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# CITY OF RENSSELAER

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## AGENDA REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MAY 6, 2026

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- 12.RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPTING AN AWARD OF FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL FOR AN AIKEN AVENUE AREA LINKAGE STUDY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PROJECT
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16.A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL TO REZONE PROPERTY AT  
16 RIVERFRONT AND ASSOCIATED PARCELS FROM WATERFRONT MIXED-  
USE (MU-2) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD),  
ADOPTING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA)  
FINDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT AND SCHEDULING A  
PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF FINALIZING THE  
REZONING

17.RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING  
SERVICES SECOND AVENUE BRIDGE REMOVAL (BIN 2202280)

#1

By Alderperson

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE USE AND CONTROL OF THE NORTHEND FIREHOUSE FOR WEEKLY MUSIC CONCERTS HOSTED BY THE RENSSELAER KIWANIS CLUB**

**WHEREAS**, the Rensselaer Kiwanis Club is desirous of using the North End Firehouse to host a Family Summer Concert Series Program as set forth on the attached schedule, and

**WHEREAS**, it has been the custom of this City to permit such use of the North End Firehouse to such not for profit community organizations to promote community spirit,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rensselaer Kiwanis Club be granted use of the North End Firehouse on Wednesday JULY 8, 15, 22, 29 for a Family Summer Concert Series Program.

**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.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2026

Tim Kitterman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
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Corporation Counsel

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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 wishes to disburse the funds the City received from the New York State Department of Health Recertification Reimbursement, as set forth hereafter, and

**WHEREAS**, the Fire Department received training reimbursement to be added to EMS Training appropriations.

**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
DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S)				
A.3410.7469	EMS Training	7639.34	+900.00	8539.34
GENERAL FUND REVENUE (A.0000)				
A.0000.3089.0007	State Aid Additional DOH Fire Dept	0.00	+900.00	900.00

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Approved as to form and sufficiency

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

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Mayor

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By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the governing body has adopted the annual budget for the fiscal year, which includes appropriations for the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary to reallocate certain funds within the Police Department budget to address operational needs and ensure the continued delivery of public safety services. The purpose of this transfer is to cover the cost of Provantage Firewall Software; and

**WHEREAS**, such transfers are permitted in accordance with applicable laws, policies, and financial regulations;

**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.3120.7440	Contractual Services	150,000.00	7495.00	157,495.00
A.3120.7410	Supplies and Materials	25,000.00	-7495.00	17,505.00

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Approved as to form and sufficiency

This \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

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Mayor

By Alderperson : Council as a Whole

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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

**WHEREAS**, the donation received from J. Shappy for \$25.00 is to be used towards supplies, etc., for stray dogs.

**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	DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATION LINE(S) Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.3510.7440	Animal Control – Contractual Services	12,450.00	25.00	12,475.00
GENERAL FUND REVENUE (A.0000)				
Line Item	Description	Present	Change	Revised
A.0000.2705	Gifts and Donations	110,426.00	25.00	110,451.00

Approved as to form and sufficiency

This \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025

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Corporation Counsel

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By Alderperson:

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Alderperson:

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**A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS**

**WHEREAS**, the Rensselaer Common Council has the power to reappoint 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 persons be and they are hereby reappointed Commissioner of Deeds, with a term commencing forthwith and ending May 31, 2028.

Officer Jeffrey Adams  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Officer Clark Roehr  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sgt. James Hannigan  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Det. Sgt. Michael Deso  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sgt. Daniel Micare  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Marcia Caryofilles  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Deputy Chief John Mooney, Jr.  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Det. Matthew Spath  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Sgt. Tyler Sammon  
201 Broadway  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Ashley Mann  
62 Washington Street  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

Andrew Kretzschmar  
62 Washington Street  
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 persons 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 6th day of May, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

