

LOCAL LAW NUMBER #__ OF 2026

**A LOCAL LAW OF THE TOWN OF LANSING TO AMEND TOWN
CODE CHAPTER 80, ENTITLED “PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT”**

The Town Board of The Town of Lansing, New York, pursuant to a Resolution dated ____, 2026, does hereby approve and adopt this Local Law Number #_ of 2026, and therefore, **BE IT SO ENACTED** as follows:

SECTION 1 - AUTHORITY & PURPOSE: This local law is adopted pursuant to the powers granted by the Town Law of the State of New York, including but not limited to §§ 20 and 64 therein, and Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, which authorize the Town of Lansing to adopt local laws providing for the governance and management of town affairs. The purpose of this local law is to amend Chapter 80 to clarify and update the functions and duties transferred to the Public Works Department and its Administrator.

SECTION 2: AMENDMENTS TO TOWN CODE CHAPTER 80: Town Code Chapter 80 is amended, with such amended provisions being hereby superseded and replaced, as follows:

A. Section 80-2 is amended to now read as follows:

§ 80-2. Transfer of Highway Department and Other Town Functions.

The functions of the highway department of the Town of Lansing are hereby transferred to the Public Works Department. The public works and construction and maintenance functions of the Parks and Recreation Department are emplaced within the Public Works Department. Additional town functions, responsibilities, offices, duties, departments, and personnel may be added to or removed from the Public Works Department as determined from time-to-time by the town board.

B. Section 80-3 is amended to now read as follows:

§ 80-3. Responsibilities.

A. The Public Works Department’s responsibilities shall include: (i) the town’s highway functions, along with responsibilities for the construction, improvement, repair, care, and maintenance of the highways, roads, bridges, sluices, waterways, culverts, and sidewalks; (ii) construction, excavation, maintenance, and repair of all town real estate, buildings, building-related facilities, parks, recreational fields, walkways, trails, and pathways; (iii) water and sewer infrastructure and stormwater facilities; and (iv) cemeteries of, owned by, or which are the responsibility of the town.

B. The Public Works Department will undertake and perform all public works, construction, general maintenance, repairs, and improvements in all town parks and recreation areas, working with the Town Park and Recreation Department as needed or required. For purposes of clarity this does not include the management of recreational programming or management of the parks and trails themselves.

C. Unless the town board shall specify to the contrary, or applicable state or federal law require otherwise, whenever any positions, work, responsibilities, or duties are transferred or assigned to the Public Works Department, it shall be the responsibility of the Administrator of the Public Works Department to collaborate and assist other town staff, officers, and department heads relative to the coordination and management of such work or duties.

D. The Public Works Department shall provide all services required or desirable in order to enable the highway superintendent to fulfill any duty or responsibility imposed upon such official, whether or not in their capacity as town highway superintendent, by this chapter, or by any other local law, ordinance, or regulation of the town, or further by any lawful directive of the town board or any statute or regulation of the State of New York.

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this chapter shall not prohibit the town board from providing for construction of any public building, street, highway, road, park, trail, pathways, walkways, or other improvement or facility by public contract.

SECTION 3 - SAVINGS AND SEVERANCE: The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase of the aforementioned sections as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional must not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision, or phrase, which must remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4 - CODIFICATION: This local law, and the amendments to Chapter 80 as set forth herein, shall be incorporated into the Town Code, and the incorporator may designate such new section and numerical headings, or other indexed references, as provide for a coherent Town Code, sequentially numbered or marked. Nothing in this local law is intended to disrupt or affect the existing Town Code, except to the extent any existing code provision is herein expressly superseded or repealed. All other provisions of the Town Code are hereby reaffirmed and continued in force and effect.

SECTION 6 - EFFECTIVE DATE: This local law shall take effect upon January 1, 2027.