

2025 Local Laws

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County of Rensselaer

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2025

A local law A local law Amending Local Law No. 5 of the Year 1997, as amended by Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2003, as amended by Local Law No. 2 of Year 2004, as amended by Local Law No. 3 of Year 2007, and as amended by Local Law No. 2 of Year 2024.

By: Hoffman

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County of Rensselaer as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The purpose and intent of this local law is to adopt and make effective in Rensselaer County Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, as in effect on the date this local law takes effect, and as such section may be subsequently amended, applicable to the County of Rensselaer County Taxes for qualifying property owners.

Section 2. Applicability

There shall be an exemption from taxation for general county purposes for certain individuals with disabilities in accordance with Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and this local law.

Section 3. Income Levels

The income level for receipt of a partial exemption from real property taxation for the purposes of taxes levied by the County of Rensselaer, pursuant to Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, is as follows:

Annual Income and Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation

Exempt %	Minimum	Maximum	Exempt %
50	0.00	40,000.00	50
45	40,000.01	40,999.99	45
40	41,000.00	41,999.99	40
35	42,000.00	42,999.99	35
30	43,000.00	43,899.99	30
25	43,900.00	44,799.99	25

20	44,800.00	45,699.99	20
15	45,700.00	46,599.99	15
10	46,600.00	47,499.99	10
5	47,500.00	48,399.99	5
0	48,400.00 and up		0

Section 4. Limitation

No exemption shall be granted if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the subject property for the applicable income tax year equals or exceeds \$48,400.

Section 5. Exclusions, Inclusions and Offsets

Distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in the applicant's federal adjusted gross income shall not be considered income. Any social security benefits that were not included in the applicant's federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income. The applicant's income shall not be offset by any medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid that were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

Section 6. Incorporation Provision

All other provisions of Section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, to the extent not inconsistent with this local law, shall be in effect for the purpose of County real property taxation in the County of Rensselaer.

Section 7. Conflicts Provision

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this local law and any previous local law of the County of Rensselaer, the terms of this local law shall govern and the conflicting or inconsistent terms of the previous local law(s) are hereby amended to be null and void.

Section 8. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York and shall apply to assessment rolls based upon a taxable status date occurring on or after January 1, 2026.

Local Law ADOPTED by the following ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes: 19

Nays: 0

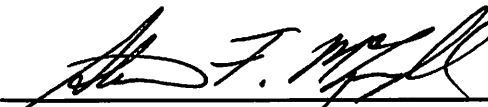
Abstain: 0

October 14, 2025

Approved by the County Executive:

Dated:

11/24/25


 Steven F. McLaughlin
 County Executive

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Local Law No. 2 of the year 2025

A local law A local law Amending Local Law No. 1 of the Year 1991, as amended by Local Law No. 3 of the Year 1991, as amended by Local Law No. 4 of Year 1998, and as amended by Local Law No. 3 of 2024

By: Hoffman

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County of Rensselaer as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The purpose and intent of this local law is to adopt and make effective in Rensselaer County Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, as in effect on the date this local law takes effect, and as such section may be subsequently amended, applicable to the County of Rensselaer County Taxes for qualifying property owners.

Section 2. Applicability

There shall be an exemption from taxation for general county purposes for certain individuals 65 years of age or over in accordance with Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law and this local law.

Section 3. Income Levels

The income level for receipt of a partial exemption from real property taxation for the purposes of taxes levied by the County of Rensselaer, pursuant to Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, is as follows:

Annual Income and Percentage of Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation

Exempt %	Minimum	Maximum	Exempt %
50	0.00	40,000.00	50
45	40,000.01	40,999.99	45
40	41,000.00	41,999.99	40
35	42,000.00	42,999.99	35
30	43,000.00	43,899.99	30
25	43,900.00	44,799.99	25
20	44,800.00	45,699.99	20
15	45,700.00	46,599.99	15

10	46,600.00	47,499.99	10
5	47,500.00	48,399.99	5
0	48,400.00	and up	0

Section 4. Limitation

No exemption shall be granted if the income of the owner or the combined income of the owners of the subject property for the applicable income tax year equals or exceeds \$48,400.

Section 5. Exclusions, Inclusions and Offsets

Distributions received from an individual retirement account or individual retirement annuity that were included in the applicant's federal adjusted gross income shall not be considered income. Any social security benefits that were not included in the applicant's federal adjusted gross income shall be considered income. The applicant's income shall not be offset by any medical and prescription drug expenses actually paid that were not reimbursed or paid for by insurance.

Section 6. Incorporation Provision

All other provisions of Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, to the extent not inconsistent with this local law, shall be in effect for the purpose of County real property taxation in the County of Rensselaer.

Section 7. Conflicts Provision

In the event of a conflict or inconsistency between this local law and any previous local law of the County of Rensselaer, the terms of this local law shall govern and the conflicting or inconsistent terms of the previous local law(s) are hereby amended to be null and void.

Section 8. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York and shall apply to assessment rolls based upon a taxable status date occurring on or after January 1, 2026.