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By Alderperson : Council As A Whole  
Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING PARKING AND STREET CLOSURES FOR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer will conduct its annual Memorial Day Parade festivities on Sunday May 24, 2026, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer desires to close streets along the Parade Route beginning at 1:30 p.m. to facilitate the parade, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer desires that there be no parking of vehicles on both sides of the streets along the Parade Route between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00p.m. to allow for maximum viewing of the Parade for our residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the streets along the Parade be closed to traffic beginning at 1:30 p.m. and be closed until the Parade is completed, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Washington Avenue from Eighth Street to Fourth Street be closed to traffic commencing at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 24, 2026, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that streets to be closed along the Parade route are as follows: beginning at the intersection of Washington Avenue and Forbes and continuing on Washington Avenue to Broadway then South past Partition Street and continuing South on Broadway to Third Avenue, turning East (left) onto Third Avenue and ending at the intersection of Third Avenue and Walker Street with the reviewing stand across from Huyck Square on Third Avenue, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk post the appropriate legal notice in the Troy Record, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City of Rensselaer DPW Post temporary “No Parking” signs on both sides of the Streets along the Parade Route.

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Approved as to form and sufficiency this Day of May, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Approved By:

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Mayor

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BY ALDERPERSON(s): Council as a Whole

SECONDED BY:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS ALS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER**

**WHEREAS**, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig’s disease, is a progressive and fatal neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells and leads to the loss of muscle control; and

**WHEREAS**, ALS Awareness Month is observed each May to increase public understanding of the disease, support those affected, and promote research toward effective treatments and a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, there is currently no cure for ALS, and individuals diagnosed with the disease face significant physical, emotional, and financial challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, raising awareness and supporting access to care, equipment, and emerging therapies is essential to improving quality of life for those living with ALS; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer hereby recognizes May 2026 as ALS Awareness Month and encourages all residents to increase awareness, support those affected, and advocate for continued research to combat this disease.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
This 6th day of May, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

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Mayor

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#8

**BY ALDERPERSON(s):** Council as a Whole

**SECONDED BY:**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS NATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH MONTH IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER**

**WHEREAS,** May is recognized as National Cancer Research Month to acknowledge and promote the critical importance of cancer research in saving lives, improving treatments, and enhancing the quality of life for cancer patients and survivors; and

**WHEREAS,** cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in the United States, with the American Cancer Society estimating that more than 2.1 million new cancer cases will be diagnosed and approximately 626,000 Americans will lose their lives to cancer in 2026, representing nearly 5,800 new diagnoses each day; and

**WHEREAS,** for the first time, the five-year relative survival rate for all cancers combined in the United States has reached 70 percent, reflecting decades of progress in prevention, early detection, and innovative treatments made possible through continued cancer research; and

**WHEREAS,** advancements in cancer research have led to significant progress in the prevention, detection, diagnosis, and treatment of many forms of cancer, resulting in millions of lives saved and improved outcomes for patients and families; and

**WHEREAS,** continued investment in cancer research is essential to discovering new therapies, understanding cancer biology, addressing disparities in care, and ultimately finding cures for all types of cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** researchers, healthcare professionals, institutions, advocacy organizations, and volunteers work tirelessly to advance cancer research and provide hope and support to those affected by cancer; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer hereby recognizes May 2026 as National Cancer Research Month and encourages all residents to support and promote cancer research efforts through awareness, advocacy, education, and community engagement; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** that the City of Rensselaer expresses its gratitude to the scientists, researchers, healthcare professionals, caregivers, volunteers, and organizations dedicated to advancing cancer research, and calls upon all community members to join in the fight against cancer to improve and save lives.

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Approved as to form and sufficiency  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

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Mayor

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**BY ALDERPERSON(s):** Council as a Whole

**SECONDED BY:**

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS POPPY MONTH IN THE CITY OF RENSSELAER**

**WHEREAS**, each year members of the American Legion Family, led by the American Legion Auxiliary, distribute red poppies with donations supporting veterans, active-duty military personnel, and their families in need of medical and financial assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the red poppy remains a widely recognized symbol of sacrifice and remembrance, honoring those who have served and given their lives in defense of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, poppy distribution programs help fund important services, including veteran rehabilitation efforts and initiatives that benefit American youth; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing Poppy Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of our veterans while supporting programs that assist them and their families; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer hereby recognizes May 2026 as Poppy Month and encourages all residents to wear a red poppy and support efforts that benefit veterans and their families.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
This 6th day of May, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

