

1. Meeting Agenda

1.I. February 2, 2026 | Agenda/Active Calendar - Amended 260130

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2. Supporting Legislation

Legislation that is being introduced for the first time

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Documents:

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3. Active Legislation

Legislation that was previously introduced and is now being considered by the body

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4. Majority Consent (MC)

5. Supporting Document

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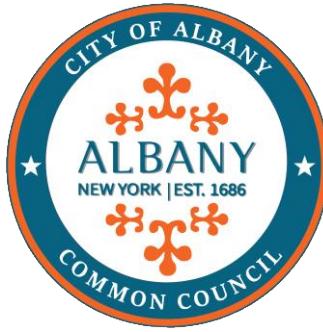
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6. Minutes

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AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL

Monday, February 2, 2026

The Common Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (note: when Monday falls on a legal holiday or day of special observance, the Council meeting is ordinarily moved to the following Thursday). This meeting will be held in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall and live streamed on Facebook. If we experience any technical difficulties on Facebook, the video will be streamed to YouTube. For more information on how to be heard please visit our website. If you wish to speak during the meeting or provide written comments, they must be received by 12noon on the day of the meeting. All comments are memorialized on our Facebook page, website, and are subject to FOIL.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Roll Call

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Communications from the Mayor, Department Heads and City Officials

Public Hearings

Initial Public Comment Period (Maximum of 1 Hour)

Comments from Members

Presentation of Petitions

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Consideration of Veto

Consideration of Local Laws

Consideration of Ordinances

Consideration of Resolutions

Additional Public Comment (30 Minutes)

Miscellaneous or Unfinished Business

Adjournment

Albany Common Council Active Calendar

Monday, February 2, 2026

The Active Calendar is meant to indicate items which are anticipated to come up for action at the indicated Common Council meeting. Items on a committee agenda prior to the indicated Council meeting are included subject to committee action and recommendation. New items on the agenda for introduction, but which will not be acted upon on the evening of introduction is not included on the Active Calendar. This Calendar does not preclude the addition of items for action by Majority Consent of the Council. Items added by Majority Consent are those which were not available for the agenda within the required deadline but which cannot wait for the subsequent Council meeting for introduction and/or action.

Legislation	Prime Sponsor	Subject
Local Laws Held A of 2026	Zamer	A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION
Resolutions Introduced 8.21.26R	Anane	A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY
Resolutions Introduced 9.21.26R	Farrell	A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE
Resolutions Introduced 10.21.26R	Farrell	A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEIRDRE BRODIE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE LARK STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Resolutions Introduced 11.21.26R	Johnson	A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACTY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE
Resolutions Held 4.12.26R	Farrell	A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL
Resolutions Held 6.12.26R	Flynn	A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

Pending Discussion at the General Services, Health & Environment Committee Meeting on Monday, February 2, 2026

Resolutions Held

7.12.26R

Farrell

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

Local Laws Introduced

1 Hoey

Local Law B of 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO LIMIT THE BURDEN OF REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO APPLICATIONS UNDER THIS SECTION

2 Keegan

Local Law C of 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 42-263 (ANNUAL SALARIES; ELECTIVE OFFICERS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO ADDING A MAJORITY WHIP POSITION FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL AND THE SALARIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Local Laws Held

1 Zamer

Under Consideration

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Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee | Discussed: 1/29/2026

Ordinances Introduced

1 Anane

Ordinance 1.21.26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND CHAPTER 232 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY PROHIBITING SMOKING PRODUCTS AND LIMITING THEIR PROXIMITY TO AT-RISK POPULATIONS

2 Williamson

Ordinance 2.21.26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5 MILL RD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 75.00-2-8) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE NORMANSKILL GAS REGULATOR STATION PROJECT

Resolutions Introduced

1 Anane

Under Consideration

Resolution 8.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY

2 Farrell

Under Consideration

Resolution 9.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

3 Farrell

Under Consideration

Resolution 10.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEIRDRE BRODIE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE LARK STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

4 Johnson

Under Consideration

Resolution 11.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Resolutions Held

1 Farrell

Resolution 3.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM DIXON AS THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Referred to Council Operations & Ethics | Discussion: 2/11/2026

2 Farrell

Under Consideration

Resolution 4.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee | Discussed: 1/29/2026

3 Farrell

Resolution 5.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

Referred to Finance, Assessment and Taxation | Discussed: 1/29/2026

4 Flynn

Under Consideration

Resolution 6.12.26R

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF Sycamore Street in their honor

Referred to General Services, Health & Environment | Discussion: 2/2/2026

5 Farrell

Under Consideration

Resolution 7.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee | Discussed: 1/29/2026

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
SUPPORT LEGISLATION
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

LOCAL LAWS

B OF 2026 **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION**

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ORDINANCES

1.21.26 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND CHAPTER 232 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY PROHIBITING SMOKING PRODUCTS AND LIMITING THEIR PROXIMITY TO AT-RISK POPULATIONS**

2.21.26 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5 MILL ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 75.00-2-8) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE NORMANSKILL GAS REGULATOR STATION PROJECT**

RESOLUTIONS

8.21.26R **A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY**

9.21.26R A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

**10.21.26R A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING
DEIRDRE BRODIE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE LARK
STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

11.21.26R A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Council Member Hoey introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW B OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Albany as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (A) of section 333-37 (Application) of Article III (Senior Citizens Tax Exemption) of Chapter 333 (Taxation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to add a subsection (B) to read as follows:

B. Except in cities of one million or more, any person who has been granted exemption pursuant to this section on five (5) consecutive completed assessment rolls, including any years when the exemption was granted to a property owned by a married person or a married couple while both spouses resided in such property, shall not be subject to the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision provided the governing board of the municipality in which said property is situated after public hearing adopts a local law, ordinance or resolution providing therefor however said person shall be mailed an application form and a notice setting forth such person's rights. Such exemption shall be automatically granted on each subsequent assessment roll. Provided, however, that when tax payment is made by such person a sworn affidavit must be included with such payment which shall state that such person continues to be eligible for such exemption. Such affidavit shall be on a form prescribed by the commissioner. If such affidavit is not included with the tax payment, the collecting officer shall proceed pursuant to section five hundred fifty-one-a of this chapter.