Local Law ADOPTED by the following ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes: 19

Nays: 0

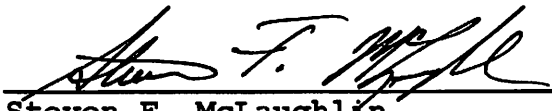
Abstain: 0

October 14, 2025

Approved by the County Executive:

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County of Rensselaer

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2025

A local law A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING THE MAXIMUM TERM FOR WHICH THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF RENSSELAER COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO A GROUND LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY RENSSELAER COUNTY

By: Bayly Hoffman

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County of Rensselaer as follows:

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law

Section 1. Forty Year Term

Notwithstanding Section 215 of the New York State County Law, the County Legislature of Rensselaer County is hereby authorized to lease pursuant to a ground lease agreement real property owned by Rensselaer County for an original term not to exceed forty years. Any such ground lease agreement may provide for the renewal thereof, provided that the term of each such renewal shall not exceed forty years.

Section 2. Severability

If any article, section, subsection, paragraph, phase or sentence of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate district, and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 3. Effective Date

This local law is adopted subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule.

Local Law ADOPTED by the following ROLL CALL vote:

Ayes: 19
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
December 9, 2025

Approved by the County Executive:

Dated: 12/22/25


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Local Law No. 4 of the year 2025

A local law Amending and Updating the Rensselaer County Charter

By: Hoffman, Loveridge, Bayly, Herrington, Casale, Choquette, Fiacco, Gendron, Grant, Maloney, Patire, Rogers, Wysocki

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County of Rensselaer as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent. The Rensselaer County Legislature recognizes that it is advisable to periodically amend and update the Rensselaer County Charter.

Section 2. Amend and Update Sections of the Rensselaer County Charter as follow. Upon the adoption of this local law, the Rensselaer County Charter is hereby amended and updated as follows:

A. All titles shall be gender neutral;

B. Section 2.02 shall read as follows:

"Section 2.02 Election of Members. Members of the County Legislature shall be elected at a General Election and serve four(4) year terms, unless completing the unexpired term of a prior Legislator or unless otherwise required by law, and pursuant to the provisions set forth in Article 17 of this Charter and titled "Legislative Apportionment"."

C. Section 2.05 shall read as follows:

"Section 2.05 Organization Meeting. By the 15th Day of January following the General Election of all members to the County Legislature, such elected and duly qualified members shall meet and organize by choosing a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and Vice Chairperson for Finance. The Majority and Minority shall each choose their own Leader. All such Officers of the Legislature shall serve a term of four years or until the next General Election of the County Legislature. The Legislature shall also choose a Legislative Clerk and such other aides and personnel as they shall deem necessary, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Legislature unless a different term is specified in this Charter."

D. Section 2.09 shall read as follows:

"Section 2.09 Structure of Salaries for Members of the County Legislature. There shall be an annual salary for members of the County Legislature of \$25,000.00 for each member of the Legislature, \$30,000.00 for Vice Chairperson of the Legislature, Vice Chairperson of the Legislature for Finance, Majority Leader and Minority Leader, and \$35,000.00 for the Chairperson of the Legislature. Commencing January 1st, 2026, and on January 1st of each succeeding year, the aforementioned salaries shall be increased each year on January 1st from the applicable current amount of such salaries by the same percentage increase applicable for January 1st of that year for the members of the largest union employed by the County."

E. Section 3.01 shall read as follows:

"Section 3.01 Election and Qualifications. The County Executive shall be a qualified elector of Rensselaer County at the time of his or her election and shall remain a qualified elector of Rensselaer County throughout his or her term of office. The term of office for the county Executive shall be four (4) years and run concurrently with the Legislature. During his or her tenure as County Executive he or she shall hold no other paid public or paid political office, except as herein provided. The County Executive shall be paid a minimum salary of \$27,500.00 per annum. Commencing January 1st, 2026, and on January 1st of each succeeding year, the County Executive's current salary shall be increased each year on January 1st from the applicable current amount of such salary by the same percentage increase applicable for January 1st of that year for the members of the largest union employed by the County."

F. Section 5.03 (B) (4) shall read as follows:

"4. Following completion of the Public Hearing, and prior to December 2 of each year, a committee consisting of the County Executive, the Budget Director, the Chairperson of the County Legislature, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the County Legislature, and the Members of the Budget and Finance Committee may convene to review the suggested changes to the Tentative Budget, if applicable. Thereafter, and on or before December 5, the Chairperson of the County Legislature shall convene a regular or special meeting of the County Legislature to consider and adopt an Annual Budget. Whenever the Tentative Budget or the suggested changes to the Tentative Budget shall cause an increase in the county wide cumulative tax rate, the Annual Budget shall be adopted by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Legislature; upon a vote of less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Legislature, the Tentative Budget as submitted by the County Executive and as modified by the legislative provisions approved by the County Executive, to the extent same complies with applicable law, shall constitute the Annual Budget for the ensuing year and the County Legislature shall provide for the raising of taxes required by such Annual Budget in the manner and within the time prescribed by law. The Legislature shall have until December 10 of each year to obtain the aforementioned two-thirds (2/3) vote."

Section 3. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Motion to TABLE made by Ms. Nichols with a second by Mr. Zalewski.

Motion to TABLE FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 (Fleming, Galuski, Grimm, Nichols, Weaver, Zalewski)

Nays: 13

Abstain: 0

Local Law ADOPTED by the following Roll Call vote:

Ayes: 16

Nays: 3 (Grimm, Nichols, Zalewski)

Abstain: 0

December 9, 2025

Approved by the County Executive:

Dated: 12/23/25



Steven F. McLaughlin
County Executive