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Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:32 PM
To: Sue Dove <sdove@townofskaneateles.com>
Subject: Property Tax Exemption

Sue,

I did not realize this until I have been bombarded with questions. The property tax exemption for firefighters states they must be members for 5 years. It appears the school district and the village is going with 2 years as a member. The members would like to know why the town went with 5 years. It is our understanding that the state allowed 2 years minimum to 5 years maximum as a member. The idea of this was to recruit and retain membership. The first 2 years as a new member takes a lot of hours for training. It can be toughest years as a firefighter to gain there training certificates to become certified firefighters in the State of New York. It takes hours away from their homes, families, and at times their jobs to train let alone answer alarms and attend department drills. We feel that this should have been 2 years as a member from the town as the school and village are. Please respond as to why the town chose the 5 year membership so I can have an answer for the membership.

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Town of Skaneateles
Local Law __ of the Year 2023
A Local Law to Amend Article IX of Chapter 134
of the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles as follows:

Section 1. Authority

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law and Article 4 of the New York Real Property Tax Law.

Section 2. Purpose

This local law amends Article IX of Chapter 134 of the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles (the "Town Code"), titled "Volunteer Fire Fighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption" to change the minimum service requirement for enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service from five years to two years.

Section 3. Amendment to Article IX of Chapter 134 of the Town Code

This local law shall amend Section 134-27(B)(4) of Article IX of Chapter 134 of the Town Code as follows:

- (4) The applicant has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service as an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or voluntary ambulance service for at least ~~five~~ two (2) years.

Section 4. State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

The Town Board has considered the provisions of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law ("SEQRA") and the regulations adopted thereunder at 6 NYCRR Part 617 and finds that the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, no further review is required under SEQRA.

Section 5. 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 6. Effective date

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF SKANEATELES**

**Proposed Local Law to Amend Article IX of Chapter 134
of the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 20(4), Board Member _____ has introduced for consideration Local Law No. __ of 2023 entitled “A Local Law to Amend Article IX of Chapter 134 of the Town Code of the Town of Skaneateles” (the “Proposed Local Law”); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Proposed Local Law is to amend Article IX of Chapter 134 of the Town Code titled “Volunteer Fire Fighters and Ambulance Workers Exemption” to change the minimum service requirement for enrolled members of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service from five years to two years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (the “Regulations”), with respect to the adoption of the Proposed Local Law; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to comply with the requirements of the New York Town Law and the New York Public Officers Law and shall schedule a public hearing to allow the public to comment on the Proposed Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board will hold a public hearing on _____, 2023 at ____ p.m. to hear all persons interested in the Proposed Local Law and to consider the adoption of the Proposed Local Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby classifies the Proposed Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA involving the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(33) of the Regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall cause notice of such public hearing to be published in the official Town newspaper in accordance with all legal requirements.

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WHEREAS, by resolution dated March 6, 2023, the Town Board classified the Proposed Local Law as a Type II Action under SEQRA involving the “adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions” as set forth in Section 617.5(c)(33) of the Regulations; and

WHEREAS, following publication of notice in accordance with all legal requirements, the Town held a public hearing concerning the Proposed Local Law on March 20, 2023 in satisfaction of the requirements of the New York Town Law and the New York Public Officers Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby adopts the Proposed Local Law, and that henceforth it will be designated as Local Law No. __ of 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to file the Local Law with the Secretary of State pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 27 and to make all publications required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

The adoption of the foregoing Resolution was moved by _____, seconded by _____, and duly put to vote, which resulted as follows:

Janet Aaron	Voting	Aye/Nay
Courtney Alexander	Voting	Aye/Nay
Sue Dove	Voting	Aye/Nay
Chris Legg	Voting	Aye/Nay
Mark Tucker	Voting	Aye/Nay

The resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Dated: March 20, 2023