

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following resolution was approved by the Town and Village Boards of Alexandria/Alexandria Bay, subject to permissive referendum. All persons interested in petitioning for a mandatory referendum must submit a properly executed and sufficient petition to the Town Clerk within thirty (30) days of September 25, 2024.

JOINT RESOLUTION TO FORM JOINT FIRE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria Bay having duly convened on September 26, 2024, in joint session for the purpose of jointly considering the formation of a joint fire district, to be called the “Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District”, pursuant to the provisions of section 189-a of the Town Law and section 22-2210 of the Village Law; and

WHEREAS, such joint fire district would include all parcels of land within the incorporated limits of the Village of Alexandria Bay and all parcels of land in the Town of Alexandria’s Fire Protection District, located outside of both existing Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria Bay have each caused Notice of a Joint Public Hearing to be published in the Thousand Island Sun on August 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria Bay have caused Notice of a Joint Public Hearing to be posted in five (5) public places within the fire protection district within the Town of Alexandria and five (5) public places within the Village of Alexandria Bay for at least ten (10) days; and

WHEREAS, the Town Clerk for the Town of Alexandria and the Village Clerk for the Village of Alexandria Bay mailed Notice of the Joint Public Hearing to each of the members of their respective governing bodies, at least ten (10) days in advance of the Joint Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria Bay held a joint public hearing on September 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, located at 110 Walton Street, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607, at which time the Board heard all those wishing to be heard on the question of the formation of said joint fire district; and

WHEREAS, the creation of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District is contingent upon the dissolution of the Fire Protection District in the Town of Alexandria, for which a public hearing was scheduled consecutively with this public hearing; and

WHEREAS, said Town Board and Board of Trustees have considered the evidence and objections presented at said public hearing on the question of the formation of the joint fire district;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED, that, it is in the public interest to form the said Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District, that all property, property owners and interested persons in the proposed joint fire district are benefitted thereby, all property and property owners benefitted are included therein, and only such property and property owners as are benefitted shall be included therein, and that said joint fire district be, and hereby is formed and established subject to permissive referendum as provided in sections 90 and 189-a of the Town Law, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the provisions of section 189-e of the Town Law, the property and affairs of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District shall be under the management and control of an elected board of five (5) fire commissioners; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to section 189-e of the Town Law, the Town Board of the Town of Alexandria, after consultation with the Village Board of the Village of Alexandria Bay, hereby will appoint five (5) persons as the initial commissioners either at this meeting or at a later session, each of whom shall hold their office until December 31, 2025, and each of which positions shall be open for election on the second Tuesday in December, 2025, wherein the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall receive a five (5) year term, the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes shall receive a four (4) year term, the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes shall receive a three (3) year term, the candidate receiving the fourth highest number of votes shall receive a two (2) year term, and the candidate receiving the fifth highest number of votes shall receive a one (1) year term.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, as required by section 189-e of the Town Law, for the initial appointment only, as there will be an odd number of commissioners, the number of commissioners that are residents of the village shall not exceed the number of commissioners that are residents of the Town of Alexandria outside of the village by more than one; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District shall have all the powers enumerated in Article 11 of the Town Law, Section 176, including but not limited to the power to acquire or purchase easements or property, both real and personal, as well as dispose of easements or property, both real and personal, without any further approval of the Board of the Town of Alexandria and the Village of Alexandria Bay; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the provisions of section 189-g of the Town Law, there shall be a treasurer appointed by the Board of Fire Commissioners annually; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the creation of the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District is contingent upon the dissolution of the Town of Alexandria's Fire Protection District; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the passage of the time for a permissive referendum as provided in sections 90 and 189-a of the Town Law, the Town Board for the Town of Alexandria and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Alexandria Bay shall meet to pass resolutions related to the confirmation of the initial appointment of five fire commissioners, the transfer of firefighting assets of the Village of Alexandria Bay to the Alexandria Bay Joint Fire District (if any) and the transfer of funds, related to the provision of fire protection, from the Town

of Alexandria and the Village of Alexandria Bay, unless any of such determinations have been made herewith.