

MARCH 4, 2025 SESSION

LOCAL LAWS

- a. A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF CLAY (Sponsored by Mr. Knapp)**
- b. A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 3-1996 TO AUTHORIZE ONONDAGA COUNTY TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE AQUARIUM (Sponsored by Ms. Cody, Mr. Meaker)**

LOCAL LAW NO. _____ - 2025

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN
OF CLAY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings. The County of Onondaga is the owner of two adjacent parcels of land located at 4487 Buckley Road and Morgan Road in the Town of Clay, bearing Tax Map Nos. 087.-01-29.0 and 087.-01-40.1 and comprising 26.56 ± total acres (the “Property”). In accordance with the terms of a July 5, 2022 Option to Purchase agreement between the County of Onondaga and VIP Development Associates, Inc., which option was subsequently assigned to VIP Clay Holdings, LLC, VIP Clay Holdings, LLC timely exercised its option to purchase the Property for a total consideration of \$1,300,000.00, inclusive of a non-refundable \$125,000.00 deposit. An appraisal of said Property was obtained, and such consideration is equal to or in excess of the appraised value. Said property is not needed for County purposes.

Section 2. Environmental Review. An analysis of the potential environmental impacts, if any, has been done under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and, as lead agency, the County hereby determines that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared. The Short Environmental Assessment Form filed with this Legislature is satisfactory with respect to scope and content and adequacy in compliance with SEQRA and is hereby accepted by the County. Onondaga County does hereby make and adopt a Negative Declaration for the project, and has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Onondaga County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to take such action to comply with the requirements of SEQRA, including without limitation, the execution of documentation and filing of same and any other actions to implement the intent of this local law.

Section 3. Sale Authorized. The County Executive is hereby authorized to transfer to VIP Clay Holdings, LLC said Property located in the Town of Clay for a total consideration of \$1,300,000.00. The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute agreements to further the intent of this local law.

Section 4. Effective Date. This local law shall be filed and take effect in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, subject to a permissive referendum.

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TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE GIFTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE
AQUARIUM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA,
AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Onondaga County is constructing, and will own, a public Aquarium located along the Inner Harbor, and this Legislature recognizes and understands that individuals, corporations and other entities may wish to financially support the cost of building said Aquarium and its various exhibits.

Section 2. The County is in the process of finalizing a sponsorship program that has a name-in-title component and securing donations, gifts and/or contributions (collectively, “donations”) in support of said Aquarium.

Section 3. The Legislature appropriated \$85,434,751 for the purpose of constructing said Aquarium pursuant to Resolution No. 119-2022 and, except with respect to donations authorized hereunder, does not intend, presently or in the future, to appropriate any additional funds for the Aquarium project..

Section 4. Pursuant to Local Law No. 3-1996, donations with a value over \$1,500 must be accepted by resolution.

Section 5. This Legislature hereby authorizes the Chief Fiscal Officer of Onondaga County to accept, and appropriate, donations to the Aquarium project as gifts for lawful county purposes, on behalf of Onondaga County, without further action by this Legislature.

Section 6. This Legislature hereby authorizes the Comptroller of Onondaga County to adjust the County Budget to account for the receipt of such donations.

Section 7. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall provide to the Legislature a quarterly written report quantifying all such donations received.

Section 8. This Local Law shall supersede Local Law No. 3-1996 to the extent inconsistent herewith, but otherwise Local Law No. 3-1996 shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing, and pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law.