

*Public Hearing  
Local Law Introductory No. A of 2020  
September 23, 2020*

The Public Hearing on Local Law Introductory No. A of 2020 A Local Law providing for the collection of a hotel and motel tax in Tioga County was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 P.M. All nine Legislative members were present.

There were 42 people in attendance with an additional 83 people participating via Zoom.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Good Evening, everyone. Thank you for joining us this evening. My name is Martha Sauerbrey, Chair of the Tioga County Legislature."

The Clerk read the legal notice as published in the official newspapers.

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. "Tonight we have two public hearings. The first on the Hotel/Motel Tax Law and the second on the Source Separation Law.

"If you are attending in-person and have signed up to make comments following the presentation, please wear your mask while speaking at the microphone. Each person is allowed three minutes to speak. We ask that you be respectful and concise in your comments. You will be called up to speak in the order of your arrival this evening.

"The hearing will close promptly at 8:00 p.m. this evening. If you did not get an opportunity to speak, you are welcome to submit written comments until October 1, 2020. For those who are attending the hearing via Zoom, you can submit your written comments via email at [recyclingcomments@co.tioga.ny.us](mailto:recyclingcomments@co.tioga.ny.us) or by regular mail.

"Tonight's presentation will be available for viewing on the County website tomorrow at [www.tiogacountyny.com](http://www.tiogacountyny.com).

"As a reminder, this is a public hearing. You are welcome to express your comments, but we cannot respond to any questions.

"I am going to open the first public hearing with speaker LeeAnn Tinney, Director of Economic Development and Planning."

Director of Economic Development & Planning Tinney spoke. “Good Evening. My name is LeeAnn Tinney, Director of Economic Development and Planning.

“I am here tonight to address the proposed Local Law Introductory No. A of 2020 known as Hotel/Motel Tax Law. The purpose of the Hotel/Motel Tax Law is to enhance the general economy of Tioga County, its cities, towns, and villages through promotion of tourist activities, conventions, trade shows, special events, and other directly related and supporting activities.

“The Tioga County Legislature reviews and renews this local law every three years. This process allows the Legislature to make periodic changes to the law, if warranted.

“The proposed changes to the 2020 local law all fall under Section 3: DEFINITIONS. Those definitions including HOTEL/MOTEL, PERSON, RENT, and RETURN. These proposed revisions were provided to the Legislative Committee and full Legislature earlier this month. However, in the final review of the local law it was determined that the changes were erroneously shared within an outdated version of the existing local law. Therefore, I respectfully request that the public hearing for Local Law Introductory No. A of 2020 be rescheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2020. This will allow the changes to be re-introduced to the Legislature and reflected within the correct most recent Hotel/Motel Tax Law. I apologize for any inconvenience the mistake has caused the Legislature and the public. Thank you.”

Chair Sauerbrey spoke. “Because we are withdrawing the local law tonight, we will entertain no comments. We are bringing this forward for a public hearing next month. This part of the meeting is closed.”

There being no comments entertained this evening, the hearing was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.