

# Local Law Filing

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of WARREN

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Local Law No. 1 of the year 20 15

A local law MORATORIUM ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING  
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the TOWN BOARD of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)

County  City  Town  Village  
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of WARREN as follows:

## Section 1. Title

This Local Law shall be referred to as the Local Law imposing a moratorium on the activity known as hydraulic fracturing and/or hydrofracking in the Town of Warren.

## Section 2. Purpose and Intent

Pursuant to the statutory powers vested in the Town of Warren to regulate and control land use and protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents, the Town Board of the Town of Warren declares a twelve month moratorium on the process known as hydraulic fracturing and/or hydrofracturing, as well as a moratorium on any activity associated therewith or intending to support such process including the establishment, implementation, placement, or construction of such process or activity in the Town of Warren.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

### Section 3. Scope of Controls

The Town Board of the Town of Warren shall not grant any approvals that would have as the result the establishment, implementation, placement, or construction of the process known as hydraulic fracturing and/or hydrofracking, including any activity associated therewith or intending to support such process including the establishment or implementation of such process or activity in the Town of Warren. The Town Board of the Town of Warren reserved the right to direct the Codes Officer to revoke or rescind any building permits, certificates of occupancy or other permits or certificates issued in violation of this Local Law.

### Section 4. Consideration of New Application

No applications for construction affected by this Local Law or for approvals for a site plan variance, specific use permit, special use permit or other permits shall be considered by any board officer or agency of the Town while the moratorium imposed by this Local Law is in effect.

### Section 5. Term

This moratorium imposed by this Local Law shall be in effect for a period of 12 months from the effective date of this local law. This moratorium may be extended for an additional period of 12 months at the discretion of the Town Board.

### Section 6. Definitions

The terms Hydraulic fracturing and/or Hydrofracking shall mean the process of recovering and/or developing natural gas trapped behind shale or rock and which generally is accomplished by a gas well that is drilled vertically into the ground and then horizontally from the well head, after which water, sand and/or chemicals are injected into the well the breaking and/or fracturing of shale and/or other natural structures under the ground intending to release natural gas from the ground.

### Section 7. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately when it is filed in the Office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

This Local Law was introduced by Councilman Roger Vaughn and seconded by Councilman Leslie Miller.

#### Role call vote:

Supervisor Richard A. Jack	Aye
Councilman Roger Vaughn	Aye
Councilperson Dorayne Peplinski	Aye
Councilman Donald Oldick	Aye
Councilman Leslie Miller	Aye

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 1 of 20 15 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Harren was duly passed by the (Name of Legislative Body) Harren Town Board on August 10, 2015, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 1 of 20 15 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Harren was duly passed by the (Name of Legislative Body) Harren Town Board on August 10, 2015, and was (approved) (not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the Supervisor Richard A. Gjak and was deemed duly adopted (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*) on August 10, 2015, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the (Name of Legislative Body) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_. (Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20 \_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the (Name of Legislative Body) \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on-file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ above.

*Anna F. Walkovich*  
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: 8/10/2015

(Seal)

(Certification to be executed by County Attorney, Corporation Counsel, Town Attorney, Village Attorney or other authorized attorney of locality.)

STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF Herkimer

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing local law contains the correct text and that all proper proceedings have been had or taken for the enactment of the local law annexed hereto.

*Anna F. Walkovich*  
Signature  
Town Clerk  
Title

County  
City of Harren  
Town  
Village

Date: September 2, 2015