

**TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK**
Local Law No. B of 2024

A LOCAL LAW DESIGNATING FIRE LANES

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

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Local Law shall be entitled “A LOCAL LAW DESIGNATING FIRE LANES.”

SECTION 2. PURPOSE AND INTENT

The purpose of this local law is to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the public by designating fire lanes to ensure that local fire department vehicles and other emergency vehicles have unimpeded access to properties on Main Street in the event of a fire or other emergency.

SECTION 3. AUTHORITY.

This Local Law is adopted pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law (Chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York) and section 1660 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York.

SECTION 4. DESIGNATION OF FIRE LANES.

The following area(s) are hereby designated as fire lane(s):

A. Area of shoulder parking along Main Street (County Route 33) beginning at the end of the side walk in front of 220 Main Street (County Route 33) and extending the length of tax parcel ID No. 158.4-3-15.

SECTION 5. PROHIBITED PARKING.

Parking of motor vehicles or other vehicles in designated fire lanes or otherwise obstructing designated fire lanes shall be prohibited.

SECTION 6. VIOLATIONS.

Every person convicted of a traffic infraction for a violation of any provision of this Local Law, which is not a violation of any provision of the Vehicle and Traffic Law of the State of New York, shall subject the vehicle owner to a fine of \$100.

SECTION 7. REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.

A. Any vehicle parked or abandoned in any designated fire lane may be removed by or at the direction of the Town Superintendent of Highways.

B. All towing and storage charges of vehicles removed pursuant to this Local Law shall be borne by the owner of such vehicle and paid prior to the release of such vehicle.

SECTION 8. REPEAL.

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this local law are hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, provision or part thereof of this local law shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this local law as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not so adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 10. WHEN EFFECTIVE.

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