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LOCAL LAW NO. 2 - 2015

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING PROGRAMS OF EXTERNAL REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS
TO BE MADE ON PRIVATELY-OWNED PROPERTY WITHIN ONONDAGA COUNTY

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

Section 1. Purpose/Intent.

Well-kept and visually appealing properties greatly benefit county residents as a whole, in that such properties enhance the value of surrounding properties, promote development and investment in the communities within which such properties are situated, and contribute to developing civic responsibility and growth within neighborhoods.

To assist property owners in making repairs and improvements to their properties, the Onondaga County Neighborhood Initiative was created, consisting initially of an interest rate buy-down program and then establishing a revolving loan fund. (Local Law No. 10-2012, as amended) Following this progression, this Legislature finds it to be a County purpose to assist property owners within Onondaga County in making external repairs or improvements to their properties for the protection and enhancement of the physical and visual environment and protection of the property located within the County. Such County-sponsored programs would advance the County's goals of promoting community development and economic development to benefit its residents and taxpayers.

Section 2. Establishment.

This local law hereby authorizes programs through which external repairs and improvements may be performed on residential and commercial properties within Onondaga County. Any such programs shall be subject to annual appropriations made within the Onondaga County Budget. The County may assist property owners in making such repairs or improvements, provided that there is a documented public benefit to such repairs or improvements.

Section 3. Administration; Form of Assistance.

Programs authorized by this local law shall be administered by the appropriate division or office within the Office of the County Executive. Assistance under the programs authorized by this local law may be in the form of grants made to owners of residential and commercial properties.

The committee formed under Local Law No. 10-2012, as amended, may consider communities and neighborhoods within Onondaga County and may recommend that such communities and neighborhoods receive assistance through the programs authorized by this local law.

The programs shall be administered in a way that provides for a documented application process and a set of written criteria governing the way in which grants will be received, reviewed, and awarded. Such process and criteria shall be made publicly known.

Each property owner should participate in and contribute to making improvements, and a screening process shall be developed to determine the financial capacity of each property owner to make such contribution. In no event shall any repairs or improvements be made under this local law unless written permission is first obtained from any affected property owner.

Section 4. SEQR.

Documentation shall be retained showing that activities undertaken in connection with this local law are in compliance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act and have been subjected to the appropriate programmatic reviews.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE

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