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TOWN OF VETERAN  
LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2025

A LOCAL LAW ADOPTED PURSUANT TO MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW § 10(1)(ii)  
(a)(1) and § 10(1)(ii)(d)(3) TO AMEND THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN  
APPOINTED POSITIONS WITHIN THE TOWN OF VETERAN

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Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Veteran (the "**Town Board**") as follows:

**Section 1. Purpose and Intent**

In order to find and retain qualified individuals to serve as Deputy Clerk, Court Clerk, Budget Officer, Bookkeeper, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer, and Assessor, the Town Board finds it in the best interest of the Town to expand residency eligibility for the aforementioned positions to ensure orderly and efficient Town operations. When feasible and practicable, the Town will give preference to Town residents when filling a vacancy in these positions, while maintaining the flexibility to consider candidates from outside the Town when necessary to ensure a strong applicant pool.

**Section 2. Authority**

This local law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), which grants local governments the authority to enact local laws regarding the qualifications of local officers, and to the extent that this local law supersedes the provisions of Town Law, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(d)(3). In recognition of the State Legislature's amendment to Public Officers Law § 3 through subdivision (24), any person residing in the State of New York may hold any appointed public office in the Town of Greenburg and County of Westchester. This amendment, together with numerous other exceptions to the residency requirement, thereby renders Public Officer Law § 3 a special law, which may be amended and superseded by local law, at the Town Board's discretion.

**Section 3. Residency Requirements for Appointed Public Officers**

The person holding the appointed offices of Deputy Clerk, Court Clerk, Budget Officer, Bookkeeper, Deputy Highway Superintendent, Code Enforcement Officer, and Assessor in the Town of Veteran need not be a resident of the Town of Veteran, provided, however, that such individual is a resident of Chemung County, or of an adjoining county within the State of New York.

**Section 4. Supersession**

This local law shall supersede Town Law § 23(1) in its application to any aforementioned appointments to public office in the Town of Veteran.

**Section 5. Inconsistencies**

All other laws and ordinances of the Town of Veteran that are inconsistent with the provisions of this local law are hereby repealed, but only to the extent of such inconsistency. In all other



respects, this local law shall be used to supplement any other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this local law.

**Section 6. Severability**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, 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 7. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

