



Kenneth W. Jenkins
County Executive

November 6, 2025

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Legislators:

Attached hereto for your consideration is "A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County with respect to fees and fines." This proposed Local Law is being submitted with the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget, to adjust certain fees and fines in the laws of Westchester County.

Specifically, this Local Law adjusts certain fees charged by the Office of Weights and Measures—Consumer Protection and fines issued by the Solid Waste Commission. For the Office of Weights and Measures, the annual fees for electrical licenses are being increased to come into line with what is being charged for plumbing licenses, which are the first increases for electrical licenses since 2016. Additionally, the biannual fees for home improvement contractors, together with ancillary fees related thereto, are being increased. These fee increases are to bring the costs closer to what it actually costs the Office of Weights and Measures to oversee the licensing process.

For the Solid Waste Commission, this local law increases the potential fines for second and subsequent adjudications. There is a long history of recidivism among licensed companies using unregistered vehicles and unlicensed haulers who continue to operate in the County despite receiving violations when they get caught. For larger companies, most of those being out-of-state companies, the Solid Waste Commission reports it is currently more cost effective for these companies to chance receiving repeated \$5,000 fines than to comply because getting licensed is less expensive than the fines—which have not been raised in 26 years. Increasing the fines for subsequent adjudications will increase the deterrent effect of the fines, increase compliance, and allow the Commission's enforcement staff to more efficiently and effectively enforce the Solid Waste Licensing Law.

I recommend the approval of the attached Local Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KW Jenkins", written over a horizontal line.

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TO: BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending adoption of “A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County with respect to fees and fines.”

Your Committee recognizes that this proposed Local Law is being submitted with the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget, to adjust certain fees and fines in the laws of Westchester County

Specifically, this Local Law adjusts certain fees charged by the Office of Weights and Measures—Consumer Protection and fines issued by the Solid Waste Commission. For the Office of Weights and Measures, the annual fees for electrical licenses are being increased to come into line with what is being charged for plumbing licenses. Your Committee notes that these are the first increases for electrical licenses since 2016. Additionally, the biannual fees for home improvement contractors, together with ancillary fees related thereto, are being increased. These fee increases are to bring the costs closer to what it actually costs the Office of Weights and Measures to oversee the licensing process.

For the Solid Waste Commission, this local law increases the potential fines for second and subsequent adjudications. The Solid Waste Commission has informed the Committee that there is a long history of recidivism among licensed companies using unregistered vehicles and unlicensed haulers who continue to operate in the County despite receiving violations when they get caught. For larger companies, most of those being out-of-state companies, the Commission reports it is currently

more cost effective for these companies to chance receiving repeated \$5,000 fines than to comply because getting licensed is less expensive than the fines which have not been raised in 26 years. Increasing the fines for subsequent adjudications will increase the deterrent effect of the fines, increase compliance, and allow the Commission's enforcement staff to more efficiently and effectively enforce the Solid Waste Licensing Law.

Your Committee is advised that the proposed Local Law does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning, dated January 12, 2023, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

Based on the foregoing, your Committee recommends the passage of this Local Law.

Dated 2025
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Fees and Fines Adjustments

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

☒ GENERAL FUND

☐ AIRPORT FUND

SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense	\$	-
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Total Current Year Revenue	\$	1,495,625
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Source of Funds (check one): ☒ Current Appropriations ☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations

☐ Additional Appropriations ☐ Other (explain) _____

Identify Accounts: Various accounts in Office of Weights and Measures - Consumer Protection and Solid Waste Commission.

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Describe: _____

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues:	Annual Amount	\$1,495,625
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Describe: This proposed Local Law is being submitted with the 2026 Proposed Operating Budget, to adjust certain fees and fines in the laws of Westchester County - Office of Weights and Measures - Consumer Protection and Solid Waste Commission.

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: _____

Next Four Years: _____

Prepared by: Christina Rampata

Title: Deputy Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: November 5, 2025

Reviewed By:

Budget Director

Date: 4/5/25

RESOLUTION NO. ____ – 2025

RESOLVED, that this Board hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County on Local Law Intro. No. ____ - 2025, entitled “A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County with respect to fees and fines.” The public hearing will be held at ____m. on the _____ day of _____, 2025 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, New York. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the time and date of such hearing to be published at least once in one or more newspapers published in the County of Westchester and selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose in the manner and time required by law.