

**2013 LOCAL LAWS OF ORANGE COUNTY**

**LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2013**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 1972 FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS, AS LAST AMENDED BY LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2009, BY INCREASING THE COMPENSATION OF SUCH COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. Section 1 of Local Law No. 8 of the year 1972 entitled "A LOCAL LAW FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF ELECTIONS," as last amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2009, is hereby amended by adding the following salary schedule:

2013	\$ 78,887
2014	\$ 79,676
2015	\$ 80,473
2016	\$ 81,278

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the Commissioners of Elections of Orange County, as increased pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 1 of 2013 was passed on, December 20, 2012 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 20  
Noes: 1  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: January 8, 2013

Filed: January 23, 2013

Effective: January 23, 2013

**LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2013**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2009 AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(s) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER.**

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Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. The annual compensation for the Chairperson of the Orange County Legislature without reference to other provisions of law is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

2014	\$ 49,684
2015	\$ 49,684
2016	\$ 49,684
2017	\$ 49,684

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the Chairperson of the Orange County Legislature, as set forth in Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. Local Law No. 5 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 2 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

Effective: April 9, 2013

### LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2013

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 18 OF 2009 FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(s) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

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Section 1. The annual compensation for the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Orange County Legislature without reference to other provisions of law is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

2014	\$ 36,436
2015	\$ 36,436
2016	\$ 36,436
2017	\$ 36,436

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Orange County Legislature, pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. In the event that there is a tie in the number of members in the two major political parties, as that term is defined by New York State Election Law Section 1-104(24), so that a Majority and Minority Leader cannot be determined, then the party leaders with the two highest numbers of members of the Legislature shall be entitled to compensation as provided in this Local Law.

Section 4. Local Law No. 18 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 3 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

Effective: April 9, 2013

### LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2013

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2009 AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE STATUTORY COMMITTEES OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(s) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

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Section 1. The annual compensation for the Chairpersons of the Statutory Committees of the Orange County Legislature without reference to other provisions of law is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

2014	\$ 33,124
2015	\$ 33,124
2016	\$ 33,124
2017	\$ 33,124

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the Chairpersons of the Statutory Committees of the Orange County Legislature, pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. Local Law No. 6 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 4 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

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### LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2013

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2009 AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE LEGISLATORS OF THE ORANGE COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(s) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. The annual compensation for the members of the Orange County Legislature without reference to other provisions of law is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

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2014	\$ 29,811
2015	\$ 29,811
2016	\$ 29,811
2017	\$ 29,811

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for each member of the Orange County Legislature, pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. Local Law No. 4 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 5 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

Effective: April 9, 2013

## LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2013

### **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2009 AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ORANGE COUNTY TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(g) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. The annual compensation for the County Executive of Orange County without reference to other provisions of law is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

2014	\$ 182,177
2015	\$ 182,177
2016	\$ 182,177

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2017           \$ 182,177

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the County Executive of Orange County, pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. Local Law No. 7 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 6 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 20  
Noes: 1  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

Effective: April 9, 2013

**LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF 2013**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2009 AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE COUNTY CLERK OF ORANGE COUNTY TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.02(g) OF THE ORANGE COUNTY CHARTER.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. The annual compensation for the County Clerk of Orange County without reference to other provisions of law is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

2014	\$ 107,650
2015	\$ 107,650
2016	\$ 107,650
2017	\$ 107,650

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the County Clerk of Orange County, pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

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Section 3. Local Law No. 8 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 7 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 11  
Noes: 10  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

Effective: April 9, 2013

### LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2013

#### **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2009 AND FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF ORANGE COUNTY TO BE EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, PURSUANT TO SECTION 183-a OF THE N.Y.S. JUDICIARY LAW.**

Be it enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with N.Y.S. Judiciary Law § 183-a, the annual compensation for the District Attorney of Orange County is hereby established for the years indicated as follows:

2014	\$ 159,900
2015	\$ 159,900
2016	\$ 159,900
2017	\$ 159,900

Section 2. The rate of annual compensation for the District Attorney of Orange County, pursuant to Section 1 hereof, shall commence as of January 1 of each year, respectively.

Section 3. Local Law No. 9 of 2009 is hereby amended.

Section 4. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

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Local Law No. 8 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

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Filed: April 9, 2013

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### LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2013

#### **A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE.**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Orange as follows:

**Section 1.** This local law shall be known as the "Energize NY Benefit Financing Program," and shall read as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I**

##### **1. Legislative findings, intent and purpose, authority.**

- A. It is the policy of both the County of Orange and the State of New York to achieve energy efficiency and renewable energy goals, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, mitigate the effect of global climate change, and advance a clean energy economy. The County of Orange finds that it can fulfill this policy by providing property assessed clean energy financing to property owners for the installation of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency measures. This Local Law establishes a program that will allow the Energy Improvement Corporation ("EIC"), a local development corporation, acting on behalf of the County of Orange, to make funds available to qualified property owners that will be repaid by such property owners through charges on the real properties benefited by such funds, thereby fulfilling the purposes of this chapter and fulfilling an important public purpose.
- B. The County of Orange is authorized to implement this Energize NY Benefit Financing Program pursuant to Article 5-L of the New York General Municipal Law.
- C. This Local Law shall be known and may be cited as the "Energize NY Benefit Financing Program Law of the County of Orange".

##### **2. Definitions**

For purposes of this Local Law, and unless otherwise expressly stated or unless the context requires, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

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**Authority** – The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, as defined by subdivision two of section eighteen hundred fifty-one of the public authorities law, or its successor.

**County** – County of Orange, State of New York

**EIC** – the Energy Improvement Corporation, a local development corporation, duly organized under section fourteen hundred eleven of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law, authorized hereby on behalf of the County to implement the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program by providing funds to qualified property owners (as defined in this chapter) and providing for repayment of such funds from monies collected by the County tax collector as a charge to be levied on the real property and collected in the same manner and same form as the County taxes.

**Energy Audit** – A formal evaluation or “assessment” of the energy consumption of a permanent building or structural improvement to real property, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of identifying appropriate energy efficiency improvements that could be made to the property.

**Energy Efficiency Improvement** – Any renovation or retrofitting of a building to reduce energy consumption, such as window and door replacement, lighting, caulking, weatherstripping, air sealing, insulation, and heating and cooling system upgrades, and similar improvements, determined to be cost-effective pursuant to criteria established by the Authority, not including lighting measures or household appliances that are not permanently fixed to real property.

**Qualified Property Owner** – An owner of residential or commercial real property located within the boundaries of the County that is determined to be eligible to participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program under the procedures for eligibility set forth under this Local Law.

**Renewable Energy System** – An energy generating system for the generation of electric or thermal energy, to be used primarily at such property, by means of solar thermal, solar photovoltaic, wind, geothermal, anaerobic digester gas-to-electricity systems, fuel cell technologies, or other renewable energy technology approved by the Authority not including the combustion or pyrolysis of solid waste.

**Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study** – A written study, conducted by a contractor certified by the Authority, or certified by a certifying entity approved by the Authority, for the purpose of determining the feasibility of installing a renewable energy system.

### 3. Establishment of an Energize NY Benefit Financing Program

- A. An Energize NY Benefit Financing Program is hereby established by the County, whereby EIC acting on its behalf, may provide funds to Qualified Property Owners in accordance with the procedures set forth under this Local Law, to finance the acquisition, construction and installation of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements and the verification of the installation of such systems and improvements.
- B. The funds provided shall not exceed the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the appraised value of the real property where the Renewable Energy Systems and/or Energy Efficiency Improvements will be located, or the actual cost of installing the Renewable Energy Systems and/or Energy Efficiency

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- C. Improvements, including the costs of necessary equipment, materials, and labor and the cost of verification of such systems and improvements.

### 4. Procedures for eligibility

- A. Any property owner in the County (with the exception of the owners of property located in the cities of Newburgh, Port Jervis or Middletown) may submit an application to EIC on such forms as have been prepared by EIC and made available to property owners on the website of EIC and on the Orange County Government website.
- B. Every application submitted by a property owner shall be reviewed by EIC acting on behalf of the County, which shall make a positive or negative determination on such application based upon the criteria for making a financing enumerated in subsection A of section 5 of this Local Law. EIC may also request further information from the property owner where necessary to aid in its determination.
- C. If a positive determination on an application is made by EIC acting on behalf of the County, the property owner shall be deemed a Qualified Property Owner and shall be eligible to participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program in accordance with the procedure set forth under section 6 of this Local Law; provided that in no case shall a property owner that has received funds from another municipal corporation for the acquisition, construction and installation of Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems be deemed a Qualified Property Owner.

### 5. Application criteria

- A. Upon the submission of an application, EIC acting on behalf of the County, shall make a positive or negative determination on such application based upon the following criteria for the making of a financing:
  - 1. The proposed Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems are determined to be cost effective by the Authority;
  - 2. The proposed Energy Efficiency Improvements and/or Renewable Energy Systems will generate an estimated annual cost savings greater than the annual charge payments;
  - 3. Sufficient funds are available to provide to the property owner;
  - 4. The property owner is current in payments on any existing mortgage;
  - 5. The property owner is current in payments on any existing real property taxes and has been current on real property taxes for the previous three years; and
  - 6. Such additional criteria, not inconsistent with the criteria set forth above, as the County , or EIC acting on its behalf, may set from time to time.

