

RESOLUTION #2026-095 ON DISSOLUTION OF FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TO ALLOW FOR THE FORMATION OF NEW FIRE DISTRICT was offered by Supervisor Glenn at a Caroga town Board work session held on September 30, 2026

WHEREAS, there is one fire protection district in the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York which encompasses the entire Town of Caroga; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York ("Town") having duly convened this date for the purpose of considering the dissolution of the Fire Protection District within the Town of Caroga, pursuant to the provisions of General Municipal Law, Article 17-A; and

WHEREAS, such dissolution of the Fire Protection District is necessary to be completed in order to form the Southern Adirondack Fire District (or as it will otherwise be known), which will then encompass all of the territory currently encompassed by the existing Town of Caroga Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, at least a majority of the Town Board ("Board") endorse a proposed dissolution plan as well as the formation of a new fire district over the (soon to be) prior boundaries of the fire protection district, attached hereto as **SCHEDULE A and Map**, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board are required to hold a public hearing on the endorsed proposed dissolution plan, which also will include the formation of a new fire district pursuant to Town Law § 170; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroga will hold a public hearing on the 11th day of November, 2026, at the Caroga Town Hall, 1840 St. Hwy 10, Caroga Lake, NY 12032 at 6:00 pm, to consider the proposed dissolution plan for the dissolution of the existing Fire Protection District in accordance with the proposed dissolution plan attached hereto as **SCHEDULE A**, and also to consider the formation of a new fire district over the existing boundaries of the fire protection district to be dissolved, pursuant to Town Law § 170; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the District Secretary shall, within five (5) days of the adoption of this resolution:

1. cause a copy of the proposed dissolution plan, along with a descriptive summary thereof, to be displayed and readily accessible to the public for inspection in a public place or places within the existing Fire Protection District;
2. cause the proposed dissolution plan, along with a descriptive summary thereof and a reference to the public place or places within the entity where a copy thereof may be examined, to be displayed on the website maintained by the Town of Caroga;
3. arrange for the publication of the descriptive summary of the proposed dissolution plan, and a reference to the public place or places within the existing Fire Protection District where a copy thereof may be examined, such publication being at least once each week for

four (4) successive weeks in a newspaper having a general circulation within the Fire Protection District; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED** that the resolution to be considered at the public hearing is as follows or similar in content and purpose thereto:

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that the Town Board of the Town of Caroga determines that it is in the public interest to dissolve the existing Fire Protection District pursuant to the proposed dissolution plan for the dissolution of the existing Fire Protection District, attached hereto as **SCHEDULE A** and to form a new Fire District over the prior existing boundaries of the Fire Protection District, and that the territory of the new Fire District shall be described as follows: All of the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be duly recorded in the office of the clerk of Fulton County and shall, within ten (10) days cause a certified copy of this resolution to be filed in the New York State Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that, as soon as the condition precedents to the formation of the Southern Adirondack Fire District (or as it may otherwise be known), over the former boundaries of the existing Fire Protection District, have been met, the Town Clerk is hereby directed to cause a certified copy of the resolution creating the Southern Adirondack Fire District (or as it may otherwise be known) to be duly recorded in the office of the clerk of Fulton County and shall, within ten (10) days, cause a certified copy of the resolution creating the Southern Adirondack Fire District to be filed in the New York State Department of Audit and Control at Albany, New York.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no such dissolution shall occur until the State Comptroller has provided the approval to form such fire district, as required by law.

SCHEDULE A

Proposed Plan for the Dissolution of Fire Protection District

The Town Board of the Town of Caroga hereby proposes, pursuant to General Municipal Law § 774, the following as its dissolution plan for the dissolution of the Town's only Fire Protection District:

- (a) the name of the local government entities to be dissolved is the Caroga Fire Protection District, which encompass all of the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York;
- (b) the territorial boundaries of the entity created in place of the Fire Protection District to be dissolved is as depicted on a **map** attached hereto and described as follows: All of the Town of Caroga, Fulton County, New York.
- (c) the fiscal estimate of the cost of dissolution is \$20,000, being primarily legal fees and expenses, which also includes the formation of the Southern Adirondack Fire District (or as it may otherwise be known), which will encompass the former limits of the Fire Protection District, as described above and as shown on the attached map;
- (d) there are no public employees of the Fire Protection District to be transferred or eliminated;
- (e) the Town of Caroga has no assets held in the name of the Fire Protection District;
- (f) the Town of Caroga has no liabilities or indebtedness, bonded and otherwise dedicated to the Fire Protection District; the fair value thereof in current money of the United States is \$0.00;
- (g) there are no agreements entered into between the Town of Caroga and any entity to carry out the dissolution;
- (h) the manner and means by which the residents of the entity will continue to be furnished municipal services following the dissolution of the Fire Protection District is by the creation of a new fire district encompassing the entire limits of the (soon to be) former Fire Protection District, as shown on the **map** attached hereto. The fire department serving this area is presumed to continue to provide fire protection;
- (i) The Fire Company shall transfer funds to the Fire District's appropriately established financial accounts, in an amount to be agreed upon by the Fire Company and the Fire District once established;
- (j) there are no local laws, ordinances, rules or regulations of the entities, and thus, none shall remain in effect after the effective date of the dissolution and none shall remain in effect for a period of time other than as provided by section seven hundred eighty-nine of this title;
- (k) the effective date of the proposed dissolution of the existing fire protection district is to occur

immediately prior to the formation of the Southern Adirondack Fire District (or as it will otherwise be known), and such dissolution will be effective after the approval of the State Comptroller is received, as required by law;

(l) the public hearing on the dissolution of the existing Fire Protection District, shall be held on the 11th day of November, 2026, at the Caroga Town Hall, 1840 St Hwy 10, Caroga Lake, NY 12032, which shall commence at 6:00 pm, and shall occur with the public hearing to form a new Fire District over the same (prior) boundaries;

(m) there are no other matters desirable or necessary to carry out the dissolution of the existing Fire Protection District.

Seconded by Council Member Sturgess

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes: Glenn, Sturgess, Cooper, Frasier

MAP

