

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW No. 2 OF 2025  
TOWN OF GOSHEN**

**A LOCAL LAW CREATING CHAPTER 31 (“RECEIVER OF TAXES AND  
ASSESSMENTS POSITION, ABOLISHMENT THEREOF”) OF THE CODE OF THE  
TOWN OF GOSHEN AND INCREASING THE TERM OF THE TOWN CLERK FROM  
TWO (2) YEARS TO FOUR (4) YEARS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Goshen, Orange County, New York as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE AND INTENT.**

It is the intent and purpose of this local law to abolish the office of Receiver of Taxes and Assessments in the Town of Goshen, New York and to transfer all powers and duties of that office to the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Goshen, New York, and to increase the term of the Town Clerk from two (2) years to four (4) years.

**SECTION 2. CHAPTER 31. RECEIVER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS POSITION, ABOLISHMENT THEREOF.**

A new Chapter 31, entitled “Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Position, Abolishment Thereof”, is hereby enacted as follows:

**Chapter 31. Receiver of Taxes and Assessments Position, Abolishment Thereof.**

**§ 31-1. Abolishing the Office of Receiver of Taxes and Assessments.**

The office of Receiver of Taxes and Assessments in the Town of Goshen is abolished as of January 1, 2026 (*i.e.*, at the end of the calendar year of 2025), and shall cease to exist on that day.

**§ 31-2. Transferring the Powers and Duties to the Town Clerk.**

The powers and duties of the office of Receiver of Taxes and Assessments, as set forth in Town Law § 37, shall be transferred to the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Goshen, effective January 1, 2026.

### SECTION 3. INCREASE OF TOWN CLERK TERM OF OFFICE.

The term of office of the Town of Goshen Town Clerk shall be increased from a two (2) year term of office to a four (4) year term of office. Such four-year term shall apply to the person elected after January 1, 2026, provided a proposition submitted pursuant to Section 4 below is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Goshen.

### SECTION 4. MANDATORY REFERENDUM.

Pursuant to Section 23 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the enactment of this Local Law shall be subject to Mandatory Referendum and the following proposition shall be submitted for approval of the qualified electors of the Town of Goshen at the general election to be held on November 4, 2025. A proposition in the following form shall be included on the ballot at such general election and the increased term of office shall not take effect until the next biennial election after January 1, 2026, and only upon such proposition being approved by a majority vote of the qualified voters voting thereon:

**“Shall the Town of Goshen abolish the office of Receiver of Taxes and Assessments in the Town of Goshen effective on January 1, 2026 and transfer the powers and duties of the office to the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Goshen, and shall the term of office for the Town of Goshen Town Clerk be increased from two (2) years to four (4) years?”**

### SECTION 5. SUPERSEDING PROVISION.

To the extent that any State or local laws fail to provide specific authority for this Local Law or the procedures necessary for its adoption, or otherwise appear to be in conflict with this Local Law or the procedures followed for its adoption, then such laws, including, but not limited to Sections 20, 24, 24-a, 30 and 37 of the New York State Town Law, are hereby superseded by this Local Law pursuant to New York Municipal Home Rule Law and the common law.

### SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This law shall take effect upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the general election on November 4, 2025, and, thereafter, the filing of this Local

Law with the New York Secretary of State in the manner provided for in New York Municipal Home Rule Law.