

Local Law Filing

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County City Town Village)
of Highland

Local Law No. ____ of the year 2021

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 20. Adult Uses.

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

SECTION I – AMENDMENTS

Chapter 20. Adult Uses of the Highland Town Code shall be amended and retitled as Chapter 20 Adult Oriented Business.

Section §20-2 of the Code of the Town of Highland is hereby repealed and amended in its entirety as follows:

§20-2 Purpose.

The intent of this chapter is to safeguard the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town by regulating the location and operation of adult-oriented businesses within the Town of Highland. Adult-oriented businesses can have serious negative impacts on surrounding areas, including declines in property values, degradation of neighborhoods, increases in crime and deterioration of community character. This has been substantiated by a number of studies conducted throughout the United States. The Town of Highland has considered the findings of these studies and those incorporated in the cases of; a) City of Renton v. Playtime Theatres, Inc., 475 U.S. 41 (1986); b) Young v. American Mini Theatres, 426 U.S. 50 (1976); and c) Northend Cinema, Inc. v. Seattle, 585 P.2d 1153 (Wash. 1978). The Town's intent in enacting this section is not to restrict speech protected by the First Amendment but rather to provide for it in a way that is consistent with the demands of the U.S. Constitution, as expressed in the referenced cases. It is also, however, intended to address, in a practical way, the very real secondary effects of adult-oriented businesses on the peace, good order and safety of Town residents.

SECTION II – SEVERABILITY

If any part or provision of this local law is judged invalid by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in application to the part of provision directly on which judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this law or the

application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The Town hereby declares that it would have enacted the remainder of this law even without such part of provision or application.

SECTION III - EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall become effective immediately upon the filing in the office of the New York Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

(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 2021 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Highland was duly passed by the Town of Highland Town Board on _____ 2021, 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. _____ 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 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 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 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.

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

(Seal)

Date: _____

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF _____

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.

Signature

Title

County
City of _____
Town
Village

Date: _____