Approved by:

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Mayor

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WOLE

Seconded by Alderperson :

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO REFER THE MATTER OF THE PAYMENT OF \$69,232.65 TO THE FORMER DPW COMMISSIONER FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer paid out to Jim Brady, the former Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, the sum of \$69,232 upon his retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, by resolution approved on April 6, 2006, the Rensselaer Common Council amended its policy on compensatory time so that certain salaried employees and department heads were limited to fifty hours of compensatory time per year, non-cumulative; and

**WHEREAS**, Article I, General Policies Section 37-1 (c) Vacations of the City of Rensselaer Code states, "Unused vacation may be paid for at separation, with a limit of 20 days of carry-over."; and

**WHEREAS**, Article VII Section 8 of the New York State Constitution ("Gift and Loan Clauses") prohibits the state and its local governments from giving or loaning public money, property, or credit to or in aid of any private individual, corporation, or undertaking, ensuring that all public resources are strictly used for a valid public purpose, and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that Mr. Brady was paid far in excess of the amount he should be entitled to per the Rensselaer City Code; and

**WHEREAS**, it appears that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer did not take any legislative action to approve of this excess payment;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer does hereby direct the Mayor to refer this matter for further investigation by the New York State Attorney General and the Office of the State Comptroller.

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Approved as to form and  
sufficiency. This 5<sup>th</sup> day of  
May , 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. 6 AS OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

**WHEREAS.** The City of Rensselaer is desirous of having the ability to override the New York State Tax Cap, if needed, for the 2026/2027 City Budget pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c, Subdivision 5, and

**WHEREAS,** the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local No. 6 of the year 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that proposed Local Law No. 6 for the year 2026 is hereby approved as to form, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a Public Hearing will be held on May 20, 2026 at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer, located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, to allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 6 for the year 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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CITY OF RENSSELAER

**LOCAL LAW NO.6 OF 2026 - A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE  
THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL  
MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C**

**Be it enacted by the City of Rensselaer in the  
County of Rensselaer, as follows:**

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of this Local Law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the City of Rensselaer, County of Rensselaer, State of New York (hereinafter "Rensselaer") pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow Rensselaer to adopt a budget for (a) City purposes and (b) any other special or improvement district governed by the Common Council for the fiscal year 2025/2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

**Section 2. Authority.**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes the Common Council to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Common Council.

**Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override.**

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025/2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law, § 3-c.

**Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local

Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**Section 5. Effective date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS LOCAL LAW MAY CONFLICT WITH APLICABLE PORTIONS OF THE GENERAL CITY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, IT IS THE STATED INTENTION OF THE CITY TO EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE AND AMEND, AS GRANTED UNDER THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, SECTION 10. THE CITY HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE THAT IT IS EXERCISING ITS AUTHORITY TO SUPERSEDE AND AMEND

**1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 6 of 2026 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 6 of 2026 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on, and was approved by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*, , and deemed duly adopted on, 2026.

**DRAFT**

**3. (Final adoption by referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 202 of the was duly passed by the Town Board on \_\_\_\_\_, 202, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*, \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_, 202. Such Local Law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_, 202 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of 202\_\_\_\_ of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 202 , and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Officer\*, \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_, 202 . Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_, 202 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 202 of the City

of Rensselaer having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_, 202 , became operative.

\* **Elective Chief Officer** means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

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

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 202 of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_, 202 , 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.

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 2, above.

