

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Warwick will hold a public hearing at 132 Kings Highway, Warwick, New York, on August 13, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. or soon thereafter to afford all interested parties the opportunity to be heard regarding Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2026 entitled A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 154, ARTICLE IX OF THE CODE ENTITLED "TOWING POLICY". A copy of Local Law 6 of 2026 is on file in the Town Clerk's office and on the town's website, townofwarwickny.gov.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard. All written comments must be received by the Board at or prior to the public hearing.

DATED: August 5, 2026

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK
EILEEN M. ASTORINO
TOWN CLERK**

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 154, ARTICLE IX OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF WARWICK ENTITLED "TOWING POLICY" TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE AND REQUIRED INSPECTIONS OF TOWING EQUIPMENT AND IMPOUND YARDS

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Warwick, Orange County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent

The Town Board finds that participation on the Town's towing rotation list requires towing contractors to maintain safe equipment and secure vehicle storage facilities. The purpose of this Local Law is to establish an annual license fee and require annual inspections to ensure compliance with the Town's towing standards and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Section 2. Chapter 154 Amended

Chapter 154, Article IX, "Towing Policy," is hereby amended by adding a new section, **§154-33, Annual Inspection of Equipment and Impound Yard**, to read as follows:

§154-33. Annual Inspection of Equipment and Impound Yard.

A. Every towing contractor licensed by the Town of Warwick and participating on the Town's towing rotation list shall submit all towing vehicles, equipment, and impound/storage facilities for inspection by the Town of Warwick Police Department or its designated representative at least once each calendar year.

B. The inspection shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Towing vehicles and recovery equipment required by this Chapter.
2. Safety equipment and warning devices.
3. Communications equipment.
4. Impound and storage yard security, including fencing, lighting, controlled access, and general condition.
5. Compliance with all insurance, licensing, and operational requirements of this Chapter.

C. The Chief of Police, or designee, may require additional inspections whenever deemed necessary to verify continued compliance with this Chapter.

D. Failure to successfully pass an inspection or correct any deficiencies within the time prescribed by the Chief of Police may result in suspension or removal from the Town towing rotation list until all deficiencies have been corrected.

Section 3. Section 154-32 Amended

Section 154-32, "Tow List License Fee," is hereby amended to read as follows:

§154-32. Tow List License Fee.

A. Every towing contractor applying for or renewing participation on the Town of Warwick towing rotation list shall pay an annual license fee as set forth in the Town's Schedule of Fees. Editor's Note: The Schedule of Fees is on file in the Town offices.

B. The license fee shall be due upon initial application and payable annually thereafter on or before January 31 of each year.

C. Payment of the annual license fee shall not relieve the licensee of the obligation to comply with all provisions of this Chapter, including the annual inspection requirements.

Section 4. Section 154 -18(A) Licensing provisions and responsibilities. Amended.

§ 154-18 (A) "Licensing provisions and responsibilities is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The applicant must own, lease, operate and maintain a registered, working New-York-State-licensed motor vehicle repair facility within the Town of Warwick. If the applicant does not own the premises on which the motor vehicle repair facility is situated, a written lease for the use of the premises or for service from the motor vehicle repair facility must be provided. Any tow company on the Town of Warwick towing rotation list that does not comply with this requirement prior to the date of the adoption of this policy shall not be removed from the rotation list. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, an applicant owning a heavy duty wrecker tow truck shall be exempt from the requirement of this subsection.

Section 5. 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.

Section 6. Effective Date

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.