November 5, 2026

The Town Board of the Town of Warwick held a Public Hearing for Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2026 Amending Chapter 144, of the Town of Warwick Code entitled "Veterans Tax Exemption." Said public hearing was held on Thursday, November 5, 2026 at the Town Hall, 132 Kings Highway, Town of Warwick. Supervisor Dwyer opened the public hearing at 7:13 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor Jesse Dwyer
Councilman Floyd DeAngelo
Councilman Russell Kowal
Councilman Kevin Shuback
Councilman Thomas Mattingly

LEGAL NOTICE: The Clerk read the legal notice, which was duly published in the Warwick Valley Dispatch on October 14, 2026.
(Copy of this legal notice is printed at the end of these minutes.)

SUPERVISOR DWYER – Thank you. Just before I go to the Board on any comments from them, as we approach Veterans Day next week, I'm proud to announce that the Town Board is moving forward with this proposed Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2026 to significantly expand property tax relief for our local heroes. By opting into the newly authorized provisions of New York State Real Property Tax Law, Section 458A, Subdivision 11, and establishing Article 17 in our Town Code, this measure will provide a 100% full property tax exemption, including special district charges, assessments, and ad valorem levies on the primary residence of seriously disabled veterans who are rated permanently and totally disabled as a result of their military service. Tonight's public hearing provides an opportunity for our community to be heard on this vital initiative, which ensures that those who bore the greatest physical sacrifices in defense of our nation receive meaningful, permanent support so that they can afford to stay in their homes here in the Town of Warwick, effective with the upcoming March 2027 assessment rule. Before we move forward, I'd like to open it up to the Town Board if they have any questions or comments. Okay, and now we'll open it up to the public if you have any questions, comments, concerns on this local law. Yes, sir. If you wouldn't mind coming up to the podium here, state your name for the record.

CARMINE GARRITANO – Resident currently with the VFW, Warwick Valley VFW Post 4662. I am currently the director of communications, so I'd like to get some of this information out to our membership. First question is, we've been getting on and off information from our officers of information who sent us e-mails on the status of this bill. First general question is, is there any other state legislation or any other state requirements that have to be made for this bill in terms of the governor passing it?

SUPERVISOR DWYER - From a state level, everything that needed to be done has been done. It is now on to local municipalities, which, by the way, includes towns, villages, school districts, and counties. We're passing this bill here tonight, this legislation tonight. It will take effect for town taxes next year, the assessment roll for next year. Your bill, just to be clear, your tax bill that comes out January 2027 will not be affected by this. It is for the assessment roll that is published around March of 2027. That will then be applied to your 2028 Town Tax Bill. The County of Orange is looking into a similar legislation. I just heard county executives report that he gave today or yesterday, and I think they are evaluating a similar situation. But this will only impact your town tax bill. I have spoken to the Warwick School Superintendent, Dr. Leach, to let him know that we were moving forward with this and to encourage his consideration, and I know that the school board is evaluating it. But this will take effect immediately, and it will apply to the 2027 assessment roll and the 2028 Town Tax Bill.

CARMINE GARRITANO – Okay, thank you for that. That was my next question. And when should veterans provide their documentation, I assume, to the assessor's office to qualify?

SUPERVISOR DWYER – Correct, well, let's do it over a staggered period of time so we're not bombarding them. But essentially, you'll be able to apply as soon as the law takes effect. But I wouldn't do it tomorrow because they're getting the authorization to move forward by us. They don't have the paperwork ready. They don't have everything ready. That'll take some time. I would say December, as long as it's done before March. I think March 31st is the deadline.

CARMINE GARRITANO - It's my understanding that there's a very limited number of Town Veterans who would be eligible.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - You have to be 100% permanent and totally disabled.

CARMINE GARRITANO - Right, right. Okay. Documentation. That's it. Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Thank you, sir.

TOWN CLERK ASTORINO - Thank you for your service.

SUPERVISOR DWYER - Yes. We'll see you next Wednesday. Any other questions or comments from the public on this local law? Okay. The law will be passed later during our resolutions section, so we encourage everybody to stick around and wait as that happens.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: Motion Supervisor Dwyer, seconded Councilman DeAngelo that the public hearing be closed. Motion Carried (5 ayes, 0 nays)
7:19 p.m. C.P.

Eileen M. Astorino

Eileen M. Astorino, Town Clerk

NOTICE OF ADOPTION TOWN OF WARWICK
LOCAL LAW No.8 of 2026

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that after a public hearing introduced on October 8, 2026 and adopted on November 5, 2026 The Town Board duly enacted Local Law No. 8 of 2026 entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 144 (Taxation) of the Town of Warwick Town Code to provide for an additional Real Property Tax exemption for the primary residence of disabled veterans". A complete copy of Local Law No. 8of 2026 is available for inspection at the Town Clerks office or at townofwarwickny.gov.

Dated: November 11, 2026

By order of the Town
Board of Warwick Town of Warwick
Eileen Astorino
Town Clerk