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
15th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Trey Kingston, Commissioner of Assessment**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 15, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Hoey**

Local Law B OF 2026

TITLE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO ALLOW FOR THE FORGOING OF FILING RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE EXEMPTION FOR FIVE (5) CONSECUTIVE YEARS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGSLATION

The City of Albany's senior citizen property tax exemption, codified at Code § 333-34 et seq., is authorized by and based upon section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. The renewal process, which is currently in place for the City of Albany, requires an annual renewal, including a State form, Federal Tax Returns, bank statements and Social Security documents. The required renewal paperwork is cumbersome to collect and important to remain protected for these property owners. State regulations require the removal of the exemption for those unable to satisfactorily submit the required documents, which would be catastrophic to the property owners' ability to age in their homes.

Adopting RPTL §467(6)(b) will allow the property owners who have received the Senior Citizen exemption for five consecutive years to forgo the formal renewal process and rather submit an affidavit of qualification which will be provided by the Department of Assessment.

The adoption of this local law into City Code will free up resources in the Department of Assessment and help Seniors receive the exemption in which they are legally entitled.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This local law helps the City of Albany achieve in assisting seniors' ability to age in their homes. By alleviating the burden imposed by the renewal requirements, it will allow seniors to retain the exemption without multiple trips to City Hall, providing sensitive financial information, and in many cases, the loss of the exemption altogether due to potential confusion and inability to complete.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Keegan, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, Assessment and Taxation, introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW C OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 42-263 (ANNUAL SALARIES; ELECTIVE OFFICERS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO ADDING A MAJORITY WHIP POSITION FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL AND THE SALARIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Be it enacted, by the Common Council of the City of Albany, as follows:

Section 1. Section 42-263 (Annual salaries; elective officials) of Article XXXII (General Provisions) of Part 22 (Elective and Appointive Officers of the City of Albany) of Chapter 42 (Departments and Commissions) of Part I (Administrative Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended as follows:

The following elective officers of the City of Albany shall receive an annual salary in the following sums, respectively:

Officer	Salary
Mayor	\$160,000.00
Chief City Auditor	\$125,000.00
Treasurer	\$125,000.00
President, Common Council	\$38,000.00
President Pro Tempore, Common Council	\$28,000.00
Majority Leader, Common Council	\$28,000.00
<u>Majority Whip, Common Council</u>	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
Member, Common Council	\$25,000.00

Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide**
Robert Wenner, Research Counsel

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 23, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Keegan, o/b/o Finance Committee**

LOCAL LAW C OF 2026

TITLE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 42-263 (ANNUAL SALARIES; ELECTIVE OFFICERS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO ADDING A MAJORITY WHIP POSITION FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL AND THE SALARIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

Per section 203 of the City Charter, “The salaries of elected officials shall be fixed by local law of the Common Council.” The Council has codified salaries for elected officials in the City Code at section 42-263, but the salaries reflected therein do not reflect the recently added leadership position, Majority Whip. This position was added in the Common Council’s Rules of Procedure that were adopted on January 5, 2026, and the position was filled by election on January 23, 2026. This legislation amends the Code to reflect the added position by amending section 1 of Local Law 9-2025.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This legislation is necessary to comply with the City Charter, to enact the adopted Rules of Procedure, and to make updates to Code § 42-263.

The addition of this position fills a role currently empty in Common Council Leadership. The Majority Whip will be responsible for managing intercommunications between Council Leadership and other Council members, including such communications as it relates to regular and special meetings of the Council, events, legislative items, and matters of public policy. The Majority Whip will also exercise the powers granted to the Majority Leader in their absence.

FISCAL IMPACTS

This local law would increase expenditure by approximately \$3,000 annually.

Matter in ~~strike~~through to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

Council Members Anane, Flynn and Keegan introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 1.21.26

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND CHAPTER 232 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY PROHIBITING SMOKING PRODUCTS AND LIMITING THEIR PROXIMITY TO AT-RISK POPULATIONS

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Section 251-9 (Smoking in City parks and recreational areas) of Article I (Public Grounds Designated as Parks; Government and Care of Parks and Parkways) of Chapter 251 (Parks and Recreation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 251-9 Smoking in City parks and recreational areas.

- A. Smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 440,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, and other smoking-related diseases. It kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, crack, homicide, suicide, accidents, fires and AIDS combined. Eighty percent of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old. Each year in the United States alone, secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 42,000 deaths from heart disease in people who are current nonsmokers; about 3,400 lung cancer deaths in nonsmoking adults; worse asthma and asthma-related problems in up to 1,000,000 asthmatic children; between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections (lung and bronchus) in children under 18 months of age, with 7,500 to 15,000 hospitalizations each year; and making children much more likely to be put into intensive care when they have the flu; they stay in the hospital longer, and they are more likely to need breathing tubes than kids who are not exposed to SHS. Cigarette butts also cause litter problems in the parks and ruin the natural atmosphere.
- B. No person shall smoke engage in smoking, vaping, or use of any combustible or electronic tobacco, nicotine, or cannabis products upon or within 50 feet of the City's parks, recreation centers, sport fields, swimming pools, or playgrounds. For purposes of this section, to "smoke" means to burn a lighted cigar, cigarette, or pipe or to use any other substance which contains tobacco.
- C. Violation of this section shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$50. "No Smoking" or "Smoke Free" signs or the international "No Smoking symbol", or both, Appropriate signage shall be posted designating tobacco-free zones; however, the presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this section.