### 6. Opt-in, Energize Finance Agreement

- A. A Qualified Property Owner may participate in the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program through the execution of an Energize Finance Agreement made by and between the Qualified Property Owner and EIC, acting on behalf of the County.
- B. Upon execution of the Energize Finance Agreement, the Qualified Property Owner shall be eligible to receive funds from EIC acting on behalf of the County, for the acquisition, construction, and

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- C. installation of qualifying Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements; provided the requirements of section 7 of this Local Law have been met.
- D. The Energize Finance Agreement shall include the terms and conditions of repayment set forth under section 8 of this Local Law.

### **7. Energy audit, renewable energy system feasibility study**

- A. No funds shall be made available for Energy Efficiency Improvements unless determined to be appropriate through an Energy Audit as defined in Section 2.
- B. No funds shall be made available for a Renewable Energy System unless determined to be feasible through a Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study as defined in Section 2.
- C. The cost of such Energy Audit and/or Renewable Energy System Feasibility Study shall be borne solely by the property owner but may be included in the financed amount if the work is approved.

### **8. Terms and conditions of repayment**

The Energize Finance Agreement between the Qualified Property Owner and EIC acting on behalf of the County, shall set forth the terms and conditions of repayment in accordance with the following:

- A. The principal amount of the funds paid to the Qualified Property Owner hereunder, together with the interest thereon, shall be paid by the property owner as a charge on their real property tax bill and shall be levied and collected at the same time and in the same manner as County taxes, provided that such charge shall be separately listed on the tax bill. The County shall make payment to EIC or its designee in the amount of all such separately listed charges within thirty (30) days of the County real property tax due date.
- B. The term of such repayment shall be determined at the time the Energize Finance Agreement is executed by the property owner and EIC, provided that in no case shall the term exceed the weighted average of the useful life of the systems and improvements as determined by EIC acting on behalf of the County.
- C. The rate of interest for the charge shall be fixed by EIC acting on behalf of the County at the time the Energize Finance Agreement is executed by the property owner and EIC.
- D. The charge shall constitute a lien upon the real property benefited by the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program and shall run with the land. A transferee of title to the benefited real property shall be required to pay any future installments, including interest thereon.

### **9. Verification and report**

- A. EIC shall be responsible for verifying and reporting to the County on the installation and performance of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements financed by such program.

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B. The County shall verify and report on the installation and performance of Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements financed by the Energize NY Benefit Financing Program in such form and manner as the Authority may establish.

**Section 2.** This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Local Law No. 9 of 2013 was passed on, March 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: March 28, 2013

Filed: April 9, 2013

Effective: April 9, 2013

## **LOCAL LAW NO. 10 OF 2013**

### **A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK KNOWN AS THE "HYDRAULIC FRACTURING BRINE PROHIBITION ACT."**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Orange as follows:

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature hereby finds and determines that brine from gas extraction wells may contain toxic substances, including but not limited to heavy metals and radioactive elements, and

**WHEREAS**, this Legislature hereby finds and determines that the use of brine from gas extraction wells and road surface treatment may create health and safety risks to the citizens of Orange County,

**NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Legislature of Orange County, New York, as follows:

#### **Section 1: Title**

This Local Law shall be known by and may be cited as the "Hydraulic Fracturing Brine Prohibition Act".

#### **Section 2: Definitions**

As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

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“Application” shall mean the physical act of placing Brine on one or more County Roads or one or more pieces of County property. Each physical act shall be deemed separate when the person committing the act stops for any reason the placement of the Brine for any purpose, including but not limited to stopping a vehicle in the placement of the Brine, stopping work for any reason, or re-loading or replacing any material or equipment necessary to apply the Brine.

“Brine” shall mean (a) production brine; or (b) produced waters; or (c) flowback; or (d) flowback fluids; or (e) hydraulic fracturing fluid, any or all, which are generated as a result of drilling for, or seeking gas in wells including but not limited to High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing, as defined herein.

“Commissioner” shall mean: The Commissioner of the Department of Public Works except for the use of the word “commissioner” in Section 5 may mean any other commissioner designated by the County Executive or may mean the Commissioner of Public Works as determined by the County Executive.

“Flowback” shall mean liquids and solids produced during initial completion and clean-up of the well or clean-up of a well following a re-fracture or workover.

“Flowback fluids” shall mean liquids produced following drilling and initial completion and clean-up of the well or clean-up of a well following a re-fracture or workover.

“High Volume Hydraulic Fracturing” shall mean a natural gas well stimulation technique consisting of the injection into the earth of a water and chemical mix with the intent of increasing the ability to extract natural gas from very tight rock.

“Hydraulic fracturing fluid” shall mean fluid used to perform hydraulic fracturing and includes the primary carrier fluid and all applicable additives.

“Municipality” shall mean the County of Orange.

“Production brine or produced waters” shall mean liquids co-produced during oil and gas production.

“Property” shall mean real property, improved or otherwise, which the County of Orange owns or controls.

“Roads” shall mean public roads, streets, or bridges owned or controlled by the Municipality.

### **Section 3: Use of the Brine prohibited.**

No Brine (as defined in Section 2) shall be applied to or placed upon Property or Roads of the Municipality. In any bid for materials, services, or equipment which relate to property maintenance or road improvements or road construction, the Municipality, in a bid specification or bid document describing the nature of the services or equipment sought, and any agency or division of the Municipality, shall expressly state in capitalized, bold font, **“THE PLACEMENT OF BRINE ON ANY ROAD OR PROPERTY OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE IS UNLAWFUL. ANY BIDDER SHALL FILE A SWORN STATEMENT WITH THEIR BID THAT NO BRINE AS DEFINED BY LOCAL**

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**LAW OF THE MUNICIPALITY WILL BE SOLD TO THE MUNICIPALITY AS PART OF THE BID, OR UTILIZED ON OR PLACED ON ANY PROPERTY OR ROAD OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE.**

**BIDDERS ARE DIRECTED TO COUNTY OF ORANGE LOCAL LAW NO. OF THE YEAR 2013 FOR THE DEFINITION OF BRINE."**

### **Section 4: Statement to be included in Bid.**

The Statement provided for in Section 3, which shall be a sworn statement under penalty of perjury, shall read substantially as follows:

"We, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby submit a bid for materials, equipment, or labor for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. The bid is for bid documents titled \_\_\_\_\_. We hereby certify under penalty of perjury that no Brine will be used by the undersigned bidder or any contractor, sub-contractor, agent or vendor thereof in connection with the bid; nor will one undersigned Bidder or any sub-contractor, agent, or vendor thereof and/or therefor apply or supply any Brine to any property or road(s) of the County of Orange as a result of the submittal of this bid if selected." The Statement shall otherwise be sworn under penalty of perjury in a form of satisfactory to the County Attorney.

### **Section 5: Duty of Employees to be Familiar with this Local Law.**

The County Executive or, at the County Executive's option, a department head or a commissioner of any department appointed by the County Executive is authorized to develop policies to ensure County employees are familiar with this Local Law and take such steps as are directed by the County Executive or such department head or commissioner to ensure a diligent effort by the County that materials supplied to the County or used on County Roads or Property comply with this Local Law. This shall not excuse non-compliance by a contractor or vendor of the County.

### **Section 6: Penalties for Violations.**

- A.** Breach of Contract. A violation of the provisions of this Local Law shall be deemed a breach of contract and shall authorize the Director of Purchasing in cooperation with the County Attorney and other officer or employee of the County deemed necessary by the County Attorney, to commence a civil Breach of Contract action against the violator of the provisions of this Local Law. Damages sought shall be determined by the County Attorney but may include, and shall not be limited to the cost of any consequential damages of the breach of contract. In addition, the Director of Purchasing may make a finding that the Contractor is not a responsible bidder. The County Attorney is further authorized to commence any necessary action to enjoin any violation of this Local Law he or she believes to be occurring.
- B.** Criminal Penalties. In addition to prosecution for a Perjury as determined by the District Attorney, any person who violates this article shall be guilty of an unclassified misdemeanor and subject to a fine not to exceed \$25,000.00 per violation and/or up to fifteen days' imprisonment. Each application of Brine shall constitute a separate and distinct violation.

### **Section 7: Severability**

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If any provision of this Local Law is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Local Law which shall remain effective absent the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of the Local Law are declared to be severable.

### **Section 8: Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

Local Law No. 10 of 2013 was passed on, May 2, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21  
Noes: 0  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: Did not sign: rec'd 6/7/13

Filed: June 19, 2013

Effective: June 19, 2013

## LOCAL LAW NO. 11 OF 2013

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING AND RESTATING LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2007 AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, ESTABLISHING THE ORANGE COUNTY ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS, EXAMINATION, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS IN ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK.**

**BE IN ENACTED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

### Section 1. **Legislative Intent.**

The Orange County Legislature received recommendations from the Orange County Electrical Licensing Board requesting amendments to the Orange County Electrical Licensing Law to wit: establishing a separate fee schedule for Class B and Class C licenses; requiring that the installation of permanently or temporarily installed generators be grounded or bonded by either a standby or manual transfer switch into the electrical system of a residence be performed by a master electrician and expanding the provisions of Section 23 for reciprocal licenses.

