

Chapter 1

GENERAL PROVISIONS

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Skaneateles as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

ARTICLE I

Adoption of Code

[Adopted 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985]

§ 1-1. Legislative intent.

The local laws, ordinances and resolutions of the Town of Skaneateles referred to in § 1-2 of this local law shall be known collectively as the "Code of the Town of Skaneateles," hereafter termed the "Code," and the various parts and sections of such local laws, ordinances and resolutions shall be distributed and designated as provided and set forth in § 1-2 of this local law.

§ 1-2. Distribution of local laws, ordinances and resolutions.

Derivation Table

(Sections providing for severability of provisions, repeal of conflicting legislation and effective dates which are covered by provisions of Chapter 1 have been omitted from the Code, and such sections are indicated as "omitted" in the table which follows.)

New Number (chapter, title, article, section)	Old Number (source)	Adoption or Amendment Date
Chapter 1, General Provisions, Adoption of Code, Article I	L.L. No. 11-1985	12-10-1985
§ 1-1	Section 1	
§ 1-2	Section 2	
§ 1-3	Section 3	
§ 1-4	Section 4	
§ 1-5	Section 5	
§ 1-6	Section 6	
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§ 1-8	Section 8	
§ 1-9	Section 9	

§ 1-10	Section 10	
§ 1-11	Section 11	
§ 1-12	Section 12	
§ 1-13	Section 13	
Chapter 6, Defense and Indemnification of Employees	L.L. No. 1-1980	7-21-1980
§ 6-1	Section 1	
§ 6-2	Section 2	
§ 6-3	Section 3	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 6-4	Section 4	
§ 6-5	Section 5	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 6-6	Section 6	
§ 6-7	Section 7	
§ 6-8	Section 8	
§ 6-9	Section 9	
Omitted	Section 10	
Omitted	Section 11	
Chapter 8, Ethics, Code of	L.L. No. 2-1970	10-5-1970
§ 8-1	Section 1	
§ 8-2	Section 2	
§ 8-3	Section 3	
§ 8-4	Section 4	
§ 8-5	Section 5	
§ 8-6	Section 6	
Omitted	Section 7	
Chapter 14, Local Laws and Ordinances, Adoption of	L.L. No. 1-1968	8-6-1968
§ 14-1	§ 1	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 14-2	§ 2	
§ 14-3	§ 3	

§ 14-4	§ 4	
§ 14-5	§ 5	
Omitted	§ 6	
Chapter 40, Building Construction	L.L. No. 5-1974	10-17-1974
§ 40-1	Section 1	
§ 40-2	Section 2	
§ 40-3	Section 3	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 40-4	Section 4	
§ 40-5	Section 5	
§ 40-6	Section 6	
§ 40-7	Section 7	
§ 40-8	Section 8	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 40-9	Section 9	
§ 40-10	Section 10	
Omitted	Section 11	
Omitted	Section 12	
§ 40-11	Section 13	
§ 40-12	Section 14	
Omitted	Section 15	
Chapter 42, Buildings, Unsafe	L.L. No. 1-1983	1-10-1983
§ 42-1	Section 1	
§ 42-2	Section 2	
§ 42-3	Section 3	
§ 42-4	Section 4	
§ 42-5	Section 5	
§ 42-6	Section 6	
§ 42-7	Section 7	
§ 42-8	Section 8	
§ 42-9	Section 9	

§ 42-10	Section 10	
§ 42-11	Section 11	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 42-12	Section 12	
Omitted	Section 13	
Omitted	Section 14	
Chapter 61, Electrical Standards	L.L. No. 4-1974	10-7-1974
§ 61-1	Section 1	
§ 61-2	Section 2	
§ 61-3	Section 3	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 61-4	Section 4	
§ 61-5	Section 5	
§ 61-6	Section 6	
§ 61-7	Section 7	
§ 61-8	Section 8	
§ 61-9	Section 9	
§ 61-10	Section 10	
§ 61-11	Section 11	
§ 61-12	Section 12	
§ 61-13	Section 13	
§ 61-14	Section 14	
§ 61-15	Section 15	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 61-16	Section 16	
Omitted	Section 17	
Omitted	Section 18	
§ 61-17	Section 19	
§ 61-18	Section 20	
Omitted	Section 21	
Chapter 63, Environmental Quality Review	L.L. No. 2-1978	12-4-1978

