOSED

ACCOUNT LINE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
CDBG	78,891.32	(78,891.32)	0.00
CDBG 2015	13,331.13	(13,331.13)	0.00
RENSSELAER LOAN REHAB	80,077.24	(80,077.24)	0.00
SMALL CITIES	3,260.64	(3,260.64)	0.00
SPECIAL CAPITAL FUND	160,419.22	(160,419.22)	0.00
UW MARX	19,504.55	(19,504.55)	0.00
HUD FUNDS	5.32	(5.32)	0.00
ACCOUNT NUMBERS EFFECTED BY ABOVE			
Total CD.9900.9901	175,560.33	(175,560.33)	0.00
Total H.9900.9901	179,929.09	(179,929.09)	0.00
Total	<u>355,489.42</u>	<u>(355,489.42)</u>	0.00

INTERFUND TRANSFER

ACCOUNT LINE	PRESENT	CHANGE	REVISED
GENERAL FUND A.0000.5031	\$7,647,583.74	\$355,489.42	\$8,003,073.16

Approved as to form and sufficiency
this _____ day of _____, 2020

Corporation Counsel

Mayor

James Van Vorst	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dave Gardner	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Bryan Leahy	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
James Casey	<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
Margaret Van Dyke	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John DeFrancesco	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				