

Draft Hopewell Zoning

Municipal Boundary

NYS Thruway

County Roads

Private Drives

Parcels Outside Hopewell

Hopewell Tax Parcels

2022 Zoning Draft

Community Service Overlay

Feet 5,600

Dog Licensing Fees (Intact vs Spayed/Neutered) by Township

<u>Preface</u>: I would like to address the high dog licensing fees in the Town of Hopewell. I have had dogs for over a decade while living in Hopewell and have faithfully paid the licensing fees to the tune of about \$600. I have grown frustrated after learning my family and friends in neighboring towns/counties pay significantly less. Each municipality must follow certain rules when setting License fees. I am attaching the NYS law on fees for dog licensing NYS Senate Law Section 110 and the NYS Dept. of Agriculture Guidance. As stated each Municipality sets their OWN base fees and Hopewell is far exceeding the NYS average.

So, I compiled a list of 28 towns, many of them local, but I also included some others in different parts of the state and their fees for intact and spayed/neutered dogs. As you will see Hopewell, a rural community charges the highest amount of any municipality I could find in NY. I am questioning whether it is necessary or prudent for Hopewell to follow in the footsteps of Canandaigua and Victor when some townships and counties charge up to 650% LESS. Overall 90% of Townships just in this list have lower fees than Hopewell and I found 66% of townships in Ontario County have lower fees (75% if you include the senior discount offered by Victor). All of these figures are readily available on each township's website and I encourage all board members to verify for themselves.

I researched mainly local townships <u>however</u>, I can find MANY examples of towns with single digit Spay/Neuter costs and could have seriously driven the average cost down.

ownships Fee for Intact Dog		Fee for Spayed/Neutered Dog		
Hopewell	\$30	\$20		
Canandaigua	\$30 \$20			
* Victor \$5 off for seniors	\$30 \$20			
Manchester -	\$25	\$16		
Phelps	\$25	\$17		
East Bloomfield	\$30	\$20		
South Bristol	\$24	\$16		
*Canadice Hefty Senior discount	\$20.50 \$15.50 senior	\$12.50 \$7.50 senior		
Gorham	\$23	\$15		
*Farmington Hefty Senior discount	\$25 \$18 senior	\$16 \$9 senior		
Seneca	\$22.50	15.50		
Richmond	\$25	\$15		
Arcadia (Newark)	\$15.50	\$7.50		
Palmyra	\$16	\$8		
Marion	\$16	\$9		
Walworth	\$19	\$10		
Milo (Penn Yan)	\$18	\$10		
Tully	\$13	\$5		
lerusalem	\$18	\$10		
*Perinton \$5 off for seniors	\$20	\$10		

*Brighton \$5 and \$3 off for seniors	\$20	\$10	
Webster	\$20	\$10	
Rochester	\$14	\$4	
Clinton	\$20	\$10	
Enfield	\$22	\$12	
Paris	\$8	\$3	
*Lancaster	\$20	\$13	
Webb	\$10	\$17	
Average costs	\$20	\$12	

^{*}Town also has a senior citizen discount further reducing the cost

As a side note: New York City, one of the most expensive places to live in the WORLD has a fee of: \$34 intact and \$8.50 Spayed/Neutered

In summary, I could not find one location IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF NY with exception of NYC with a greater fee than Hopewell for unaltered dogs AND no place IN THE ENTIRE STATE OF NY with a greater fee than Hopewell for spayed/neutered dogs! With the evidence presented I am disturbed and frustrated at why and how Hopewell came up with this extreme cost. If there is evidence to show that Hopewell's dog license fee revenue is greater than or equal to the cost Happy Tails Humane Society charges Hopewell I would like to see it. Perhaps, we are not getting a fair shake from Happy Tails??

From my current standpoint, Hopewell's hefty charge only overburdens the *law abiding* citizens; plus the state has added their own "surcharge" onto the process again punishing those who are *law abiding*. There are many residents across NYS who choose to not license their dogs and are seemingly beating the system. There is little to no punishment for non-compliance. So I ask Hopewell to stop punishing those of us who are "playing by the rules". I suggest a **DRASTIC REDUCTION** in the costs of licensing. Lead by example...and do not follow the likes of Canandaigua, Victor or East Bloomfield. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Lotyczewski

TOWN OF HOPEWELL JANUARY 5, 2022

RESOLUTION #1-2022- AUTHORIZE EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11.1