§ 63-1	Section 1	
§ 63-2	Section 2	
§ 63-3	Section 3	
§ 63-4	Section 4	
§ 63-5	Section 5	
§ 63-6	Section 6	
§ 63-7	Section 7	
§ 63-8	Section 8	
§ 63-9	Section 9	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 63-10	Section 10	
§ 63-11	Section 11	
§ 63-12	Section 12	
§ 63-13	Section 13	
§ 63-14	Section 14	
§ 63-15	Section 15	
Omitted	Section 16	
Omitted	Section 17	
Chapter 70, Fire Prevention	L.L. No. 1-1974	5-16-1974
§ 70-1	Section 1	
§ 70-2	Section 2	
§ 70-3	Section 3	Amended 12-7-1981 by L.L. No. 1-1981
§ 70-4	Section 4	
§ 70-5	Section 5	
§ 70-6	Section 6	
§ 70-7	Section 7	Amended 12-7-1981 by L.L. No. 1-1981
§ 70-8	Section 8	
§ 70-9	Section 9	
§ 70-10	Section 10	Amended 12-7-1981 by L.L. No. 1-1981

§ 70-11	Section 11	
§ 70-12	Section 12	
§ 70-13	Section 13	
§ 70-14	Section 14	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
Omitted	Section 15	
Omitted	Section 16	
§ 70-15	Section 17	
§ 70-16	Section 18	
Omitted	Section 19	
Chapter 72, Flood Damage Prevention	(Formerly ordinance enacted 5-17-82)	
	L.L. No. 4-1985	12-10-1985
§ 72-1	Section 1	
§ 72-2	Section 2	
§ 72-3	Section 3	
§ 72-4	Section 4	
§ 72-5	Section 5	
§ 72-6	Section 6	
§ 72-7	Section 7	
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§ 72-11	Section 11	
§ 72-12	Section 12	
§ 72-13	Section 13	
§ 72-14	Section 14	
§ 72-15	Section 15	
Omitted	Section 16	
Chapter 86, Junkyards	L.L. No. 5-1985	12-10-1985
Omitted	Section 1	
§ 86-1	Section 2	

§ 86-2	Section 3	
§ 86-3	Section 4	
§ 86-4	Section 5	
§ 86-5	Section 6	
§ 86-6	Section 7	
Omitted	Section 8	
Chapter 92, Life Safety	L.L. No. 2-1974	5-16-1974
§ 92-1	Section 1	
§ 92-2	Section 2	
§ 92-3	Section 3	Amended 12-7-1981 by L.L. No. 2-1981
§ 92-4	Section 4	
§ 92-5	Section 5	
§ 92-6	Section 6	
§ 92-7	Section 7	
§ 92-8	Section 8	
§ 92-9	Section 9	
§ 92-10	Section 10	
§ 92-11	Section 11	Amended 12-7-1981 by L.L. No. 2-1981
§ 92-12	Section 12	
§ 92-13	Section 13	
§ 92-14	Section 14	
§ 92-15	Section 15	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
Omitted	Section 16	
Omitted	Section 17	
§ 92-16	Section 18	
§ 92-17	Section 19	
Omitted	Section 20	
Chapter 97, Mining and Excavations	L.L. No. 1-1970	1-13-1970

§ 97-1	Section 1	
§ 97-2	Section 2	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 97-3	Section 3	
§ 97-4	Section 4	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 97-5	Section 5	
§ 97-6	Section 6	
§ 97-7	Section 7	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 97-8	Section 8	
§ 97-9	Section 9	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 97-10	Section 10	
§ 97-11	Section 11	
§ 97-12	Section 12	
§ 97-13	Section 13	
§ 97-14	Section 14	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 97-15	Section 15	
Omitted	Section 16	
Omitted	Section 17	
Chapter 99, Mobile Homes and Mobile Home Courts	L.L. No. 1-1973	3-12-1973
§ 99-1	Section 1	
§ 99-2	Section 2	
§ 99-3	Section 3	
§ 99-4	Section 4	
§ 99-5	Section 5	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 99-6	Section 6	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 99-7	Section 7	
§ 99-8	Section 8	