Section 2. Local Law No. 8 of 2007 as previously amended by Local Law No. 2 of 2011 is hereby amended, renumbered and restated as follows:

## LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2007

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE ORANGE COUNTY ELECTRICAL LICENSING BOARD AND PROVIDING FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS,**

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**EXAMINATION, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF ELECTRICIANS IN ORANGE COUNTY,**  
**NEW YORK.**

**BE IN ENACTED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Orange, State of New York as follows:

**Section 1. Legislative Intent.**

The Orange County Legislature does hereby find that the installation, repair and improvement of electrical services and wiring in residential and commercial structures is a unique occupation requiring experience and skills not commonly required for persons performing other occupations. The improper installation, repair and improvement of electrical wiring may create hazardous conditions for the occupants and community. The County Legislature finds that the licensing of electricians is a fair and effective method to insure that qualified persons practice the electrical trade in Orange County in order to protect the public.

Nothing in this local law is designed to interfere with or shall be construed to interfere with (i) any existing state or local law or the industry practice relating to electrical work; (ii) authority of the local municipalities within Orange County to issue certificates of occupancy or any permits necessary for the performance of electrical work to an electrician who has a license issued by the Electrical Licensing Board pursuant to this local law; or (iii) a homeowner from making electrical repairs to his residence, except as provided in Section 21 of this Local Law.

**Section 2. Definitions.**

As used in this local law, unless otherwise indicated, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

“Board” – The Orange County Electrical Licensing Board established by this local law.

“Chairman” – The Chairman of the Orange County Electrical Licensing Board.

“Class B Electrician License” – An electrical license issued to an applicant for the sole use at, and limited to, a specific facility, as an employee of that facility.

“Class C Electrician License” – An electrical license issued to an applicant for the sole purpose and limited to, work in a specific profession.

“Commissioner: - the Commissioner of the Office of Consumer Affairs and Weights and Measures of the County of Orange.

“County Executive” – The County Executive of the County of Orange.

“County Legislature” – The County Legislature of the County of Orange.

“Hands-on experience” – shall mean working with tools in the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat, power and signaling purposes in or on buildings, which work shall have been done in compliance with the National Electrical Code. Hands-on experience shall not include time spent in supervising, engaging in the practice of engineering, estimating and performing other managerial tasks.

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“Homeowner” – any person who owns land in Orange County upon which there is an existing, unattached, single-family home used as such person(s)’ primary residence and/or where there may also be non-residential buildings used solely for the private use of such person and the title thereto being the name of such person, and/or his or her spouse, individually or jointly.

“Journeyman Electrician” – an electrician who has successfully completed a formal electrical apprenticeship program which has been registered and approved by (a) the New York State Department of Labor; (b) another state of the United States of America; or (c) the Bureau of Apprenticeship Training of the United States Department of Labor.

“Master Electrician” – a person who has met all the requirements of the Electrical Licensing Board including a passing grade on the Master Electrician exam.

“Person” – an individual, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, whether or not organized for profit.

“Provisional Electrician License”- An electrical license issued to an applicant who qualifies as per the specifications set forth in Section 16 of this local law.

“Shelve” - the voluntary placement by a person of his County of Orange Master Electrician License in an inactive status. A person with a shelved license shall be unlicensed. This person shall not maintain, conduct, operate, advertise, engage in or transact a business as a Master Electrician in the County of Orange.

“Violation”- shall mean an offense, as defined under Article 10 of the New York State Penal Law, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.00 and/or a sentence to a term of imprisonment not to exceed fifteen days.

### Section 3. **License Required.**

On or after the effective date of this local law, no person shall engage in, carry on or conduct the business of, or hold himself or herself out as, an electrical contractor within the County of Orange unless he or she is licensed pursuant to this local law or unless employed by a person so licensed.

### Section 4. **Electrical Licensing Board.**

- A. There is hereby established in and for the County of Orange, a Board known as the “Orange County Electrical Licensing Board” comprised of the following ten (10) individuals who reside in Orange County:

The Commissioner who shall be a non-voting member of the Board;  
One (1) individual who is qualified as an Electrical Inspector in New York State;  
One (1) member representing the licensing boards of the three cities  
(Newburgh, Middletown and Port Jervis) located in Orange County;  
One (1) union contractor who shall be a licensed Master Electrician;  
One (1) open shop contractor who shall be a licensed Master Electrician;  
Two (2) members of the public;  
One (1) individual representing the County Executive;  
One (1) County Legislator designated by the Chairman of the Legislature; and;

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One (1) representative from the Association of Supervisors and Mayors of Orange County.

- B. Members of the Board, except for the Commissioner, shall be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. Of the members first appointed, one shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year; two for a term of two (2) years; three for a term of three (3) years; and three for a term of five (5) years. Members may continue to serve after the expiration of their respective terms of office until their successors have been appointed and confirmed. The successors of all members of the Board thereafter shall be appointed for terms of five (5) years.
- C. The Board shall elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary from its membership annually.
- D. A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- E. Compensation to be paid to the members of the Board, if any, shall be determined by the County Legislature.

### Section 5. **Powers of the Board.**

The Board shall have the following powers and duties in addition to that elsewhere prescribed in this local law:

- A. Hold regular monthly meetings and special meetings as often as necessary or required. At least twenty-four (24) hours written notice of a special meeting shall be given to the members of the Board.
- B. Adopt by-laws and such rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement this local law, including licensing standards not inconsistent herewith. A certified copy of such by-laws and rules and regulations shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature prior to its effective date.
- C. Review qualifications and fitness of applicants for licenses under this local law.
- D. Assist in the preparation of and review standard written tests in such form as determined by the Board from time to time, based on the applicable New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and relevant reference standards provided in the Code and grade such tests in accordance with such standards.
- E. Issue licenses as authorized by this local law to applicants possessing the requisite qualifications. Licenses shall be signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Board.
- F. Issue notices of violation, appearance tickets, hear and dispose of complaints of alleged violations of this local law. Suspend and/or revoke licenses. Impose and collect fines and penalties. Refer violations to the County Attorney to institute legal action in the name of the County of Orange and enjoin unlawful activity.
- G. Comply with the New York State Public Officers Law (Open Meetings Law & Freedom of Information Law).

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- H. Suspend or revoke licenses "for cause" as per Section 19.
- I. Keep records of all of its meetings and proceedings and of all licenses issued, suspended or revoked and of all fines imposed.
- J. Allow the Commissioner to issue notices of violations and/or appearance tickets for alleged violations of this local law.

### Section 6. **Applications for Licenses.**

- A. Every person seeking a Master Electrician's License in Orange County shall make application, along with the required fee, to the Board in the form and manner prescribed by this local law and any rules and regulations of the Board.
- B. No person shall apply for a license unless, prior to the administration of a written examination, such person satisfies the qualifications set forth herein for a Master Electrician's License.

### Section 7. **Licenses; Term, Renewal, Fees.**

- A. The Board may issue and renew a Master Electrician's License. Such license shall permit the licensee to engage in the business of an electrical contractor who is an owner, officer or partner of an electrical contracting business within the County of Orange for the period of one year from the date it was issued. A Master Electrician will only be entitled to possess one (1) valid Master Electrician's License pursuant to this local law for any given year.
- B. The license fee shall be as follows:
  - i. Residents of Orange County – five hundred (\$500) dollars - for persons who (i) have passed the examination, or (ii) are entitled to a temporary license under Section 16 or (iii) can be issued a license under Section 15 (Grandfather Clause);
  - ii. Residents of New York State - seven hundred and fifty (\$750) dollars;
  - iii. Non-residents of New York State - one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars.
- C. The license fee for a Class B and Class C license issued in accordance with this local law shall be two hundred (\$200) dollars.**
- D. Each application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable check or money order representing the fee as determined by the Board for administration of the examination.
- E. Renewal. All licenses issued under this local law must be renewed annually on or before the expiration thereof for the period of one (1) year upon payment of the applicable annual fee set forth below:

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- (i) Master Electrician's License: one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars for residents of New York State and three hundred and fifty (\$350) dollars for nonresidents of New York State.
  - (ii) **Class B or Class C Licenses: fifty (\$50).**
- F. Each application for renewal of a license must also be accompanied by proof that the individual has successfully completed a refresher course on changes to the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State.
- G. Licensed Master Electricians who are not actively engaged in the business of Master Electrician may shelve such a license for a fee of fifty (\$50) dollars per year.
- H. Failure of a licensed Master Electrician to renew such license after fifteen (15) days of the expiration date shall result in a penalty of fifty (\$50) dollars. If renewal is not received within thirty (30) days from the expiration date, it shall result in revocation of the license unless, upon good cause shown, an additional thirty-day extension is granted by the Board.
- I. Each Master Electrician duly licensed under this local law shall list his or her license number in each advertisement, estimate, bill or contract and post such license number at each job and prominently display it on the electrical license decal issued by the Board on each vehicle while in the course of said licensee's trade or business. One decal shall be provided free of charge upon the issuance of a license hereunder. A fee of ten dollars (\$10) shall be charged for each additional decal needed to comply with the provisions contained herein. Said decals shall include the words "Orange County" and "electric" or "electrical", which must be clearly legible from a distance of fifty (50) feet.
- J. The fee for a Master Electrician's License, "Certificate of Name Change" after initial issuance of Master Electrician's License shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00). A "Certificate of Name Change" shall only be issued to a qualified person as required by this local law who is also the owner, officer, or partner of an electrical contracting business.

