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County of TOWN OF CAROLINE
City of
Town of
Village of

Local Law No. 1 of the year 1994

A local law EMERGENCY TOWING OF VEHICLES
(Insert title)

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County of Town of Caroline as follows:
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SECTION 1 - TITLE

This local law shall be entitled "Emergency Towing of Vehicles".

SECTION 2 - PURPOSE

The purpose of this local law is to authorize, as provided in Subsection 8 of Section 1660, of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law, for the removal of and storage of vehicles parked or abandoned on highways during snowstorms, floods, fires and other public emergencies, or found unattended where they constitute an obstruction to traffic as determined by the Town Superintendent of Highways or his designee or any place where stopping, standing, or parking is prohibited and for the payment of reasonable charges for such removal and storage by the owner or operator of such vehicle.

SECTION 3 - AREAS AFFECTED

This local law shall be applicable to all highways within the Town of Caroline.

SECTION 4 - PARKING VEHICLES

It shall be unlawful to park or leave unattended a vehicle within 20 feet of the centerline of any highway located within the Town of Caroline for a period exceeding 24 hours or for any length of time during a public emergency. The term "vehicle", as used in this local law, shall mean every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except devices moved by human power.

SECTION 5 - AUTHORITY TO REMOVE VEHICLES.

a. The Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Caroline shall have the power to cause the removal and disposition of any vehicle left unattended for more than twenty-four hours within the right of way of any highway within the Town of Caroline or on any public property of the town.

b. The Superintendent of Highways shall have the power to cause the immediate removal from the right of way of any highway within the Town of Caroline, of any vehicle which obstructs or interferes with the use of such highway for public travel; or which obstructs or interferes with the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of such highway; or obstructs or interferes with the clearing or removal of snow or ice from such highway; or obstructs or interferes with any operation during a public emergency.

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SECTION 6 - PENALTIES AND CHARGES

a. A violation of Section 4 shall constitute a traffic infraction and any person violating same shall be deemed guilty of a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of not more than \$50.00 or by imprisonment for not more than 15 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

b. The owner of any vehicle removed under provisions of Section 5 shall be liable for the cost of removal, disposition and storage thereof.

SECTION 7 - EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with provisions of Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.