WHEREAS, in recognition of the above problems caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No. 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No. 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit (i.e., the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions on the 2021 assessment roll (i.e., senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income), thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions, and further dispensing with the requirement that assessors mail renewal applications to such persons; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Town Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if she has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Town Assessor of the Town of Hopewell to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Town Assessor of the Town of Hopewell the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedures outlined below;

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell hereby directs the Town Assessor of the Town of Hopewell to:

- 1. Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
- 2. The Town Assessor may, in her sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with her office if she has reason to believe that any such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed for the relevant property, transferred such property to a new owner or died. If the Town Assessor requires such renewal application be filed, she shall notify the owner of the

subject property of such requirement by regular mail, with such notice containing instructions on how to file the renewal application.

I, Denise L. Hood, Town Clerk of the Town of Hopewell, do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Hopewell on January 19, 2022 by the following vote:

William Namestnik

Erin Everson

Adam Sanford

Jeff Trickey

Andrew Faust

Aye Nay

X

X

X

X

Necessarily Absent

Denise L. Hood

Hopewell Town Clerk

Dated: January 5, 2022

TOWN OF HOPEWELL RESOLUTION # 2-2022 JONATHON V. LAMMERS, M.D. AS LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER FOR THE TOWN OF HOPEWELL

WHEREAS, The Town of Hopewell wishes to have appointed Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. as the Town Local Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. agrees to act as the Local Health Officer for the Town of Hopewell; and

WHEREAS, with the appointment of Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. the Town of Hopewell hereby abolishes the Inter-municipal Agreement for Health Officer with the County of Ontario now therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, In consideration of the preceding, and pursuant to New York Public Health Law §320, it is mutually agreed upon between Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. and the Town of Hopewell, that Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. shall be appointed as the Local Health Officer; and be it further

RESOLVED, Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. in furtherance of this appointment, will investigate complaints of public health nuisances arising with the Town and when necessary to resolve said nuisances will present the facts and recommendations to the Town Board for their decision and enforcement action; and be it further

RESOLVED, The payment for Local Health Officer services from January 01, 2022 through December 31, 2026 shall be \$3,600.00 and payment shall be made with four annual payments of \$900.00 each; and be it further

RESOLVED, The duration of appointment will begin January 1, 2022 and will end on December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that if Jonathon V. Lammers, M.D. is unable to continue in the position he may resign at any time during the appointed term.

I, Denise L. Hood, Town Clerk of the Town of Hopewell do hereby certify that the aforementioned resolution was adopted by the Town of Hopewell on January 19th, 2022 by the following vote:

	<u>Aye</u>	Nay
William Namestnik	_x_	
Erin Everson	_x_	
Andrew Faust	Necessarily Abs	sent
Adam Sanford	_x_	_
Jeffery Trickey	_x_	

Dated: January 19, 2022

Denise L. Hood, Town Clerk

SEAL

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

Principal \$213,318.32				Call / Coll	Account	Officer Initials
References in the	boxes above are Any iter	for Lender's use o n above containing	nly and do not limit the	applicability of this o	locument to any part limitations.	ticular loan or item.

Borrower:

TOTALS:

Town of Hopewell

Lender:

THE LYONS NATIONAL BANK

35 WILLIAM STREET LYONS, NY 14489 (315) 946-4871

Disbursement Date: January 6, 2022 Interest Rate: 2.940

Repayment Schedule: Installment Calculation Method: 365/365 U.S. Rule

Payment Number	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Paid	Principal Paid	Remaining Balance
1	02-01-2023	46,595,99	6.718.30	39,877.69	173,440.63
2	02-01-2024	46,595,99	5,099.15	41,496.84	131,943.79
3	02-01-2025	46.595.99	3,889.78	42,706.21	89,237.58
4	02-01-2026	46,595,99	2,623.58	43,972.41	45,265.17
5	02-01-2027	46,595.99	1,330.82	45,265.17	0.00
TOTALS:		232,979.95	19,661.63	213,318.32	

NOTICE: This is an estimated loan amortization schedule. Actual amounts may vary if payments are made on different dates or in different amounts.

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On Wednesday, January 19, 2022 the 2021 Book of the Bookkeeper, Chief Fiscal Officer, Code Enforcement Officer and Town Clerk/Tax collector were audited by the Supervisor and the Town Board. There are no Deficiencies.

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Supervisor, William Namestnik
GM. Elen
Council Member Erin Everson
Council Member Adam Sanford
Council Member Jeff Trickey
Necessarily Absent
Council Member Andrew Faust