

March 3, 2025

Finance Committee: 2-24-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2025

**ADOPTING LOCAL LAW B (NO.) FOR THE YEAR 2025, “ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW
SUPERSEDING THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW SECTION 3(1) AS TO THE RESIDENCY OF
CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS IN ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY”**

By Mr. Hull, Chair, Finance Committee

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of St. Lawrence as follows:

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby finds that in order to assure an adequate pool of qualified applicants for the positions of Public Health Director and Community Services Director and to retain such applicants if hired, it is necessary and advisable that all personnel holding said offices within the County of St. Lawrence be permitted to reside within the County of St. Lawrence or any county contiguous to the County of St. Lawrence. Therefore, the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators hereby adopts the following exemption from any provision of the New York State Public Officers Law imposing a more restrictive residency qualification for holding the offices of Public Health Director and Community Services Director within the County of St. Lawrence.

Section 2. EXEMPTION

In the County of St. Lawrence, the provisions of Section 3(1) of the Public Officers Law requiring a person to be a resident of the political subdivision or municipal corporation of the State for which such person shall be chosen or within which such person’s official functions are required to be exercised, shall not prevent any person from holding office of the Public Health Director or Director of Community Services, provided, however, that such person performing the duties and functions of Public Health Director or Director of Community Services resides in Lewis, Franklin, Jefferson, Herkimer or Hamilton Counties. Any contrary provision of the Public Officers Law is hereby superseded by this local law.

Section 3. SEPARABILITY

If any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this local law shall be judged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not impair or invalidate the remainder hereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ST. LAWRENCE

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I, Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk of the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared this Resolution No. 94-2025 Entitled “Adopting Local Law B (No.) for the Year 2025, “Adopting a Local Law Superseding the Public Officers Law Section 3(1) as to the Residency of Certain Public Officers in St. Lawrence County””, adopted March 3, 2025, with the original record in this office and that the same is a correct transcript thereof and of the whole of said original record.

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf

Rebekah Zuhlsdorf, Deputy Clerk
St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators
March 4, 2025