§ 99-9	Section 9	
§ 99-10	Section 10	
§ 99-11	Section 11	
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§ 99-18	Section 18	
§ 99-19	Section 19	
§ 99-20	Section 20	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 99-21	Section 21	
§ 99-22	Section 22	
Omitted	Section 23	
Chapter 105, Notice of Defects	L.L. No. 2-1985	8-6-1985
§ 105-1	Section 1	
§ 105-2	Section 2	
§ 105-3	Section 3	
§ 105-4	Section 4	
§ 105-5	Section 5	
§ 105-6	Section 6	
Omitted	Section 7	
Omitted	Section 8	
Chapter 116, Records, Access to	(Formerly resolution passed 11-26-1974)	
	L.L. No. 6-1985	12-10-1985
Omitted	Section 1	
§ 116-1	Section 2	
§ 116-2	Section 3	
§ 116-3	Section 4	

§ 116-4	Section 5	
§ 116-5	Section 6	
§ 116-6	Section 7	
§ 116-7	Section 8	
§ 116-8	Section 9	
§ 116-9	Section 10	
§ 116-10	Section 11	
Omitted	Section 12	
Chapter 118, Refuse Disposal	L.L. No. 1-1972	10-26-1972
§ 118-1	Section I	
§ 118-2	Section II	
§ 118-3	Section III	Amended 4-1-1985 by L.L. No. 1-1985
§ 118-4	Section IV	
§ 118-5	Section V	Amended 4-1-1985 L.L. No. 1-1985
§ 118-6	Section VI	Amended 4-1-1985 1-1985
§ 118-7	Section VII	Amended 4-1-1985 by L.L. No. 1-1985
§ 118-8	Section VIII	
§ 118-9	Section IX	Amended 4-1-1985 by L.L. No. 1-1985
§ 118-10	Section X	
§ 118-11	Section XI	Amended 4-1-1985 by L.L. No. 1-1985
Omitted	Section XII	
Omitted	Section XIII	Repealed 4-1-1985 by L.L. No. 1-1985
Omitted	Section XIV	
Omitted	Section XV	
Chapter 123, Signs Article I, Temporary Political Signs	L.L. No. 1-1977	9-8-1977
§ 123-1	Section 1	

§ 123-2	Section 2	
§ 123-3	Section 3	
§ 123-4	Section 4	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 123-5	Section 5	
Omitted	Section 6	
§ 123-6	Section 7	
Omitted	Section 8	
Omitted	Section 9	
Chapter 129, Streets and Sidewalks	(Formerly a portion of L.L. No. 3-1974)	
	L.L. No. 7-1985	12-10-1985
§ 129-1	Section 1	
§ 129-2	Section 2	
§ 129-3	Section 3	
§ 129-4	Section 4	
§ 129-5	Section 5	
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§ 129-24	Section 24
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§ 129-26	Section 26
§ 129-27	Section 27
§ 129-28	Section 28
§ 129-29	Section 29
§ 129-30	Section 30
Omitted	Section 31
Chapter 131, Subdivision of Land (Formerly a portion of L.L. No. 3-1974 as amended by L.L. No. 2-1975 and L.L. No. 1-1976)	
	L.L. No. 8-1985 12-10-1985
§ 131-1	Section 1
§ 131-2	Section 2
§ 131-3	Section 3
§ 131-4	Section 4
§ 131-5	Section 5
§ 131-6	Section 6
§ 131-7	Section 7
§ 131-8	Section 8
§ 131-9	Section 9
§ 131-10	Section 10
§ 131-11	Section 11
Omitted	Section 12
Chapter 134, Taxation Article I (Reserved)	
Chapter 141, Vehicles and Traffic (Formerly L.L. No. 1-1979)	
	L.L. No. 9-1985 12-10-1985
§ 141-1	Section 1
§ 141-2	Section 2