### **Section 8. Exemptions from License Requirement.**

This local law shall not apply to:

- A. Persons engaged solely in selling or solely in the attachment of ordinary electric appliances to existing circuits where no jointing or splicing of electrical conductors are required;
- B. The installation, maintenance or repair of elevators, dumbwaiters and escalators;
- C. The repair of heating systems;

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- D. Any work involved in the manufacture, assembly, test or repair of electrical machinery, apparatus, materials and equipment by a person, firm or corporation engaged in electrical manufacturing as his principal business; and
- E. Persons employed by public service companies authorized to do business in the State of New York;
- F. Homeowners engaged in the installation, maintenance, replacement and/or improvement of electrical work in their primary unattached single family residence which is greater than one year old. Replacement shall not include replacement of the entire electrical service on such residence. All such work must comply with local municipal building permit requirements. To the extent that a building permit is required, such electrical work must be inspected by a certified electrical inspector as defined under Section 22 of this local law.

No homeowner shall engage in:

- (i) the construction and installation of electrical wiring for any electrical equipment in or adjacent to all swimming pools, (in-ground or above ground), hydro massage bathtubs, fountains, hot tubs, spas and wading, therapeutic and decorative pools as is covered under Article 680 of the National Electric Code in the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State.
- (ii) the installation of permanently or temporarily installed generators required to be grounded or bonded by either a standby or manual transfer switch into the electrical system under Articles 250 or 702 of the National Electric Code in the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State.**

### Section 9. **Applications.**

Every person desiring a license as a Master Electrician under this local law and who meets the qualifications set forth herein shall apply for a license in such form and detail as the Board may prescribe. Such application shall state, among other things:

1. Name, home and business address;
2. Telephone number;
3. Social security number and employer identification numbers;
4. Valid passport photos for identification;
5. A statement of all qualified work experience and education, setting forth names, addresses and descriptions of work performed or degrees attained, and dates of employment or attendance;
6. A statement of whether the applicant was licensed under any other law, where such license is currently valid, whether such license was ever

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suspended, revoked or other action taken and, if so, the disposition thereof;

7. A statement of whether the applicant was ever convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic infraction, and if so, the disposition thereof;
8. An authorization to the Board to investigate the facts set forth in the application as required to make a determination as to the person's qualifications for an electrical license;
9. A statement that such application is made under penalties of perjury.

### Section 10. **Qualifications for Applicants for Licenses.**

To qualify for the examination, all applicants must possess a minimum of seven (7) years of experience in the installation, alteration, and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling in or on buildings under the requirements of the National Electrical Code as required by the New York State Department of State, Division of Code Enforcement and Administration and/or any municipal codes within the United States which equal or exceed the requirements of the National Electrical Code.

The Board must compute an applicant's years of experience as follows:

- A. Completion of a four-year apprenticeship program approved by both a Federal agency and a Federally-certified State agency and has worked at least two (2) years with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. A Certificate of Completion issued by the apprenticeship program and a certification by an employer regarding the additional two (2) years of hands-on work experience shall be submitted with the application for the electrical license examination; or
- B. A journeyman electrician who has worked at least two (2) years as a journeyman with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit proof of having satisfied the definition of a qualified journeyman electrician and a certification by an employer regarding the additional two (2) years of hands-on work experience; or
- C. A graduate engineer of a college or university who holds a degree of electrical engineering, master engineering or Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and has in addition worked at least three (3) years with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit a copy of his or her diploma and a certification by an employer regarding the additional three (3) years of hands-on work experience; or

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- D. A high school or equivalent who is a graduate of a vocational, industrial or trade school in electric wiring, installation and design or applied electricity, and has worked at least six (6) years with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit a copy of his or her diploma or equivalency diploma and a certification by an employer regarding the additional six (6) years of hands-on work experience; or
- E. A person who attended courses in a college or university leading to a degree in electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering or mechanical engineering, who passed all subjects in the required courses shall be credited with practical experience equal to fifty (50%) percent of the number of curriculum years he has satisfactorily completed which, in no event, however, shall exceed one (1) year's credit of practical experience, and an additional six (6) years of hands-on work experience must have been obtained by working with his or her tools on the installation, alteration and repair of wiring and appliances for light, heat and power and signaling purposes in or on buildings. The applicant shall submit a copy of his or her school transcripts and a certification by an employer regarding the additional six (6) years of hands-on work experience; or
- F. A person who worked in the field of electrical contracting for at least seven (7) years immediately preceding the date of application. The applicant shall submit a certification by an employer regarding the additional seven (7) years of hands-on work experience.

A year of practical hands-on experience shall be credited if such person was employed in a part-time capacity and the hand on experience was completed within a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months.

### Section 11. **Other Qualifications.**

A person who applies for a Master Electrician's License must prove to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she is a competent electrician and qualified to do electrical contracting, construction and installation of electrical wiring; has a working knowledge of electricity and the natural laws, properties and functions of electricity and of appliances, apparatus, materials, devices for electric, light, heat, power and signaling systems used and required in such work, combined with a practical working knowledge of the requirements and provisions of the National Electrical Code and a knowledge of the provisions of this local law and the rules and regulations of the Board and the State of New York, if any, and of the County of Orange for installation of electrical wiring, devices, appliances and equipment and of the provisions thereof requiring permits therefor.

### Section 12. **Examinations.**

- A. All applicants for a Master Electrician's License must submit to and pass an examination. Examinations shall be in writing or in such form as determined by the Board from time to time. An applicant must receive

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a grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or more to pass the examination. A complete record of every examination given shall be kept on file for three (3) years after the date of the examination. Examinations shall be held at such times and places as the Board may fix.

- B. The applicant must present himself for examination at the time and place specified in a notice from the Board.
- C. An applicant who fails his or her first examination shall not be eligible for reexamination until the next regularly scheduled exam. A person who fails the examination twice shall not be eligible for further reexamination until at least six (6) months have elapsed from the date he or she last took the examination.

### **Section 13. Approval or Denial of License.**

- A. Upon meeting all the requirements of this local law, the Board shall direct the Chairman and Secretary to issue a Master Electrician's License to the applicant. The individual's name shall then be placed on the Orange County list of qualified Master Electricians.
- B. Failure to pass the exam with a passing grade of seventy-five (75%) percent or more, or to meet the qualifications and other requirements set forth herein, shall be summary grounds for denial of a license under this local law.

### **Section 14. Denial of Licenses; Hearings.**

- A. If the Board shall deny a license the Board shall set forth the reasons for such denial in writing and mail it to the applicant by certified mail, return receipt requested within ten (10) business days after a determination has been made by the Board. Failure of the written examination shall be grounds for summary denial of a license. Within thirty (30) business days after the date of mailing such notice of denial, the applicant may, by written request, seek a hearing to review the determination of the Board. All such hearings shall be held and conducted in accordance with the attached Regulations for Adjudicatory proceedings.
- B. No application shall be denied on the grounds that the applicant was convicted of a crime, except in accordance with Article 23A of the Corrections Law.

### **Section 15. Grandfather Clause.**

- A. Any person possessing a certified copy of a Master Electrician's License issued by Middletown, Newburgh or Port Jervis, which was valid and effective as of the date of the adoption of this local law and who completes an application to the Board as required by the Board no later than two (2) years from the date of the adoption of this local law shall be entitled to an Orange County license without examination.

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- B. Any person who can show proof that he or she has been in business as an electrical contractor continuously and competently doing the work of a Master Electrician in Orange County for at least eleven (11) consecutive years prior to the date of the adoption of this local law and this work is a principal source of livelihood for that person, and who completes an application to the Board as required by the Board no later than two (2) years from the date of the adoption of this local law shall be entitled to a Master Electrician's License without examination, which will not apply in the cities of Middletown, Newburgh and Port Jervis, where an examination has been a requirement.
- C. Any person who is issued a Master Electrician's License under this Grandfather Clause may renew said license annually on or before the expiration of the license upon payment of an annual renewal fee.
- D. If a person is issued a Master Electrician's License under this Section, such person may renew his or her license for an additional fee without taking the written examination only if: (a) he or she has been actively and continuously engaged in work as a Master Electrician under the supervision of a licensed Master Electrician since the issuance of his or her last valid Master Electrician's License; or (b) he or she has been actively and continuously engaged in work as an inspector of electrical work; or (c) he or she has not been actively or continuously engaged in work as a Master Electrician during the past two years but can provide proof acceptable to the Board that he or she has recently participated in a continuing education course updating his or her knowledge of the work of a Master Electrician.
- E. If a person fails to apply for a license under the Grandfather Clause of this local law within five (5) years of enactment of this local law, then said person must comply with all the other requirements contained in this local law in order to receive an Orange County Master Electrician's License.

