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LOCAL LAW NO. 24 - 2008

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF COUNTY PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE SOUTH BRANCH WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SYRACUSE AND THE TOWN OF ONONDAGA TO THE ONONDAGA COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County of Onondaga, acting for and on behalf of the Onondaga County Water District is the owner of property located in the City of Syracuse and the Town of Onondaga known as the South Branch Water Supply System; consisting of approximately 30,000 lineal feet of 24" and 30" diameter pipe, two pumping stations, three storage tanks and all related facilities which take water from and by means of a physical connection with the City of Syracuse and deliver it to storage tanks on Sentinel Heights Road in the Town of Onondaga.

Section 2. By lease dated February 10, 1972, the County of Onondaga leased said South Branch Water Supply System to the City of Syracuse. Said lease may be terminated by either party upon 90 days written notice.

Section 3. The Onondaga County Water Authority has proposed to enter into a new lease agreement with the County of Onondaga for operation and maintenance of the South Branch Water Supply System.

Section 4. The term of the proposed lease is ten years, with three additional ten-year renewal terms.

Section 5. The amount of proposed rent is One Dollar ($1.00) per year, payment waived.

Section 6. An analysis of the potential environmental impacts, if any, of this proposed lease has been done under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

Section 7. The County Legislature is hereby authorized, directed and designated to act as the lead agency.

Section 8. As lead agency, the County Legislature hereby determines that the proposed action is an Unlisted Action under SEQRA and a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared.

Section 9. The Short Environmental Assessment Form prepared by and filed with this Legislature is satisfactory with respect to scope and content and adequacy in compliance with SEQRA and is hereby accepted by the County.

Section 10. The Onondaga County Legislature does hereby make and adopt a Negative Declaration for the project, and has determined that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Section 11. The Onondaga County Executive, or his designee, is authorized to take such action to comply with the requirements of SEQRA, including without limitation, the execution of documents and filing of same.

Section 12. During the term of the lease, the Onondaga County Water Authority will operate and

maintain the South Branch Water Supply System, at no cost to the Onondaga County Water District.

Section 13. The Onondaga County Executive, acting for and on behalf of the Onondaga County Water District, is hereby authorized to enter into agreements and execute documents for the termination of the existing lease and the commencement of a lease of the above-described property to the Onondaga County Water Authority, for a period of ten years, with three additional ten-year renewal terms.

Section 14. This Local Law shall take effect upon filing in accordance with the provisions of the Home Municipal Rule Law, and is subject to permissive referendum.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF LEGISLATION DULY ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY ON THE 5th DAY OF November, 2008.

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