

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2023 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of vacating Chapter 159 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer relating to the regulation of taxicabs; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2023, attached hereto; and

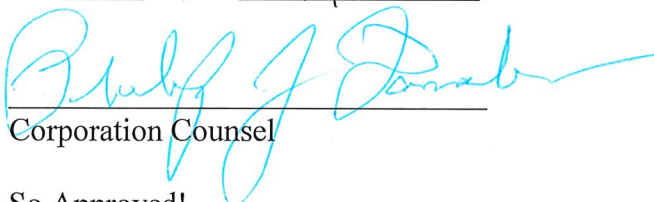
WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IS RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 3 of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on June 7, 2023, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023; 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 17th day of MAY, 2023


Corporation Counsel

So Approved!


Mayor

James Van Vorst	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Absent
Ernest K. Dambrose	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Bryan Leahey	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Andrew P. Kretschmar	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
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Anne E. Burton	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
John DeFrancesco	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Vote Totals	6 Aye	0 No	0 Abstain	1 Absent
Result	passed			

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF THE YEAR 2023.

**A Local Law to Vacate Chapter 159 of
the Code of the City of Rensselaer,
New York, Relative to Regulation of
Taxicabs**

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 2023, and shall vacate Chapter 159 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, New York, relating to the Regulation of Taxicabs. This Local Law amends and supersedes all previously adopted Local Laws concerning such Chapter of the Code of the City of Rensselaer. The purpose of this Local Law is to vacate the Regulation of Taxicabs by the City of Rensselaer pursuant to Section 181 of the New York State General Municipal Law in that such regulation is no longer cost effective or necessary by the City given the State Regulation of such services at this time.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York, hereby vacates Chapter 159 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, New York.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Law shall take effect after its filing with the Office of the New York State Secretary of State, but no sooner than January 1st, 2024.

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023 AS TO FORM AND SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, the City of Rensselaer is desirous of establishing a Water Surcharge Fee by Local Law so as to be able to finance necessary improvements to the City Water Pump House and therefore needs to amend Section 175-3 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, after consultation with the Water Department and the City Comptroller, has suggested the attached methodology dated May 8, 2023 for a short term water surcharge so as to finance such necessary improvements, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2023, attached hereto; and

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

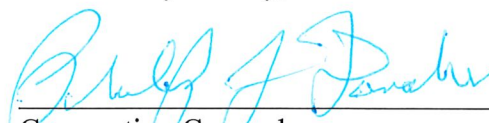
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 4 of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 pm on June 7, 2023, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to the allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 4 of 2023; and

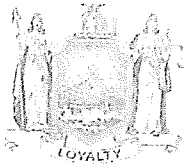
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to issue appropriate Public Notice of the Public Hearing scheduled herein.

James Van Vorst	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Absent
Ernest K. Dambrose	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
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John DeFrancesco	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Vote Totals	6 Aye	0 No	0 Abstain	1 Absent
Result	Passed			

Approved as to form and sufficiency
This 17th day of May, 2023


Corporation Counsel


Mayor



CHARLES STAMMEL
MICHAEL STAMMEL
MAYOR

CITY OF RENSSELAER

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY HALL
62 WASHINGTON STREET
RENSSELAER, NEW YORK 12144



(518) 462-9511
Fax: (518) 462-9895

Date: May 8, 2023

To: Common Counsel

From: Mayor, M. Stammel

RE: Cross St. Pump Station Repairs

After much consideration, I believe that rather than increase the water rates to pay for the new Water Pumps, we should identify the additional cost on a separate line on the water bills as a surcharge. The surcharge would allow us to pass the cost on equally to every user based on their water use. The revenue received from this surcharge would have a dedicated account that would be used to pay the cost of the pump replacement. At the current time the water bills have two lines water use and sewer cost. When the surcharge is implemented the water bills would have 3 lines - water use, sewer cost and pump replacement surcharge. The amount of the surcharge would be recalculated in May of every year based on the cities portion of the biannual water bills from Troy and the outstanding cost for the pump replacement. The sooner we approve this method of payment; the quicker we can start putting revenue into the surcharge account and save from using Federal money.

Please review following formula information based on last year billing for calculating the cost to the customer. This is not an exact amount that will be billed per thousand, although it is within a few cents.

