

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2022

Town of Caroline, County of Tompkins

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S PUBLIC BODIES TO USE VIDEOCONFERENCING TECHNOLOGY TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

Section 1 Legislative Intent

It is the intent of this local law to give the town's public bodies, as that term is defined in Public Officers Law § 102, the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference in a manner consistent with the town's videoconferencing policy and the authority granted in Public Officers Law § 103-a.

Section 2 Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Public Officers Law § 103-a which expressly authorizes the Town Board to adopt a local law giving the town's public bodies the authority to participate in meetings via videoconference from locations not accessible to the public so long as a quorum of the body participates from locations where the public may be physically present and other conditions are met.

Section 3 Videoconferencing for Public Meetings

The Town Board of the Town of Caroline hereby authorizes members of the Town's public bodies to participate in meetings using videoconferencing technology in a manner consistent with Public Officers Law § 103-a and the town's videoconferencing policy adopted by the Town Board.

Section 4. Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective date

This local law shall take effect immediately.