



# Local Law Filing

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

## 1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto ascribed as local law number 2 of 2026 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Schoharie was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors on May 15 2026 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

## 2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

## 3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

## 4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition

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requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

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**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ became operative.

**6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed thereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_ pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

**(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)**

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in the paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ above.

(Seal)

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

5/15/2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## SECTION 1: TITLE

This Local Law shall be referred to as the "Local Law Extending the Moratorium on the Purchase or application of Biosolids in Schoharie County, which was first enacted by Local Law No. 8 of 2025".

## SECTION 2: PURPOSE

This sole purpose of this Local Law shall be to extend the period of the moratorium for an additional six (6) month period from the expiration of the first six (6) month period authorized by Local Law No. 8 of 2025.

Pursuant to statutory powers vested in Schoharie County to protect the health and welfare of all residents, the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors hereby declares an additional six (6) month moratorium for the purchase, sale, offer for sale, apply, or offer to apply biosolids or compost derived from biosolids from a wastewater treatment facility for the purposes of application to agricultural, residential or commercial lands located within Schoharie County.

## SECTION 3: AUTHORITY

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to the provisions of the New York State laws regarding Public Health and New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

## SECTION 4: LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

The Schoharie County Board of Supervisors has recognized that there are potential health and environmental concerns as a result of the land application of biosolids or compost derived from a wastewater treatment facility. There are many issues of concern, including but not limited to the following:

1. Monitoring, Regulation and Enforcement
2. Fast Changing/conflicting regulations
3. Using an out of state waste stream
4. Lack of a clear scientific understanding consensus
5. Uncertainty regarding how many Schoharie County Farmers are using biosolids

An extension of the moratorium is hereby deemed necessary on the basis of these concerns for an additional period of six (6) months from the expiration of the first six (6) month period authorized by Local Law No. 8 of 2025, while Schoharie County considers the issues and impacts relevant to the land application of biosolids in the County.

## SECTION 5: DEFINITION

The term "Biosolids", as defined by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, are the accumulated semi-solids or solids resulting from treatment wastewaters from publicly or privately owned or operated sewage treatment plants. Methods include composting, land application, heat drying or pelletizing, and mine reclamation.

The term "Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances" or "PFAS" means a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

The term "Wastewater treatment facility" means any facility that treats wastewater, including but not limited to municipal sewage treatment plants, industrial wastewater treatment plants, and septage treatment facilities.

## SECTION 6: SCOPE OF MORATORIUM

During the effective period of this Local Law, no person shall buy, sell, offer for sale, apply or offer to apply biosolids or compost derived from biosolids from a wastewater treatment facility for the purposes of land application or storage on the agricultural, residential or commercial lands located within Schoharie County.

## SECTION 7: ENFORCEMENT

The Schoharie County Health Department shall conduct the necessary inquiries and inspections to provide a report relating to the existing risks and potential health hazards relating to drinking water wells and supply sources from the spreading of PFAS laden and other contaminant-laden biosolids.

## SECTION 8: TERM

This moratorium shall be in effect for an additional period of six {6} months from the from the expiration of the first six {6} month period authorized by Local Law No. 8 of 2025. Schoharie County may terminate the moratorium prior to the end date by enactment of a local law indicating that the County is satisfied that the need for the moratorium no longer exists or adoption of a new or amended local law.

## SECTION 9: PENALTIES

Any person or entity who/that violates this Local Law shall be subject to a civil payment of a fine not to exceed more than {\$1,000) per violation/per day.

**SECTION 10: VALIDITY AND SEVERABILITY**

If any section or part of this Local Law is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section of this local law.

**SECTION 11: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State.