Total water usage for 6 months May 2022 to Oct. 2022,
Gallons used 217,371,174 - N.G. Gallons used 15,860,715 = 201,510,459
Total water usage for 6 months Nov. 2022 to May 2023,
Gallons used 233,422,406 - N.G Gallons used 17,743,090 = 212,810,230

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Total = 414,320,689

Considering the water loss is about 1/3 per year. X .66

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Millions: = 273,451,655

Take the total amount of millions: 273,451,655
Divide the amount of gallons billed per thousand: / 1000

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Thousands of gallons billed: 273,251.65
Per year thousand \$. 1,000
Decided by total gallons billable 273,451.65

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Surcharge based on every thousand gallons used per customer \$3.66

Water bill would show as:

Water Billed. \$\$\$\$\$\$
City sewer Billed. \$\$\$\$\$\$
Maintenance or Troy Water Pump Surcharge \$\$\$\$\$\$

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2023

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 175, SECTION 175-3 OF THE CODE OF
THE CITY OF RENSSELAER**

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent

In order to have sufficient finances to make necessary repairs to the City Water Pump Station, it is necessary to impose a Water Surcharge Fee.

Section 2. Legislative Action

Section 175-3 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer is hereby amended to include a Water Surcharge Fee which will be added to the Fee Schedule under Cost per 1000 Gallons, and shall read as follows:

Type: Water Surcharge fee per 1000 gallons Rate: \$3.66

Section 3. Separability.

Should any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part or provision of this local law be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other part of this local law.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and shall Sunset and Terminate on December 31st, 2025.

By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2023 AS TO FORM AND
SCHEDULING 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 2023/2024 City Budget pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law Section 3-c, Subdivision 5, and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 5 of the year 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto, and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 5 of the year 2023 is hereby approved as to form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 7 2023, at the City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to allow the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2023, 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 17TH day of May, 2023



Corporation Counsel



Mayor

James Van Vorst	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Absent
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John DeFrancesco	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Vote Totals	10 Aye	0 No	0 Abstain	1 Absent
Result	Passed			

CITY OF RENSSELAER

**LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2023 - 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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 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 APPLICABLE 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. ____ of 202 ____ 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. 5 of 2023 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on _____, 2023, and was approved by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*, Mayor Michael Stammel, and deemed duly adopted on _____, 2023.

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 _____, 2020, 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

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By Alderperson : COUNCIL AS A WHOLE

Seconded by Alderperson : _____

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2023 AS TO FORM AND
SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON**

WHEREAS, The City of Rensselaer is desirous of updating the City Sexual Harassment Policy, and
WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed proposed Local Law No. 6 of the year 2023, a
copy of which is attached hereto, and

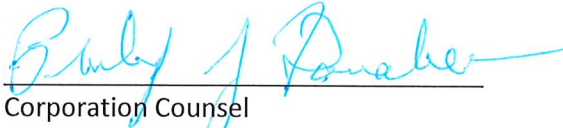
WHEREAS, such Local Law appears appropriate as to form and it appearing appropriate for a
Public Hearing to be scheduled so as to consider public comments on such proposed Local Law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that proposed Local Law No. 6 of the year 2023 is hereby
approved as to form, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on June 7, 2023, at the
City Hall of the City of Rensselaer located at 62 Washington Street, Rensselaer, New York, so as to allow
the Common Council to hear Public Comment on proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2023, 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 17th day of May, 2023


Corporation Counsel


Mayor

James Van Vorst	☐ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☒ Absent
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John DeFrancesco	☒ Aye	☐ No	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
Vote Totals	6 Aye	0 No	0 Abstain	1 Absent
Result	passed			

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF THE YEAR 2023.

**A Local Law to Amend and Supersede
Chapter 37, Article V, Section 37-20 et
seq. of the Code of the City of
Rensselaer Relative to Policy against
Sex Discrimination and Sexual
Harassment**

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 2023, and shall amend and supersede Chapter 37, Article V, Section 37-20 et seq. of the Code of the City of Rensselaer relative to Policy against Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment, and this Local Law amends and supersedes all previously adopted Local Laws concerning such Chapter, Article and Sections of the Code of the City of Rensselaer. The purpose of this Local Law is to update such Chapter, Article and Sections of the City Code so as to be more in conformity with the Laws of the State of New York and specifically detailing the Policy against Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment of the City of Rensselaer.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York, hereby amends and supersedes Chapter 37, Article V Section 37-20 et seq. of the Code of the City of Rensselaer, New York, so as to read as set forth on the attachment hereto.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

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