### Section 16. **Provisional Master Electrician's License.**

A person who has been in the electrical business in Orange County, continuously and competently doing the work of a Master Electrician, for a period of less than eleven (11) consecutive years but more than seven (7) consecutive years, prior to the date of the adoption of this local law can apply to the Board for a Provisional Master Electrician's License. Upon completion of eleven (11) consecutive years of successfully and competently performing electrical work in Orange County, such person may apply to the Board for a Master Electrician's License under Section 15 (Grandfather Clause) of this local law.

### Section 17. **Office Requirements.** [Repealed in its entirety]

### Section 18. **No Transferability of License; Designation and Termination of Supervisor, Name Change, Display of License.**

- A. No license issued hereunder shall be assignable or transferable.
- B. Each license issued hereunder shall specify the name of the person, firm, partnership, corporation or other legal entity, who or which shall be known as

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the "holder of the license." The license of an electrical contractor shall specify the name of the person who is the Master Electrician, and such person shall be designated in the license of an electrical contractor as the supervisor of all work to be done under the license.

- C. In the event that the business association of the supervisor of the work, or the employment of the supervisor of the work by the electrical contractor shall terminate, the supervisor of the work shall notify the Board of such fact forthwith and upon notification the license shall no longer be licensed pursuant to the local law.
- D. All licenses shall be numbered in the order in which they are issued and shall be in such form and of such color and shall contain such information as may be prescribed by the Board.
- E. Each license shall at all times be kept conspicuously displayed in the place of business of the licensee.

### Section 19. **Imposition of Fines; Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of License.**

A Master Electrician may be fined or his or her license refused, suspended or revoked by the Board for any one (1) or more of the following reasons:

1. Violation of any provision of this local law or of any rule or regulation adopted hereunder by the Board or any other law or ordinance pertaining to electricians;
2. Violation of any law, rule, regulation or any building code governing electrical work, or any order issued by building departments of any municipality in Orange County;
3. Violation of any requirement contained in the rules and regulations of the National Fire Protection Association or the National Electrical Code;
4. Conviction of a crime by a court of competent jurisdiction where there is a direct relationship between the crime and the specific license sought; or the issuance of the license would invoke an unreasonable risk to the property or to the safety or welfare of specific individuals or the general public;
5. Fraud, misrepresentation or bribery in securing a license;
6. The making of any false statement as to a material matter in any application for a license or name change;
7. The business transactions of the Master Electrician have been marked by a practice of failure to perform contracts or the fraudulent

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manipulation of assets or accounts;

8. Failure to display the license decal issued under this local law;
9. Maintaining, conducting, operating, advertising, engaging in or transacting a business as a Master Electrician in the County of Orange with a shelved license; or
10. Employing an unlicensed subcontractor or subcontractors to perform electrical work or any combination thereof in the County of Orange.

### Section 20. **Penalty for Offenses**

- A. Failure to comply with the provisions of this local law shall constitute a Violation and shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed One thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or imprisonment not to exceed fifteen days.
- B. The Commissioner, and/or his or her designee, shall have the authority to issue violations and/or appearance tickets as they are defined in this local law and Article 150 of the Criminal Procedure Law.
- C. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the Commissioner from proceeding to enforce by both Criminal and Civil Action the requirements of this local law.
- D. The Board may withhold the issuance of a license, either new or renewed, to any person who has failed to pay any fine imposed pursuant to the provisions of this local law.
- E. Nothing in this local law shall prevent a local municipality or law enforcement agency from initiating independent proceedings against a Master Electrician or any other person who has violated any other law.
- F. Prior to the imposition of any fine or penalty or the refusal, revocation or suspension of a Master Electrician's License, the applicant or licensee shall receive in writing, all the particulars of the alleged violation and shall have an opportunity to present his or her defense at adjudicatory proceeding as set forth in the attached regulations.

### Section 21. **Liability for Damage; Insurance.**

- A. This local law shall not be construed to relieve, limit or reduce the responsibility of any person owning, operating, controlling or installing any electric wiring, devices, appliances or equipment for loss of life or damage to person or property caused by any defect therein, nor shall the County of Orange be deemed to have assumed any such liability by reason of any license issued pursuant to this local law.
- B. Every person holding a license shall submit proof to the Board that

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he or she maintains liability, workers compensation and disability insurance for damage to persons and property in connection with the carrying on of his business as a Master Electrician in such amounts as shall be established by the Board from time to time.

- C. The failure to maintain an insurance policy or file proof of coverage shall be grounds for the summary suspension of such person's license under this local law, which suspension shall continue in effect until coverage is obtained or reinstated.

### Section 22. **Installation Standards; Evidence of Proper Installation.**

- A. All installations of, extensions to and alterations of electrical work within the County of Orange shall conform to the National Electrical Code and of any other applicable statute, ordinance or building code pertaining thereto and shall also be in conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property. In every case where no specific type of class of material or no specific standards are prescribed by law, conformity with the regulations and requirements contained in the applicable New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code and the relevant reference standards provided by that code contained in the current National Electrical Code version adopted by New York State shall be prima facie evidence of conformity with approved standards for safety to life and property.
- B. Inspections made and the certificates of approval or permits issued by a certified electrical inspector approved by the local municipality having jurisdiction over building permits for such electrical installation in the County of Orange shall be deemed by the Board as evidence of proper installations.

A certified electrical inspector shall be an individual who has met the minimum qualifications as recommended by the National Fire Protection Association and who has also received certifications by a nationally recognized inspection certification program.

### Section 23. **Reciprocal Licensing.**

- A. The Legislature may authorize the County Executive to enter into reciprocal license agreements with individual municipalities or other jurisdictions within New York State upon the recommendation and finding of the Board that the qualifications required for a Master Electrician's License in such municipality or jurisdiction are equal to or greater than those required by this local law.
- B. Pursuant to such formalized reciprocal license agreements, the Board shall be authorized to issue reciprocal licenses upon such terms and conditions as are applicable to the individual reciprocating municipalities and other jurisdictions. Said licenses may be granted without examination upon application to the Board and payment of all required fees.

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- C. However, a reciprocal master electrician's license shall only be issued if the municipality or jurisdiction which licensed such individual is similarly issuing a reciprocal license to individuals licensed pursuant to this section. Said licenses may be granted without examination upon the filing of an application with the Board, submission of a certificate from the reciprocating municipality or jurisdiction that the individual requesting such license is in good standing, the payment of all required fees and such other and further terms and conditions as the board deems appropriate.**
- D. Reciprocal master electricians license shall only be valid for a period of one and may only be renewed from year to year if there is reciprocity between the County of Orange and the reciprocating municipality or jurisdiction at the time of each such renewal.**
- E. The initial fee for a reciprocal master electrician's license shall be \$500.00 and may be renewed annually on or before the expiration thereof for the period of one (1) year upon payment of the below applicable annual fee of \$200.**

### Section 24. **Issuance of Permits by Municipalities.**

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to obviate the necessity of procuring a permit for electrical work whenever required by statute, local law, resolution, building code or ordinance of the municipality wherein such work is to be performed. No permit for construction or certificate of approval or certificate of occupancy shall be issued by a municipality in the County of Orange if there has been an installation, erection, alteration or repair of electrical wiring, apparatus, fixtures, devices, appliances or equipment in violation of the licensing requirements contained herein.

### Section 25. **Disposition of Money Received.**

All fees, fines and penalties imposed in accordance with this local law shall be turned over to the Commissioner of Finance by the Board in accordance with Orange County's financial procedures and such moneys shall be deposited in the General Fund of Orange County.

### Section 26. **Construction.**

Nothing in this local law shall operate to restrict the meaning of or diminish or impair any power granted to a local government by the constitution or any other law.

### Section 27. **Separability.**

If any part of this local law, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be judged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the parts of the provision directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances.

### Section 28. **Title.**

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This local law may be referred to as the "Orange County Electrical Licensing Law."

### Section 29. **Effective Date.**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

## REGULATIONS FOR ADJUDICATORY PROCEEDINGS

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### 1. **Intent and Purpose.**

The Electrical Licensing Board is hereby authorized to use the following rules and regulations governing the conduct of adjudicatory proceedings and appeals relating to compliance with this local law, providing for the qualifications, examination, licensing and regulation of electricians in Orange County New York and the conduct of hearings held thereunder.

These rules and regulations shall apply to all proceedings undertaken by the Board. Persons subject to the requirements of the law shall be entitled to receive an adjudicatory proceeding as to every action or decision as to them taken by the Board, including but not limited to qualifications, examinations, denials, extensions of time, waivers and/or exemptions from the licensing requirements.

### 2. **Definitions**

(a) "Board" shall mean the Orange County Electrical Licensing board established pursuant to Local Law No. 8 of 2007.

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(b) "Hearing Officer" shall mean the presiding officer in adjudicatory hearings or proceedings conducted pursuant to these regulations, which shall be independent of the Board and of the County of Orange, and shall be provided by the County.

### **3. Notice of Hearing or Proceeding (form).**

(a) Where the Board elects to go forward with a proceeding to determine compliance with the requirements of this local law, or to take such other action as may be authorized by law, the Board shall serve a written notice, by certified mail or other appropriate method of service authorized under the Civil Practice Law and Rules, to the parties and their representatives of record at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the date of any hearing or proceeding under these rules. The Notice of Hearing or Proceeding shall contain the following:

- (i) a statement of the time and place of the hearing or proceedings;
- (ii) a statement of the nature of the hearing or proceeding;
- (iii) a reference to the particular statutes and rules relevant to the hearing or proceeding;
- (iv) a short, plain language statement and violations asserted, if any; and
- (v) a statement of hearing impaired parties and participants concerning the provision of deaf interpretation services without charge.

