

# Local Law Filing

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of Onondaga

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 9 of the year 2016

A local law REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM BETWEEN  
(Insert Title)  
THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA AND THE ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY  
(OCWA)

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

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of Onondaga,

as follows:

Section 1. Findings/Purpose. Water is an immeasurably valuable asset for generating opportunities for economic growth and development, and regional prosperity is promoted by having strong, sustainable, long-term water supply and distribution network systems.

The County of Onondaga is the owner of property, both real and personal, constituting water district assets for the Onondaga County Water District, the Southwood-Jamesville Water District, and the Warners Water District (collectively "Districts"). This local law sets forth the details by which Onondaga County cooperates with the Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA), a public water authority, to consolidate the parties' respective network of public water supply systems for the benefit of all users.

To achieve greater levels of economy and efficiency, the County has reorganized several of its administrative units, changing the way in which services are delivered and administered and investing in new enterprise technologies and structures. In this same vein, the County intends to effectuate a consolidation of operations and a combination of physical assets with OCWA.

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

Section 2. Agreement Authorized. The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably needed granting use and access to the property of the Districts, both real and personal, for a period not to exceed a period of thirty (30) years, where the intent of such agreements is to effectuate the consolidation of the public water supply system between the County and OCWA. The consideration for such use and access shall be the continued benefit to the public of a long-term, strong and sustainable water supply and the anticipated efficiencies and cost savings to be gained from the consolidated administration and operation of the Districts' assets. OCWA shall be engaged to provide operations and maintenance services in connection with the use and access to the Districts' assets.

Section 3. Continuation of Districts. Each of the County's Districts shall continue in effect: the Onondaga County Water District, the Southwood-Jamesville Water District, and the Warners Water District. The Metropolitan Water Board shall continue to be the Administrative Head of the Onondaga County Water District, advising the County Executive and the County Legislature on matters relative to such district. A Schedule of Rates to be Charged for Water and Water Service provided by the Onondaga County Water District shall continue and be periodically amended on recommendation of the Metropolitan Water Board and after confirmation by the County Legislature, consistent with prior legislation and Resolution No. 162-2014.

Section 4. Environmental Assessment. Documentation shall be retained showing that activities undertaken in connection with this local law are in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and have been subjected to the appropriate programmatic reviews.

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect on January 1, 2017, and shall be filed in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, subject to a permissive referendum.

(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. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, 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. 9 of 2016 of the (County)(~~City~~)(~~Town~~)(~~Village~~) of Onondaga was duly passed by the County Legislature on October 11, 2016, and was (approved)(~~not approved~~) (repassed after disapproval) by the County Executive on October 26, 2016. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of December 10, 2016, 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 November \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 4 above.

*Deborah L. Maturo*

Clerk of the county legislative body, ~~City, Town or Village or~~  
~~designated by local legislative body~~

Date: December 13, 2016

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