Section 2. Article VI (Smoking Near Health Care Facilities and Inside Bus Shelters) of Chapter 323 Streets and Sidewalks of Part II of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

Matter in ~~strike~~~~through~~ to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

§ 323-96 Legislative intent

- A. The City of Albany Common Council finds that scientific studies have proven that cigarette smoking causes chronic lung disease, coronary heart disease, stroke, and cancer of the lungs, larynx, esophagus, mouth, and bladder and contributes to cancer of the cervix, pancreas, and kidneys. The use of cigars is also known to cause lung, larynx, esophageal, and oral cancer. More than 440,000 people die in the United States from tobacco-related diseases every year, making it the nation's leading cause of preventable illness. Furthermore, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has found secondhand smoke to be a risk to public health and has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A carcinogen. Exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in this country.
- B. The City of Albany Common Council further finds that as health care facilities have prohibited smoking in their facilities and directly adjacent to their building doorways, there has been a large increase in people smoking on the public streets and sidewalks adjacent to these facilities. These streets and sidewalks at times are difficult to pass through because of the number of people congregating and the clouds of smoke that fill the air. It has also become unsightly as cigarette butts are thrown all over the ground, causing a litter problem in the area. Bus shelters are also being used by smokers as shelters during inclement weather. As the area above the sidewalk is enclosed by the shelter, the smoke is dangerous to those individuals with breathing difficulties.

§ 323-97 Definitions

BUS SHELTER

Any covered structure at a bus stop, placed upon a sidewalk in the City of Albany, providing protection against the weather for people waiting for a bus.

HEALTH CARE FACILITY

For purposes of this article, the term "health care facility" shall be deemed to include a hospital as defined in § 2801 of the Public Health Law and shall also include such facilities related to the hospital as laboratories, outpatient departments, training facilities, central service facilities and staff offices.

PUBLIC PLACE

Shall mean any place open to the general public, including, for example, streets, sidewalks, playgrounds, or bus stops. For sidewalks and driveways, this shall include the curb or, if no curb, the edge of the pavement.

§ 323-98 Smoking prohibited

- A. It shall be unlawful to ~~smoke or possess burning tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, tobacco smoking devices, or any other lighted smoking equipment~~ engage in smoking, vaping, or use of any combustible or electronic tobacco, nicotine, or cannabis products within 100 feet of any building structure of a health care facility, upon any public place adjoining a health care facility, and inside of any bus shelter.

Matter in ~~strikethrough~~ to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

B. Health care facilities and bus transportation providers shall post "No Smoking" or "Smoke Free" signs or the international "No Smoking" symbol, or both, in conspicuous places on their properties sufficient to provide public notice of this prohibition; however, the presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this section.

§ 323-99 Penalties for offenses

The presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this article. A person found to be in violation of § 323-98 is subject to a fine up to \$50 per violation.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 30 days from final passage.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025**

Corporation Counsel

Matter in ~~strike~~^{through} to be deleted. Matter underlined is new material.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**

Date: **August 21, 2025**

Sponsor: **Owusu Anane, 10th Ward Council Member
Jack Flynn, 8th Ward Council Member
Meghan Keegan, 9th Ward Council Member**

ORDINANCE 1.21.26

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 (PARKS AND RECREATION) AND CHAPTER 232 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO COMPREHENSIVELY PROHIBITING SMOKING PRODUCTS AND LIMITING THEIR PROXIMITY TO AT-RISK POPULATIONS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This ordinance clarifies existing language throughout the code to more comprehensively address tobacco, vaping, and marijuana products. Further, it further mitigates exposures to secondhand inhalation of these products for at-risk groups by limiting the proximity to which certain spaces may be smoked nearby.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND CHANGES TO EXISTING LAW

The prior language did not encompass marijuana and new products like vapes or reflect the need for distance away from parks and health care facilities.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

Not yet determined; costs of signage on City property.

Council Member Williamson introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 2.21.26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5 MILL ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 75.00-2-8) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE NORMANSKILL GAS REGULATOR STATION PROJECT

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The City of Albany is hereby authorized to grant a permanent easement to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for the purposes of improving its gas regulator station, over a portion of City-owned property at 5 Mill Road (tax map parcel number 75.00-2-8, also known as the Normanskill Farm) in the City of Albany, as described more fully in the proposed easement included herewith.

Section 2. The form, content, terms and conditions of such permanent easement shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Section 3. The Grantee shall not hinder, interfere with, prevent, delay, obstruct or adversely affect the Grantor in the reasonable exercise of its governmental operations or function.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
22ND DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 22, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member John Williamson, 1st Ward**

ORDINANCE 2.21.26

TITLE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 5 MILL ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 75.00-2-8) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR UPGRADES TO THE NORMANSKILL GAS REGULATOR STATION PROJECT

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation proposes upgrades to its Normanskill Gas Regulator Station in the City of Albany. The easement is over approximately 0.020 acres, necessary for the installation and improvement of the existing gas regulator system for the safe delivery of natural gas within Niagara Mohawk's Eastern New York gas service territory.

