

LOCAL LAW NO. "A" FOR 2008

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE EMPIRE ZONE DESIGNATION OF A REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT DISTRIBUTION PROJECT

Introduced: 2/11/08

By Messrs. Commisso and Cotrofeld:

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the County of Albany as follows:

SECTION 1. History and Legislative intent.

A. The County Legislature of the County of Albany has designated the boundary of the Albany County Economic Development Zone Local Law No. 7 for 1997, as amended by Local Law No. 2 for 1999, as amended by Local Law No. 5 for 2000, as amended by Local Law No. 2 for 2001 herein after the Albany County Empire Zone, as amended by Local Law No. 6 for 2001, as amended by Local Law No. 3 for 2003, as amended by Local Law No. 6 for 2005, as amended by Local Law Nos. 2, 4 and 5 for 2006, and as amended by Local Law No. 8 for 2007.

B. Pursuant to Section 957(d)(ii) of the General Municipal Law, the Albany County Empire Zone may request Empire Zone designation of a regionally significant distribution project where 300 or more jobs will be created.

C. On October 24, 2007, the Albany County Empire Zone Administrative Board considered a request by World Logistics Group for Empire Zone designation of a regionally significant distribution project for its facility at 158 West Yard Road in the Town of Bethlehem and forwarded a resolution to this Honorable Body requesting an amendment to the Albany County Empire Zone by the Albany County Legislature and New York State for the purpose of including a regionally significant distribution project under Section 975(d)(ii) of General Municipal Law.

D. This Legislature finds and determines that it is in the best interests of the residents of Albany County for the County to enhance the Albany County Empire Zone by advancing the request for designation as a regionally significant distribution project.

SECTION 2. Legislative approval.

The Albany County Legislature, on behalf of the County of Albany, hereby approves the allocation of Empire Zone lands for the purpose of the proposed distribution project by World Logistics Group found to be a regionally significant distribution project within the Albany County Empire Zone by the Albany County Empire Zone Administrative Board pursuant to Section 957 of the General Municipal Law and the County of Albany further requests the Commissioner of New York State

Department of Economic Development to amend the boundaries of the Albany County Empire Zone as follows:

World Logistics Group - The following tax parcels shall be included in the Town of Bethlehem for the purpose of designating the lands to be occupied by World Logistics Group pursuant to its request and subject to the creation of at least 300 new full-time equivalent positions over the next five years:

Parcel 108.00-1-10.20 described as 34 acres +/- site situated at 158 West Yard Road.

SECTION 3. State Environmental Quality Review Act.

By separate resolution the County has complied with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") with respect to the action described in this local law as follows: the County has issued a negative declaration determining that the action described in this local law will not have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. Effective date.

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

Referred to Audit and Finance Committee. 2/11/08