LOCAL LAW NO. _____ - 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2-2012 REGARDING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY SOURCE SEPARATION LAW

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

Section 1. Purpose

By Local Law No. 2-2012, Onondaga County provided for a Source Separation Local Law. The purpose of this Local Law is to update the Source Separation Local Law and expand the definition of recyclable materials to reflect current industry practices and standards.

Section 2. Local Law No. 2-2012 hereby is amended within Section 2.A "County Recyclable Materials", to strike the following subsection:

viii. Beverage Cartons.

Section 3. Local Law No. 2-2012 hereby is amended within Section 2.A "County Recyclable Materials", to strike and substitute the following subsections:

i. Corrugated Paper: Cardboard containers, boxes, and packaging, including pizza boxes, all of which are cleaned of contaminants including food wastes, film plastics, #6 PS plastic commonly called Styrofoam, adhesives, metals, and plastics. All Corrugated Paper must be flattened for transport;

ii. Glass: Empty, washed glass jars, bottles and containers of clear, green and amber (brown) that contained food and drink. This term excludes ceramic, window glass, auto glass, mirror and kitchenware;

iii. Metal: All empty, rinsed, and cleaned-out ferrous and non-ferrous food and beverage containers, including steel, aluminum, and bimetal cans and containers. Scrap metal, wire, pipes, tubing, motors, sheet metal must be recycled through scrap dealers;

vi. Plastics: #1 PET bottles and cups (including: condiment bottles, beverage bottles, and cold beverage to-go cups); #2 HDPE bottles, jugs, and jars (including: milk jugs, detergent bottles/jugs, and shampoo bottles); #5 PP tubs and cups (including: yogurt cups, butter tubs, and cold beverage to-go cups). All Plastics must be empty, rinsed, and washed of contaminants.

The following are excluded from the definition of Plastics: #3, #4, #6, #7, and any unnumbered plastics; all plastic film (including: plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, and packaging materials); vinyl; large rigid plastics (including: laundry baskets, molded plastic toys, kiddie pools, and furniture); small rigid plastics (including: toys, clothing hangers, tableware, and utensils); plastic foam materials (including: foam hot beverage cups, trays, and packaging materials); containers that held potentially hazardous materials (including: motor oil, solvents, pesticides); building materials (including: piping, and bathroom and kitchen fixtures);

viii. Paperboard: Paper packaging (including: cereal, cracker, and tissue boxes), and toilet tissue and paper towel tubes;

ix. Mixed Paper: Discarded and bulk mail, computer paper, colored paper, envelopes, empty paper cups, greeting cards, wrapping paper, and carbonless multi-part forms. Mixed Paper excludes paper coated with foil or plastic; and

x. Soft Cover Books: Paperback books, product manuals, and educational materials that neither have a hard cover, nor a metal or plastic spiral binding.

Section 4. Local Law No. 2-2012 hereby is amended to strike Section 2.L and substitute the following:

L. "Recycling Container" means the bin, cart, or other container used by Waste Generator. Recycling Containers shall be used exclusively for the storage of County Recyclable Materials.

Section 5. Local Law No. 2-2012 hereby is amended to strike Section 2.N and substitute the following:

N. "Recycling Receptacle" means a cart, dumpster, or similar container provided by a hauler, business, apartment complex, or institution for aggregating Recyclables.

Section 6. Local Law No. 2-2012 hereby is amended to strike Section 4E and substitute the following:

E. No Residential Waste Generator shall remove a Recycling Container from the County; willfully destroy a Recycling Container; dispose of an undamaged Recycling Container other than by returning such container to the issuing municipality or issuing Waste Hauler or Recyclables Collector at a designated location; or use such Recycling Container for other than the temporary storage of County Recyclable Materials.

Section 7. Local Law No. 2-2012 hereby is amended to strike Section 4F and substitute the following:

F. Every Residential Waste Generator who changes place of residence shall leave the Recycling Container for the subsequent occupant of the property or, in the alternative, shall return the Recycling Container to the issuing municipality or issuing Waste Hauler or Recyclables Collector. Every Residential Waste Generator who does not have a Recycling Container shall obtain a Recycling Container from the municipality or issuing Waste Hauler or Recyclable Collector within two weeks of taking possession of said property.

Section 8. Separability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this local law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the judgment shall not effect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 9. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect on January 1, 2027, and shall be filed pursuant to the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

ADOPTED: 10/6/2026

COUNTY LEGISLATURE ★ ONONDAGA COUNTY ★ 3rd

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of Onondaga County on the 6th day of October 2026.

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Clerk, County Legislature