The proposed easement, together with a drawing provided by National Grid to the City, are included herewith. The proposed easement is attached only for reference. It must still be reviewed and approved by the relevant City departments and finally approved by Corporation Counsel's Office.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Common Council approval is required for land transactions, such as the granting of a permanent easement over municipal property.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Members Anane, Adams, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Robinson, Williamson, and Zamer, with the Support of Council President Kimbrough, introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 8.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY

WHEREAS, the origin of Black History Month began in 1926, over half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States, growing out of “Negro History Week,” the creation of noted historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans; and

WHEREAS, many African Americans lived, toiled, and died in obscurity, never achieving the recognition they deserved, and yet paved the way for future generations to succeed; and

WHEREAS, the celebration was born of a need to both highlight the important roles that African Americans have played in shaping American history and acknowledge the sacrifices and struggles of African Americans in the ongoing fights for civil rights, equality, justice, and racial justice; and

WHEREAS, with the Civil Rights Movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, Black History Month or National African American History Month evolved to an annual celebration encouraging all Americans to educate themselves about the rich history and contributions of African Americans as artists, scientists, educators, business people, thinkers, faith leaders, athletes, and governmental representatives—roles that reflect the diversity and distinction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Pan-African flag was designed to represent people of the African diaspora with its symbolism—red for both the blood shed by Africans who died in their fight for liberation and the shared blood of the African people, black for Black people, and green for growth and the natural fertility of Africa—and to symbolize Black freedom; and

WHEREAS, of its nearly 101,000 residents, 27.9% of the City’s residents are African American;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby adopt this resolution honoring Black History Month and the contributions of African-Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City of Albany shall raise the Pan-African flag on City Hall each February in solidarity and in recognition of Black History Month.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Bryan Jimenez, Legislative Director**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 13, 2026**

Sponsors: **Council Members Anane, Adams, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Robinson, Williamson, and Zamer, with the Support of Council President Kimbrough**

RESOLUTION 8.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To honor Black History Month and the contributions of African Americans and to direct the Mayor to raise the Pan-African Flag on City Hall annually in solidarity.

FISCAL IMPACTS

None.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 9.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year falls on the second new moon after the winter solstice, landing this year on February 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, celebrations of Lunar New Year traditionally last fifteen days, ending this year with the Lantern Festival on March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations among East and Southeast Asian cultures, with its origins tracing back 4,000 years ago in China; and

WHEREAS, the Asian diaspora has expanded the Lunar New Year celebration into a worldwide event, celebrated by millions of Asian-Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, preparations for Lunar New Year festivities begin with tying up loose ends in anticipation for a fresh start in the New Year with businesses balancing their books, paying off old debts, and collecting on loans and charges due; and

WHEREAS, individuals take time to reflect on misfortunes of the past and examine personal mistakes and failures to address their bad luck and negative attitudes, arriving at an optimistic approach for the future; and

WHEREAS, while celebrations of Lunar New Year are diverse, they traditionally include gatherings with friends and family for cultural performances, such as dragon dances and lantern shows, and the exchange of gifts and money to wish others good fortune, health, and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Asian-Americans in Albany have generously shared their culture, allowing Albany to become a more diverse and vibrant city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Albany Common Council joins in the celebrations of Lunar New Year and recognizes its cultural and historical significance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Albany Common Council highlights the important social, economic, and cultural contributions that Asian-Americans have made to this city; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that in observance of this Lunar New Year, the Year of the Snake, the Common Council of the City of Albany wishes all who observe this holiday a happy and prosperous year.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Bryan Jimenez, Legislative Director**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 24, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Kimbrough**

RESOLUTION 9.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution seeks to recognize the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 10.21.26R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEIRDRE BRODIE AS
A BOARD MEMBER OF THE LARK STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §980-m (b) of the NYS General Municipal Law, the Common Council is authorized to make one appointment to the Board of Directors of a business improvement district management association;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Deirdre Brodie be, and hereby is, appointed as a board member of the Lark Street Area Business Improvement District Management Association to replace Richard Conti as the Common Council appointee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, unless sooner terminated, this appointment shall expire and the appointee's term shall end at such time as she shall no longer be the Council Member representing the Sixth Ward in the City of Albany.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**
From: **Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide**
Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum
Date: **January 13, 2026**

RESOLUTION 10.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEIRDRE BRODIE AS A BOARD MEMBER TO THE LARK STREET AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To make a Common Council appointment to the Board of Directors of the Lark Street Area Business Improvement District Management Association.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXSITING LAW

Pursuant to §980-m(b) of the NYS General Municipal Law, the Common Council is authorized to make one appointment to the Board of Directors of a business improvement district management association (a/k/a “BID Board of Directors”). Under past practice the Council has deferred such appointment to the recommendation of the Common Council Members representing the applicable BID. The current boundaries of the Lark Street BID are contained entirely within the 6th Ward represented by Council Member Brodie who has requested appointment to the Lark Street BID Board of Directors. This resolution is necessary to effectuate that request and formally appoint Council Member Conti to the Lark Street BID Board.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Derek Johnson introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 11.21.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, Gabriella Romero's public service career began in 2021 when she was elected to represent the 6th Ward for the Albany Common Council after serving as a public defender; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a Council Member, she championed tenant rights, criminal justice reform, and youth recreational opportunities—unwaveringly advocating for Albany's most vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, due to her tireless efforts as a Council Member, Gabriella Romero was elected to the New York State Assembly in 2024 where she has continued to center the needs of the Albany community; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Romero has had an incredible first year in office, with both the Holocaust Memorial Bill (S.5784/A.7614) and Crime Victim Notification Bill (S.7546/A.6332A) signed by the Governor during 2025; and

WHEREAS, her advocacy within the State Legislature helped secure a historic \$400 million to revitalize downtown Albany—funding that will be used to modernize the state museum, improve public safety, and more; and

WHEREAS, Gabriella Romero championed \$136 million in funding for Phase One of the Empire State Plaza Decarbonization Plan which will support cleaner air and good-paying jobs to Sheridan Hollow; and

WHEREAS, the Assemblywoman's dedication to the City of Albany was well illustrated by her allocation of discretionary funds to uplift organizations and programs that directly serve those most in need; and

WHEREAS, she provided \$10,000 in operating funds to the Sweet Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church Soup Kitchen to support their mission of providing hundreds of hot meals to food-insecure Albany residents weekly; and

