

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 2025

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED
IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C**

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Village of Freeville as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to allow the Village of Freeville to adopt a budget for the fiscal year commencing June 1, 2025 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by vote of at least sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Village Board of the Village of Freeville, County of Tompkins is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2025-2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the limit specified in General Municipal Law §3-c.

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.



Village of
Freeville, New York

5 Factory Street, PO BOX 288

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HOURS: MWF 8-11am

Local Law No. 2 of 2025
Dog Law

This law repeals Local Law # 3 of 1979 in its entirety.

Purpose:

This article is enacted to enhance the safety, peace, and cleanliness of the streets, sidewalks, parks, and other private and public property of the Village of Freeville by enforcing certain regulations and restrictions on the activities of canines.

Section 1: Leashing

No person owning or harboring a dog shall allow the dog to run at large within the Village. Dogs must be confined to the owner's property or kept on a leash under the immediate control of the owner at all times.

Section 2: Prohibited Acts

No person owning, harboring, keeping, walking, or having custody or control of a dog shall allow the dog to:

A. Create Excessive Noise

Howl, bark, or make noise in a manner that creates unnecessary and unreasonable disturbance. A dog is considered a public nuisance if it barks or howls persistently for more than three consecutive hours. Each subsequent 24-hour period during which the behavior continues constitutes a separate violation.

B. Commit Public or Private Nuisance

Defecate, dig, or otherwise cause damage or nuisance on public property, including streets, sidewalks, parks, and play areas, or on private property without the owner's consent.

1. **Waste Removal Requirement:** The defecation restriction does not apply if all waste is immediately and properly removed using a sanitary method and disposed of in a refuse container.
2. **Prohibited Disposal Methods:** Waste or feces shall not be deposited in sewers or drains, whether storm or sanitary.

Section 3: Penalties for Offenses

A violation of any provision of this article is hereby deemed to be an offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250 or imprisonment for a period not to exceed 15 days, or both. Unless otherwise stated, each week's violation shall constitute a separate offense punishable by like penalty.

Section 4: Effective Date

In addition to provisions of this law, all canine laws and licensing regulations of the Town of Dryden apply to Village residents. All Village codes, laws or parts of same in conflict herewith are repealed.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this law shall not affect the validity of any part of this law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

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



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HOURS: MWF 8-11AM

Local Law No. 3 of 2025 Dumping & Burning

This law repeals Local Law # 7 of 2010 (Dumping & Burning) in its entirety.

Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of this local law is to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the people of the Village of Freeville by prohibiting the dumping or burning of refuse and regulating open burning and recreational fires.

It is recognized that occasional recreational fires, as allowed herein, are acceptable in the Village of Freeville when using clean firewood.

Section 2: Definitions

Approved Container: A properly maintained and utilized barbeque grill, barbeque pit, or outdoor fireplace that includes a spark-arresting screen, a lid, or a mechanism through which combustion products pass via a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber.

Firewood: Clean, seasoned wood.

Garbage: Putrescent animal and vegetable waste resulting from food handling, preparation, cooking, and consumption; household trash is also considered "garbage."

Open Burning: The burning of materials outside an approved container, wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack, chimney, or spark-arresting screen from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots, or similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames.

Recreational Fire: An outdoor fire burning materials other than garbage, rubbish, or refuse, conducted within an approved container.

Refuse: Non-putrescent and putrescent solid waste, including garbage, rubbish, ashes, incinerator residue, street cleanings, dead animals, abandoned automobiles and their parts, agricultural waste (excluding usable agricultural equipment), commercial waste, industrial waste, and construction and demolition debris, including commercial and industrial

equipment with no value other than scrap metal, as well as pressure-treated or painted wood.

Section 3: Provisions

1. Dumping

There shall be no dumping of garbage or rubbish inside the Village of Freeville, or any refuse which will constitute a hazard to health, created an unsanitary condition, or be of general nuisance.

2. Prohibited Burning

A. Burning is prohibited:

1. When any federal, state, county, or local law, including burn bans, prohibits burning.
2. At the discretion of the Freeville Fire Department, if deemed unsafe for any property or group of properties.
3. Burning of garbage, rubbish, or refuse is prohibited.
4. Open burning, including field burning or fires outside the constraints of an approved container, is prohibited.
5. Burning is prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make it hazardous.

