

**VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND FALLS
INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW
TO AMEND THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE LAW TO ESTABLISH, BY RESOLUTION, A
SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE FEES
FOR PROPERTY MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls, County of Orange, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Findings, Purpose and intent.

The Village of Highland Falls Board of Trustees hereby finds and determines that the Village benefits from the proper maintenance of privately owned property, buildings and structures in safe, clean and orderly manner and that Village taxpayers should not be responsible for the administrative cost of ensuring that property owners adhere to the property maintenance laws.

Section 2. Authority.

This local law is enacted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Highland Falls pursuant to its authority to adopt local laws under the New York State Constitution and Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Section 3. Subsection 170-7G, titled “Surcharges,” of Chapter 170, titled, “Property Maintenance,” of the Code of the Village of Highland Falls is hereby amended by deleting Subsection G in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

G. Administrative fees. In order to defray administrative costs, the Village Board of Trustees shall establish, by resolution, a schedule of property maintenance fees which shall be added to all bills charged pursuant to § 170-7F, which schedule may be modified from time-to-time in the same manner.

Section 4. Supersession, of Inconsistent Laws, if any.

The Village Board hereby declares its legislative intent to supersede any provision of any local law, rule, or regulation and any provision of the state Village Law or other special law that may be declared inconsistent or in conflict with this local law. The courts are specifically requested to take notice of this legislative intent and apply such intent in the event the Village has failed to specify any provision of law that may require supersession. The Village Board hereby declares that it would have enacted this local law and superseded such provision had it been apparent.

Section 5. Severability.

If any section, part or provision of this local law or the application thereof to any person, property or circumstance is adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the section, part, provision or application directly and expressly adjudged invalid and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this local law or the application thereof,

Section 6. Effective Date.

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