WHEREAS, she also provided United Tenants of Albany with \$20,000 to support a new initiative that she championed which will provide housing assistance to tenants who have been displaced by Unsafe Unfit (USUF) designations; and

WHEREAS, through collaborating with Senator Patricia Fahy, Assemblymember Romero was able to secure \$300,000 in capital investment grants for the City of Albany to purchase necessary equipment for the Albany West Community Center; and

WHEREAS, alongside all her legislative and budgetary accomplishments, Assemblymember Romero has continued to prioritize meeting her constituents where they are—from attending community events to hosting her Fall Frolic series, she remained a presence within all of Albany’s neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Assemblymember Gabriella Romero continues to speak directly to the needs of her constituents—displaying transparency, attentiveness, and persistence throughout her governance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby commend Assemblymember Gabriella Romero for her advocacy and accomplishments throughout her first year within the state legislature.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**

Date: **January 22, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Derek Johnson, 2nd Ward**

RESOLUTION 11.21.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMENDING ASSEMBLYMEMBER GABRIELLA ROMERO FOR HER ADOCACY THROUGHOUT HER FIRST YEAR WITHIN THE STATE LEGISLATURE

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

To commend Assemblymember Gabriella Romero for her many accomplishments throughout her first year within the state legislature.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
ACTIVE LEGISLATION
PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

LOCAL LAWS

A OF 2025 **A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION**

RESOLUTIONS

4.12.26R **A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL**

6.12.26R **A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF Sycamore Street IN THEIR HONOR**

7.12.26R **A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL**

Council Member Zamer introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW A OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Albany as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (A) of section 333-34 (Eligibility) of Article III (Senior Citizens Tax Exemption) of Chapter 333 (Taxation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Pursuant to § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property located in the City of Albany and owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by spouses, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation according to the following eligibility schedule:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation
<u>\$47,000 or less</u>	<u>65%</u>
<u>More than \$47,000 and up to \$48,000</u>	<u>60%</u>
<u>More than \$48,000 and up to \$49,000</u>	<u>55%</u>
<u>More than \$49,000 and up to \$50,000 or less</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>More than \$50,000 and up to \$51,000</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>More than \$51,000 and up to \$52,000</u>	<u>40%</u>
<u>More than \$52,000 and up to \$53,000</u>	<u>35%</u>
<u>More than \$53,000 and up to \$53,900</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>More than \$53,900 and up to \$54,800</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>More than \$54,800 and up to \$55,700</u>	<u>20%</u>
<u>More than \$55,700 and up to \$56,600</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>More than \$56,600 and up to \$57,500</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>More than \$57,500 and up to \$58,400</u>	<u>5%</u>
<u>More than \$58,400</u>	<u>0%</u>

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Trey Kingston, Commissioner of Assessment**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 13, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Zamer**

Local Law A OF 2026 (MC)

TITLE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGSLATION

The City of Albany's senior citizen property tax exemption, codified at Code § 333-34 et seq., is authorized by and based upon section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. From 2009 to the taxable year 2024, Senior Citizen property owners could be awarded an exemption based on their income level with a maximum discount of 50%. On December 5, 2025, Governor Hochul signed into law 2025 NY AB 3698 (also known as 2025 NY SB 5175), effective beginning in taxable year 2025. This authorized municipalities to create three new income levels which would allow for the exemption to be granted at 55, 60 and 65%, the Legislature amended section 467 to increase the exemption amounts up to 65%. Under the amended local law, seniors earning less than \$50,000 per year may enjoy an exemption in excess of the 50% which was historically provided by law, with new tiers added for 55%, 60%, and 65%.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This local law conforms the City of Albany's exemption income eligibility to those recently authorized by the State. Albany previously conformed to the maximum levels permitted by State law. With the recent statewide increase in maximum permissible exemption, this legislation is necessary to bring Albany back in line with State standards.

The local law will apply only to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026. Because of the arrangement of the assessment calendar under the Real Property Tax Law, the exemption will not be reflected for those who fall under the new eligibility brackets until the 2026-27 school tax bills and 2027 City/County tax bills.

As the City continues to assist our aging community, this exemption will continue to allow our seniors to age in their homes and not have to seek alternative living arrangements as a result of tax liabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, section 4 of Ordinance 27.101.25 requires Council Approval of changes in rates of pay exceeding ten percent of planned rates presented to the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Assessment during the annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor and Department of Administrative Services are requesting the changes in the planned rates of pay for the positions below included in the 2026 City Budget; and

Title	Budget Line	Grade	Planned	Amended
Deputy Mayor	11210000.Positions	W.13	133,600	162,930
Dep. Comm. of Admin Svcs	11610000.Positions	W.12	104,810	128,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate these changes in the Office of the Mayor and Department of Administrative Services staffing for 2026.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 9, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell, 13th Ward**

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to adjust the rate of pay for a position within the Office of the Mayor.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Section 4 of Ordinance 27.101.25 requires Council Approval of changes in rates of pay exceeding ten percent of planned rates presented to the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Assessment during the annual budget process.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Sufficient appropriations were included in the 2026 adopted budget in conjunction with other actions.

