

**TOWN OF ONEONTA
LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF THE YEAR 2026**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 65-1 OF THE TOWN CODE
REGARDING PROFESSIONAL FEES**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Oneonta as follows:

Section 1. Section 65-1A of the Town Code entitled “Professional Fees” shall be amended as follows.

- A. The Town of Oneonta Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Code Enforcement Officer, in the review of any pending application, may request permission from the Town Board to refer said application to such engineering, legal, environmental consultant and/or professional(s) retained by the Town Board, as shall be deemed reasonably necessary to enable the review of such application as required by law. Upon receipt of such request, the Town Board shall determine whether to approve the use of professional consultation services and to establish an escrow account as deemed reasonably necessary to enable the review, except that if an application requires Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan review then such application shall automatically require the establishment of an escrow account.

Section 2. Remainder

Except as hereinabove amended, the remainder of the Town Code of the Town of Oneonta shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. Separability

The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid, unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words, or parts of this local law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this local law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and as if such person or circumstance, to which the local law or part thereof is held inapplicable, had been specifically exempt therefrom.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.