

LOCAL LAW 2 of 2025

TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD

A LOCAL LAW IMPOSING A HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX IN THE TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of New Hartford recognizes the growing number of visitors utilizing hotel and lodging accommodations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town incurs increased costs associated with tourism, including infrastructure, public safety, and community services; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a hotel occupancy tax is a commonly accepted method for municipalities to recoup costs and invest in local economic development and tourism-related initiatives;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of New Hartford as follows:

1. **Imposition of Tax:** There is hereby imposed and shall be paid a tax by every occupant of a hotel, motel, or similar place of lodging within the Town of New Hartford at a rate of 5% of the per-night room charge.
2. **Exemptions:** The following shall be exempt from the occupancy tax:
 - Lodgings rented for a period exceeding thirty (30) consecutive days.
 - Lodgings paid for by government agencies in the performance of official duties.
 - Other exemptions as may be determined by law.
3. **Collection:** Operators of hotels or lodging establishments shall collect the tax at the time of payment and shall remit the collected taxes to the Town in the manner and schedule prescribed by the Town Clerk or designated official.
4. **Use of Revenues:** Revenues generated from the hotel occupancy tax shall be designated for tourism promotion, infrastructure improvements, and other purposes as determined by the Town Board.
5. **Effective Date:** This resolution shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State and in accordance with applicable state enabling legislation.

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all necessary steps to implement the provisions of this resolution and to coordinate with state agencies as required.