

## Local Law Filing

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☐ County ☐ City ☒ Town ☐ Village  
(Select one:)

of Guilford

Local Law No. 4 of the year 2019

A local law entitled "LOCAL ROAD USE AND PRESERVATION LAW"  
(Insert Title)

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

☐ County ☐ City ☒ Town ☐ Village  
(Select one:)

of Town of Guilford as follows:

[See Attached]

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

**(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. 4 of 2019 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Guilford ~~Town Board~~ was duly passed by the (Name of Legislative Body) on October 9, 2019, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**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.)**

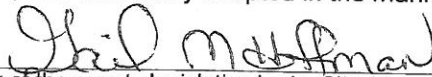
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority 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.



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

(Seal)

Date: 10/9/19

## LOCAL ROAD USE AND PRESERVATION LAW

### LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF THE YEAR 2019

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Guilford, New York, as follows:

#### **Section 1: Legislative Findings and Purpose.**

The Town Board has determined that certain high-intensity traffic associated with large construction projects can damage and significantly reduce the life of Town highways, which must then be repaired at the expense of the Town's taxpayers. The Board has further determined that such damage can be reliably measured using recognized engineering standards. In addition, the Board has determined that the strength and capacity of Town highways may in some cases be inadequate to meet the demands of traffic for large construction projects and that upgrades to Town highways may be necessary to accommodate such traffic. The Board finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens and taxpayers of the Town to have the developers of such large construction projects bear responsibility for making any necessary upgrades to Town highways and repairing any damage caused to Town highways at the expense of such developers. The purpose of this local law is to establish a mechanism by which the developers of large construction projects that will generate traffic likely to require upgrades or cause damage to Town highways shall ensure that such upgrades are made and such damage is repaired at the developer's own expense.

#### **Section 2: Authority.**

This local law is enacted pursuant to New York Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1650 and § 1660, New York State Constitution Article IX § 2(c)6, New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, New York Environmental Conservation Law § 23-0303(2), New York Statute of Local Governments § 10, and New York Highway Law § 140, 320 and 326 and New York Town Law § 130.

#### **Section 3: Definitions.**

As used in this local law, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth herein:

Baseline Traffic means recurring ambient traffic presented on an annualized basis from current businesses, industrial parks, schools, etc. It includes typical daily activities on Town Highways (hereinafter defined) such as passenger vehicles, school buses, delivery vehicles, garbage trucks, municipal fire, police, and other emergency management/related vehicles, highway vehicles, farm traffic, milk trucks, and normal commuter and business traffic. Baseline Traffic is the cause of normal wear and tear for which a Town Highway is constructed. Baseline Traffic does not include Concentrated Traffic created by a Construction Activity (hereinafter defined).

Concentrated Traffic means traffic intended to travel upon or traveling upon Town Highways to or from the site of and during Construction Activity which (i) is not Baseline Traffic, and (ii) which will exceed the predetermined normal wear and tear thresholds of one or more Town Highways or segments of Town Highways.

Construction Activity means any activity occurring or to occur in the Town or outside the Town that results in land disturbance or the improvement of a parcel of one acre or more and requiring

the issuance of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) permit and that requires the use of Town Highways.

Construction Activity shall not include land clearing activity or the improvement of a parcel related solely to “farm woodland” or “land used in agricultural production,” as those terms are defined pursuant to New York Agriculture & Markets Law § 301.

Town engineering consultant means the Town engineer or an engineering firm hired by the Town as a consultant.

Town Highway means those roads and highways and related appurtenances of the Town which are owned or maintained by the Town or otherwise exist as Town Highways by dedication or use, including without limitation roadways, shoulders, guide rails, bridges, tunnels, culverts, sluices, ditches, swales, sidewalks, or any utilities or improvements therein, thereon, or thereunder. A map of all highways of the Town is and shall be maintained by the Town Highway Superintendent.

Town Highway Superintendent means the Superintendent of Highways or his or her designee.

Person means any person, persons, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other entity.

Program Manual means the currently approved Road Use and Preservation Program Manual, prepared by an engineering firm approved by the Town Board, a copy of which is available from the Commissioner of Public Works or the Local Highway Superintendent.

#### **Section 4: Applicability.**

This local law shall apply to any Person who, individually or in concert with another Person, undertakes any Construction Activity that will at any time during or after Construction Activity result in Concentrated Traffic.

#### **Section 5: Determination of Whether Proposed Use Constitutes Concentrated Traffic.**

A. Any Person identified under Section 4 of this local law (the “applicant”) shall, prior to undertaking such Construction Activity or allowing, directing, or inducing Concentrated Traffic to travel upon Town Highways, submit a verified haul route application form and project traffic worksheet to the Town Highway Superintendent in accordance with the forms and procedures set forth in the Program Manual.

B. The Town Highway Superintendent shall review such application and worksheet in accordance with the Program Manual. Within no more than thirty (30) days after receipt of a complete haul route application and project traffic worksheet, the Town Highway Superintendent shall notify the applicant whether the use of Town Highways will result in Concentrated Traffic.