3. Recreational Fires

A. **General:** Recreational fires are permitted only if conducted in accordance with this section.

B. **Location:** Recreational fires must be at least 15 feet from any structure and at least 25 feet from any property line. The Village of Freeville Code Enforcement Officer may require greater distances if deemed necessary.

C. **Attendance:** Recreational fires must be constantly attended until fully extinguished. A portable fire extinguisher or other on-site extinguishing equipment (e.g., dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck) must be available for immediate use.

Section 4: Penalties

Upon conviction, a \$200 fine per occurrence shall be levied against any property found in violation of said law. After 30 days of written notice of said levy, unpaid violations will incur a 5% penalty fee per month. Any unpaid balance as of April 1st will be re-levied to the Village tax roll. Each day of continued violation of this Local Law, after written notice thereof, shall constitute a separate additional violation.

Section 5: Effective Date

All codes, laws or parts of same in conflict herewith are repealed.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this law shall not affect the validity of any part of this law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

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

Local Law No. 4 of the Year 2025
Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law

SECTION I: Purpose

A local law to incorporate Local Law #2 of 2017 - "Renewable Energy Facilities Law of the Village of Freeville, New York." into the village land use laws with the intent to make clear the variance process.

SECTION II: Application

Section 372 of the land use laws was previously reserved.

The contents of Local Law #2 of 2017 will now be known as Section 372 of the land use laws and be included in such.

Section 373-399 will remain reserved.

SECTION III: SUPERSEDING EFFECT

All Local Laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Freeville in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Local Law No. 5 of the Year 2025
Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law

SECTION I: Purpose

A local law to amend the village of Freeville land use law to change **316.04 Residential Occupancy of a Recreational Vehicle**

SECTION II: Application

Current Wording

Maximum time for residential occupancy of a recreational vehicle is 14 consecutive days. Such habitation requires self-contained utility and sanitation systems or connections.

Proposed Wording

On property with a direct sanitation connection or a legal dwelling with a direct sanitation connection:

- Maximum residential occupancy of a recreational vehicle: 14 consecutive days.
- Maximum residential occupancy per year: 56 days.

On property without a direct sanitation connection or dwellings with sanitation connections:

- The recreational vehicle must have self-contained sanitation systems.
- Maximum residential occupancy of a recreational vehicle: 4 consecutive days.
- Maximum residential occupancy per year: 16 days.

SECTION III: SUPERSEDING EFFECT

All Local Laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Freeville in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

**Local Law No. 6 of the Year 2025
Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law**

SECTION I: Purpose

A local law to amend the village of Freeville land use law to change **Section 341: Residential Activities**

SECTION II: Application

Proposed Addition

Zone:	R	AG	FH/CC	C
341.04 Vehicle Residential Activity: The occupancy of a vehicle for permanent residential use, including activities typically conducted in a house, such as sleeping or eating regularly within the vehicle. Temporary occupancy of recreational vehicles with sanitation systems, or on a legal lot that includes a residential dwelling with functioning and accessible sanitation and utility systems, is subject to the restrictions outlined in 316.04 .	NO	NO	NO	NO
341.05 Tent Residential Activity: The occupancy of a tent for permanent residential use, including activities typically conducted in a house, such as sleeping and eating regularly in the tent. Temporary occupancy of a tent for recreational purposes is subject to the restrictions outlined in 342.33 .	NO	NO	NO	NO

Violators are subject to penalties. See Section 420.

SECTION III: SUPERSEDING EFFECT

All Local Laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Freeville in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

**Local Law No. 7 of the Year 2025
Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law**

SECTION I: Purpose

A local law to amend the village of Freeville land use law to change **342.33 Recreational Camping**

SECTION II: Application

Current Wording

Zone:	R	AG	FH/CC	C
342.33 Recreational Camping: day camp or short-term overnight camping, including picnicking, swimming, hiking, or similar activities, but not including educational or religious programs or public assembly.	A	A	A	S

Proposed Wording

Zone:	R	AG	FH/CC	C
342.33 Recreational Camping: day camp or short-term temporary overnight camping in a tent, including activities such as picnicking, swimming, hiking, or similar recreational pursuits. This definition excludes educational or religious programs, public assemblies, and residential activities, as outlined in Section 341.05: Tent Residential Activity. Maximum allowed time is 7 consecutive days per lot. Maximum time per year 24 days per year per lot.	A	A	A	A

SECTION III: SUPERSEDING EFFECT

All Local Laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Freeville in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Local Law No. 8 of the Year 2025
Amendment to the Village of Freeville Land Use Law

SECTION I: Purpose

A local law to amend the village of Freeville land use law to change **420.2 Civil Penalties** daily maximum fine amount from \$100 to \$200.