(b) A copy of these regulations shall accompany each Notice of Hearing or Proceeding which is sent pursuant to these regulations.

(c) The Notice of Hearing or Proceeding shall contain information concerning circumstances under which an adjournment may be granted and the result of failure to appear for a scheduled hearing or proceeding.

(d) The Notice of Hearing or Proceeding shall inform the parties and their representatives of the right of each party to be represented, to testify, to produce witnesses, to prevent documentary evidence, and to examine opposing witnesses and evidence.

### **4. Time and Place of Hearing or Proceeding.**

(a) The time and place of the hearing or proceeding shall be contained in the Notice of Hearing or Proceeding.

(b) The time and place of the hearing or proceeding shall not be changed unless a party formally requests a change pursuant to the adjournment request procedure contained in Section 8.

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(c) The time and place of the hearing or proceeding shall, as far as practicable, take into account the convenience of the parties and the availability of witnesses.

### **5. Evidence and Proof.**

(a) The formal rules of evidence do not apply to adjudicatory hearings or proceedings conducted pursuant to these rules. However, the rules of privilege recognized by law shall be given effect. Objections to evidentiary offers may be made and shall be part of the record. Subject to these rules, any party may, for the purpose of expediting the hearing or proceeding and when the interests of the parties will not be substantially prejudiced thereby, submit all or part of the evidence in written form.

(b) The hearing officer may exclude irrelevant or unduly repetitive evidence or cross-examination from any hearing or proceeding.

(c) The burden of proof shall be upon the Board to establish by clear and convincing evidence of the facts and findings which support its requirements under the law.

(d) No decision or determination by the hearing officer or the Board shall be made except on consideration of the record as a whole, or such portions thereof as may be cited by any party to the hearing or proceeding and as supported by and in accordance with substantial evidence.

(e) Each party shall have the right of cross-examination.

(f) Official notice may be taken of all facts of which judicial notice may be taken and of other facts within the specialized knowledge of the Board. When official notice is taken, every party shall be given notice thereof and shall, on timely request, be afforded an opportunity prior to decision to dispute the fact or its materiality.

(g) All findings of fact shall be based exclusively on the evidence in record and on matters officially noticed.

### **6. Representation.**

Any person compelled to appear in person, or who voluntarily appears in any hearing or proceeding conducted according to these rules, shall be accorded the right to be accompanied, represented, and advised by counsel. Nothing herein shall be construed either to grant or to deny to any person who is not a lawyer the right to appear for or represent others in any hearing or proceeding therein.

### **7. Oaths.**

(a) All oaths required by these rules may be taken before any person authorized to administer oaths within the State of New York.

(b) Oaths shall be administered to all witnesses who testify or appear in any hearing or proceeding conducted pursuant to these rules.

### **8. Adjournments.**

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(a) Adjournments of any hearing or proceeding conducted pursuant to these rules shall be granted only for good cause.

(b) Written request for adjournment shall be submitted to the hearing officer in the hearing or proceeding for which the adjournment is sought. The request must be accompanied by an affidavit which contains sufficient detail to allow the hearing officer to rule on the request.

### **9. Time Limits.**

(a) Under these rules, adjudicatory proceedings shall be conducted in an expeditious manner with all due regard for the rights of the parties concerned. Every effort should be made by the parties to effectuate a speedy disposition of the case.

(b) Parties to any hearing or proceeding are required to file all papers, statements, proofs, and other evidence with the hearing officer at a time to be designated by the officer. An extension of time for filing those items will be granted by the hearing officer only upon formal request.

### **10. Decision after Hearing or Proceeding.**

(a) All final recommendations of the hearing officer and all decisions and determinations of the Board shall be in writing or stated in the record and shall include findings of fact, conclusions of law, and reasons for the decision or determination and, when appropriate, shall direct that specific action be taken by the parties. The final decisions or determinations of the Board shall be binding upon the Board.

(b) A copy of all final decisions and determinations of the Board and recommendations of the hearing officer shall be made available to the parties to the hearing or proceeding, and shall be delivered or mailed forthwith to each party and to its representative of record.

(c) Except as required for the disposition of ex parte matters authorized by law, members or employees of the Board assigned to make a determination or decision, or to make findings of fact and conclusions of law in any hearing or proceeding, shall not communicate directly or indirectly, in connection with any issue of fact, with any person or party, nor in connection with any issue of law, with any party or its representative, except upon notice and opportunity for all parties to participate. Any member or employee of the Board may communicate with other members or employees and may have the aid and advice of agency staff, other than staff which has been or is engaged in the investigative or prosecuting functions in connection with the case under consideration or a factually related case.

(d) The Board shall maintain the final decision or determination in any hearing or proceeding in a file with an index by name of party and subject matter. The index and the notice of civil assessment, if any, shall not be made available for public inspection and copying except as provided in Section 16 of these rules. Each decision or determination shall be so filed and indexed within sixty (60) days after having been rendered.

### **11. Conduct of Hearings.**

The hearing officer, exercising discretion, may elect to conduct any hearing or proceeding under these rules ex parte after a showing that the party who is the subject of the hearing and its

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representative of record has been notified by certified mail of the pending hearing or proceeding or otherwise served with notice of the hearing. The party who is the subject of the hearing shall at no time be deprived of the opportunity to appear. However, if a party has been served with two (2) written notices of a hearing and fails to appear after each notice, the hearing officer, upon proof of service, shall have the authority to proceed with the scheduled hearing. Proof of the service shall consist of a signed certified mail receipt or affidavit.

### **12. Hearing Officer.**

All hearings or proceedings under these rules shall be conducted by a hearing officer, retained and provided by the County of Orange, who shall have the power and authority of presiding officers or hearing officers as defined by the State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA), any other pertinent statute or local law, ordinance, or resolution, and these regulations. The hearing officer shall be an individual who has in no way been involved with the action or proceeding in question.

### **13. Powers and Duties of Hearing Officer.**

A hearing officer is authorized to do the following in any hearing or proceeding to which he or she is assigned:

(a) administer oaths and affirmations;

(b) at the request of any party, sign and issue subpoenas in the name of the Board requiring the attendance and giving of testimony by witnesses and the production of books, papers, documents and other evidence. Subpoenas shall be regulated by the Civil Practice Law and Rules. Nothing herein contained shall affect the authority of an attorney for a party to issue subpoenas under the Civil Practice Law and Rules;

(c) provide for the taking of testimony by deposition;

(d) regulate the course of the hearings, set the time and place for continued hearings and the time for filing of briefs and other documents;

(e) direct the parties to appear and confer to consider the simplification or settlement of the issues by consent of the parties; and

(f) prepare findings of fact and recommendations.

### **14. Fines, Penalties.**

(a) At the close of the hearing or proceeding, the hearing officer shall make findings of fact and a recommendation as to the appropriate penalty or fine to be assessed or any other action to be taken including the suspension or revocation of such person's electrical license. The proposed findings of fact and recommendation shall be transmitted to the Board for approval and

simultaneously mailed or delivered to the parties to the proceeding. The parties shall have an opportunity to respond in writing, in the form of a brief, to the findings of fact and recommendation of the hearing officer, and such written response shall be directed to the Board for its consideration within fifteen (15) days after the service of the hearing officer's findings and recommendations upon the parties. In their brief submitted in response to the findings of fact and recommendation of the

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hearing officer, the parties may not submit or discuss evidence which is not a part of the official record of the hearing or proceeding. The Board shall act on the findings of fact and recommendation as expeditiously as possible. The Board may affirm or reverse the findings of fact and recommendation of the hearing officer in whole or in part, or it may remand and/or dismiss the proceeding based upon the record produced at the hearing.

(b) The assessment of civil penalties or other penalty under the applicable law and procedures shall not preclude the referral of an appropriate violation to a prosecutor for prosecution of criminal charges.

(c) If the alleged violation has been established, and the Board determines in light of all the circumstances that the violation is not serious enough to warrant assessment of a civil penalty or other penalty, or if the imposition of civil penalties is not otherwise authorized by law, the Board in its discretion may take such other action as appropriate, including but not limited to a written admonition or a referral to a prosecutor for prosecution of criminal charges.

### **15. Records of Hearing or Proceeding.**

- (a) The record in hearing or proceeding under these rules shall include:
- (i) all notices, pleadings, motions, and intermediate rulings;
  - (ii) evidence presented;
  - (iii) a statement of matters officially noticed, except matters so obvious that a statement of them would serve no useful purpose;
  - (iv) questions and offers of proof, objections thereto, and rulings thereon;
  - (v) proposed findings and exceptions, if any;
  - (vi) any findings of fact, conclusions of law, or other recommendations made by the hearing officer; and
  - (vii) any decision, determination, opinion, order, or report rendered.

