

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF GERMANTOWN
COLUMBIA COUNTY, NEW YORK

Local Law No. 4 of 2019

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CODE OF ETHICS TO ABOLISH THE TOWN BOARD OF ETHICS _____ and APPOINT the COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD of ETHICS for the TOWN of GERMANTOWN

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 Amending the Code of Ethics to Abolish the Town Board of Ethics and Appoint the Columbia County Board of Ethics ___ for the Town of Germantown.”

SECTION 2. 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 Article 18 of the General Municipal Law.

SECTION 3. PURPOSE AND INTENT.

This Local Law amends the Town of Germantown’s Code of Ethics to abolish the Town’s Board of Ethics. In accordance with General Municipal Law § 808, in the absence of a municipal board of ethics, the Board of Ethics for the County of Columbia shall render advisory opinions to officers and employees of the Town of Germantown with respect to the provisions of the General Municipal Law pertaining to municipal officers’ and employees’ conflicts of interest, and with respect to the Town of Germantown’s Code of Ethics.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2019.

Section 25 of Local Law No. 3 of 2019 is hereby amended and replaced in its entirety as follows:

SECTION 25. BOARD OF ETHICS.

The Board of Ethics of the County of Columbia shall render advisory opinions to officers and employees of the Town of Germantown with respect to the provisions of the General Municipal Law pertaining to municipal officers’ and employees’ conflicts of interest, and with respect to the Town of Germantown’s Code of Ethics.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

The invalidity or unenforceability of any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause,

provision or phrase of the aforementioned sections as declared by the valid judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, provision or phrase, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SUPERSESSION.

Pursuant to the powers granted by the Municipal Home Rule, this Local Law supersedes any inconsistent provision of state or local law to the extent necessary to give this Local Law full force and effect.

SECTION 7. ENACTMENT.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.