Council Members Flynn, Farrell, Hoey, and Zamer introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF Sycamore Street in Their Honor

WHEREAS, the Larsons have long been a pillar of the City of Albany, known for their deep-rooted commitment to public service, caregiving, and community spirit across all generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson was born and raised in Albany, becoming a staple in the community who devoted her life to caring for others with compassion, patience, and warmth as a nurse, family member, and friend to all; and

WHEREAS, after serving in local hospitals and taking time to raise her family, she became a school nurse in the Albany City School District, where she was beloved by students and colleagues alike for her care, comfort, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Molly Larson also quickly became a respected member and advocate within the Albany Public School Teachers Association, advancing the standing of school nurses across the Capital Region through her advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Molly Larson—often lovingly called “Non”—spent her time, embracing former students, tending to her garden, and volunteering at the Focus Churches Food Pantry, alongside her partner of 52 years, her children, and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, her spirit of warmth, humor, and generosity was also embodied by her daughter, Molly Quinn Duffy, who shared the same kindness and radiance that defined her family’s character; and

WHEREAS, Molly Quinn Duffy brightened every room she entered, few people had met her and remained a stranger; she drew many in with her good nature and devoted friendship; and

WHEREAS, she had an incredible ability to bring people together through her baking skills—she cooked thousands of Christmas cookies annually and was known for her signature St. Patrick’s Day soda bread; and

WHEREAS, she loved being a mother to her son Brian, with whom she created countless memories: cheering him on at Little League games, planning surprises, and supporting school and community activities, even as she courageously battled metastatic melanoma; and

WHEREAS, the family’s legacy of service was also exemplified by James “Jimmy” William Larson, an excellent father to Molly Quin Duffy and phenomenal husband to Molly Phinney Larson;

WHEREAS, James served our city fearlessly for more than three decades, beginning with his appointment to the Albany Fire Department in November 1968 and his role as a charter member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2007; and

WHEREAS, some of his happiest and proudest years were spent riding the Rescue Squad as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain before rising to Deputy Chief in 1985 and Chief of the Department in 1987, demonstrating leadership, strength, and unwavering commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Larson found tremendous joy in devoting himself to caring for his wife Molly and family—especially his grandchildren, Jack, Sean, Matty, Brian, and Keira—and further exploring his many hobbies; and

WHEREAS, together, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson represent a family whose compassion, service, humor, and dedication to one another and to Albany strengthened the fabric of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby honors the lives and legacies of Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson by renaming a portion of Sycamore Street as “Larson Way”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that two signs shall be produced reading “Larson Way”, to be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **November 21, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Jack Flynn, 11th Ward**
Majority Leader Ginnie Farrell, 13th Ward
Council Member Thomas Hoey, 15th Ward
Council Member Deborah Zamer, 14th Ward

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution officially recognizes the contributions to the City of Albany made the Lawson Family and directs the creation of honorary street signs at the proposed location.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Per Code § 323-63.2 (B), the Council shall effectuate honorary street renamings “through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

MAP OF PROPOSED HONORARY STREET SIGNS

TBD



City Clerk
City of Albany, New York
City Hall
24 Eagle Street Albany, NY 12207
www.cityclerk@albanyny.gov

Date Received

Proposed Honorary Street Name Application Form

Instructions: This application must be completed in full and submitted for review. Please complete one (1) form for each proposed street name. Please complete the application in its entirety and print. Requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 application fee

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name Jack Flynn

Street Address 7 Harbor City/State Albany, New York Zip 12207

Telephone (518) 438-7920 Fax () Email jackflynn87@verizon.net

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name Larsen Way

Suggested Location Sycanore and Hackett

Existing Street Name Sycanore

Cross Street Information: From Sycanore to -

Number of Intersections 1

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached () Yes () No

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached () Yes () No

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please Explain): _____

Please Review Attachment

Applicant's Signature Please Review Attachment Date _____

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R (MC)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Audit and Control is requesting a change in its authorized positions included in the 2026 City Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Audit and Control commits to leaving an Auditor and Communications Coordinator positions included in the 2026 City Budget vacant; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this request, the Office of Audit and Control has requested that the amendments reflected in the subsequent chart to the authorized positions of the 2026 City Budget be made; and

Action	Title	Budget Line	Grade	Range
Create	Chief of Staff	11310000.Positions	W.12	104,810 – 148,140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate this change in the Office of Audit and Control staffing for 2026.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 12, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell, 13th Ward**

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R (MC)

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to effectuate a change in the staffing of the Office of Audit and Control.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to section 604 (D)(b) of the City Charter “any transfer of budgeted funds that affects any salary rate or salary total” requires the approval of the Common Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Sufficient appropriations were included in the 2026 adopted budget in conjunction with other actions.

GRANT OF EASEMENT

City of Albany having an address at **24 Eagle Street, Albany NY 12207** (hereinafter referred to as "Grantor"), is the owner of that certain parcel of real property commonly known as **5 Mill Rd**, located in the Municipality of Albany, County of Albany in the State of New York, identified on the tax maps of the County of Albany, as Section **75.00 /Block 2 /Lot 8 (SBL# 75.00-2-8)** and pursuant to that certain deed recorded with the County Clerk of the County of Albany on, **February 1, 1981 in Liber 2201 at Page 395** (the "Grantor's Land"), and Grantor, for consideration in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and other valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, hereby grants to **NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION**, a New York corporation, having an address at 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202 (hereinafter referred to as "Grantee"), for Grantee and its lessees, licensees, successors, and assigns a perpetual, nonexclusive easement and right of way through, over, across, under and upon the Grantor's Land (the "Easement") under the following terms and conditions.

