

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 of 2022

A Local Law known and cited as authorizing members of all public bodies of the Town of Ossining to participate in meetings via videoconferencing

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ossining as follows:

SECTION 1. The Town Code is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 149 to the Town Code entitled “Public Meetings” and a new Article I entitled “Videoconferencing”, which shall consist of the following:

Section 149-1. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give all members of the Town of Ossining’s public bodies (as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102) 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 149-2. 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’s public bodies the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the board/body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

Section 149-3. Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

The Town Board of the Town of Ossining hereby authorizes all members of the Town’s public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the Town’s videoconferencing policy adopted by resolution of the Town Board.

Section 149-4. Repeal.

Unless further extended by the State Legislature, this local law shall expire and be deemed repealed on July 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. Validity. The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State and the adoption of videoconferencing regulations by resolution of the Town Board.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF OSSINING