

CITY OF RENSSELAER

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF THE YEAR 2025.

**A Local Law to Amend Sections 89-2
and 89-7 of the Code of the City of
Rensselaer Relative to Abandonment
of Animals**

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

ARTICLE I. INTENT

This Local Law shall be known as Local Law No. 2 of 2025, and shall amend Sections 89-2 and 89-7 of the Code of the City of Rensselaer relative to Definitions and Penalties for the Abandonment of Animals.

ARTICLE II. LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends Section 89-2 of the Code of the City by adding the following definition:

ABANDONMENT OF ANIMALS

A person being the owner or possessor, or having charge or custody of an animal, who abandons such animal, or leaves it to die in a street, road or public place, or who allows such animal, if it becomes disabled, to lie in a public street, road or public place more than three hours after he receives notice that it is left disabled, is deemed to have abandoned such animal.

In addition, The Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, New York hereby amends Section 89-7 of the Code of the City to read as follows:

Section 89-7. Penalties for offenses.

Any general violation of this article shall be an offense, and conviction thereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$250 or 15 days' imprisonment, or both. However, A person being the owner or possessor, or having charge or custody of an animal, who abandons such animal, or leaves it to die in a street, road or public place, or who allows such animal, if it becomes disabled, to lie in a public street, road or public place more than three hours after he receives notice that it is left disabled, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both.

ARTICLE III. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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 _____, 202__, 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. 2 of 2025 of the City of Rensselaer was duly passed by the Common Council on August __, 2025, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*, Mayor Michael Stammel, and was deemed duly adopted on _____, 2025.

3. (Final adoption by 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 _____ on _____, 200__, and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*, _____ on _____, 200__. 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 _____, 200__, 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*, Mayor Michael Stammel, on _____, 202__. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____, 202__0, 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 200__ of the City of _____ 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 _____, 200__, 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 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 2, above.

(Seal)

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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.

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Corporation Counsel
Title

CITY OF: RENSSELAER

Date: _____