

VIDEOCONFERENCING LOCAL LAW

Local Law No 5 of the year 2022

Town of Lansing, County of Tompkins, New York

A local law authorizing the Town Board, and other boards, agencies, councils, and committees of the Town of Lansing to use videoconferencing technology to participate in public meetings pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a, the Municipal Home Rule Law, the Town Law, and other provisions of New York State laws and regulations, rulings, and authorities thereunder.

Section 1. Legislative Intent. It is the intent of this local law to give the town board, the planning board, the board of zoning appeals, the conservation advisory council, the board of ethics, and the other public and non-public bodies and committees of the town, be they advisory in nature or otherwise, the authority to participate in meetings *via* videoconference in a manner consistent with the town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

Section 2. Authority. This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a, which expressly authorizes the town board to adopt a local law giving the town board, and all public bodies and agencies of the Town of Lansing, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public, so long as, when required by the Open Meetings Law (public Officers Law Article 7), or other requirements of New York State law: (i) a quorum of the board/body participates from locations where the public may be physically present; and (ii) all other requirements of the Public Officers Law are met and the conditions of this local law and the Town Videoconferencing Policy are properly met.

Section 3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings. The Town Board of the Town of Lansing hereby authorizes members of the town board, the planning board, the board of zoning appeals, the conservation advisory council, the board of ethics, and the other public and non-public bodies and committees of the town, be they advisory in nature or otherwise, to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the town's videoconferencing policy, as adopted and amended, from time-to-time, by the town board.

Section 4. Severability. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court or tribunal of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order was rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect immediately.