

County of Tioga

Local Law No. X of the Year 2022.

A Local Law of the Tioga County Legislature of the County of Tioga, imposing additional surcharges for telephonic communication pursuant to the authority of Tax Law §186-g and County Law §337.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the County of Tioga as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

A Local Law amending Local Law No. 3 of 2017 and Local Law No. 1 of 1991 to authorize the County of Tioga to impose an additional surcharge of One Dollar (\$1.00) to the current surcharges which are applied to both wireless and traditional telephone services for a period of ten years.

The charge applied for prepaid and monthly wireless devices is increased from Thirty Cents (\$0.30) to One Dollar and Thirty Cents (\$1.30). The charge for traditional phone service through telephone service providers and Voice Over IP services is increased from Thirty Five Cents (\$0.35) to One Dollar and Thirty Five Cents (\$1.35). This law provides for these fees to return to their prior level after this law's expiration.

SECTION 2: WIRELESS SURCHARGES

Local Law No. 3 of 2017 is amended by adding a new Section 7 to read as follows:

SECTION 7: Imposition of additional wireless surcharges

(a) Pursuant to the authority of Tax Law § 186-g, in addition to the wireless communications surcharges imposed by Section 2 of this local law, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid additional surcharges within the territorial limits of the County of Tioga on (i) wireless communications service provided to a wireless communications customer with a place of primary use within the County of Tioga, at the rate of One Dollar (\$1.00) per month on each wireless communications device in service during any part of the month. The sum of both surcharges shall be One Dollar and Thirty Five Cents (\$1.35) with the addition of the surcharge referenced herein; and (ii) retail sales of prepaid wireless communication service sold within the County of Tioga, at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per retail

sale, whether or not any tangible personal property is sold therewith. The sum of both surcharges shall be One Dollar and Thirty Five Cents (\$1.35) with the addition of the surcharged referenced herein.

(b) Such additional surcharges shall be identical to the surcharges imposed by such Section 2 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such surcharges. All of the provisions of this local law relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the surcharges imposed by such Section 2 shall apply to the additional surcharges imposed by this section with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional surcharges imposed by this section.

(c) Tioga County will provide a minimum of forty-five (45) days written notice to the wireless communication service suppliers to allow ample time to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers.

(d) The wireless communication surcharge imposed must be reflected and made payable on bills rendered to the wireless communications customer for wireless communications service.

(e) Wireless communications service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billing of its customers and prepaid communications sellers shall begin to collect such surcharge from its customers commencing April 1, 2022.

(f) Each wireless communications service supplier and prepaid wireless communications seller is entitled to retain, as an administrative fee, an amount equal to three percent (3%) of its collections of the surcharges imposed by this local law, provided that the supplier or seller files any required return and remits the surcharges due to the New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance on or before the due date for that return and that payment.

SECTION 3: LOCAL SURCHARGE FOR ENHANCED EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Local Law No. 1 of 1991 is amended by adding a new Section 11 to read as follows:

SECTION 11: Imposition of additional surcharges for an Enhanced Emergency Phone System

(a) Pursuant to the authority of County Law § 337, in addition to the surcharges imposed by Section 2 of this local law, there are hereby imposed and there shall be paid an additional surcharge of One

Dollar (\$1.00) per access line per month on the customers of every service supplier within Tioga County to pay for the costs associated with obtaining, operating and maintaining the telecommunication equipment and telephone services needed to provide an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system (E911) to serve Tioga. The sum of both surcharges shall be One Dollar and Thirty Cents (\$1.30) with the addition of the surcharges referenced herein.

(b) This additional surcharge shall be identical to the surcharge imposed by such Section 2 and shall be administered and collected in the same manner as such surcharges. All of the provisions of this local law relating or applicable to the administration and collection of the surcharges imposed by such Section 2 shall apply to the additional surcharges imposed by this section with the same force and effect as if those provisions had been incorporated in full into this section and had expressly referred to the additional surcharges imposed by this section.

(c) Tioga County will provide a minimum of forty-five (45) days written notice to the service suppliers to allow ample time to add such surcharge to the billings of its customers.

(d) The E911 surcharge imposed must be reflected and made payable on bills rendered to the customer.

(e) Service suppliers shall begin to add such surcharge to the billing of its customers and shall begin to collect such surcharge commencing April 1, 2022.

(f) The Definition of Service Supplier provided in Section 1 (a) is hereby amended to reference the definition provided by New York County Law § 301 and will read as follows (a) "Service supplier" means (i) a telephone corporation which provides local exchange access service within a 911 service area, or (ii) a provider of "voice over internet protocol service" or "VOIP service" that provides such service within a 911 service area.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect April 1, 2022 and shall expire and be deemed repealed April 1, 2032.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. of 20 of the (County) of Tioga was duly passed by the Tioga County Legislature on , 20 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. of 20 of the (County) (City) (Town) (Village) of was duly passed by the on , 20 , and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the on and was deemed duly adopted on , 20 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. of 20 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of was duly passed by the on , 20 , and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the on , 20 . Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on , 20 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. of 20 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of was duly passed by the on , 20 , and was (approved)(not disapproved)(repassed after disapproval) by the on , 20 . Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of , 20 , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. of 20 of the City of having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on , 20 , become operative.

*Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county

legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20 of the County of _____, State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____, 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and of a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1____, above.

Clerk of the County legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

Date:

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized Attorney of locality.)

State of New York

County of Tioga

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

Signature
Peter DeWind
Title: County Attorney
County of Tioga
City
Town
Village

Date: