

Local Law Filing

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County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Cortland

Local Law No. 4 of the year 2021

A local law Limiting Fees for Third Party Food Delivery Services During a Declared Emergency
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of Cortland as follows:

see attached.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 4 of 2021 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of Cortland was duly passed by the Legislature (Name of Legislative Body) on January 28 2021, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____.

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

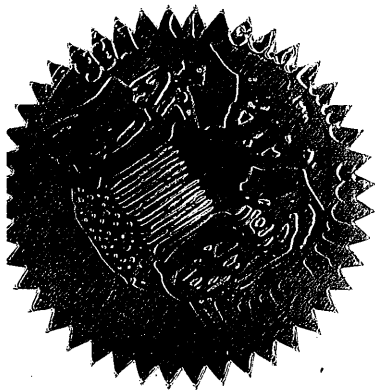
(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1 above.

Eric J. Marshall

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: 2/17/2021



Local Law 4 of 2021 a Local Law Limiting Fees for Third Party Food Delivery Services During a Declared Emergency

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Cortland as follows:

SECTION 1.

Definitions:

- (a) Declared emergency. The term "declared emergency" means the period of time during which a State disaster emergency has been declared by the Governor of the State of New York or a state of emergency has been declared by the Cortland County Administrator, such declaration is in effect in the County, and there are restrictions placed on on-premises indoor dining at food service establishments in the County.
- (b) Delivery fee. The term "delivery fee" means a fee charged by a third-party food delivery service for providing a food service establishment with a service that delivers food from such establishment to customers. The term does not include any other fee that may be charged by a third-party food delivery service to a food service establishment, such as fees for listing or advertising the food service establishment on the third-party food delivery service platform or fees related to processing the online order.
- (c) Food service establishment. The term "food service establishment" means any fixed or mobile restaurant; drive-in; coffee shop; cafeteria; short-order cafe; delicatessen; luncheonette; grill; tearoom; sandwich shop; soda fountain; bar; tavern; cocktail lounge; night club; roadside stand; take-out prepared food place; retail bakery; industrial feeding establishment; private, public or nonprofit organization or institution, including: schools; nursing homes; day care centers and hospitals; religious and fraternal organizations routinely serving food; catering kitchens; commissary or similar places in which food is prepared for sale or for service on the premises or elsewhere; and any other establishment or operation where food is served or provided for the public, with or without charge.
- (d) Online order. The term "online order" means any order placed by a customer through or with the assistance of a platform provided by a third-party food delivery service, including a telephone order.
- (e) Purchase price. The term "purchase price" means the total price of the items contained in an online order that are listed on the menu of the food service establishment where such order is placed. Such term does not include taxes, gratuities and any other fees that may make up the total cost to the customer of an online order.
- (f) Third-party food delivery service. The term "third-party food delivery service" means any website, mobile application or other internet service that offers or arranges for the sale of food and beverages prepared by, and the same-day delivery or same-day pickup of food and beverages from food service establishments located in the County that are owned and operated by different persons.

SECTION 2.

Fee limits during declared emergencies.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for a third-party food delivery service to charge a food service establishment a delivery fee that totals more than 15% of the purchase price of each online order.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for a third-party food delivery service to charge a food service establishment any fee or fees other than a delivery fee for the use of their service greater than 5% of the purchase price of each online order. Any fees or other charges from a third-party food delivery service to a food service establishment beyond such maximum 5% fee per order, and a delivery fee collected pursuant to subdivision (a) of this section, are unlawful, provided that such cap shall not apply to a credit card fee that is charged to the third-party food delivery

service and is charged in the same amount by the third-party food delivery service to such food service establishment.

- (c) It shall be unlawful for a person to cause a third-party food delivery platform to reduce the compensation rate paid to a delivery service driver or garnish gratuities in order to comply with this section.
- (d) The requirements of this section apply only during a declared emergency and for a period of 90 days after the end of a declared emergency.

SECTION 3.

Enforcement.

If a third-party food delivery service charges a food service establishment fees in violation of this law, the food service establishment shall provide written notice to the third-party food delivery service requesting a refund within seven days. If the third-party food delivery service does not provide the refund requested within seven days of receipt of the written notice or the third-party food delivery service continues to charge fees in violation of this law after the initial written notice and seven-day cure period, a food service establishment may enforce this law by means of a civil action seeking damages and injunctive relief. The prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled to an award of reasonable attorney fees.

SECTION 4.

State Environmental Quality Review Act Compliance

This County Legislature determines that the adoption of this Local Law constitutes a "Type II action" as said term is defined in the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and that no further action with respect to same is required under SEQRA.

SECTION 5.

Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or other portion of this law is, for any reason, declared unconstitutional or invalid, in whole or in part, by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed severable, and such unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this law, which remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 6.

Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

STATE OF NEW YORK) SS:
COUNTY OF CORTLAND)

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy with the original now on file in this office, and that the above actions were passed by the Cortland County Legislature on the 28th day of January, 2021 and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such actions taken.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand
and the official seal of the CORTLAND COUNTY
LEGISLATURE, this 28th day of January, 2021.



Eric J. Mulvihill
Clerk of the Cortland County Legislature