

LOCAL LAW NO. "H" FOR 2025

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING
CHAPTER 135 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CODE TO FUND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF PARTS AND COMPONENTS OF ADVANCED
NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGIES

Introduced: 9/8/25

By: Burgdorf, Mauriello, Lockart, Conway, Perlee, Grimm, Drake, Smith,
Collins, A. Joyce, Ricard, Efekoro and Robinson:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY AS
FOLLOWS:

Section I: Section 2 of Local Law No. 1 of 2022, A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING
THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT "(STAGE ACT)",
Section 135-2 is amended by adding a new subdivision (d) to read as follows and
previous subdivision (d) is re-lettered as follows:

§ 135-2 Legislative findings and intent.

A. In 2019, the State of New York enacted the Climate Leadership and
Community Protection Act (CLCPA), thereby creating one of the most
ambitious and comprehensive climate and energy laws in the country. The
CLCPA calls for nothing less than the decarbonization of the New York State
economy and calls on each and every municipality in the state to
collaboratively work to significantly increase the green energy business
infrastructure in their municipalities to the greatest extent possible. New York
has set aggressive goals through the CLCPA, and has established a target of
reaching a point where no less than 70% of the state's electricity consumption
will be derived from renewable power generation by the year 2030, a target of
zero-emission electricity by 2040, and a target of reducing statewide
greenhouse gas emissions by 85% from 1990 levels by 2050.

D. The Albany County Legislature further finds that New York State has
begun planning and developing for the commissioning of new Advanced
Nuclear Technologies in order to meet the energy needs of the State and
remain in compliance with the CLCPA. The plans developed by the New York
State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) to be
constructed and overseen by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) represent
a unique opportunity for new development and construction jobs for developing
parts and components for these new Advanced Nuclear Power Plants. The
Investment to attract these ancillary businesses represent an opportunity for
economic growth and development within Albany County.

E. [D.] The intention of the Albany County Legislature is to establish a Sustainable Technology and Green Energy Plan, which will invigorate and diversify the green business industry in the County of Albany for years to come and contribute to significant economic development, job retention and development.

Section 2. Section 3 of Local Law No. 1 of 2022, A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGY AND GREEN ENERGY ACT “(STAGE ACT)”, Section 135-3 definition of “green business” shall be amended as follows:

GREEN BUSINESS

Any entity that is a for-profit business that produces goods or provides services that benefit the environment, conserve natural resources or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Green businesses include, but are not limited to, corporations that manufacture, produce, build, engineer, service, supply and/or distribute any product which produces clean energy sources or reduces emissions in other sectors of the economy, such as building or transportation, in order to meet local, state and federal sustainability goals and contribute demonstrably to the green business footprint in the County. Examples of businesses eligible for consideration under this definition include those associated with renewable energy, energy storage, electric vehicles, geothermal technologies, advanced nuclear technologies deployed outside of Albany County, and zero-emission thermal energy networks.

Section 3. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation or circumstance, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of the law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of the law or in its application to the person, individual, firm, corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order may be rendered.

Section 4. SEQRA Compliance.

This County Legislature determines that this local law constitutes a “Type II action” pursuant to the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and that no further action under SEQRA is required.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately after its filing with the Secretary of State.

Burgdorf proposed the following amendment:

In Section I, § 135-2 Legislative Findings and Intent., Delete subsection (D) in its entirety, and renumber subsection (E) thereafter to (D).

On long roll call vote the following members voted in favor: Alix, Burgdorf, Cleary, Commisso, Conway, Domalewicz, Drake, Efekoro, Ethier, Feeney, Gillespie, Grimm, Hille, A. Joyce, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Lane, Laurilliard, Lekakis, Lockart, Mauriello, McLaughlin, Miller, Pedo, Perlee, Plotsky Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Robinson, Rosano, Smith, Weafer and Willingham – 34

Those opposed – 0

R. Joyce abstained.

Amendment was adopted.

On long roll call vote on the Local Law as amended, the following members voted in favor: Alix, Burgdorf, Cleary, Commisso, Conway, Domalewicz, Drake, Efekoro, Ethier, Feeney, Grimm, A. Joyce, Kuhn, Lane, Laurilliard, Lekakis, Lockart, Mauriello, Miller, Perlee, Reidy, Reinhardt, Ricard, Robinson, Rosano, Smith, Weafer and Willingham – 28

Those opposed – Gillespie, McLaughlin, Pedo, Plotsky and Simpson – 5

Local Law was adopted as amended – 2/9/26

Hille and R. Joyce abstained.

State of New York

County of Albany

This is to certify that I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Albany County Legislature, have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution and/or local law with the original resolution and/or local law now on file in the office, and which was passed by the Legislature of said County on the 9th day of February, 2026, a majority of all members elected to the Legislature voting in favor thereof, and that the same is a correct and true transcript of such original resolution and/or local law and the whole thereof.



IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature this 13th day of February, 2026.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra Chambliss", is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk, Albany County Legislature