

LOCAL LAW 3 OF THE YEAR 2023
TOWN OF HAMMOND, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

Title: Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Real Property Tax Exemption

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF HAMMOND, COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the town board of the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence to provide a real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law Section 466-f.

SECTION 2. Authority

Real Property Tax Law Section 466-f authorizes the town board to adopt a local law providing a real property tax exemption of up to ten percent of the assessed value of real property owned by qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers.

SECTION 3. Grant of Real Property Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

The Town Board of the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence hereby provides a real property tax exemption of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of real property for individuals that meet the following qualifications:

- The individual is an enrolled and certified member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or volunteer ambulance service that serves the Town of Hammond and has a minimum of two (2) years of service; and
- The individual resides in the town and the property receiving the benefit is the primary residence of the individual and is used exclusively for residential purposes, and any portion of the property not used for residential purposes shall be subject to taxation
- The Town Board has determined the procedure for certification of qualified firefighters based on criteria and a methodology provided by the Hammond Fire and Rescue. Points are awarded to active members for attending meetings, responding to calls, responding to mutual aid, standby, training, marching, monthly work details, after call work detail, attending committee meetings, boot drive, field day, other work details, other fundraisers and serving on the executive board. Active members are required to earn a specific number of points based on their seniority in the organization.

SECTION 4. Grant of Lifetime Real Property Tax Exemption for Certain Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers

The Town Board of the Town of Hammond, County of St. Lawrence hereby provides a lifetime real property tax exemption of ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of real property for any individuals that have been certified by the authority having jurisdiction over an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service as having accrued twenty or more years of active service, so long as their primary residence remains within the Town of Hammond.

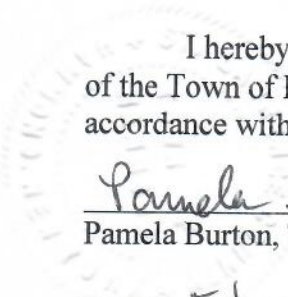
SECTION 5. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, 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 circumstances, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

SECTION 6. Effective date

This local law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as Local Law # 3 of 2023 of the Town of Hammond was duly passed by the Town Board on May 10, 2023, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.


Pamela Burton
Pamela Burton, Town Clerk

Dated: 5/10, 2023

State of New York)
County of St. Lawrence)ss.:

I, the undersigned hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.


Scott B. Goldie, Esq., Town Attorney Town of Hammond

Dated: May 18, 2023

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 Hammond

Local Law No. _____ of the year 20²³

A local law Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Workers Real Property Tax Exemption
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Hammond Town Board _____ of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

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

of Hammond _____ as follows:

See attached.

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

(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. 3 of 2023 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Hammond was duly passed by the Hammond Town Board on May 10 2023, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

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) (Name of Legislative Body) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted (Elective Chief Executive Officer*) 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) (Name of Legislative Body) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. (Elective Chief Executive Officer*)

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) (Name of Legislative Body) (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*)

* 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 _____ above.

Pamela Burton, Town Clerk
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or
officer designated by local legislative body

Date: *May 10, 2023*

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