§ 141-3	Section 3
§ 141-4	Section 4
§ 141-5	Section 5
§ 141-6	Section 6
§ 141-7	Section 7
§ 141-8	Section 8
§ 141-9	Section 9
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§ 141-34	Section 34	
§ 141-35	Section 35	
§ 141-36	Section 36	
§ 141-37	Section 37	
Omitted	Section 38	
Chapter 146, Water	L.L. No. 1-1969	4-1-1969
§ 146-1	Section I	
§ 146-2	Section II	
§ 146-3	Section III	
§ 146-4	Section IV	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 146-5	Section V	
§ 146-6	Section VI	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 146-7	Section VII	
§ 146-8	Section VIII	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 146-9	Section IX	
§ 146-10	Section X	Amended 12-10-1985 by L.L. No. 11-1985
§ 146-11	Section XI	
Omitted	Section XII	
§ 146-12	Section XIII	
Omitted	Section XIV	
Omitted	Section XV	
Chapter 148, Zoning	L.L. No. 10-1985	12-10-1985
§ 148-1	Section 1	
§ 148-2	Section 2	
§ 148-3	Section 3	
§ 148-4	Section 4	
§ 148-5	Section 5	
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§ 148-7	Section 7
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§ 148-14	Section 14
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§ 148-32	Section 32
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§ 148-37 (Reserved)	Section 37

	(Reserved)
§ 148-38	Section 38
§ 148-39	Section 39
§ 148-40	Section 40
Omitted	Section 41

§ 1-3. Repeal of enactments not included in Code.

All local laws, ordinances and resolutions of a general and permanent nature of the Town of Skaneateles in force on the date of the adoption of this local law and not contained in such Code or recognized and continued in force by reference therein are hereby repealed from and after the effective date of this local law.

§ 1-4. Enactments saved from repeal; matters not affected.

The repeal of local laws and ordinances provided for in § 1-3 of this local law shall not affect the following classes of local laws, ordinances, resolutions, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision of the Town of Skaneateles prior to the effective date of this local law, or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
- B. An offense or act committed or done before the effective date of this local law in violation of any legislative provision of the Town of Skaneateles, or any penalty, punishment or forfeiture which may result therefrom.
- C. Any prosecution, indictment, action, suit or other proceeding pending, or any judgment rendered prior to the effective date of this local law, brought pursuant to any legislative provision of the Town of Skaneateles.
- D. Any franchise, license, right, easement or privilege heretofore granted or conferred by the Town of Skaneateles.
- E. Any local law, ordinance or resolution of the Town of Skaneateles providing for the laying out, opening, altering, widening, relocating, straightening, establishing grade, designating or changing name, improvement, acceptance or vacation of any right-of-way, easement, street, road, highway, park or other public place within the Town of Skaneateles or any portion thereof.
- F. Any local law, ordinance or resolution of the Town of Skaneateles appropriating money or transferring funds, promising or guaranteeing the payment of money or authorizing the issuance and delivery of any bond of the Town of Skaneateles or other instruments or evidence of the Town's indebtedness.
- G. Local laws, ordinances or resolutions authorizing the purchase, sale, lease or

transfer of property, or any lawful contract or obligation.

- H. The levy or imposition of special assessments or charges.
- I. The dedication of property.
- J. Any local laws, ordinances or resolutions relating to personnel appointments, terms and conditions of employment, wages and salaries.
- K. Any and all Zoning Map amendments.
- L. All local laws, ordinances or resolutions relating to streets and sidewalks.
- M. All local laws, ordinances or resolutions relating to subdivision of land.
- N. All local laws, ordinances or resolutions relating to zoning.
- O. All legislation adopted subsequent to 1-1-1985.
- P. All local laws, ordinances and resolutions relating to cemeteries.
- Q. All local laws, ordinances and resolutions relating to tax exemptions for capital improvements.