(Seal)

**DRAFT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the County Legislative Body, City, Town or Village  
Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body  
**CITY CLERK**

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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Corporation Counsel**  
Title

**CITY OF: RENSSELAER**

Date: \_

Motion By: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF RENSSELAER COMMON COUNCIL ACCEPTING AN AWARD OF FUNDING FROM THE CAPITAL REGION TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL FOR AN AIKEN AVENUE AREA LINKAGE STUDY AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer has a desire to serve and protect all the residents of the city and provide them with safe access to good, services and city amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Aiken Avenue, Ring Street, 2nd Avenue and South Street are isolated from the rest of the City of Rensselaer by railroad tracks and topographical issues; and

**WHEREAS**, some residents in this area choose to climb multiple fences and cross several sets of live railroad tracks in order to get to the businesses and bus stops on Columbia Street and along Broadway and this has resulted in at least one recent fatality, multiple near misses and several injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2025 the Common Council authorized the City of Rensselaer to apply to the Capital Region Transportation Council (CRTC) for Community Planning and Linkage Program funding to prepare a community-based transportation and land use plan for the Aiken Avenue Area that supports walkable communities and vulnerable road user safety plans; and

**WHEREAS**, CRTC has awarded the City of Rensselaer funding for the Aiken Avenue Area Linkage Study that is estimated to cost \$60,000.00 with \$54,000.00 from CRTC and \$6,000.00 in local support; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer Comptroller has indicated that the city has the capacity to provide the \$6,000.00 in local support for this vital linkage study.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer approves and authorizes the acceptance of \$54,000.00 from the Capital Region Transportation Council (CRTC) for a Community Planning and Linkage Program Study to explore ways to connect residents of Aiken Avenue, Ring Street, 2nd Avenue and South Street to the business and commercial areas of the city.

**BE IT FURTHERV RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer approves the provision of \$6,000.00 in city funds to the project as local match; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Capital Region Transportation Council for the Aiken Avenue Area Linkage Study.

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

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Mayor

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Vote Totals	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Result				

April 6, 2026



The Honorable John DeFrancesco  
City of Rensselaer  
62 Washington Street  
Rensselaer, NY 12144

**Re: Aiken Avenue Area Linkage Study**

Dear Mayor DeFrancesco:

The Capital Region Transportation Council (Transportation Council) is pleased to announce that the Aiken Avenue Area Linkage Study was awarded funding through the 2026 Community Planning/Linkage Program and included in the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program. The consultant budget is \$60,000 (\$54,000 in federal funds and \$6,000 in local cash) with an additional \$24,500 in Transportation Council staff technical assistance.

Included with this letter are the Transportation Council's Planning Study Administration and Procedures for FY 2026-2027 and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for your review and signature. Once the signed MOU has been returned to us, we may begin the consultant procurement process. Carrie Ward ([cward@capitalmpo.org](mailto:cward@capitalmpo.org)) has been assigned as our project manager and will coordinate with you on the next steps including developing a project scope of work, soliciting for and selecting a consultant, executing a consultant contract, and managing the consultant on your behalf.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [smisiewicz@capitalmpo.org](mailto:smisiewicz@capitalmpo.org) or 518-458-2161. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Misiewicz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Sandra Misiewicz, AICP  
Executive Director

CC: Thomas E. Hulihan, Director of Planning and Development

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE AFTER PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer Common Council finds that 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.), a Local Law is necessary to amend the Code of the City of Rensselaer relating to 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" and therefore it is necessary to adopt Local Law No. 3 of 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, to achieve such purpose;; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 3 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. 3 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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporation Counsel

So Approved!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**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

RES-26

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2026 AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE AFTER 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" and therefore it is necessary to adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, to achieve such purpose;; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 4 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. 4 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.

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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
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Corporation Counsel

So Approved!

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

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"

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**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

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Corporation Counsel

SO APPROVED!

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Mayor

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

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

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer Common Council seeks to create a new City Crest, Flag and Treasurer’s Flag, a Local Law is necessary to amend the Code of the City of Rensselaer by adding a new Chapter 13 City Crest, City Flag and Treasurer’s Office Crest to the Code of the City of Rensselaer and therefore it is necessary to adopt Local Law No. 5 of 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto, to achieve such purpose;, and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 5 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. 5 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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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				

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.6 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**

**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

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Mayor

#16

Motion By: COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL TO REZONE PROPERTY AT 16 RIVERFRONT AND ASSOCIATED PARCELS FROM WATERFRONT MIXED-USE (MU-2) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD), ADOPTING STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) FINDINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE CONSIDERATION OF FINALIZING THE REZONING**

