

SPECIAL RULES

August 12, 2025

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# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Introduced by Legislator(s) Hoffman

Sent To: \_\_\_\_\_ Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Date August 12, 2025

Resolution No. P/337/25

## RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IMPLEMENT TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES IDENTIFIED IN THE 2024 HOOSICK CORRIDOR ROAD STUDY

**WHEREAS**, Hoosick Road (New York State Route 7) is a critical transportation artery serving the Town of Brunswick, the City of Troy, and the broader Capital Region, functioning as a vital corridor for freight movement, tourism, and regional connectivity between Vermont and the New York State Thruway; and

**WHEREAS**, The Route 7 corridor has experienced a significant increase in commercial and residential development, including new supermarkets, fast food establishments, and apartment complexes, with additional projects currently under consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, While such development has contributed to local economic growth and increased municipal revenues, it has also resulted in substantial traffic congestion, with peak-hour travel times exceeding 12 to 15 minutes for a stretch of just 2.5 miles; and

**WHEREAS**, The corridor accommodates more than 25,000 vehicles daily, leading to frequent delays, heightened accident rates, and growing unpredictability for commuters and emergency services; and

**WHEREAS**, Residents have expressed escalating concerns regarding noise pollution, air quality, and safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists, all of which have adversely impacted quality of life in the surrounding communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The 2024 Hoosick Corridor Road Study has identified specific mitigation strategies to address these infrastructure challenges, including roadway design improvements, enhanced traffic signal coordination, and expanded safety measures for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Rensselaer County Legislature respectfully urges the New York State Department of Transportation to act swiftly on the recommendations outlined in the 2024 Hoosick Corridor Road Study in order to improve traffic flow, enhance safety, and protect the quality of life for residents and businesses along the Hoosick Road corridor; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this resolution be shared with Town of Brunswick Supervisor Phil Herrington, Town Board Members Mark Balistreri, Gordon Christian, James Sullivan and Mark Cipperly, NYS DOT Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Jake Ashby, Assemblyman Scott Bendett, Assemblyman John McDonald, and any others deemed necessary

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**August 12, 2025**

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Resolution No. G/338/25

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK,  
IMPOSING TAXES ON SALES AND USES OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND OF  
CERTAIN SERVICES, AND ON OCCUPANCY OF HOTEL ROOMS AND AMUSEMENT CHARGES,  
PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 29 OF THE TAX LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Rensselaer, New York, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** The first sentence of section two of Resolution no. G/142/68 as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2: Imposition of sales tax. On and after December 1, 1982, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid a tax of three percent upon, and for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, there is hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional tax of one percent upon:

**SECTION 2:** Subdivision (f) of section three of Resolution no. G/142/68 as enacted in nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

(f) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, the provisions of subdivisions (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this section apply, except that for the purposes of this subdivision, all references in said subdivisions (a), (b), (c), and (d) to an effective date shall be read as referring to September 1, 1994, all references in said subdivision (a) to the date four months prior to the effective date shall be read as referring to May 1, 1994, and the reference in subdivision (b) to the date immediately preceding the effective date shall be read as referring to August 31, 1994. Nothing herein shall be deemed to exempt from tax at the rate in effect prior to September 1, 1994 any transaction which may not be subject to the additional tax imposed effective on that date.

**SECTION 3:** Section four of Resolution no. G/142/68 as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

SECTION 4: Imposition of compensating use tax. (a) Except to the extent that property or services have already been or will be subject to the sales tax under this enactment, there is hereby imposed on every person a use tax for the use within this taxing jurisdiction on and after September 1, 1994, except as otherwise exempted under this enactment, (A) of any tangible personal property purchased at retail, (B) of any tangible personal property (other than computer software used by the author or other creator) manufactured, processed or assembled by the user, (i) if items of the same kind of tangible personal property are offered for sale by him in the regular course of business or (ii) if items are used as such or incorporated into a structure, building or real property, by a contractor, subcontractor or repairman in erecting structures or buildings, or building on, or otherwise adding to, altering, improving, maintaining, servicing or repairing real property, property or land, as the terms real property, property or land are defined in the real property tax law, if items of the same kind are not offered for sale as such by such contractor, subcontractor or repairman or other user in the regular course of business, (C) of any of the services described in paragraphs (1), (7) and (8) of subdivision (c) of section two, (D) of any tangible personal property, however acquired, where not acquired for purposes of resale, upon which any of the services described under paragraphs (2), (3) and (7) of subdivision (c) of section two have been performed, (E) of any telephone answering service described in subdivision (b) of section two; (F) of any computer software written or otherwise created by the user if the user offers software of a similar kind for sale as such or as a component part of other property in the regular course of business, G) of any prepaid telephone calling service, and (H) of any gas or electricity described in subdivision (b) of section two of the enactment.

(b) For purposes of clause (A) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for such property, or for the use of such property, including any charges for shipping or delivery as described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one, but excluding any credit for tangible personal property accepted in part payment and intended for resale.