(b) The Board shall make a complete record of all hearings and proceedings conducted before it. For this purpose, unless otherwise required by statute, the Board may use whatever means it deems appropriate, including but not limited to the use of stenographic transcriptions or electronic recording devices. Within a reasonable time after the Board gives notice of its decision, determination, opinion, or order, but before commencement of judicial review, any party to the hearing or proceeding may request the Board to prepare the record of any part thereof, together

with any transcript of the hearing or proceeding or any part thereof. The Board shall then prepare the requested portions of the record and transcript within a reasonable time and furnish a copy to the requesting party at no charge.

### **16. Privacy/Confidentiality.**

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(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 6 of Public Officers Law, only the following records of the Board which shall be available for public inspection:

- (i) notice of violation
- (ii) notices of hearing or proceeding;
- (iii) notices of civil/criminal assessment imposed.

Local Law No. 11 of 2013 was passed on, July 2, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 16  
Noes: 2  
Absent: 3

Approved by the County Executive: July 22, 2013

Filed: July 31, 2013

Effective: July 31, 2013

### LOCAL NO. 12 OF 2013

#### **LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PURCHASE AND SERVICE CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF BEST VALUE CRITERIA PURSUANT TO NEW YORK STATE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW AND STATE FINANCE LAW**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Orange County Legislature, State of New York, as follows:

##### Section 1. **Short Title and Statement of Intent**

This Local Law shall be known as the "Orange County Best Value Contract Award Law."

The intent of this Local Law shall be to authorize the use of Best Value criteria when awarding purchase and service contracts consistent with section 103 of the General Municipal Law and section 163 of the New York State Finance Law. Use of Best Value criteria is intended to provide the County greater flexibility in awarding contracts and ensure that the County obtains the highest quality goods and services at a low cost. Awarding contracts on the basis of Best Value standards is further intended to promote competition, foster fairness among vendors and competitors, expedite contract awards, optimize quality, control costs and enhance efficiency among responsive and responsible offerors.

##### Section 2. **Definitions**

Whenever used in this local law, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **County.** Orange County, New York

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- b. **Commissioner of Department of General Services.** The Commissioner of the Department of General Services, County of Orange, New York.
- c. **Procuring Agency.** The unit of County government procuring a commodity, technology or service.
- d. **Purchase Contracts.** Contracts for goods, commodities and equipment, including technology.
- e. **Service or Services.** The performance of a task or tasks and may include a material good or a quantity of material goods, and which is the subject of any purchase or other exchange.
- f. **Best Value.** The basis for awarding contracts for purchases and/or services to a responsive and responsible offeror and/or bidder who optimizes quality, cost and efficiency for the County based upon objective and quantifiable analysis whenever possible. Such basis may also identify a quantitative factor for offerors that are small businesses or certified minority or women-owned business enterprises as defined in Executive Law §310 (1), (7), (15) and (20) and as may be amended.

### Section 3. **Requirements**

1. When the basis for award is based upon a Best Value offer, the Commissioner of the Department of General Services and/or his designee shall document the evaluation criteria and the process used to make such determination.

2. Whenever possible, the evaluation shall be based upon objective and quantifiable factors and shall not be based solely on cost. Whenever possible and applicable, factors including but not limited to quality, reliability, maintenance, useful lifespan and performance shall be evaluated.

3. The process for procurements based upon Best Value and general evaluation criteria shall be identified in the County's Procurement Policy, a copy of which shall be maintained in the Department of General Services and be made available to the public.

4. The solicitation documents shall state the minimum requirements and specifications that must be met in order for the vendor and/or offeror to be deemed responsive and responsible and shall identify the general procedure and manner in which the evaluation and selection shall be conducted. All such requirements shall remain consistent with the County's procurement policy.

5. The Commissioner of General Services and/or his designee shall make every effort to ensure that the solicitation documents, evaluation criteria and procedure for awarding purchase and service contracts on the basis of Best Value complies with the County's procurement policy, local, state and/or federal rules, regulations and/or laws.

### Section 4. **Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State as provided by Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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Local Law No. 12 of 2013 was passed on, August 1, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 21

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: August 22, 2013

Filed: September 3, 2013

Effective: September 3, 2013

### LOCAL LAW NO. 13 OF 2013

#### **A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK KNOWN AS THE "PAY-TO-PLAY LOCAL LAW."**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Orange as follows:

**WHEREAS**, large political contributions from those seeking or currently performing business with the County ("Pay-to-Play"), may raise concerns on the part of taxpayers and residents as to their trust in government contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, it has become common for some individuals or entities to make substantial political contributions to those holding elective County office who are ultimately responsible for awarding contracts for County business; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to foster public confidence in governmental operations by preventing any actual, or even any perception of, corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Orange County Legislature sets forth a policy to set maximum dollar amounts that professional business entities may contribute politically, beyond which they become ineligible to receive a public contract from the County of Orange.

#### **NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Legislature of Orange County, New York, as follows:

#### **Section 1. Title.**

This Local Law shall be known by and may be cited as the "Pay-to-Play Local Law".

#### **Section 2. Definitions.**

The terms listed below shall have the following meanings for purposes of this local law:

- a) "County" means the County of Orange or any department, board,

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executive

division, institution, office, branch, bureau, commission, agency, legislature or other division or part thereof.

- (b) "County elected official" means the County Executive, a County Legislator, the County Clerk, the District Attorney or the Sheriff.
- (c) "Contract" for purposes of this local law means any agreement or contract, including any amendment or modification thereto, excluding Project Labor Agreements, with the County of Orange as defined in this Section 2 (a) for:
  - (i) the rendition of any services or work;
  - (ii) the sale or lease of any land or building except for real property acquired by the County via a tax sale or tax foreclosure procedure pursuant to Article 10 or Article 11 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law;
  - (iii) a grant, loan or loan guarantee;
- (d) "Professional Business Entity" means an individual including the individual's spouse, if any, and any child living at home; person: firm; corporation, professional corporation, partnership, organization, union, or association in the rendering of any work contracted through the County. The definition of a professional business entity includes all principals who own 10% or more of the equity in the corporation or business trust, partners, officers in the aggregate, as well as any subsidiaries directly controlled by the Professional Business Entity.
- (e) "In-kind contributions" shall include

- Goods and services offered free of charge;
- Goods and services offered at less than the usual and normal charge;
- Payments by a third party for goods and services rendered to a candidate or political committee.

The value of a particular in-kind gift is determined as follows:

**Goods:** (such as equipment supplies, facilities and mailing lists) are valued at their normal purchase or rental price.

**Services** (such as advertising, printing or consulting) are valued at the prevailing commercial rate at the time the services are rendered (i.e., the amount that was paid or would have been paid for the services).

**Discounts** are valued at the amount discounted (i.e., the difference between the usual and normal charge and the amount paid)

### Section 3. Campaign Contribution Limits.

A. No professional business entity who contracts with the County of Orange or its

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boards shall make a monetary or in-kind contribution in excess of **\$250.00 per annum** to:

- a) An individual holding the position of Orange County Legislator or is a candidate for said position if that contract must be approved or voted on by such individual; or
- b) A committee controlled by such individual.

B. No professional business entity who contracts with the County of Orange or its boards shall make a monetary or in-kind contribution in excess of **\$1,000.00 per annum** to:

- a) An individual holding the position of Orange County Executive, Orange County Clerk, Orange County District Attorney or Orange County Sheriff or is a candidate for said position if that contract must be approved or voted on by such individual; or
- b) A committee controlled by such individual.

### **Section 4. Campaign Contributions Made prior to the Effective Date.**

No contribution or money or any other thing of value, including in-kind contributions, made by a professional business entity to those individuals or entities set forth in Section 3 shall be deemed a violation of this section, be disqualified thereby, if that contribution was made by the professional business entity prior to the effective date of this local law. The disclosure requirements shall not apply to contracts awarded subsequent to the effective date if the Request for Proposal process was initiated prior to the effective date.

### **Section 5. Contribution Statement by Professional Business Entity.**

Prior to the awarding of a Contract, the Orange County Department of General Services shall receive a sworn statement from the professional business entity under penalty of perjury that the entity has not made a campaign contribution in violation of Section 3 of this local law during the four (4) years preceding such sworn statement.

The professional business entity under penalty of perjury will make the statement that it has not knowingly made a contribution in violation of the local law hereof, during the four (4) years preceding such sworn statement, and has not made or solicited contributions through intermediaries, third parties, immediate relatives for the purpose of concealing the source of the contribution during that same four (4) year time period.

### **Section 6. Review of NYS Board of Elections Disclosure Statements.**

**Sixty days prior to awarding a Contract**, the Commissioner of General Services shall review the New York State Disclosure Statements filed by County Elected Officials, and candidates for such offices, for the past four (4) years to determine whether the business entity has contributed to such individual's campaign in an amount in excess of the campaign contribution limits set forth in Section 3 of this local law. In the event it is found that such professional business entity has

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exceeded the threshold campaign contribution limits, the Commissioner of General Services shall notify the business professional entity that it has exceeded the campaign contribution limits as provided for in this local law. The professional business entity will have **thirty (30) days** to cure the defect by requesting that the excess contributions be returned immediately. **Proof of receipt of**

**the return of such excess contributions must be submitted to the Commissioner of General Services at least five business days prior to the awarding of the Contract.** In the event, that proof of return of the excess contributions funds are not submitted by the professional business entity within the timeframes set forth herein, then the professional business entity proposal or applications will be rejected by the Commissioner of General services.

