

Local Law Filing

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County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Yorktown

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2024

A local law entitled as the Smoke Shop Moratorium
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Yorktown as follows:

Section I. Statement of Authority.

This local law is authorized by the New York State Constitution, the provisions of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, the relevant provisions of the Town Law of the State of New York, the laws of the Town of Yorktown and the general police power vested with the Town of Yorktown to promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents and property owners in the Town.

Section II. Purpose.

The purpose of this local law is to establish a temporary moratorium on the issuance of building permits, special permits, certificates of occupancy, and site plans by the Town of Yorktown Building Department and Planning Department for the approval, construction, establishment and/or operation of any additional or new "smoke shops" or "vape shops" within the limits of the Town of Yorktown.

Section III. Legislative Findings.

The Town Board of the Town of Yorktown has received numerous complaints regarding the operation of "smoke shops" and "vape shops" as defined herein, specifically concerning their detrimental effects on the health, safety, welfare and quality of life of the residents and citizens of the Town of Yorktown. The Town Board is also aware of at least one recent arrest in Town at a "vape shop," where controlled substances were allegedly being sold illegally. The Town Board has decided to review the current Zoning Chapter of the Town Code in regard to the potential

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regulation of such "smoke shops" and "vape shops". In order to allow the Town Board time to complete its review, draft proposed new regulations and enact any new regulations these types of establishments, the Town Board deems it in the best interest of the general health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Town of Yorktown to impose a moratorium on the issuance of any further building permits, special permits, certificates of occupancy and site plans by the Town of Yorktown for the construction, establishment and/or operation of any additional or new "smoke shops" or "vape shops" within the limits of the Town of Yorktown which are not currently in existence or operation.

Section IV. Moratorium.

No building permits, special permits, certificates of occupancy or site plans permitting the construction, establishment and/or operation of any additional or new smoke shops or vape shops which are not currently in existence or operation at the time of the enactment of this section shall be reviewed or issued by the Town of Yorktown as a permitted retail use or other use within any zone within the Town of Yorktown, from the effective date of this local law until September 30, 2024. For purposes of this section, "smoke shop" or "vape shop" shall mean any business, facility or establishment with its main, primary or specialized purpose being the on-premises use and/or retail sale of tobacco and tobacco-related products, cannabinoids and related products, smoking equipment and/or electronic cigarette products and related products and paraphernalia.

Section V. Severability.

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section VI. Repeal.

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section VII. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

(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, designated as local law No. 1 of 2024 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Yorktown was duly passed by the Yorktown Town Board on March 12, 2024, 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, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. *(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, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition 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.

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

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been 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 hereto, designated as local law No. _____ 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 paragraph ¹_____ above.

Diana L. Quast

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

Date: 3/15/2024

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