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Local Law No. of the year 2022

A Local Law to Amend the Code of the Town of New Paltz to Add a New Article III, "Videoconference Meetings" to Chapter 24, "Meetings," of the Code of the Town of New Paltz.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the

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Town of New Paltz as follow:
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Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of New Paltz as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is the intent of this local law to give the Town of New Paltz public bodies, as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a which expressly authorizes the Board of Trustees to adopt a local law giving the Village's public bodies the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the board/body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

Section 3. AMENDMENT

The Code of the Town of New Paltz is hereby amended to add a new Article III,

“Videoconference Meetings” to Chapter 24, “Meetings,” of the Code of the Town of New Paltz to read as follows:

§24-12 Legislative intent.

It is the intent of this local law to give the Town of New Paltz public bodies, as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the Town’s videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

§24-13 Definitions.

A. The terms, words and phrases used in this article shall have the same meanings as such terms, words and phrases are defined in § 102 of the Public Officers Law.

B. “Local public body” means any duly constituted board, commission or other municipal body or agency of the Town of New Paltz comprised of two or more public officers or other persons.

§24-14 Remote attendance.

The Town Board of the Town of New Paltz hereby authorizes all members of the Town’s public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and with the Town’s videoconferencing policy adopted by the Town Board, which policy may be amended by resolution of the Town Board.

Section 4 SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.