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**Local Law Filing**

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law §27

Local Law Number ascribed by the legislative body of the local government listed below:

1 of the year 20 25

Local Law Title: A Local Law to Regulate the Use of the Public Park Boat Ramp and Boat Docks in the Village of Cape Vincent

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)

☐ County ☐ City ☐ Town ☒ Village  
(Select one)

of Cape Vincent as follows on the attached pages:  
(Name of Local Government)

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## **Local Law No. 1 of 2025 of The Village of Cape Vincent:**

### **A Local Law to Regulate the Use of the Public Park Boat Ramp and Boat Docks in the Village of Cape Vincent**

**Article 1: Statement of Purpose and Authority:** This local law is enacted to establish regulations for the use of the boat ramp and boat docks at the Village of Cape Vincent East End Park, including the imposition of a usage fee, the hiring of personnel to manage the boat ramp, and the establishment of guidelines for dock usage, including time limits to ensure availability and prevent the obstruction of ramp access. This local law is adopted pursuant to Article 4 of the Village Law to advance the safety, health, comfort, and general welfare of Village inhabitants and the protection of their property.

### **Article 2: Definitions**

**"Boat Ramp":** The facility located at the Village of Cape Vincent East End Park, designated for the launching and retrieval of boats.

**"Boat Docks":** The designated boat slips at the Village of Cape Vincent East End Park are for the temporary mooring of boats.

**"Ramp Usage Fee":** A fee of \$5.00 per use of the boat ramps, as outlined in Section 3.

**"Dock Usage Fee":** A fee, if applicable, for the use of boat slips or dock space.

**"Parking and Ramp Monitor":** A part-time individual hired by the Village of Cape Vincent to oversee management of the boat ramps and parking areas, as outlined in Section 5.

**"Light Commercial".** Water Vessels under 40 feet, able to be loaded manually without the aid of a large lift or construction vehicles.

### **Article 3: Boat Ramp Usage**

1. **Permitted Use:** The boat ramps shall be available for use by the general public for the launching and retrieval of boats in accordance with the provisions outlined in this local law or other regulations adopted by the Village Board.
2. **Ramp Access:** The ramps will be accessible daily only within operating hours from 5:00 AM to 11:00 PM, subject to weather conditions, maintenance needs, or emergency closures.

### **Article 4: Ramp Usage Fee**

1. **Fee Imposition:** A fee of \$5.00 will be required for each use of the boat ramps for non-commercial use. Light Commercial use is permitted at a fee of \$15.00.
  - o The fee is payable at the ramps, either by cash or electronically, as directed by the Village.
  - o Village of Cape Vincent residents may obtain a Ramp sticker from the Village clerk office on Joseph St. valid for the season at a reduced rate.
2. **Fee Collection:** The Ramp Usage Fee will be collected by the Parking and Ramp Monitor or, if unavailable, at the collection boxes adjacent to the ramps.

## **Article 5: Parking and Ramp Monitor**

1. **Hiring of Monitor:** The Village shall hire a part-time Parking and Ramp Monitor to oversee the boat ramp and associated parking lot. This monitor will work four (4) days per week, from 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
2. **Authority:** The Parking and Ramp Monitor is authorized to issue warnings, citations, and, if necessary, request law enforcement assistance to enforce the provisions of this local law.

## **Article 6: Boat Dock Usage**

1. **Dock Space Availability:** The boat slips (docks) at the public park shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis for temporary mooring of boats. Dock space is not to be used for long-term storage.
2. **Time Limit for Dock Usage:** Boats are permitted to dock at the Village park docks for a maximum of 48 hours.
  - o After 48 hours, the boat must vacate the dock space for at least 24 hours to allow for other users.
  - o Boats remaining beyond the 48-hour limit may be subject to relocation or removal at the boat owner's expense, as authorized by the Village or the Parking and Ramp Monitor.
3. **Ramp Access:** Docked boats must not impede access to the boat ramp or block the launch/retrieval area.
  - o All docked boats must maintain a reasonable distance from the ramp to ensure unimpeded flow of traffic and safe access to and from the ramp.
4. **Dock Usage Fee:** The Village Board may impose a separate fee for the use of the boat docks, should it be deemed necessary to support maintenance and operations. The fee, if applicable, will be collected in accordance with procedures established by the Village.
5. **Enforcement:** The Parking and Ramp Monitor shall ensure compliance with dock usage regulations and may issue warnings, citations, or request removal of boats in violation of these time limits or placement rules.

## **Article 7: Rules and Regulations**

1. **Ramp Usage:** All users of the boat ramp must comply with the following rules:
  - o The boat ramp may only be used for launching and retrieving boats.
  - o All users must pay the required Ramp Usage Fee unless exempted by the Village Board.
  - o Boaters must not block or impede access to the ramp or parking spaces.
  - o Prohibited activities within the active boat ramps include, swimming, scuba diving, pet recreation, and any other non-watercraft activity.

- All boaters must operate vessels in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.
  - Violators of these regulations may be subject to fines, towing, or other enforcement actions as specified in Section 7.
2. **Parking:**
- Parking is available in designated areas only.
  - No overnight parking is permitted in the boat ramp parking area.
3. **Safety:** All boaters must follow safety guidelines set forth by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and other relevant authorities.

## **Article 8: Enforcement and Penalties**

1. **Violations:** Any person, firm, or corporation who commits an offense against, disobeys, neglects, or refuses to comply with or resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this law shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a violation. Any such persons who violates any provision of this local law shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 per violation.
- Violations include, but are not limited to, failure to pay the Ramp Usage Fee, improper parking, unauthorized use of the boat docks, or failure to comply with the rules and regulations of the ramp.
  - Each and every violation of this local law by an individual shall constitute separate additional violations. In the case of ongoing violations, each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.
  - The Village Board may maintain an action or proceeding in the name of the Village in a court of competent jurisdiction to compel compliance with or restrain by injunction the violation of this law.
2. **Towing:** Vehicles parked in violation of this local law may be towed at the owner's expense.
3. **Citations:** The Parking and Ramp Monitor or Village Law Enforcement may issue citations for violations of this local law. In addition to the option of a Civil Proceeding, the Monitor or Village Law Enforcement may cause such person, firm, or corporation to appear before the Town Justice pursuant to the Criminal Procedure Law.

## **Article 9: Effective Date**

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Department of State.

## Local Law Filing

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

### 1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto ascribed as local law number 1 of 2025 of the ~~(County)~~(City)(Town)(Village) of Cape Vincent was duly passed by the Village Board on March 25 2025 in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

### 2. ~~(Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)~~

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the ~~(County)~~(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_ (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

### 3. ~~(Final adoption by referendum.)~~

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the ~~(County)~~(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ and was \_\_\_\_\_ (approved)(not approved)(repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a ~~(mandatory)~~(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the ~~(general)~~(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

### 4. ~~(Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)~~

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(Name of Legislative Body)

(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)

\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

## Local Law Filing

**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of Section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ became operative.

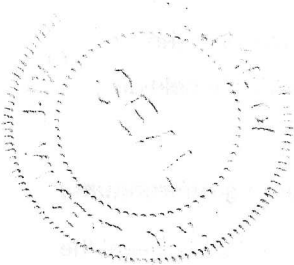
**6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed thereto, ascribed as local law number \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

**(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)**

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in the paragraph <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ above.

(Seal)



  
Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or  
officer designated by local legislative body

4/23/2025  
(Date)