- (i) If the proposed use of Town Highways will not result in Concentrated Traffic, the remaining provisions of this local law shall not be applicable to the applicant.
- (ii) If the proposed use of Town Highways will result in Concentrated Traffic, the applicant must either (a) modify the intended haul route and certify to

the Town that no traffic generated by the applicant's Construction Activity will travel over or upon a Town Highway or (b) comply with the provisions of Section 6 of this local law.

#### **Section 6: Requirements for Concentrated Traffic.**

Any applicant identified in Section 5 (B)(ii)(b) above shall be required to comply with the following provisions:

A. The applicant shall be required to set forth a haul route declaration as set forth in the Program Manual. The Persons identified in Section 4 above shall thereafter only use Town Highways in strict conformance with the submitted haul route declaration.

B. The Town's engineering consultant shall examine each segment of the proposed haul route in order to:

- (i) evaluate the Town Highways on the proposed haul route for design, geometric, or health and safety deficiencies, as those deficiencies are defined more fully by the Program Manual; and
- (ii) The Town's engineering consultant shall conduct all pre-use testing and threshold evaluation of each segment of a haul route that is a Town Highway in accordance with the methods set forth in the Program Manual.
- (iii) estimate the costs and procedures necessary to upgrade such Town Highways on the proposed haul route if the Town's engineering consultant determines that the Town Highways on the proposed haul route must be upgraded to accommodate the applicant's Concentrated Traffic; and
- (iv) if available, propose an alternate haul route if required due to design deficiencies or if desired by the applicant to minimize estimated upgrade or repair costs to the haul route.

C. At the request of the Town, the Town's engineering consultant shall design or approve, in conjunction with the Town Highway Superintendent or the Town engineer, all structural, geometric, and roadbed upgrades to Town Highways necessary to accommodate the applicant's Concentrated Traffic, which upgrades shall be made by the Town at the applicant's expense or by the applicant in accordance with the provisions of paragraph H of this Section 6 (including the posting of appropriate security). An applicant that has completed upgrades to Town Highways in accordance with this paragraph C will not be responsible for repairing Town Highways on the applicant's haul route provided that the applicant's actual traffic does not exceed the scope, volume, weight, or trips reported on the applicant's haul route declaration.

D. If no upgrades have been required and/or made to the Town Highways on the proposed haul route and the Town's engineering consultant determines that the applicant's Concentrated Traffic is expected to cause damage to Town Highways, the Town's engineering consultant shall provide the Town Highway Superintendent and the applicant with an estimate of



the cost to repair such damage. Prior to the use of any haul route segment on Town Highways, the applicant shall agree to make all such repairs at the applicant's expense in accordance with the provisions of paragraph H of this Section 6 (including the posting of appropriate security). If any haul route segment is on unpaved Town Highways, the Town Highway Superintendent may require, upon the recommendation of the Town's engineering consultant, that such Town Highways be subject to weekly monitoring and that any damage be repaired within five (5) days at the applicant's expense in accordance with the provisions of paragraph H of this Section 6.

E. Upon receipt by the Town of notice from the applicant stating that no further Concentrated Traffic is to occur upon Town Highways, the Town's engineering consultant shall, upon request of the Town, conduct post-use testing and damage assessment of each segment of a haul route that is a Town Highway in accordance with the methods set forth in the Program Manual. The Town's engineering consultant shall provide an estimate of the cost of repairing any actual damage to Town Highways caused by the applicant's Concentrated Traffic. Upon receiving the estimate, the repairs shall be made at the Town's discretion, at the applicant's expense in accordance with the provisions of paragraph H of this Section 6. Upon the satisfactory completion of the repairs and the approval of such repairs by the Town Highway Superintendent, any unused security shall be returned to the applicant.

F. Any security for performance and/or payment required under this local law shall be in an amount set by the Town Board upon the recommendation of the Town's engineering consultant. Any such security shall be provided pursuant to a written security agreement with the Town, approved by the Town Board and also approved by the Town Attorney as to form, sufficiency, and manner of execution. At the Board's discretion, the security may be in the form of (i) a performance or payment bond, as applicable, (ii) the deposit of funds with the Town, (iii) an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank authorized to do business in New York State, or (iv) other financial guarantee acceptable to the Town Board and the Town Attorney.

G. An applicant shall be permitted to undertake upgrade or repair work only if the Town Highway Superintendent determines that the applicant, or a contractor hired by the applicant, has the capability and experience to make the necessary repairs or upgrades. All work shall be performed pursuant to an agreement in writing between the applicant and the Town, which shall require, among other things, the applicant or its contractor to (i) complete the work in a timely fashion, (ii) post security in accordance with the requirements of paragraph G of this Section 6, (iii) indemnify the Town against all liability stemming from the applicant's work, and (iv) provide the Town with satisfactory evidence of insurance as determined by the Town, including liability insurance naming the Town as additional insured. All repairs or upgrades to Town Highways shall be made in accordance with the specifications established by the Town Highway Superintendent and must be approved by the Town Highway Superintendent. In addition, the applicant shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to applicable prevailing wage requirements of New York Labor Law. The applicant or its contractor shall obtain all governmental permits and approvals and obtain any private land rights that are necessary to make any required repairs or upgrades to Town Highways. If the applicant does not wish to make such repairs or upgrades to Town Highways, or is determined by the Town Highway Superintendent not to have the necessary capability to make such repairs or upgrades, then the applicant shall agree in writing to pay the Town for the cost of such repairs or upgrades to Town Highways and post security in accordance with the requirements of paragraph G of this Section 6.

