

Monroe County

Clerk of the Legislature

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legislators, Directors, Staff and Media

FROM: David Grant, Clerk of the Legislature

DATE: August 12, 2025

RE: Matters of Urgency – File Nos. 25-0268 – 25-0269

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- 25-0268** **Enacting a Local Law Amending Chapter 286 of the General Local Laws of the Administrative Code of Monroe County Entitled “Junior Deer Hunting Pilot Program”** – As a Matter of Urgency – County Executive Adam J. Bello, Majority Leader Michael Yudelson, Republican Leader Steve Brew, Legislators Blake Keller, Jackie Smith, Traci DiFlorio, Virginia McIntyre, Richard B. Milne, Sean McCabe, Kirk Morris, Mark Johns, Paul Dondorfer, Howard Maffucci, John B. Baynes, Susan Hughes-Smith, Frank Ciardi, Dave Long, Tom Sinclair, Robert Colby, Santos Cruz, Mercedes Vazquez Simmons, Albert Blankley, Rose Bonnick, Ricky Frazier
- 25-0269** **2025 Monroe County “Honoring our Workers – Leisure for Less Week” Price Reduction** – As a Matter of Urgency – County Executive Adam J. Bello, President Yversha Román, Majority Leader Michael Yudelson, Republican Leader Steve Brew

Per President Yversha Román, the attached communications have been declared to be Matters of Urgency pursuant to Section 545-24(A)(3) of the Rules of the Monroe County Legislature and will be considered at the August 12, 2025 regular meeting of the Monroe County Legislature.

Attachments



Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

August 11, 2025

To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
407 County Office Building
Rochester, NY 14614

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Committee Assignment	
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Subject: Enacting a Local Law Amending Chapter 286 of the General Local Laws of the Administrative Code of Monroe County Entitled "Junior Deer Hunting Pilot Program"

Honorable Legislators:

In 2021, this Honorable Body enacted a local law pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law 11-0935 that created a Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program. Prior to the adoption of the 2021-22 New York State Budget, the minimum age for a junior hunter to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow with adult supervision was fourteen (14). Section 11-0935 of the Environmental Conservation Law allows counties to create pilot programs for twelve- and thirteen-year-olds and has now been extended through December 31, 2030. This local law would make it so Monroe County would not have to continuously pass legislation each time New York State extends the program. The Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program offers an opportunity for young outdoor enthusiasts to engage in one of New York State's most popular recreational activities. With hunting being a significant part of the state's cultural and ecological landscape, extending this program would ensure that young hunters receive the proper guidance and education from experienced adults. This would not only enhance their skills but also instill a deep respect for wildlife conservation and safety, developing a new generation of responsible hunters.

By indefinitely extending the Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program, we can continue to provide young hunters with invaluable hands-on experience that cannot be replicated in a classroom setting. The mentorship from seasoned hunters helps young participants learn essential skills such as tracking, patience, and ethical hunting practices. These skills are not only crucial for hunting but also teach valuable life lessons about responsibility, respect for nature, and the importance of conservation efforts.

Safety is a paramount concern, and the structured environment of the Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program ensures that all participants are taught the necessary safety protocols and ethical standards. The program includes comprehensive safety measures and supervised hunting experiences, reducing the risk of accidents and promoting a culture of safety among young hunters. Extending the program will allow more young people to learn these critical safety practices in a controlled and supportive environment.

Finally, extending the Junior Deer Hunter Pilot Program aligns with broader conservation and wildlife management goals. By fostering an appreciation for hunting and wildlife management

at a young age, the program helps ensure the long-term sustainability of New York's diverse ecosystems. Participants learn about the balance between wildlife populations and their habitats and how responsible hunting practices contribute to this balance. This educational component is crucial for developing informed and conscientious hunters who will continue to support and advocate for conservation efforts throughout their lives.

The specific legislative actions required are:

- 1) Schedule and hold a public hearing on the proposed Local Law.
- 2) Adopt the Local Law as attached.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environment Quality Review Act. This action will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

We ask that this referral be deemed a Matter of Urgency so that a public hearing may be held at the September 9 meeting of the Legislature for final passage by your Honorable Body before deer hunting season begins on September 27.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive



Michael Yudelson
Majority Leader
District 13



Steve Brew
Republican Leader
District 12



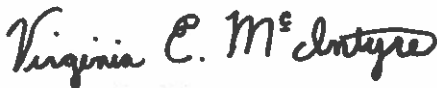
Blake Keller
Monroe County Legislator
District 1



Jackie Smith
Monroe County Legislator
District 2



Tracy DiFlorio
Monroe County Legislator
District 3



Virginia McIntyre
Monroe County Legislator
District 4



Richard B. Milne
Monroe County Legislator
District 5



Sean McCabe
Monroe County Legislator
District 6



Kirk Morris
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Monroe County Legislator
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Monroe County Legislator
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Ricky Frazier
Monroe County Legislator
District 28

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro. No. ____

LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2025

**ENACT A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 286 OF THE GENERAL LOCAL LAWS OF
MONROE COUNTY ENTITLED "JUNIOR DEER HUNTING PILOT PROGRAM"**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 286 of the General Local Laws of Monroe County is hereby amended as follows:

§ 286-2 Legislative intent. The intent of this Local Law is to authorize Monroe County to permit 12- and 13-year-old individuals to participate in the new hunting opportunities pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law § 11-0935. The enacted 2021-2022 New York State Budget included a pilot program expanding the opportunity for young hunters, aged 12 and/or 13, to hunt with firearms and crossbow through 2023 if a County authorizes such participation in the pilot program within their municipality via local law and this provision was later extended ~~through 2025~~. Monroe County's hunters are a large and important part of our community and this opportunity would allow adult hunters the ability to introduce and teach the proper values and ethics of hunting to the next generation. In addition, teaching such safe, proper and lawful hunting methods to young people will provide a rewarding and productive experience while providing food to families across the area and contributing to deer population control efforts.

