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LOCAL LAW NO. 2 - 2016

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING PROGRAMS FOR MANAGEMENT AND REDUCTION OF DEER AND TICK POPULATIONS WITHIN ONONDAGA COUNTY

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

Section 1. Purpose/Intent.

Persons and property within Onondaga County are at risk of harm from the rising populations of deer and ticks. It is necessary for the County to develop programs for management and reduction of deer and tick populations and for public education around the potential harm. This local law is adopted pursuant to subsections (11) and (12) of Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(ii)(a), whereby the County is empowered to adopt local laws for the protection and enhancement of its physical and visual environment and the government, protection, order, conduct, safety, health and well-being of persons or property therein to advance these programs.

Ticks are potential carriers of various disease-causing pathogens. Deer are hosts for ticks, carrying them, thereby making the tick population more mobile and likely to have interactions with humans and pets. Further, a larger deer population presents a greater possibility of vehicular accidents. In greater concentrations, deer have a significant impact on plants through foraging, where such plants may include native plants and installed landscaping features.

Section 2. Establishment.

This local law hereby authorizes programs through which the populations of deer and ticks may be managed and reduced within Onondaga County.

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.

The administration of such programs may include contracts for professional services; provided, however, that any activities occurring on privately-owned properties within Onondaga County produce a documented public benefit and otherwise further the goals of this local law. Any such contracts shall be subject to annual appropriations made within the Onondaga County Budget.

An advisory committee shall be formed by the Onondaga County Legislature to assist with the development of programs, participate in the review of grant applications, and recommend awards.

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.

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

4th DAY OF January, 20 16.

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