

**TOWN OF CLINTON TOWN BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 10 OF 2026**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING HOME RULE LEGISLATION IN THE NYS
LEGISLATURE AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO ENACT LOCAL
LEGISLATION IMPOSING A TRANSFER TAX ON TRANSFERS OF REAL
PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWN OF CLINTON**

WHEREAS, implementing a transfer tax on transfers of real property would have numerous benefits for the Town of Clinton and its residents by providing a much-needed source of revenue that could be used to preserve community character and enhance open space; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton would like to enact a transfer tax on transfers of real property within the Town of Clinton, similar to those enacted by nearby municipalities, by having the New York State Legislature authorize the Town of Clinton to impose a transfer tax of up to 2% of the consideration paid on all transfers of real property within the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton seeks to create a Community Preservation Fund to deposit all revenues from taxes imposed upon transfers of real property in the Town of Clinton; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Town Board believes that imposing a transfer tax on transfers of real property in the Town of Clinton is a wise decision that will have a positive impact on the Town of Clinton and urges the New York State Legislature, Senate and Assembly to support approving a Transfer Tax and to advocate for its passage to ensure the long-term prosperity and vitality of our Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Clinton Town Board acknowledges that the enactment of a transfer tax will be subject to a mandatory voter referendum upon receiving authority from the New York State Legislature and approval from the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, this is a Type II Action under SEQRA regulations for which no environmental review is required.

Now On Motion of Deputy Supervisor Werner duly seconded by Councilwoman Mustello:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town Board hereby requests that the Legislature of the State of New York enact appropriate legislation to authorize the Town of Clinton to enact local legislation imposing a tax on real property transfers within the Town of Clinton; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board hereby requests that the Legislature of the State of New York authorize the Town of Clinton to create a Community Preservation Fund for the depositing of revenue from taxes imposed on transfers of real property; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Town Board hereby requests that the Legislature of the State of New York authorize the Town of Clinton to take any further actions necessary to impose a transfer tax on transfers of real property in the Town of Clinton; and

Be It Further Resolved, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Dutchess County Attorney, Dutchess County Treasurer, Governor Kathy Hochul, Senator Michelle Hinchey and Assemblywoman Didi Barrett so that those Legislators can properly sponsor the appropriate legislation which will make the granting of the Resolution herein possible.

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmen voting as follows:

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| Supervisor Michael Whitton | VOTING <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilman Eliot Werner | VOTING <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilman Charles Dykas | VOTING <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilwoman Katherine Mustello | VOTING <u>AYE</u> |
| Councilwoman Marion Auspitz | VOTING <u>AYE</u> |

DATED: Clinton, New York
February 10, 2026



Carol – Jean Mackin, Town Clerk