§ 1-5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, article or part of this local law or of any local law, ordinance or resolution cited in the table in § 1-2 hereof, or any local law, ordinance or resolution included in this Code through supplementation, shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, article or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

§ 1-6. Copy of Code on file.

A copy of the Code, in loose-leaf form, has been filed in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this local law: and, if this local law shall be adopted, such copy shall be certified by the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles by impressing thereon the Seal of the Town of Skaneateles, and such certified copy shall remain in the office of said Town Clerk to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while the said Code is in effect.

§ 1-7. Amendments to Code.

Any and all additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to any of the local laws, ordinances and resolutions known collectively as the "Code of the Town of Skaneateles," or any new local laws, ordinances or resolutions, when enacted or adopted in such form as to indicate the intention of the Town Board to be a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the Code shall be understood and intended to include such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements. Whenever

such additions, deletions, amendments or supplements to the Code shall be enacted or adopted, they shall thereafter be printed and, as provided hereunder inserted in the loose-leaf book containing said Code, as amendments and supplements thereto. Nothing contained in this local law shall affect the status of any local law, ordinance or resolution contained herein, and such local laws, ordinances or resolutions may be amended, deleted or changed from time to time as the Town Board deems desirable.

§ 1-8. Code book to be kept up-to-date.

It shall be the duty of the Town Clerk to keep up-to-date the certified copy of the book containing the Code of the Town of Skaneateles required to be filed in the office of the Town Clerk for use by the public. All changes in said Code and all local laws, ordinances and resolutions adopted by the Town Board subsequent to the enactment of this local law in such form as to indicate the intention of said Board to be a part of said Code shall, when finally enacted or adopted, be included therein by temporary attachment of copies of such changes or local laws, ordinances or resolutions until such change or local law, ordinance or resolution is printed as a supplement to said Code book, at which time such supplements shall be inserted therein.

§ 1-9. Sale of Code book; supplementation.

Copies of the Code may be purchased from the Town Clerk of the Town of Skaneateles upon the payment of a fee to be set by resolution of the Town Board, which may also arrange by resolution for procedures for the periodic supplementation thereof.

§ 1-10. Penalties for tampering with Code.

Any person who, without authorization from the Town Clerk, changes or amends, by additions or deletions, any part or portion of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles, or who alters or tampers with such Code in any manner whatsoever which will cause the legislation to the Town of Skaneateles to be misrepresented thereby, or who violates any other provision of this local law, shall be guilty of an offense and shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 15 days, or both.

§ 1-11. Changes in previously adopted legislation.

- A. In compiling and preparing the local laws, ordinances and resolutions for publication as the Code of the Town of Skaneateles, as distributed and designated in the table in § 1-2, no changes in the meaning or intent of such local laws, ordinances and resolutions have been made, except as provided for in Subsection B hereof. In addition, certain grammatical changes and other minor nonsubstantive changes were made in one or more of said pieces of legislation. It is the intention of the Town Board that all such changes be adopted as part of the Code as if the local laws, ordinances and resolutions had been previously formally amended to read as such.
- B. In addition, the following changes, amendments or revisions are made herewith, to

become effective upon the effective date of this local law. (Chapter and section number references are to the local laws, ordinances and resolutions as they have been renumbered and appear in the Code.)¹

§ 1-12. Incorporation of provisions into Code.

The provisions of this local law are hereby made Article I of Chapter 1 of the Code of the Town of Skaneateles, such local law to be entitled "General Provisions, Article I, Adoption of Code," and the sections of this local law shall be numbered §§ 1-1 to 1-13, inclusive.

§ 1-13. When effective.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of New York.

¹. Editor's Note: Pursuant to § 1-11B, the following Code sections and chapters were amended, added or revised; §§ 6-3A, 6-5A, 14-1, 40-3, 40-8F, 42-11, 61-3, 61-15, 63-9A, 70-14, 72-7, 92-15, 97-2, 97-4A, 97-4C, 97-7A, 97-9, 97-14A and B, 99-5H, 99-6D, 99-20, 123-4, 146 4, 146-6E, 146-8B and C and 146-10. A complete description of these changes is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.