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission is reviewing a proposal for a Planned Development District on approximately 15.7+/- acres of property referred to as 16 Riverfront and associated parcels (Tax Map Parcels # 143.28-1-1.1, # 144-21-1-3.1, # 133.77-1-7.2, # 133.77-1-4, 133.77-1-8, 144.21-1-6, # 144.21-1-5, 144.21-1-4.1, #144.21-1-1.1, # 133.77-1-6.1, # 133.77-1-2, and #133.77-1-1) in the City of Rensselaer’s Waterfront Mixed-Use District (MU-2) into a mixed-use community with 356 apartments, along with commercial and office spaces, that is consistent with the City of Rensselaer Comprehensive Plan of 2006 and the preferred alternative of the 2018 Kiliaen’s Landing Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (Kiliaen’s GEIS); and

**WHEREAS**, Kiliaen’s GEIS section 7 entitled Future SEQR Actions states “projects that fall within the thresholds and are consistent with the goals outlined in this GEIS will be considered to be consistent with the findings of this SEQR process and therefore will have no further responsibility under SEQR;” and

**WHEREAS**, the size and scale of the proposed project exceeds the dimensional parameters established for the MU-2 District; and

**WHEREAS**, section § 179-22 (C) (3) (b) of the City Code states “if the proposed development project, proposed uses, or overall densities are not permitted in the applicable zoning district, the amendment procedure specified in Article VIII of this chapter shall be followed. Under such circumstances, the Planning Commission shall transmit the application to the Common Council for review. If the Common Council determines the application is warranted, the Common Council shall conduct a public hearing, as required by Article VIII to consider a zoning map amendment to redesignate the area a PDD; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer accepts for review the application for a Planned Development District on approximately 15.7+/- acres of property referred to as 16 Riverfront and associated parcels (Tax Map Parcels # 143.28-1-1.1, # 144-21-1-3.1, # 133.77-1-7.2, # 133.77-1-4, 133.77-1-8, 144.21-1-6, # 144.21-1-5, 144.21-1-4.1, #144.21-1-1.1, # 133.77-1-6.1, # 133.77-1-2, and #133.77-1-1) in the City of Rensselaer’s Waterfront Mixed-Use District (MU-2) into a mixed-use community with 356 apartments, along with commercial and office spaces and directs the City Clerk to schedule a Public Hearing with all required public notice to be conducted by the Common Council and occurring on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at 6:30PM in the Council Chambers of Rensselaer City Hall; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, as per the 2018 Kiliaen’s Landing Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (Kiliaen’s GEIS) this project, which falls within the thresholds and is consistent with the goals outlined in the Kiliaen’s GEIS has no further responsibility under SEQR.

Passed by the following vote of Common  
Members with voting recorded as follows:

Approved as to form and sufficiency this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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Corporation Counsel

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Mayor

Tom 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
Mara Bollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Aye	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Andrew P. Kretschmar	<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				

#17

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES SECOND AVENUE BRIDGE REMOVAL (BIN 2202280)**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rensselaer owns the Second Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek (BIN 2202280), originally constructed in 1935; and

**WHEREAS**, the bridge is currently closed due to its deteriorated condition and poses a potential risk of collapse; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that removal of the structure is necessary to protect public safety and prevent impacts to Mill Creek and adjacent infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) has submitted a proposal to provide professional engineering services for the removal of said bridge, including project familiarization, site survey, environmental review, design, and construction support services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed scope of services includes, but is not limited to: site survey and environmental investigations; preparation of preliminary and final design plans in accordance with NYSDOT requirements; and construction support and inspection services; and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost for these professional services shall not exceed Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Rensselaer hereby accepts the proposal submitted by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. for professional engineering services related to the removal of the Second Avenue Bridge over Mill Creek (BIN 2202280);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the total amount payable under this agreement shall not exceed \$75,000.00, subject to the availability of funds;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the City of Rensselaer is hereby authorized to execute any and all agreements and documents necessary to effectuate this resolution;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form and sufficiency  
 this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Corporation Counsel

So Approved!

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 Mayor