Section 1 – Description of the Easement. The Easement provides the Grantee with the right, privilege, and authority to:

- a. construct, reconstruct, relocate, extend, repair, maintain, operate, inspect, patrol, and, at its pleasure, abandon or remove overhead electric and underground gas facilities including a line or lines of overhead poles (and supporting structures) and underground pipes, wires, guys, guy stubs, valves, fittings, handholes, manholes, conduit, vaults, junction boxes, pad-mount transformers, housings, connectors, switches and switching equipment, pipes, pedestals, closures, ducts and duct work, markers, cables, connections to overhead and underground facilities, insulators, transformers, braces, fittings, foundations, anchors, lateral service lines, communications facilities, and other fixtures and appurtenances (collectively, the "Facilities"), which the Grantee shall require now and from time to time for the transmission and distribution of high and low voltage electric current, gas, and for the transmission of intelligence and communication data, by any means, whether now existing or hereafter devised, for public or private use, in, through, upon, over, under, and across that portion of the Grantor's Land described in Section 2 below (the "Easement Area"), and the highways abutting or running through the Grantor's Land, and to renew, replace, add to, and otherwise change the Facilities and each and every part thereof and the location thereof within the Easement Area, and utilize the Facilities within the Easement Area for the purpose of providing service to the Grantor and others; and
- b. from time to time, without further payment therefor, to clear the Easement Area of obstructions or structures, and clear and keep cleared the Easement Area by physical and/or mechanical means, of any and all brush, trees, limbs, branches, roots, vegetation, or other obstructions; and
- c. from time to time, without further payment therefor, to clear and keep cleared by physical and/or mechanical means, the Grantor's Land beyond the bounds of the Easement Area, of any and all trees, limbs, branches, roots or vegetation that, in the sole judgment of the Grantee, due to species or structural defects or their tall growing nature, are likely to fall into or encroach upon the Easement Area or interfere in any way with the safe and reliable operation of Grantee's existing or proposed Facilities; and
- d. excavate or change the grade of the Grantor's Land as is reasonable, necessary, and proper for any and all purposes described in this Easement; provided, however, that the Grantee will, upon completion of its work, backfill and restore any excavated areas to reasonably the same condition as existed prior to such excavation; and
- e. pass and repass on foot and with vehicles and equipment, along, over, across and upon the Easement Area and the Grantor's Land in order to access the Easement Area and construct, reconstruct, relocate, use, and maintain roads, paths, causeways, and ways of access to and from the Easement Area as is reasonable and necessary in order to exercise to the fullest extent the Easement.

Section 2 – Location of the Easement Area. The "Easement Area" shall consist of a portion of the Grantor's Land which is approximately, 871.2 sq/ft (0.020 acres) throughout its extent. The general location of the Easement Area is shown on the sketch entitled, **"Easement Sketch-Exhibit A, WR# 90000225801 – Proposed Permanent Easement Area "A"**, which sketch is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "A" and to be recorded herewith. The final and definitive location(s) of the Easement Area shall become established by and upon the final installation and erection of the Facilities by the Grantee in substantial compliance with Exhibit "A".

Section 3 – Facilities Ownership. It is agreed that the Facilities shall remain the property of the Grantee, its successors and assigns.

Section 4 – General Provisions. The Grantor, for itself, its heirs, legal representatives, successors, and assigns, hereby covenants and agrees with the Grantee that no act will be permitted within the Easement Area which is inconsistent with the Easement hereby granted; no buildings or structures, or replacements thereof or additions thereto, swimming pools, or

obstructions will be erected or constructed above or below grade within the Easement Area; no trees shall be grown, cultivated, or harvested, and no excavating, mining, or blasting shall be undertaken within the Easement Area without the prior written consent of the Grantee, it being the intent that the Easement herein conveyed is intended to prohibit the longitudinal or parallel use or occupancy of said Easement Area by surface or subsurface activities or structures which might damage or interfere with the Facilities; the Easement shall not be modified nor the Easement Area relocated by the Grantor without the Grantee's prior written consent; the present grade or ground level of the Easement Area will not be changed by excavation or filling; the Grantee shall quietly enjoy the Grantor's Land; and the Grantor will forever warrant title to the Grantor's Land.

The Grantee, its successors and assigns, are hereby expressly given and granted the right to assign this Easement, or any part thereof, or interest therein, and the same shall be divisible between or among two or more owners, as to any right or rights created hereunder, so that each assignee or owner shall have the full right, privilege, and authority herein granted, to be owned and enjoyed either in common or severally. This Grant of Easement shall at all times be deemed to be and shall be a continuing covenant running with the Grantor's Land and shall inure to and be binding upon the successors, heirs, legal representatives, and assigns of the parties named in this Grant of Easement.

Section 5 – Indemnification and Insurance. Grantee will indemnify Grantor and save it harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liability, and expenses in connection with loss of life, personal injury and/or damages to property arising directly from the exercise of its rights under this Easement by Grantee. The foregoing indemnification shall not include injury or damage caused by or attributable to the negligence or willful misconduct of the Grantor or the employees, agents or contractors of Grantor. Further, Grantee shall carry insurance of such types (including, without limitation, commercial general liability insurance, motor vehicle insurance, and workers compensation insurance) and in such coverage amounts as customarily maintained by Grantee for installations and activities of this type elsewhere on its system and Grantor shall be named as additional insured on such policies. Grantee reserves the right to self-insure a portion of the foregoing insurance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor has duly executed this Grant of Easement under seal this day of , 20 .

CITY OF ALBANY

(L.S.)

Signature -

(L.S.)

Title-

Date-

State of _____)
County of _____)
)
) SS:

On the ____ day of _____ in the year 20____, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name(s) is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

Signature - _____ (L.S.)

Title - _____ **Date-** _____ (L.S.)

