

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
ACTIVE LEGISLATION
PREVIOUSLY INTRODUCED LEGISLATION NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION
FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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Council Member Zamer introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW A OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Albany as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (A) of section 333-34 (Eligibility) of Article III (Senior Citizens Tax Exemption) of Chapter 333 (Taxation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Pursuant to § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property located in the City of Albany and owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by spouses, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation according to the following eligibility schedule:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation
<u>\$47,000 or less</u>	<u>65%</u>
<u>More than \$47,000 and up to \$48,000</u>	<u>60%</u>
<u>More than \$48,000 and up to \$49,000</u>	<u>55%</u>
<u>More than \$49,000 and up to \$50,000 or less</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>More than \$50,000 and up to \$51,000</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>More than \$51,000 and up to \$52,000</u>	<u>40%</u>
<u>More than \$52,000 and up to \$53,000</u>	<u>35%</u>
<u>More than \$53,000 and up to \$53,900</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>More than \$53,900 and up to \$54,800</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>More than \$54,800 and up to \$55,700</u>	<u>20%</u>
<u>More than \$55,700 and up to \$56,600</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>More than \$56,600 and up to \$57,500</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>More than \$57,500 and up to \$58,400</u>	<u>5%</u>
<u>More than \$58,400</u>	<u>0%</u>

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
13th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Trey Kingston, Commissioner of Assessment**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 13, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Zamer**

Local Law A OF 2026 (MC)

TITLE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGSLATION

The City of Albany's senior citizen property tax exemption, codified at Code § 333-34 et seq., is authorized by and based upon section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. From 2009 to the taxable year 2024, Senior Citizen property owners could be awarded an exemption based on their income level with a maximum discount of 50%. On December 5, 2025, Governor Hochul signed into law 2025 NY AB 3698 (also known as 2025 NY SB 5175), effective beginning in taxable year 2025. This authorized municipalities to create three new income levels which would allow for the exemption to be granted at 55, 60 and 65%, the Legislature amended section 467 to increase the exemption amounts up to 65%. Under the amended local law, seniors earning less than \$50,000 per year may enjoy an exemption in excess of the 50% which was historically provided by law, with new tiers added for 55%, 60%, and 65%.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This local law conforms the City of Albany's exemption income eligibility to those recently authorized by the State. Albany previously conformed to the maximum levels permitted by State law. With the recent statewide increase in maximum permissible exemption, this legislation is necessary to bring Albany back in line with State standards.

The local law will apply only to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026. Because of the arrangement of the assessment calendar under the Real Property Tax Law, the exemption will not be reflected for those who fall under the new eligibility brackets until the 2026-27 school tax bills and 2027 City/County tax bills.

As the City continues to assist our aging community, this exemption will continue to allow our seniors to age in their homes and not have to seek alternative living arrangements as a result of tax liabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, section 4 of Ordinance 27.101.25 requires Council Approval of changes in rates of pay exceeding ten percent of planned rates presented to the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Assessment during the annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor and Department of Administrative Services are requesting the changes in the planned rates of pay for the positions below included in the 2026 City Budget; and

Title	Budget Line	Grade	Planned	Amended
Deputy Mayor	11210000.Positions	W.13	133,600	162,930
Dep. Comm. of Admin Svcs	11610000.Positions	W.12	104,810	128,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate these changes in the Office of the Mayor and Department of Administrative Services staffing for 2026.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 9, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell, 13th Ward**

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to adjust the rate of pay for a position within the Office of the Mayor.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Section 4 of Ordinance 27.101.25 requires Council Approval of changes in rates of pay exceeding ten percent of planned rates presented to the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Assessment during the annual budget process.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Sufficient appropriations were included in the 2026 adopted budget in conjunction with other actions.

