Local Law No. ___ of the Year 2025

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, notwithstanding Section 215 of the County Law of the State of New York, TO ENTER INTO A LEASE OF COUNTY OWNED LANDS LOCATED ON PITTALUGA ROAD, TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A HOUSING SERVICES CENTER AND SHELTER FOR A TERM NOT TO EXCEED _____ (---) YEARS.

SECTION 1. Purpose

The County of Sullivan seeks to enter into a lease agreement with HONOR, EHG for the purpose of operating a housing services center and shelter. This agreement requires the lease of real property owned by the County of Sullivan, located on Pittaluga Road, in the Town of Thompson for an initial term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.

SECTION 2. Legal Authority

New York State County Law Section 215 provides that a County may lease for county purposes real property for terms not to exceed five (5) years with the privilege of renewal.

New York State Comptroller Opinion 68-857 opines that a municipality may enter into leases for a term in excess of five (5) years if the municipality authorizes such leases by local law.

New York State Municipal Home Rule Law Section 24 provides that any local law that changes a provision of law relating to leasing of real property is subject to referendum on petition (permissive referendum).

SECTION 3. Applicability.

The County of Sullivan is authorized, notwithstanding Section 215 of the County Law of the State of New York, to enter into a lease of real property with HONOR, EHG for the purpose of HONOR, EHG constructing and operating a housing services center and shelter for a term not to exceed twenty-five (25) years.

This Local Law is applicable to the lease of real property owned by the County of Sullivan, located on Pittaluga Road, in the Town of Thompson for the purpose of HONOR, EHG constructing and operating a housing services center and shelter.

SECTION 4. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.