

## **LOCAL LAW NO. “D” FOR 2025**

### **A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO THE ALBANY CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY**

Introduced: 5/12/25

By Cunningham, Feeney, Willingham, Domalewicz, Alix, Beston, Cleary, Ethier, Gillespie, Laurilliard, Lekakis, McLaughlin, Pedo, Plotsky, Ricard, Rosano and Whalen:

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

#### **Section 1. Article Creation.**

Chapter 135, Article 2, **Albany County Convention Center Authority Project**, is hereby created.

#### **Section 2. § 135-6 – Legislative Intent and Purpose.**

It is declared to be the intent and purpose of this local law (the “Local Law”) to enable Albany County, New York (the “County”), as one of its public or municipal purposes, to publicize the advantages of the County and the greater Capital District Region by promoting or encouraging the undertaking of certain projects (each a “Convention Facility Project”) in the County involving the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, renovation, improvement, maintenance, equipment and/or furnishment of new and/or existing facilities for a convention center (each, a “Convention Facility”). Convention Facilities may include, but not be limited to, facilities consisting of trade exhibition, hotel accommodations, transportation infrastructure, parking, tourism, theatre facilities, retail business, commercial office space or sports facilities, including services for the operation and maintenance thereof.

#### **Section 2. § 135-7 – Public Purposes.**

The promotion or encouragement of Convention Facility Projects in the County constitutes a governmental and public purpose for the benefit of the people of the County and the greater Capital District Region for which the County shall have the power to appropriate public funds of the County for the purpose of making, and shall have the power to make advances, loans, subsidies, or contributions to the Albany Convention Center Authority (the “Authority”) for any of the following objects or

purposes, each of which is found and determined to be a governmental and public purpose of the County:

- (a) The undertaking of various Convention Facility Projects; and
- (b) The planning, design, development, siting, effectuation, financing, operation, maintenance, administration or other implementation of Convention Facility Projects.

The promotion or encouragement of any Convention Facility Project assisted by the County under this Local Law shall be deemed to be the performance of an essential governmental function by the County acting in its governmental capacity.

### **Section 3. § 135-8 – Procedure for Authorization.**

Each advance, loan, subsidy, or contribution to be made by the County to the Authority pursuant to this Local Law shall be conditioned upon approval by the County Legislature of the terms and conditions of such advance, loan, subsidy, or contribution. Each advance, loan, subsidy, or contribution to be made by the County to the Authority pursuant to this Local Law may further be conditioned by the County Legislature upon the approval by the County Legislature of such agreement as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this Local Law and set forth, among other things, the terms and conditions of any such advance, loan, subsidy, or contribution. The preparation, creation, negotiation, finalization, approval and execution and delivery of any such agreement is hereby authorized by this Local Law. The County may determine pursuant to such agreement if the monies appropriated pursuant to this Local Law shall be subject to repayment by the Authority to the County and, in such event, the manner and time or times for such repayment. The approval of such agreement shall be evidenced by a resolution adopted by the County Legislature indicating its approval of the terms and conditions contained in such agreement. No such authorization shall provide for the funding of any such advance, loan, subsidy, or contribution out of proceeds of obligations issued by the County pursuant to the Local Finance Law.

### **Section 4. Severability.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local 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 Local Law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of the Local 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 5. Inconsistent Enactments.**

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

*Referred to Law and Audit and Finance Committees – 5/12/25*