LAID ON THE DESKS BY EMAIL 11/10/2025
GOVERNMENT SERVICES & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2025207

RE: LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE YOUTH DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM

Legislators TRUITT, HOUSTON, POLASEK, MC HOUL, GORMAN, D'AQUANNI, and VERSACI offer the following and move its adoption:

RESOLVED, this adopted local law shall amend Section 189 of the Dutchess County Code of Local Laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Dutchess adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2026, which has been submitted this date for consideration by said Legislature.

APPROVED
Susan Serino
SUSAN J. SERINO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date Dec. 30, 2025

STATE OF NEW YORK
ss:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Deputy Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 8th day of December 2025, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 8th day of December 2025.

DUTCHESS COUNTY SEAL

Laura Phillips
LAURA PHILLIPS, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026

RE: LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE YOUTH DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM

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

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Youth Deer Hunting Pilot Program has been extended from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2028, and Dutchess County seeks to further its participation. NYSDEC's Report to the New York State Senate and Assembly *Deer Hunting by 12- and 13-Year Old Hunters* dated February 1, 2023, found the state-wide program to be a success. During the two-year program, over 9,500 youth hunters participated and harvested over 3,300 deer. On safety, the report states, "no hunting-related shooting incidents, violations, or license revocations involving 12- and 13-year-old hunters were reported/occurred during the first two years of the pilot program" further determining that "youth hunters are the safest group of hunters."

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.

This Local Law is enacted pursuant to § 11-0935 of Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 3. AMENDING CHAPTER 189-1 SUBSECTION A OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY CODE OF LOCAL LAWS TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935, effective June 1, 2021, New York State instituted a deer hunting pilot program which authorizes a hunting license holder, who is 12 or 13 years of age, to hunt deer with a crossbow, shotgun or muzzle-loading firearm through December 31, 2028, if a county in an "eligible area" authorizes such action within its municipality during hunting seasons as designated by the state. The intent of this article is to authorize Dutchess County to participate in the new and safe hunting opportunity, as authorized by Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935.

SECTION 4. AMENDING CHAPTER 189-2 SUBSECTION A OF THE DUTCHESS COUNTY CODE OF LOCAL LAWS TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. Pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935, Dutchess County elects to participate in the temporary program to allow for a hunting license holder who is 12 or 13 years of age, to hunt deer with a crossbow, shotgun, or muzzle-loading firearm through December 31, 2028.

SECTION 5. SEQRA DETERMINATION.

It is hereby determined, pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, 8 NYECL Section 0101 et seq., and its implementing regulations, Part 617 of 6 NYCRR, that the adoption of this local law is a "Type II" Action within the meaning of Section 617.5(c)(26) and (33) of 6 NYCRR, and, accordingly, is of a class of actions which do not have a significant impact on the environment and no further review is required." [6 NYCRR Section 617.5(c) (26) and (33) apply to: "(26) routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment" and "(33) adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list"]

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law of the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, 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 thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgement shall be rendered.

SECTION 7. REVERSE PREEMPTION.

This article shall be null and void on the day that statewide legislation goes into effect incorporating either the same or substantially similar provisions as are contained in this law or in the event that a pertinent state or federal administrative agency issues and promulgates regulations preempting such action by the County of Dutchess.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

The foregoing Resolution No. 2025207, Local Law No. 1 of 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO EXTEND THE YOUTH DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM, was laid on desks via e-mail on November 10, 2025, and considered on December 8, 2025.

Roll call vote on the foregoing resolution at that time resulted as follows:

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| AYES: | 24 | Atkins, Brendli, Caswell, D'Aquanni, Drago, Faust, Garito, Gorman, House, Houston, Kaul, Kearney, Lawler, McHoul, Metzger, Munn, Page, Paoloni, Polasek, Rolison, Travelpiece, Truitt, Valdés Smith, and Versaci |
| NAYS: | 0 | |
| ABSENT: | 1 | Johnson |

Resolution adopted.

The County Executive held a public hearing on the foregoing Local Law on December 23, 2025 and signed it into Law on December 30, 2025. The effective date of the Local Law was _____, 2025.

# *Government Services and Administration Roll Call*

| *District* | *Name* | *Yes* | *No* |
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| District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley | Truitt* | ✓ | |
| District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook | Houston* | | |
| District 3 - LaGrange | Polasek* | | |
| District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon | Valdés Smith* | | |
| District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie | Atkins* | | |
| District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Kaul | | |
| District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie | Versaci | | |
| District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill | McHoul (C) | | |
| District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill | Page | Absent | |
| District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck | Munn | | |
| District 21 - East Fishkill | Caswell | | |
| District 24 - Dover and Pawling | House (VC) | | |

Present: 11
Absent: 1
Vacant: 0

Resolution: ✓
Motion: ____

Total : 11 (Yes) 0 (No)
Abstentions: 0

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DECEMBER 4, 2025

# Roll Call Sheets

| District | Last Name | YES | NO |
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| District 7 - Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley | Truitt | ✓ | |
| District 25 - Amenia, Washington, Pleasant Valley & Millbrook | Houston | | |
| District 3 - LaGrange | Polasek | | |
| District 16 - Fishkill and Beacon | Valdés Smith | | |
| District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie | Atkins | | |
| District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Gorman | | |
| District 2 - LaGrange, Pleasant Valley & Town of Poughkeepsie | Travelpiece | | |
| District 4 - Hyde Park and Town of Poughkeepsie | Lawler | | |
| District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie | D'Aquanni | | |
| District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie | Kaul | | |
| District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie | Brendli | | |
| District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie | Johnson | absent | |
| District 11 - Clinton, Pleasant Valley, and Rhinebeck | Kearney | | |
| District 12 - East Fishkill | Metzger | | |
| District 13 - East Fishkill and Wappinger | Paoloni | | |
| District 14 - Wappinger and Town of Poughkeepsie | Versaci | | |
| District 15 - Wappinger | Faust | | |
| District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill | McHoul | | |
| District 18 - City of Beacon and Fishkill | Page | | |
| District 19 - North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan & Red Hook | Drago | | |
| District 20 - Red Hook, Tivoli, and Rhinebeck | Munn | | |
| District 21 - East Fishkill | Caswell | | |
| District 22 - Beekman and Union Vale | Garito | | |
| District 23 - Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill | Rolison | | |
| District 24 - Dover and Pawling | House | | |

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| **Present:** | 24 | **Resolution:** | ✓ | **Total :** | 24 | 0 |
| **Absent:** | 1 | **Motion:** | | | **Yes** | **No** |
| **Vacant:** | 0 | | | **Abstentions:** | 0 | |

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DECEMBER 8, 2025