TOWN OF CHESTER

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW 9 OF 2026, A LOCAL LAW TO REGULATE PARKING OF TRAILERS AND BOAT HAULERS ON TOWN STREETS

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Chester as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The Town Board recognizes that parking of large commercial vehicles, trailers and boat transporters on Town streets adversely affects the community character, obstructs the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians and should be regulated for the health, safety and welfare of Chester residents and those who traverse Town streets.

Section 2. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to section 10 of the Statute of Local Governments which provides local governments the power "to adopt, amend and repeal ordinances, resolutions and rules and regulations in the exercise of its functions, powers and duties" and is further authorized by New York State Vehicle & Traffic Law § 1660

Section 3. Chapter 92, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Article III entitled, "Parking, Standing and Stopping Regulations", shall be amended by replacing § 92-12(B) to read as follows:

B. Parking prohibited for certain vehicles:

(1) Overnight parking of the following vehicles shall be prohibited on the Town of Chester streets:

(a) Commercial vehicles with more than two axles
(b) Trailers
(c) Boat Transporters and/or boats
(d) Any vehicle from November 1 through April 1. See § 92-11.

(2) Overnight shall be defined as 12:00 A.M. to 5:00 A.M.

(3) The Highway Superintendent shall be authorized to issue a waiver from these prohibitions upon written request from the property owner. Such request shall identify the need for parking on the street and the anticipated duration of the parking. Such waiver shall only be granted where the Highway Superintendent finds that the proposed parking is necessary, is for a limited duration and can be accommodated safely without obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic on the Town street.

Section 4. Chapter 92, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic", Article V entitled, "Removal and Storage of Vehicles," shall be amended to read as follows:

§ 92-20. Authority to remove vehicles.

The Town Superintendent of Highways or a Police Officer shall have the power to remove or cause the removal of any vehicle:

A. Parked or abandoned on any highway within this Town during a snowstorm, flood, fire or other public emergency which affects that portion of the public highway upon which said vehicle is parked or abandoned.

B. Found unattended on any highway within this Town where said vehicle constitutes an obstruction to traffic.

C. Parked or abandoned on any highway within this Town where stopping, standing or parking is prohibited or otherwise in violation of this Chapter.

D. Left unattended for more than 48 hours within the right-of-way of any highway or other public property within the Town.

§ 92-21. Towing, storage and charges.

A. After removal of any vehicle as authorized in this article, the Superintendent of Highways or Police Officer shall cause such vehicle to be stored in a suitable place at the expense of the owner. Such owner or the person in charge of the vehicle may redeem the same upon payment to the Town of the amount of all expenses actually and necessarily incurred in effecting such removal, such expenses not to exceed the amount specified in the schedule of charges established by resolution of the Town Board.

B. In addition to the civil penalties already available, anyone found in violation of Chapter **92** shall also be liable for the cost of towing should it be necessary to employ such service to remedy a violation.

§ 92-22. Notice of removal.

The Superintendent of Highways or Police Officer shall, without delay, ascertain or cause to be ascertained, to the extent possible, the owner of the vehicle or person having charge of the same, and shall notify him of the removal and disposition of such vehicle and of the amount which will be required to redeem same.

Section 5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjusted 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, or part of this

Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date.

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