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LOCAL LAW NO. 9 - 2016

A LOCAL LAW REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM
BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA AND THE ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER
AUTHORITY (OCWA)

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

Section 1. Findings/Purpose. Water is an immeasurably valuable asset for generating opportunities for economic growth and development, and regional prosperity is promoted by having strong, sustainable, long-term water supply and distribution network systems.

The County of Onondaga is the owner of property, both real and personal, constituting water district assets for the Onondaga County Water District, the Southwood-Jamesville Water District, and the Warners Water District (collectively "Districts"). This local law sets forth the details by which Onondaga County cooperates with the Onondaga County Water Authority (OCWA), a public water authority, to consolidate the parties' respective network of public water supply systems for the benefit of all users.

To achieve greater levels of economy and efficiency, the County has reorganized several of its administrative units, changing the way in which services are delivered and administered and investing in new enterprise technologies and structures. In this same vein, the County intends to effectuate a consolidation of operations and a combination of physical assets with OCWA.

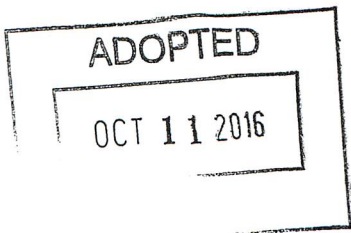
Section 2. Agreement Authorized. The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute agreements and such other documents as may be reasonably needed granting use and access to the property of the Districts, both real and personal, for a period not to exceed a period of thirty (30) years, where the intent of such agreements is to effectuate the consolidation of the public water supply system between the County and OCWA. The consideration for such use and access shall be the continued benefit to the public of a long-term, strong and sustainable water supply and the anticipated efficiencies and cost savings to be gained from the consolidated administration and operation of the Districts' assets. OCWA shall be engaged to provide operations and maintenance services in connection with the use and access to the Districts' assets.

Section 3. Continuation of Districts. Each of the County's Districts shall continue in effect: the Onondaga County Water District, the Southwood-Jamesville Water District, and the Warners Water District. The Metropolitan Water Board shall continue to be the Administrative Head of the Onondaga County Water District, advising the County Executive and the County Legislature on matters relative to such district. A Schedule of Rates to be Charged for Water and Water Service provided by the Onondaga County Water District shall continue and be periodically amended on recommendation of the Metropolitan Water Board and after confirmation by the County Legislature, consistent with prior legislation and Resolution No. 162-2014.

Section 4. Environmental Assessment. 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 on January 1, 2017, and shall be filed in accordance with provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law, subject to a permissive referendum.

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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 11th DAY OF October, 2016.

Deborah A. Matuso

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