

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

☐County ☐City ☒Town ☐Village
(select one:)

of Copake

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 204 OF THE TOWN CODE
OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS.**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Copake as follows:

See attached.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

TOWN OF COPAKE

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2025

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 204 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF COPAKE RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND AMBULANCE WORKERS.

SECTION 1

This local law shall be referred to as “A Local Law to Amend Article V of Chapter 204 of the Town Code of the Town of Copake Relating to Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers”.

SECTION 2

- A. Section 204-16 of Article V of Chapter 204 of the Town Code of the Town of Copake, relating to Grant of Exemption, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 204-16 Grant of exemption.

Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of ten (10) percent of the assessed value of such property for town and special district purposes, exclusive of special assessments, in accordance with this Article V, Real Property Tax Law § 466-a (as added by L. 2022, c.670, § 1), and Real Property Tax Law § 466-l (as added by L. 2024, c.372, § 1).

- B. Paragraph A of Section 204-16.1 of Article V of Chapter 204 of the Town Code of the Town of Copake, relating to Qualifications, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

- A. The applicant:

(1) resides in the Town of Copake; and

(2) is a member of an incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service which provides service within the Town of Copake or that provides service within a neighboring city, village, town, or county; and

C. Section 204-16.3 of Article V of Chapter 204 of the Town Code of the Town of Copake, relating to Twenty-Year Active Members, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 204-16.3 Twenty-year active members.

Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty (20) years of active service, as defined in sections 204-16.1 and 204-16.2 of this chapter, and who is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten (10) percent exemption as authorized by this Article V for the remainder of his or her life as long as such person satisfies all applicable requirements therefor under Real Property Tax Law § 466-a (3), as may be amended from time to time, and/or its successor, and as extended under Real Property Tax Law § 466-l.

SECTION 3

If any word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion of this Law or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid for any reason, then such word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the proscribed application thereof, shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this Law, and all applications thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the New York Municipal Home Rule Law and New York Real Property Tax Law § 466-l, as added by L. 2024, c. 372.

SECTION 5

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

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

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law No. 1 of 2025 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Copake was duly passed by the Town Board of the Town of Copake on February 26, 2025 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

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

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. 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 _____ 20____, 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 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive 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.

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 20____ 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 _____ 20____, became operative.

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

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. ____ of 20____ of the County of _____, State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of _____ 20____, 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 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.



Lynn DeRocha, Town of Copake Town Clerk
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village
Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

Date: February 26, 2025