§ 286-3 Authorizing pilot program in Monroe County. Pursuant to Section 11-0935 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, Monroe County hereby authorizes participation in the temporary pilot program to allow a hunting license holder who is twelve or thirteen years of age to hunt deer with a crossbow, rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading firearm through ~~2025~~ the periods of time prescribed by the State, including any extensions of time hereinafter enacted by New York State.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature shall notify the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation upon final adoption of this local law in accordance with Section 11-0935 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect after filing with the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 27 of New York Municipal Home Rule Law.

Added language is underlined

Deleted language is ~~stricken~~

Matter of Urgency
File No. 25-____.LL

ENACTED: Date: _____, 2025 Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____ VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LOCAL LAW: _____



Office of the County Executive Monroe County Legislature

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Subject: 2025 Monroe County "Honoring our Workers - Leisure for Less Week" Price Reduction

Honorable Legislators:

Labor Day is a time to recognize the dedication, skill, and contributions of the men and women who keep Monroe County moving forward. To celebrate their hard work, this legislation establishes Honoring Our Workers – Leisure for Less Week, a time when we give back by making recreation and community experiences more affordable for everyone.

During this special week, Monroe County will temporarily reduce admission prices at the Seneca Park Zoo, greens fees at County golf courses, and fees for temporary food vendors. These reductions will make it easier for families, seniors, small businesses and individuals from all walks of life to enjoy our parks, attractions, and events without financial barriers.

Beyond honoring our workforce, this initiative will also strengthen our local economy. More visitors to the Zoo, golf courses, and community events will lead to increased secondary spending on food, beverages, souvenirs, and rentals, benefiting local businesses and tourism.

Honoring Our Workers – Leisure for Less Week rewards the people who give so much to our community - turning Labor Day into a week-long celebration of recreation, connection, and community pride.

The specific legislative actions required are to:

1. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Golf Fees to reduce Weekdays – 9 holes to \$11.00; Weekends – 9 holes to \$12.00; Weekdays – 18 holes to \$14.00; Weekends – 18 holes to \$15.00; Permit Play – 9 holes to \$7.00; and Permit Play – 18 holes to \$8.00 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.
2. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Golf Cart Fees to reduce 9 Holes Only to \$6.00 and 18 Holes Only to \$13.00 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.
3. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Golf Club Rentals to reduce Junior Clubs to \$2.00/\$5.00 and Men's and Women's Clubs to \$5.00/\$11.00 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

4. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Seneca Park Zoo Fees to reduce April-October Adults to \$11.00/person; Senior Citizens to \$10.00/person; and Youth to \$9.00/person for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.
5. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Public Health – Environmental Health 2025 Fees and Charges to reduce Temporary Food Service Establishments, Per Booth/Site for High/Medium Risk Facility for One Day Events; 2-3 Day Events; and 4-14 day Events to \$0 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.
6. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Public Health – Environmental Health 2025 Fees and Charges to reduce Temporary Food Service Establishments, Per Booth/Site for Low Risk Facility per Event to \$0 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.
7. Amend the 2025 Operating Budget, Public Health – Environmental Health 2025 Fees and Charges to reduce Temporary Food Service Establishments, Applications Less Than Ten Days Prior to Event to \$0 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

These prices are revenue generating and no net County support is required in the current Monroe County budget.

This action is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR § 617.5(c)(26) (“routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment”) and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

We ask that this matter be deemed a Matter of Urgency so that it may be passed in time for Labor Day Week.

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam J. Bello
Monroe County Executive



Yversha Román
President



Michael Yudelson
Majority Leader



Steve Brew
Republican Leader

By Legislators _____ and _____

Intro No. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2025

2025 MONROE COUNTY LABOR WEEK PRICE REDUCTION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1: The 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Golf Fees is hereby amended to reduce Weekdays – 9 holes to \$11.00; Weekends – 9 holes to \$12.00; Weekdays – 18 holes to \$14.00; Weekends – 18 holes to \$15.00; Permit Play – 9 holes to \$7.00; and Permit Play – 18 holes to \$8.00 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 2: The 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Golf Cart Fees is hereby amended to reduce 9 Holes Only to \$6.00 and 18 Holes Only to \$13.00 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 3: The 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Golf Club Rentals is hereby amended to reduce Junior Clubs to \$2.00/\$5.00 and Men's and Women's Clubs to \$5.00/\$11.00 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 4: The 2025 Operating Budget, Parks Fees, Seneca Park Zoo Fees is hereby amended to reduce April-October Adults to \$11.00/person; Senior Citizens to \$10.00/person; and Youth to \$9.00/person for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 5: The 2025 Operating Budget, Public Health – Environmental Health 2025 Fees and Charges is hereby amended to reduce Temporary Food Service Establishments, Per Booth/Site for High/Medium Risk Facility for One Day Events; 2-3 Day Events; and 4-14 day Events to \$0 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 6: The 2025 Operating Budget, Public Health – Environmental Health 2025 Fees and Charges is hereby amended to reduce Temporary Food Service Establishments, Per Booth/Site for Low Risk Facility per Event to \$0 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 7: The 2025 Operating Budget, Public Health – Environmental Health 2025 Fees and Charges is hereby amended to reduce Temporary Food Service Establishments, Applications Less Than Ten Days Prior to Event to \$0 for the days of September 1 through September 7, 2025.

Section 8: This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

Matter of Urgency
File No. 25-_____

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____

ACTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

APPROVED: _____

VETOED: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION: _____