

LOCAL LAW H FOR 2025

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE TO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARTS AND COMPONENTS OF ADVANCED NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY AS FOLLOWS:

Section I: Section 2 of Local Law No. 1 of 2022, A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT “(STAGE ACT)”, Section 135-2 is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows and previous subdivision (d) is re-lettered as follows:

§ 135-2 Legislative findings and intent.

A. In 2019, the State of New York enacted the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), thereby creating one of the most ambitious and comprehensive climate and energy laws in the country. The CLCPA calls for nothing less than the decarbonization of the New York State economy and calls on each and every municipality in the state to collaboratively work to significantly increase the green energy business infrastructure in their municipalities to the greatest extent possible. New York has set aggressive goals through the CLCPA, and has established a target of reaching a point where no less than 70% of the state's electricity consumption will be derived from renewable power generation by the year 2030, a target of zero-emission electricity by 2040, and a target of reducing statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 85% from 1990 levels by 2050.

D. The Albany County Legislature further finds that New York State has begun planning and developing for the commissioning of new Advanced Nuclear Technologies in order to meet the energy needs of the State and remain in compliance with the CLCPA. The plans developed by the New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) to be constructed and overseen by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) represent a unique opportunity for new development and construction jobs for developing parts and components for these new Advanced Nuclear Power Plants. Investment to attract these ancillary businesses represent an opportunity for economic growth and development within Albany County.

E. [D.] The intention of the Albany County Legislature is to establish a Sustainable Technology and Green Energy Plan, which will invigorate and diversify the green business industry in the County of Albany for years to come and contribute to significant economic development, job retention and development.

Section 2. Section 3 of Local Law No. 1 of 2022, A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT “(STAGE ACT”), Section 135-3 definition of “green business” shall be amended as follows:

GREEN BUSINESS

Any entity that is a for-profit business that produces goods or provides services that benefit the environment, conserve natural resources or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Green businesses include, but are not limited to, corporations that manufacture, produce, build, engineer, service, supply and/or distribute any product which produces clean energy sources or reduces emissions in other sectors of the economy, such as building or transportation, in order to meet local, state and federal sustainability goals and contribute demonstrably to the green business footprint in the County. Examples of businesses eligible for consideration under this definition include those associated with renewable energy, energy storage, electric vehicles, geothermal technologies, advanced nuclear technologies deployed outside of Albany County, and zero-emission thermal energy networks.

Section 3. Severability.

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

Section 4. SEQRA Compliance.

This County Legislature determines that this local law constitutes a “Type II action” pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and that no further action under SEQRA is required.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately after its filing with the Secretary of State.