

EMERGENCY ORDER

Local Emergency Order for Schoharie County:

I, William A. Federice, the Chairman of Schoharie County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with Schoharie County's Declaration of a State of Emergency issued on 2 January 2025 and the Governors Executive Order Declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York, and pursuant to Section 24 of New York State Executive Law, do hereby order:

Section 1. Prohibition of foreign programs that burden the County.

- A. No municipality may make contracts with persons, businesses, or entities doing business with the County to transport migrants or asylum seekers to locations in the County, or to house persons at locations in the County for any length of time without the express written permission of the County Board Chair or his designee. In addition, no person or entity may act on behalf of any municipality or in performance of a municipal program, or other act funded by a municipality, to perform an act in violation of this subsection.*
- B. In September 2023 the Mayor of the City of New York, in an effort to evade and subvert Schoharie County Emergency orders that have been continuously renewed every five days, through extrajudicial means, announced plans to expand the New York City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement Program by providing up to five years of rental vouchers to New York City residents who relocate from New York City to counties in upstate New York and Long Island. Therefore, acceptance of these rental vouchers shall not be accepted by landlords without approval by the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors Chairman, or his designee, or the designee of the Schoharie County Board of Supervisors, without assurances and bond, if deemed necessary, that the County will not incur any expenses associated with the relocation or supplemental living expenses.*
- c. No hotel, motel, owner of a multiple dwelling, or shelter in Schoharie County is permitted to contract or otherwise engage in business with any other municipality other than the County of Schoharie (an "external municipality") for the purpose of providing housing or accommodations for migrants or asylum seekers without a license granted by the County. This prohibition extends to any person or entity participating in an external municipality's government program, or a contract or service funded by an external municipality or acting on behalf of any external municipality.
 - 1. Only the Schoharie County Health Department Director will grant licenses. The Director or her designee may enlist the services of any other agency within the County government to perform the duties necessary to affect this provision.*
 - 2. Licenses will only be granted where, to the satisfaction of the Director or her designee, both the applicant and the foreign municipality demonstrate that:**

3. *Any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any other remedy or penalty specified in this Emergency Order or in any other applicable law.*
4. *In particular, but not by way of limitation, each remedy and penalty specified in this section shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for or limitation of, the penalties specified in New York State Law Section 24, and any remedy or penalty specified in this section may be pursued at any time, whether prior to, simultaneously with, or after the pursuit of any penalty specified in New York State Law Section 24.*

Section 2. Punishment

In accordance with Executive Law Section 24, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this order shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take place at Noon on 17 January 2025.

Section 4. Duration of Local Emergency

The Local Emergency Order shall remain in effect for five days unless sooner modified, extended, or revoked, and may be extended for additional periods not to exceed five days during the pendency of the local state of emergency.

Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law Section 24(5).

Signed at Noon on 16 January 2025 in Schoharie County, New York.



*William A. Federice, Chairman
Schoharie County Board of Supervisors*