

**TOWN OF PENDLETON LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_ OF THE YEAR, 2025**

**A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED:  
“AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT SERVICE  
AWARD PROGRAM WHICH IS SPONSORED  
BY THE TOWN OF PENDLETON FOR  
ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS  
OF THE WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY, INC.”**

A Local Law of the Town of Pendleton, County of Niagara, New York, a Local Law, pursuant to the New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10(1)(ii)(a)(1) and New York General Municipal Law §216 to Amend the service award program that was been established for the Volunteer Firefighter members that provide firefighting services to the Town of Pendleton, and thereby increase the benefits so provided to such Firefighter members, in the following manner:

1. The **Wendelville Fire Company, Inc.** is the fire company having volunteer firefighters who are potential participants in the program;
2. The program will be administered by the **Town of Pendleton.**
3. The entitlement age under the program **shall be sixty-five [65].**
4. The estimated annual cost of program, including the estimated annual administration fee, **will increase from approximately \$165,000.00 to \$250,000.00, the estimated annual administration fee shall remain as an additional \$6,600.00**
5. The amount of the annual contribution to the program to be made on behalf of each participant credited with a year of fire service will be **approximately \$2,475.00 per covered participant.**
6. The date as of which the program shall take effect shall be **January 1, 2026.**
7. The date on which the proposition authorizing the adoption of the program shall be submitted to referendum, **shall occur on the November 4, 2025 general election for state and/or local government officers.**

WHEREAS, in addition to those matters set forth above as required by General Municipal Law §216; the proposition to amend the term and provisions of the Defined Benefit Service Award Program for active members of the Wendelville Fire Company, Inc., will increase the monthly service award from twenty dollars [\$20.00] to thirty dollars [\$30.00] for each year beginning January 1, 2026 in which an active Volunteer Firefighter earns a year of service credit under the service award program point system **AND** would increase the maximum years of service credit that can be earned in the program from Thirty [30] years to Forty [40] years.

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. in the Pendleton Town Hall, Town of Pendleton, Lockport, New York, on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, \_\_\_people appeared to speak on said Local Law, and

WHEREAS, \_\_\_ amendment(s) was (were) made to said Local Law, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a Local Law of the Town of Pendleton, County of Niagara, New York, for the year 2025, **A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED: “AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE TOWN OF PENDLETON FOR ACTIVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER MEMBERS OF THE WENDELVILLE FIRE COMPANY, INC.”** be adopted by the Town of Pendleton, County of Niagara, New York as follows:

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RESOLVED, that this local law currently numbered as Local Law Number \_\_\_ of the year 2025, is hereby approved and adopted, the the Town of Pendleton, subject to a mandatory referendum to be held on November 4, 2025, and upon approval by the voters of the Town of Pendleton to be filed with the New York Secretary of State.

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**DEBORAH K. MAUER**  
**TOWN CLERK OF PENDLETON**  
**JULY \_\_\_, 2025**