(c) For purposes of subclause (i) of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the price at which

items of the same kind of tangible personal property are offered for sale by the user, and the mere storage, keeping, retention or withdrawal from storage of tangible personal property by the person who manufactured, processed or assembled such property shall not be deemed a taxable use by him; provided, however, that if the user uses such an item itself on its own premises (not including making a gift of such tangible personal property), solely in the conduct of the user's own business operations, and the item retains its characteristic as tangible personal property when so used, the tax shall be at the rate, and on the consideration, described in subdivision (d) of this section.

(d) For purposes of subclause (ii) of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the tangible personal property manufactured, processed or assembled into the tangible personal property the use of which is subject to tax, including any charges for shipping or delivery as described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, for purposes of clause (B) of subdivision (a) of this section, there shall be no tax on any portion of such price which represents the value added by the user to tangible personal property which he fabricates and installs to the specifications of an addition or capital improvement to real property, property or land, as the terms real property, property or land are defined in the real property tax law, over and above the prevailing normal purchase price prior to such fabrication of such tangible personal property which a manufacturer, producer or assembler would charge an unrelated contractor who similarly fabricated and installed such tangible personal property to the specifications of an addition or capital improvement to such real property, property or land.

(f) For purposes of clauses (C), (D), and (E) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the service, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the performance of the service and also including any charges for shipping and delivery of the property so transferred and of the tangible personal property upon which the

service was performed as such charges are described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one.

(g) For purposes of clause (F) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the tangible personal property which constitutes the blank medium, such as disks or tapes, used in conjunction with the software, or for the use of such property, and the mere storage, keeping, retention or withdrawal from storage of computer software described in such clause (F) by its author or other creator shall not be deemed a taxable use by such person.

(h) For purposes of clause (G) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing March 1, 2000, and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for the service, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the service and also including any charges for shipping and delivery of the property so transferred as such charges are described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one; provided that, if the user offers like services for sale in the regular course of business, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent of the price at which the user offers such like services for sale.

(i) For purposes of clause (H) of subdivision (a) of this section, for the period commencing June 1, 2000 and ending November 30, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of four percent, and on and after December 1, 2027, the tax shall be at the rate of three percent, of the consideration given or contracted to be given for, or for the use of, the gas or electricity, including the consideration for any tangible personal property transferred in conjunction with the performance thereof, and including any charges described in paragraph three of subdivision (b) of section one of this enactment.

**SECTION 4:** Subdivision (k) of section six of Resolution no. G/142/68 as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

(k) Exemption of certain energy sources and related services from additional one percent rate of tax. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this resolution, receipts from the retail sale or use of fuel oil and coal used for residential purposes; the receipts from the retail sale or use of wood used for residential heating purposes; and the receipts from every sale, other than for resale, or use of propane (except when sold in containers of less than one hundred pounds), natural gas, electricity, steam and gas, electric and steam services used for residential purposes shall be exempt from the additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed by sections 2 and 4, respectively, of this resolution for the period commencing September 1, 1994, and ending November 30, 2027.

**SECTION 5:** Paragraph (B) of Subdivision (1) of section 11 of Resolution no. G/142/68 as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

(B) With respect to the additional tax of one percent imposed for the period beginning September 1, 1994 and ending November 30, 2027, in respect to the use of property used by the purchaser in this County prior to September 1, 1994.

**SECTION 6:** SECTION 6. Subdivision (a) of section 14 of Resolution no. G/142/68 as enacted in nineteen hundred sixty-eight, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

SECTION 14. Disposition of revenues.

(a) Net collections distributed to the County by the State Comptroller pursuant to subdivision (c) of section 1261 of the New York Tax Law, including net collections from the additional one percent rate of sales and compensating use taxes imposed for the period beginning December 1, 2025, and ending November 30, 2027, shall be set aside for County purposes and shall be available for any County purpose, except that a portion of such net collections shall be distributed in accordance with the sales tax distribution agreement pursuant to the authority of section 1262(c) of the New York Tax Law among Rensselaer County, the City of Rensselaer and the City of Troy dated March 1, 2021, as approved by the New York State Comptroller on October 1, 2021.

**SECTION 7:** This enactment shall take effect on December 1, 2025.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**August 12, 2025**

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Clerk of the Legislature

Sent to County Executive \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk of the Legislature



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Executive Action

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Veto Message Attached and Returned to Clerk

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County Executive

# RENSSELAER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Resolution No. P/339/25

## RESOLUTION APPOINTING RENSSELAER COUNTY AUDITOR

**BE IT RESOLVED,** Pursuant to Section 5.01 of the Rensselaer County Charter, that Jonathan Goebel, 510 Hoags Corners Road, Nassau, N.Y. 12123 is hereby appointed Rensselaer County Auditor.

**Resolution ADOPTED by the following vote:**

**Ayes:**

**Nays:**

**Abstain:**

**August 12, 2025**