New York Department of State
Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code
Local Laws Publishing System
Public Search User Manual
The New York Department of State maintains an electronic database of local laws and county codes ("Local Laws Database"). The database contains local laws with the Department of State on or after January 1, 1998 by counties, cities, towns and villages. It also includes county codes filed on or after April 1, 2015 by counties. Local Laws and county codes filed with the Department of State are usually included in the Local Laws Database within two business days.

Local Laws filed prior to January 1, 1998 are not in the Local Laws Database. They are maintained in manual files. Copies of these local laws may be obtained by sending a written request to the Department of State along with the required fee.

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- Click on the Law Type drop down box

- Select “Local Laws for All Municipalities”

Local Laws adopted by the legislative body of a local government (county, city, town or village) are filed with the Department of State pursuant to section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. Additionally, the legislative body of each county is required to provide the Secretary of State with a complete codification of all local laws (“county code”) in effect that has been adopted.
Search Local Laws for All Municipalities

- Enter in the search criteria

- "All" will search all types of municipalities (counties, cities, towns, and villages). To search within a specific type, click on the drop down arrow and select a type.

- Entering a Law Number will return filings with that Local Law law number

- If no dates are entered, the system will search all Local Laws.
- If no start date is entered and an end date is entered, the system will search all Local Laws filed up to, and including, the end date entered.
- If a start date is entered and no end date is entered, the system will search all Local Laws filed from that start date entered up to the present date.

- Using quotes around a word or words will search for that exact string. For example, searching for "snow removal" (with the quotes) will produce a list of Local Laws that have "snow removal" in it.
- Not using quotes will search for those word(s), and any variation of that word(s). For example, typing in "snow removal" (without the quotes), would bring back Local Laws that have the word "snow", "snowing", "remove", "removal", "removed" and any other variation of the words "snow" and "removal".
- To search multiple words, separate them by a space or put them on different lines, with or without quotes, depending on intended search.

- NOTE: Selecting a specific Municipality Type will display the "Municipality Name" field
  - Enter the name of the Municipality Type chosen
Click “Submit”

Search Results

This section displays the criteria of the search. A value of “All” indicates no criteria was specified for that field.

~“Wappingers Falls” is the Municipality Name
~“2008” is the year the Local Law was filed in
~“6” is the Local Law law number
~Click to view a PDF version of the Local Law

The “Sample Content” section will only display if a Search Term(s) is entered. This content will be an example of the term(s) as used within the Local Law.
Search County Codes

- Select “County Codes”

- Select -
  Local Laws for All Municipalities
  County Codes

- Enter a Municipality Name

Local Laws Search

Law Type Selection

Law Type * County Codes

* Law Type selection is required

Search Criteria.

Municipality Name *

Submit Clear Criteria

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Local Laws adopted by the legislative body of a local government (county, city, town or village) are filed with the Department of State pursuant to section 7 of the Municipal Home Rule Law. Amendments to the legislative body of each county in New York provide the Secretary of State
Click on “Submit”

The Search results will display the most recent Codified Code submitted.

The Municipality (County) being searched:

Saratoga_2015 [Filesize: 103.07 KB]

- Municipality Type: County
- Local Law: Codification
- Date Filed: 03/20/2015
- Enacted Through: 03/20/2015

~”Saratoga” is the Municipality (County) Name
~”2015” is the year of the Enacted Through Date
~Click to view a PDF version of the County Code

Date the County Code was filed by the Department of State

Date the County Code is enacted through