

*Public Hearing
Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025
October 23, 2025*

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. C of 2025; A Local Law of the Tioga County Legislature of the County of Tioga, to opt out of the requirements of the New York Short-Term Rental Law for establishing a short-term rental registry was called to order by Chair Sauerbrey at 10:00 A.M. Seven Legislative members were present with Legislators Flesher and Roberts being absent.

There were six people in attendance.

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Mr. Howland, Newark Valley resident, spoke. "I am here today as I am interested in this issue and trying to understand exactly what is being proposed. I have the Howland Farm in Newark Valley, NY and this has a significant impact on our ability to maintain the farm. If someone could explain it, then I could make a comment."

County Attorney DeWind spoke. "Basically, New York State passed a requirement that unless we opt out would require the County to register short-term rentals, maintain a registry, and keep an eye on what's happening with them. With this local law, the County would be opting out of establishing a short-term rental registry. We would still have our hotel and motel occupancy tax and continue to do what we do with short-term rentals including any other agreements we have, we just would not be creating this separate new registry."

Mr. Howland spoke. "So, everything as it exists right now will stay the same? We pay about 8% per year of our income."

County Attorney DeWind spoke. "None of that will change."

Mr. Howland spoke. "So, what is the County opting out of if that is not going to change?"

County Administrator Bailey spoke. "The State is building a registry for all the short-term rentals, so the State can track them and try to moderate them, but for smaller counties like us, the County Treasurer has determined that we do not have a need to join that registry because we have so few of them. We are just opting out of the registry at this time. It has no real advantage to the County. It is more

of an administrative impact. It is not going to impact any of the taxpayers and those who have short-term rentals.”

County Attorney DeWind spoke. “The cost of creating a position and have someone monitor this was not really worth it because we are already doing it.”

Mr. Howland spoke. “I think there are real problems with these short-term rentals in New York City, but I am not aware that we have that problem in Tioga County.”

Legislator Monell spoke. “Exactly. It creates a lot more work for us as a County, so that is why we are opting out.”

There being no further public comments, the hearing was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.