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County City Town Village
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of Woodstock

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022

A local law allowing members of the Town Boards, Commissions and Committees (herein referred
(Insert Title)
to as "public bodies") to participate via videoconference.....

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

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Woodstock

as follows:

(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. 1 of 2022 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Woodstock was duly passed by the Town Board on June 21 2022, 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.)

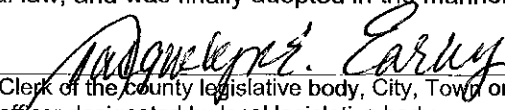
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 ____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified 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 1 above.


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

Date: 06/22/2022

(Seal)

Date: 06/21/2022

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NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
41 STATE STREET, ALBANY NY 12231

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Town of Woodstock

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2022

Town of Woodstock, County of Ulster

A Local Law allowing members of the Town Boards, Commissions and Committees (herein referred to as “public bodies”) to participate in public body meetings via videoconference

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give members of Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, herein referred to as “public bodies” the authority to participate in public body meetings via videoconference.

Videoconferencing has proven to be an effective and useful tool for public body meetings that allows members to participate despite issues such as inclement weather, illness, or travel plans.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10 which authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law superseding any provision of Town Law relating to the property, affairs or government of the town and Open Meetings Law §103-a which authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law allowing for participation in public body meetings via videoconferencing where extraordinary circumstances exist.

Section 3. Videoconferencing

The Town Board of the Town of Woodstock adopts Local Law #1 of 2022 to expressly allow members of public bodies to participate in public body meetings using videoconferencing from a non-public location, provided:

1. a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body's quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend;
2. members of the public body shall be physically present at any such meeting location unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances that a member cannot attend in person because of health risks disability, illness, or caregiving responsibilities;
3. except in the case of executive sessions, the public body shall ensure that members of the public body can be heard, seen and identified, while the
4. meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon;
5. the minutes of the meetings involving videoconferencing shall include which, if any, members participated remotely and shall be available to the public;
6. the public notice for the meeting shall inform the public that videoconferencing will be used, where the public can view and/or participate in such meeting, where required documents and records will be posted or available, and identify the physical location for the meeting where the public can attend;
7. the public body shall provide the opportunity for members of the public to view such meeting via video, and to participate in proceedings via videoconference in real time where public comment or participation is authorized and shall ensure that videoconferencing authorizes the same public participation or testimony as in person participation or testimony;
8. open meetings of any public body that are broadcast or that use videoconferencing shall utilize technology to permit access by members of the public with disabilities consistent with the 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as amended, and corresponding guidelines. For the purposes of this section, "disability" shall have the meaning defined in section two hundred ninety-two of the executive law;
9. the public body shall provide that each meeting conducted using videoconferencing shall be recorded and such recordings posted or linked on the public website of the public body within five business days following the meeting, and shall remain so available for a minimum of five years thereafter. Such recordings shall be transcribed upon request; and
10. established written procedures governing member and public attendance shall be conspicuously posted on the public website of the public body.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, 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 circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.