

## CLUTTER, LITTER AND DEBRIS LAW

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1. Definition. Clutter, litter and debris is intended to include all manner of items not appurtenant to or part of the dwelling or necessary for the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes irrespective of whether discarded or not, excluding however vehicles bearing current license or registration lawfully parked in driveways or defined parking areas.
2. Clutter, litter and debris prohibited. In order to preserve and promote reasonable quality of environment and aesthetics and to prohibit actions and conduct which offends the sensibilities and tends to debase the community and reduce real estate values, the deposit, accumulation, or maintenance of clutter, litter or debris regardless of quantity on the front or side yards of lots improved with a residence is hereby prohibited. If there is a practical difficulty in storing or maintaining such clutter, litter or debris out of sight of persons lawfully travelling the public highways, a permit therefor may be issued by the Town Clerk permitting the use of said front or side yards for such purpose on approval of and a finding by the Codes Enforcement Officer that such use elsewhere on the premises would create a practical difficulty. If a permit is denied, the applicant may appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Forestport. The provisions of this section shall be applicable to existing conditions.
3. Enforcement. This Local Law shall be enforced by the Codes Enforcement Officer of the Town of Forestport.
4. Penalties. Any violation of this Local Law is an offense punishable by a fine not exceeding One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars for conviction of a first offense; for conviction of a second offense both of which were committed within a period of five (5) years, punishable by a fine not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars nor more than Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both; and, upon conviction for a third or subsequent offense all of which were committed within a period of five years, punishable by a fine not less than Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars nor more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisonment for a period not to exceed fifteen (15) days, or both. However, for the purpose of conferring jurisdiction upon courts and judicial officers generally, violations of this article or of such ordinance or regulation shall be deemed a violation and for such purpose only all provisions of law relating to violations shall apply to such violations. Each week's continued violation shall constitute a separate additional violation.
5. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.