SECTION II: Application

Current Wording

420.2 Civil Penalties. In addition to those penalties proscribed by State law, any person, firm, corporation, or other party or entity, whether owner, tenant, builder, or contractor working on a subject lot or, facility who violates any provision of this code, or any term or condition of any Permit, Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance, Stop Work Order, Operating Permit, or other notice or order issued by the Code Enforcement Official pursuant to any provision of this local law, shall be considered guilty of an offense against the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village and, upon conviction, shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$100.00 per day per violation for as long as the violation exists. The civil penalties provided by this subdivision shall be recoverable in an action instituted in the name of this Village.

Proposed Wording

420.2 Civil Penalties. In addition to any penalties prescribed by State law, any person, firm, corporation, or other entity - whether an owner, tenant, builder, or contractor - working on a subject lot or facility who violates any provision of this code, local law, or any term or condition of a Permit, Certificate of Occupancy/Compliance, Stop Work Order, Operating Permit, or other notice or order issued by the Code Enforcement Official pursuant to this local law, shall be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$200.00 per violation for each day or part of a day that the violation continues.

The civil penalties provided under this section shall be recoverable through legal action instituted in the name of the Village.

SECTION III: SUPERSEDING EFFECT

All Local Laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Freeville in conflict with the provisions of this Local Law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

Local Law No. 9 of the Year 2025
Real Property Partial Tax Exemption Law

SECTION I. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this Local Law is to implement the terms and provisions of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, as amended, and to thereby provide graduated income exemption eligibility levels for the granting of partial exemption from real property taxation to certain persons sixty-five (65) years of age or over, and certain persons with disabilities. The Tompkins County Assessor's Office will oversee the application and administration of this exemption to properties located within the Village of Freeville.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

(A) Senior Citizens:

Pursuant to the provisions of § 467 of the RPTL, real property located in the Village owned by one or more persons, each of whom is sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or real property owned by husband and wife or by siblings, one of whom is sixty-five (65) years of age or over, or real property owned by one or more persons, some of whom qualify under § 467 of the RPTL and others of whom qualify under § 459-c of the RPTL, shall be partially exempt from taxation by the Village for the applicable taxes specified in said § 467 of the RPTL based upon the income of the owner or combined incomes of the owners. A person otherwise qualifying for such exemption shall not be denied the exemption if such person becomes sixty-five (65) years of age after the appropriate tax status date and before December 31 of the same year. For the purpose of this resolution, the term "sibling" shall mean a brother or sister, whether related through half blood, whole blood, or adoption.

(B) Disabled Individuals:

Pursuant to the provisions of § 459-c of the RPTL, a person with a disability shall mean one who has a physical or mental impairment, which substantially limits such person's ability to engage in one or more major life activities, and (1) is certified to receive social security disability insurance or supplemental social security income benefits under the Federal Social Security Law; or (2) is certified to receive railroad retirement disability benefits under the Federal Railroad Retirement Act; or (3) has received a certificate from the State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped stating such person is legally blind; or (4) is certified to receive disability benefits from the United States Postal Service; or (5) is certified to receive disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.

SECTION III. SCHEDULE AND APPLICATION

(A) Such partial exemption shall be to the extent set forth in the following income schedule:

UP TO	29,000	50%
EQ/MORE	LESS THAN	
29,000	30,000	45%
30,000	31,000	40%
31,000	32,000	35%
32,000	32,900	30%
32,900	33,800	25%
33,800	34,700	20%
34,700	35,600	15%
35,600	36,500	10%
36,500	37,400	5%
24,000	37,400	

(B) Application for such partial exemption must be made by the owner or all owners of the property on forms prescribed and furnished by the assessing authority of Tompkins County. The required information must be provided, and the forms executed as prescribed, and filed at the Tompkins County Assessor's Office on or before the appropriate taxable status date.

SUPERSEDING EFFECT

All local laws, resolutions, rules, regulations, and other enactments of the Village of Freeville in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

VALIDITY

The invalidity of any provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect upon its filing with the Secretary of State and will be implemented in accordance with the schedule set forth by the Tompkins County Assessment Office.