Council Members Flynn, Farrell, Hoey, and Zamer introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF Sycamore Street in Their Honor

WHEREAS, the Larsons have long been a pillar of the City of Albany, known for their deep-rooted commitment to public service, caregiving, and community spirit across all generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson was born and raised in Albany, becoming a staple in the community who devoted her life to caring for others with compassion, patience, and warmth as a nurse, family member, and friend to all; and

WHEREAS, after serving in local hospitals and taking time to raise her family, she became a school nurse in the Albany City School District, where she was beloved by students and colleagues alike for her care, comfort, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Molly Larson also quickly became a respected member and advocate within the Albany Public School Teachers Association, advancing the standing of school nurses across the Capital Region through her advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Molly Larson—often lovingly called “Non”—spent her time, embracing former students, tending to her garden, and volunteering at the Focus Churches Food Pantry, alongside her partner of 52 years, her children, and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, her spirit of warmth, humor, and generosity was also embodied by her daughter, Molly Quinn Duffy, who shared the same kindness and radiance that defined her family’s character; and

WHEREAS, Molly Quinn Duffy brightened every room she entered, few people had met her and remained a stranger; she drew many in with her good nature and devoted friendship; and

WHEREAS, she had an incredible ability to bring people together through her baking skills—she cooked thousands of Christmas cookies annually and was known for her signature St. Patrick’s Day soda bread; and

WHEREAS, she loved being a mother to her son Brian, with whom she created countless memories: cheering him on at Little League games, planning surprises, and supporting school and community activities, even as she courageously battled metastatic melanoma; and

WHEREAS, the family’s legacy of service was also exemplified by James “Jimmy” William Larson, an excellent father to Molly Quin Duffy and phenomenal husband to Molly Phinney Larson;

WHEREAS, James served our city fearlessly for more than three decades, beginning with his appointment to the Albany Fire Department in November 1968 and his role as a charter member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2007; and

WHEREAS, some of his happiest and proudest years were spent riding the Rescue Squad as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain before rising to Deputy Chief in 1985 and Chief of the Department in 1987, demonstrating leadership, strength, and unwavering commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Larson found tremendous joy in devoting himself to caring for his wife Molly and family—especially his grandchildren, Jack, Sean, Matty, Brian, and Keira—and further exploring his many hobbies; and

WHEREAS, together, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson represent a family whose compassion, service, humor, and dedication to one another and to Albany strengthened the fabric of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby honors the lives and legacies of Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson by renaming a portion of Sycamore Street as “Larson Way”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that two signs shall be produced reading “Larson Way”, to be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **November 21, 2025**

Sponsor: **Council Member Jack Flynn, 11th Ward**
Majority Leader Ginnie Farrell, 13th Ward
Council Member Thomas Hoey, 15th Ward
Council Member Deborah Zamer, 14th Ward

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution officially recognizes the contributions to the City of Albany made the Lawson Family and directs the creation of honorary street signs at the proposed location.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Per Code § 323-63.2 (B), the Council shall effectuate honorary street renamings “through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

MAP OF PROPOSED HONORARY STREET SIGNS

TBD



City Clerk
City of Albany, New York
City Hall
24 Eagle Street Albany, NY 12207
www.cityclerk@albanyny.gov

Date Received

Proposed Honorary Street Name Application Form

Instructions: This application must be completed in full and submitted for review. Please complete one (1) form for each proposed street name. Please complete the application in its entirety and print. Requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 application fee

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name Jack Flynn

Street Address 7 Harbor City/State Albany, New York Zip 12207

Telephone (518) 438-7920 Fax () Email jackflynn87@waredsmail.com

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name Larsen Way

Suggested Location Sycanore and Hackett

Existing Street Name Sycanore

Cross Street Information: From Sycanore to -

Number of Intersections 1

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached () Yes () No

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached () Yes () No

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please Explain): _____

Please Review Attachment

Applicant's Signature Please Review Attachment Date _____

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R (MC)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Audit and Control is requesting a change in its authorized positions included in the 2026 City Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Audit and Control commits to leaving an Auditor and Communications Coordinator positions included in the 2026 City Budget vacant; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this request, the Office of Audit and Control has requested that the amendments reflected in the subsequent chart to the authorized positions of the 2026 City Budget be made; and

Action	Title	Budget Line	Grade	Range
Create	Chief of Staff	11310000.Positions	W.12	104,810 – 148,140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate this change in the Office of Audit and Control staffing for 2026.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation**
Supporting Memorandum

Date: **January 12, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell, 13th Ward**

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R (MC)

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to effectuate a change in the staffing of the Office of Audit and Control.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to section 604 (D)(b) of the City Charter “any transfer of budgeted funds that affects any salary rate or salary total” requires the approval of the Common Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Sufficient appropriations were included in the 2026 adopted budget in conjunction with other actions.