H. The applicant shall pay the Town for all of the Town's reasonable costs and expenses in implementing the requirements of this Section 6, including without limitation the fees of the Town's engineering consultant in conducting all activities required hereunder and under the Program Manual. The Town may in some cases provide the applicant with an estimate of such costs and expenses, and the Town Board may require the applicant to place funds in escrow to cover such costs and expenses before the Town incurs any such costs and expenses.

I. The applicant shall defend, indemnify, and hold the Town harmless from all losses resulting from injury or death of persons or damage to property arising from the applicant's upgrades and repairs to Town Highways.

J. If an applicant disagrees with any decision by the Town Board, the Town Highway Superintendent, or the Town's engineering consultant in the administration of this local law, including without limitation the extent or method of a proposed highway upgrade or repair, any cost imposed upon the applicant, or an estimate of the amount of security to be held by the Town, and the applicant and the Town are unable to resolve their dispute through negotiation, the applicant may make a written request to the Town Board appealing such decision and requesting a public hearing at which the applicant shall have the right to appear and be heard. The Town Board shall hold such public hearing not fewer than five (5) days nor more than thirty (30) days after such request. The Town Board may reverse, modify, or affirm, wholly or partly, the decision appealed from and shall make such decision as in its opinion ought to have been made in the matter and, to that end, shall have all the powers of the board, official, or consultant from whose decision the appeal is taken. The Town Board shall issue a determination on the applicant's request within fifteen (15) days of the public hearing. In view of the Town's obligation to provide its residents with safe and properly maintained highways, the Town Board's determination shall be final.

In order to comply with the requirements of this Section 6, an applicant shall have the option of entering into a road use agreement with the Town. The Town Board by resolution will adopt a sample form of road use agreement meeting all the requirements set forth herein. The applicant may ask to modify such form or propose a different form of road use agreement, but any such agreement must be in a form approved by the Town Board and also approved by the Town Attorney as to form, sufficiency, and manner of execution.

#### **Section 7: Updates to the Program Manual.**

From time to time, updates to the Program Manual may be published. The Town Board may from time to time update or replace the Program Manual referenced by this local law, and thereafter, the new or updated manual shall be binding on all Persons subject to this local law.

#### **Section 8: Application Fees.**

The Town Board may establish a schedule of fees relating to applications, approvals, inspections, and enforcement under this local law.

#### **Section 9: Exceptions.**

A. The Town Board may by resolution exempt an applicant from the requirements of this local law provided that the Town Board makes a finding that the Town Highways to be used by the applicant will be adequately protected and any damage to Town Highways will be



adequately repaired by virtue of the requirements or conditions imposed upon the applicant in connection with any federal, State, or local permit or approval, including without limitation mitigation measures imposed under the National Environmental Policy Act or the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

B. The Town Board may delegate any function or responsibility to another municipal entity, including Chenango County, pursuant to an inter-municipal or other agreement authorized by law executed by the parties.

#### **Section 10: Enforcement and Penalties for Offenses.**

A. In addition to the following penalties and punishment, the Town Attorney may maintain an action or proceeding in the name of the Town in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or restrain any violation of this local law.

B. The Town Highway Superintendent and County Sheriff are hereby authorized to issue and serve appearance tickets with respect to any violation of this local law. The Town Attorney shall prosecute all such violations.

C. Any Person or Persons convicted of violating any provision of this local law shall be guilty of a violation. A conviction of a first violation is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed three months, or both. A conviction of a second violation occurring within a period of five years is punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$800 or imprisonment not to exceed six months, or both. A conviction of a subsequent violation occurring within a period of five years is punishable by a fine of not less than \$800 nor more than \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed nine months, or both. Each week that a violation continues uncorrected or is resumed shall constitute a separate additional violation.

D. In addition to the penalties prescribed herein, if any use of Town Highways is made or threatened in violation of the New York Highway Law, the New York Vehicle & Traffic Law, or other local law or ordinance of the Town, the Town Highway Superintendent may, in the name of and on behalf of the Town seek all remedies allowed pursuant to such laws or ordinances.

F. The remedies listed herein are intended to be cumulative and in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other penalties or punishments available to the Town by law, equity or contract, including any remedies that may be agreed to between the parties in a road use agreement.

#### **Section 11: Time to Act.**

The time periods prescribed herein in which the Town Board, the Town Highway Superintendent, other Town official, or the Town's engineering consultant shall act are not of the essence and shall not be construed as imposing a limitation on the time to act.

#### **Section 12: Inconsistent Provisions and Repealer.**

In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this local law and the provisions of the Program Manual, the provisions of this local law shall control. All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

**Section 13: Severability.**

If any part or provision of this local law or the application thereto to any Person or circumstance shall 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 such 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.

**Section 14: Effective Date.**

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