

**TOWN OF HOPEWELL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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Any person shall be entitled to be heard upon said proposed Local Law at such public hearing. Copies of said proposed Local Law are available for review at the Town of Hopewell Town Hall, 2716 County Road 47, Town of Hopewell, New York.

This by Resolution of the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell.

Denise Hood, Town Clerk

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Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §27

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 of the year 2026

Local Law Title: A Local Law Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell to Establish a Prohibition on the Construction, Operation and Maintenance of Commercial Sewage Sludge Composting Facilities

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

 County City X **Town** Village

of Hopewell as follows on the
attached pages:

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Department of State Local Law Index Number: of the year 20

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I. Authorization.

This Local Law is adopted under the authority of the New York State Constitution, Article I, Section 19 and Article IX, Section 2(c); Section 10 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law; Section 130 of the New York Town Law; Section 10 of the New York State Statute of Local Governments; and Section 27-0711 of the New York Environmental Conservation Law, which together authorize towns to advance residents' rights to clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment; act when public health and safety are threatened; and adopt local laws to govern the handling, storage, and disposal of solid waste and also Section 265 of the New York State Town Law, which authorizes the Town to amend its Zoning Law.

II. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell.

- A. Section 103 (Definitions) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell is hereby amended with the insertion of the following definitions:

COMMERCIAL SEWAGE SLUDGE COMPOSTING FACILITY - A "composting or other organics processing facility," as defined in Title 6, Part 360.2(b)(57) of the New York Codes, Rules, and Regulations, which is operated for the primary purpose of utilizing sewage sludge to manufacture compost for commercial sale. It does not include the on-farm processing, mixing, handling or marketing of organic matter that is grown or produced by a farm operation to rid such farm operation of its excess agricultural waste, or the on-farm processing, mixing or handling of off-farm generated organic matter that is transported to such farm operation, so long as any off-farm waste is necessary to facilitate the composting of such farm operation's agricultural waste and is used only as a minor component of the farm operation's composting process.

FARM OPERATION - Shall be defined consistent with the definition set forth in Agriculture and Markets Law § 301(11).

SEWAGE SLUDGE - Any solid, semisolid, or sludge-like material generated in a wastewater treatment plant by the treatment of sewage or industrial wastewater or otherwise derived from sewage or industrial wastewater or their byproducts. "Sewage sludge" shall be considered synonymous with "biosolids." Sewage sludge shall include material remaining or produced as a result of the anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge, the composting of sewage sludge, or the fermentation of sewage sludge.

- B. Article VII (Regulations Applicable to All Districts) of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hopewell is hereby amended with the insertion of a new Section 722 to read as follows:

722 – Prohibition of Commercial Sewage Sludge Composting Facilities

- A. Legislative findings and declaration of policy.

1. The Town Board of the Town of Hopewell finds that commercial sewage sludge composting facilities have the potential to cause a variety of negative effects for public health and the environment, including without limitation, degradation of air quality, degradation of water quality, and truck traffic.
2. Commercial sewage sludge composting facilities may emit harmful air pollution, including volatile organic compounds, ammonia, methane, and nitrous oxide, some of which contribute to noxious odors and may be hazardous or bothersome to the inhabitants of the Town, threatening residents' rights to clean air.
3. Commercial sewage sludge composting facilities may discharge dangerous contaminants, including heavy metals, microplastics, and pathogens, which can spread to local waters through leakage or runoff. This water pollution may be hazardous and bothersome to public health and threaten residents' rights to clean water.
4. Truck traffic associated with commercial sewage sludge composting may be hazardous or bothersome to the inhabitants of the Town, potentially resulting in dangerous accidents, traffic congestion, costly road maintenance, and increases in air pollution and noise.

Given these findings, the Town Board has determined that the operation or maintenance of a commercial sewage sludge composting facility within the Town of Hopewell poses a significant risk to the safety, health, and general welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Hopewell as well as their constitutional rights to clean air, clean water, and a healthful environment. It is therefore the intent of this Local Law to prohibit the construction, operation, and maintenance of commercial sewage sludge composting facilities in the Town of Hopewell.

- B. The construction, operation and maintenance of commercial sewage sludge composting facilities is hereby prohibited in all zoning districts within the Town of Hopewell.

III. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section

or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been ordered.

IV: Effective Date.

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

(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.)

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~~2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer¹.)~~

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~~3. (Final adoption by referendum.)~~

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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 _____ 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.

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