State of _____)
) ss:
County of _____)

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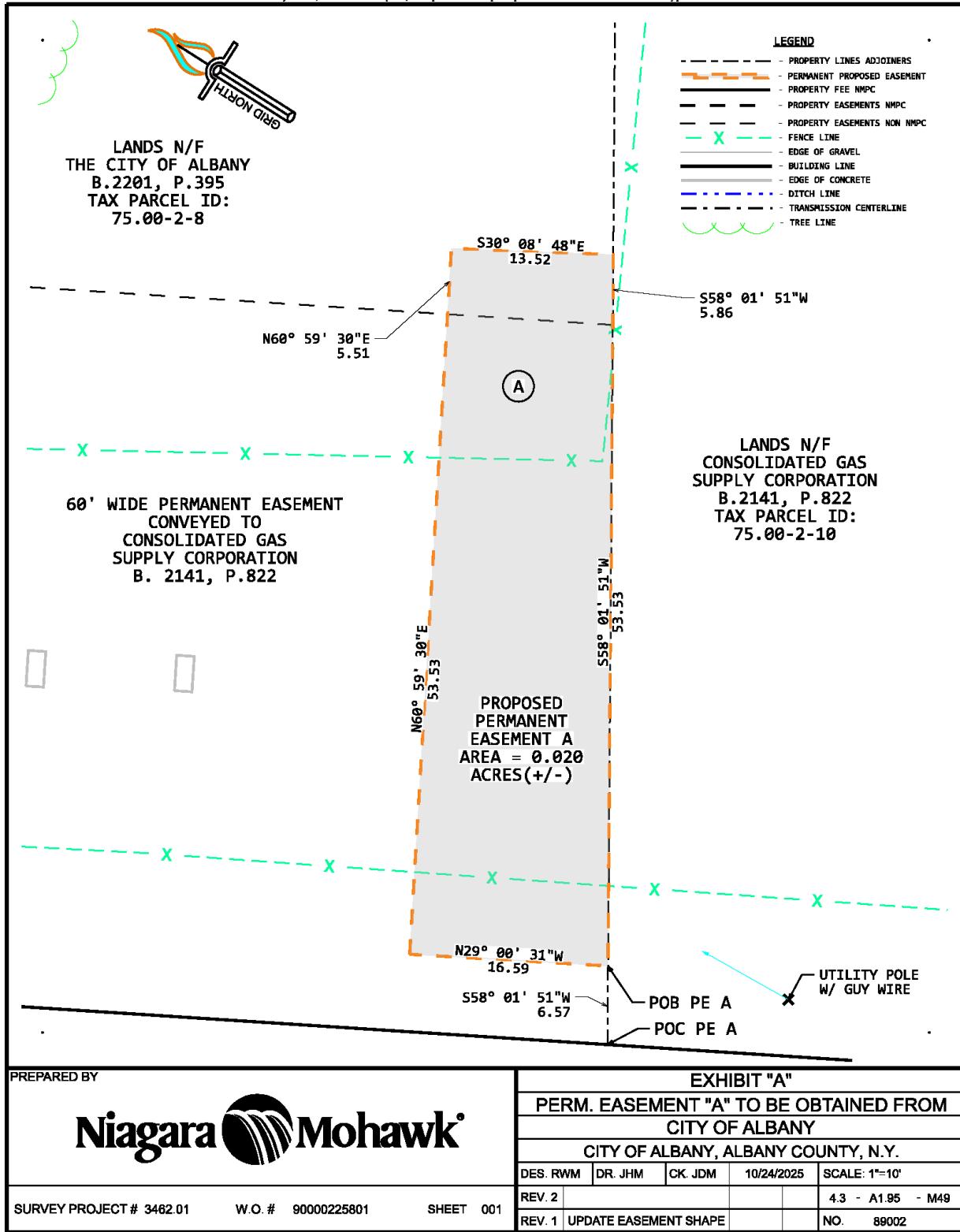
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RETURN TO:

National Grid
Attention: David Sanzen
Right of Way, Survey & Aviation
1125 Broadway
Albany, New York 12204

Exhibit A

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PERMANENT EASEMENT "A" FROM CITY OF ALBANY - TAX PARCEL 75.00-2-8

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND SITUATE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, COUNTY OF ALBANY, AND STATE OF NEW YORK,
BEING BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A POINT AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION, A SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF THE CITY OF ALBANY (TAX PARCEL 75.00-2-8), THE SOUTHEASTERLY CORNER OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT CONVEYED TO CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION, AND THE EASTERLY LINE OF LANDS NOW OR FORMERLY OF NATIONAL GRID KRUMKILL - ALBANY # 7 (Q-679) 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE; THENCE EASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION, A SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE LANDS OF CITY OF ALBANY, AND THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT CONVEYED TO CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION SOUTH 58° 01' 51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 6.57 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

THENCE THROUGH THE LANDS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY AND A PERMANENT EASEMENT CONVEYED TO CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES:

1. NORTH 29° 00' 31" WEST A DISTANCE OF 16.59 FEET TO A POINT;
2. NORTH 60° 59' 30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 53.53 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EASTERLY LINE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT CONVEYED TO CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION;

THENCE THROUGH THE LANDS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES:

1. NORTH 60° 59' 30" EAST A DISTANCE OF 5.51 FEET TO A POINT;
2. SOUTH 30° 08' 48" EAST A DISTANCE OF 13.52 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION, AND A SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE LANDS OF CITY OF ALBANY;

THENCE WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION, AND A SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE LANDS OF CITY OF ALBANY SOUTH 58° 01' 51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 5.86 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT CONVEYED TO CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION; THENCE CONTINUING WESTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION, A SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE LANDS OF CITY OF ALBANY, AND THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF A PERMANENT EASEMENT CONVEYED TO CONSOLIDATED GAS SUPPLY CORPORATION SOUTH 58° 01' 51" WEST A DISTANCE OF 53.53 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTAINING 0.020 ACRE OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.



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"Unauthorized alteration of a survey map bearing a licensed land surveyor's seal is a violation of the New York State Education Law."

I hereby certify that this map was prepared in accordance with current policies, standards and procedures.

Date: OCTOBER 29 2025

COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN CT, P.C.

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EXHIBIT "A"

PERM. EASEMENT "A" TO BE OBTAINED FROM

CITY OF ALBANY

CITY OF ALBANY, ALBANY COUNTY, N.Y.

DES. RWM	DR. JHM	CK. JDM	10/24/2025	SCALE: 1"=10'
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