### **Section 7. Individual or Entity "Doing Business with the County of Orange" Database.**

The County Executive's office shall, on a bi-annual basis, in January and July, compile a list of names, based on the County's records, listing those professional business entities doing business with the County of Orange, as of those months, with this list being made available for public viewing in the office of the Orange County Commissioner of General Services.

### **Section 8. Exemption.**

The contribution limitations specified in this Local Law do not apply to contracts that must be awarded to the lowest bidder pursuant to New York State Law, **to sole source providers**, or to those contracts awarded as emergency contracts when the public exigency requires the immediate emergency services as determined by an Executive Order or Resolution of the Orange County Legislature.

### **Section 9. Violations/Penalty.**

- (a) A professional business entity that files a false sworn Contributions Statement will have its Contract with Orange County declared null and void and will be disqualified from being awarded any contract with the County for a period of four years from the date of the filing of the false sworn Contributions Statement and the matter shall be referred to the Orange County District Attorney for prosecution.
- (b) The professional business entity shall have a continuing duty to report any violations of this law that may occur during the negotiation, proposal process or duration of a contract. Any professional business entity who violates Section 3 of this local law shall be in material breach of the terms of the Contract, and the County Attorney shall seek damages against the professional business entity as provided for in said Contract.
- (c) Any professional business entity who violates Section 3 of this local law shall be disqualified from eligibility for the submission of proposals or applications for future Contracts for a period of four calendar years from the date of such violation.

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### **Section 10. Incorporation by Reference.**

The regulatory and penalty provisions of this local law shall be incorporated by reference into the Orange County Procurement Policy and all Orange County Contracts as defined in Section 2 (c) of this local law.

### **Section 11. Severability**

If any provision of this Local Law is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Local Law which shall remain effective absent the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of the Local Law are declared to be severable.

### **Section 12. Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

Local Law No. 13 of 2013 was passed on, October 3, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 20  
Noes: 1  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: Did not sign- Received on 11/1/13

Filed: November 12, 2013

Effective: November 1, 2013

## **LOCAL LAW NO. 14 OF 2013**

**A LOCAL LAW OF ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK KNOWN AS THE "HYDROFRACKING WASTEWATER DISPOSAL RESTRICTION ACT" AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2008 (ORANGE COUNTY SEWER USE LAW).**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Orange as follows:

### **Section 1 Purpose.**

**WHEREAS**, the Marcellus Shale is a shale play located in the northeast United States, and specifically in the States of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The Marcellus Shale play has been identified as a source for the extraction and production of natural gas processes by drilling horizontal wells or through a stimulation process known as high volume hydraulic fracturing; and

**WHEREAS**, hydraulic fracturing is a well stimulation technique which consists of pumping an engineered fluid and a propping agent (such as sand) down a wellbore under high pressure to create fractures in the hydrocarbon-bearing rock. The fractures serve as pathways for hydrocarbons to move to the wellbore for production; and

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**WHEREAS**, the New York State Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation are currently charged with studying the impacts of high volume hydraulic fracturing on public health; and

**WHEREAS**, current hydrofracking operators do not fully and adequately disclose information analyzing the added and acquired chemicals contained within the engineered fluid and by-products; and

**WHEREAS**, disposal of hydrofracking waste water is of great concern to the Orange County Legislature given the potential for contamination of municipal and individual well based drinking water and potential negative water quality impacts from the migration of chemicals and improper discharge of waste water in municipal waste water treatment plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the residual liquid by product of hydrofracking at the end of the natural gas collection process is often contaminated with salt, naturally occurring radioactivity and unlisted chemicals which are shielded from disclosure to protect proprietary interests.

**WHEREAS**, by Local Law No. 10 of 2013, Orange County adopted the "Hydraulic Fracturing Brine Prohibition Act", which established a policy prohibiting the application of waste water resulting from hydrofracking natural gas collection processes on Orange county roads or county property and

### **Section 2.**

The Orange County Legislature is opposed to the disposal of water utilized in the hydrofracking process in any municipal or other sewage treatment plant in Orange County; and

### **Section 3. Definitions**

The following paragraphs are hereby added, in alphabetical order:

"Hydraulic Fracturing" shall mean the fracturing of sale formation by man-made-fluid-driven techniques for the purpose of stimulating natural gas or other subsurface hydrocarbons production."

"Natural Gas Extraction Activities" shall mean all geologic or geophysical activities related to the exploration for or extraction of natural gas or other subsurface hydrocarbon deposits, including, but not limited to core and rotary drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

"Natural Gas Extraction Waste" shall mean any liquid or solid waste or its constituents which are generated as a result of natural gas extraction activities, which may consist of water, chemical additives, or naturally occurring radioactive materials (NORMs) and heavy metals. Natural gas waste includes, but is not limited to, leachate from solid wastes generated by or associated with natural gas extraction activities."

### **Section 4. Amendment to Local Law No.4 of 2008 Orange County Sewer Use Law**

Local Law No. 4 of 2008 Article IX, Section 9.2 is hereby amended to add the following:

"[25] Notwithstanding any other section of this local law, any natural gas extraction waste and waste water utilized in or resulting from hydraulic fracturing process shall be considered Industrial

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Waste, and prohibited from being accepted, stored, entered upon, processed or treated in Users tributary to the Orange County Sewer District No. 1 system and the Harriman Sewage Treatment

Plant as well as any publicly owned treatment works (POTW) located within Orange County Sewer District No. 1 that is owned, operated and/or maintained by Orange County Sewer District No. 1 and plants owned and/or operated in its jurisdiction.”

### **Section 5. Severability**

If any provision of this Local Law is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Local Law which shall remain effective absent the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of the Local Law are declared to be severable.

### **Section 6. Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect as provided by the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law and upon completion of the requisite filings and procedures.

### **Section 7. Distribution of Adopted Local Law**

The Clerk of the Orange County Legislature is hereby directed:

1. To distribute certified copies of this local law to each town supervisor and mayor within Orange County whose municipality includes a municipal sewage treatment plant in order to encourage that each may consider adopting compatible policies that prohibit and restrict the disposal of hydrofracking waste water in their plants; and
2. To forward certified copies of this local law to Orange County’s federal and state representatives seeking their intervention and supporting in providing the public with additional information concerning the environmental impacts of the Hydrofracking process. This list includes United States Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten E. Gillibrand, U.S. Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, New York State Senators, William J. Larkin, Jr. John J. Bonacic, and New York Assembly members, Aileen M. Gunther, Annie G. Rabbit, Frank Skartados, James Skoufis and Claudia Tenney.

Local Law No. 14 of 2013 was passed on, November 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 19  
Noes: 2  
Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: Did not sign- Received on 12/3/13

Filed: December 10, 2013

Effective: December 10, 2013

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### LOCAL LAW NO. 15 OF 2013

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 1994 REQUIRING ALL PERSONS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING OR WHO SHALL BE SENTENCED TO A PERIOD OF PROBATION AND WHO CURRENTLY ARE OR WHO SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION FOLLOWING THE CONVICTION OF ANY CRIME TO PAY TO THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF THIRTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Orange County, State of New York, as follows:

#### Section 1. **Legislative Intent.**

The Orange County Legislature hereby finds and determines that the Orange County Department of Probation provides valuable services to persons convicted of crimes, including but not limited to supervision of adults.

This legislature also finds and determines that supervision of probationers by the Department of Probation is at a substantial cost to the County of Orange.

This Legislature further finds that the current monthly administrative fee of thirty dollars per month applies only to persons currently serving or who shall be sentenced to a period of probation upon conviction of any crime or crimes under article thirty-one of the vehicle and traffic law pursuant to Local Law No. 3 of 1994 and does not reflect the actual current costs of providing supervisory services to probationers by the Orange County Department of Probation.

The purpose of this local law is to impose the administrative monthly fee of thirty dollars by the Department of Probation on all persons that require supervisory services from the Department of Probation in addition to persons currently serving or who shall be sentenced to a period of probation for any crime or crimes under article thirty-one of the Vehicle and Traffic Law so as to conform the fees to the actual costs of providing such supervisory services to probationers.

#### Section 2. **Local Law No. 3 of 1994 is hereby amended as follows:**

**A LOCAL LAW REQUIRING ALL PERSONS WHO ARE CURRENTLY SERVING OR WHO SHALL BE SENTENCED TO A PERIOD OF PROBATION AND WHO CURRENTLY ARE OR WHO SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION FOLLOWING THE CONVICTION OF ANY CRIME OR CRIMES TO PAY TO THE ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE OF THIRTY DOLLARS PER MONTH.**

Section 1 of Local Law No. 3 of 1994 is hereby amended as follows:

All persons currently serving or who shall be sentenced to a period of probation who are or shall be supervised by the Orange County Department of Probation upon conviction of any crime or crimes shall pay to the Orange County Department of Probation an administrative fee of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per month, which shall become due and owing on the first day of the first full calendar month of the sentence of probation.

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Section 3. All other sections of Local Law No. 3 of 1994 shall remain in full force and effect.

### Section 4. **Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Local Law No. 15 of 2013 was passed on, November 7, 2013 by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 17

Noes: 4

Absent: 0

Approved by the County Executive: November 27, 2013

Filed: December 10, 2013

Effective: December 10, 2013

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