



CITY OF RYE
1051 BOSTON POST ROAD
RYE, NY 10580

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
Council Chambers, City Hall
Wednesday, October 7, 2026
6:30 p.m. Executive Session
7:00 p.m. Public Session

If you wish to address the Council, kindly sign in with the Clerk by completing the Speaker Form.

The Mayor and Councilmembers are happy to meet with residents at City Hall. Check the City website for the “office hours” schedule at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order *Mayor*

EXECUTIVE SESSION I (6:30 PM)

2. Matters covered under NYS Public Officers Law Article 7 §105 *Corporation
Counsel/City
Manager*
- a. Personnel
 - b. Potential Acquisition of Property
 - c. Litigation

WELCOME (7:00 PM)

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Welcome to the Public *Mayor*
4. Roll Call *Clerk*
5. Spotlight *Mayor*
- a. Presentation on E-Bikes & E-Scooters *Commissioner Kopy*
6. Report of the City Manager *City Manager*
7. Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items *Mayor*
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ACTION ITEMS

8. Consent Agenda

Clerk

- a. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meetings of September 16, 2026, and Special City Council Meeting of September 23, 2026
- b. Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 to conduct its annual Veterans' Day observation on the Village Green on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. In the event of rain, the American Legion Post 128 requests the use of City Hall on the specific date and time
- c. Consideration of a request by the Midland Fair Committee to approve a parade to precede the midland Elementary School Fair on Saturday, May 1, 2027, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- d. Consideration of a request from Apple Studios, LLC, to use the Highland Parking lot from 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, until 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2026, to park trucks and set up base camp to film an episode of Mackerel. (Delayed 1 week from original request)

9. Items Removed From the Consent Agenda (if any)

Mayor

10. Appointments to Board and Commissions

Mayor

- Election of Boat Basin Commission
- Other appointments

11. Consideration of a request from the Rye Sustainability Foundation to use the Highland Parking lot to facilitate Seeding Giveaway Day on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and a rain date of October 25, 2026

Deputy Mayor

12. Authorization for the Mayor to send a letter to the City's congressional delegation on behalf of the City Council regarding the recent FEMA denial of a New York State major disaster declaration for the February 22-23, 2026 blizzard

City Manager

13. Consideration of Rye Nature Center Gift Acceptance Policy

Christine Siller

14. Consideration to set a public hearing for the October 21, 2026, City Council Meeting to amend Chapter 191, Article "Traffic Regulations" of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-9 "Left turns" to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

*Council Member
Baldwin*

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Flood Presentation

City Manager

16. Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 122 "Leaf Blowers" and Chapter 133 "Noise" of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 122-5 "Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment" and §133-8 "Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days," to create an exemption for emergency activities

*Corporation
Counsel*

INFORMATION

- 17. Councilmember Reports
- 18. Old Business/New Business

Deputy Mayor
Mayor

A LOOK AHEAD

(Not for discussion at this meeting)

19. Possible Future Agenda Meeting items

- a. Joint meeting of City Council and Recreation Commission at Gagliardo Park regarding planning for park improvements – October 8, 2026, 5:30 p.m.
- b. Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop #1 – October 14, 2026
- c. Update on Cellular Phone Service Analysis and Plan – October 21, 2026
- d. CBD Design Standards – Rye Design Week, October 26, 27, & 28
- e. Update on Natural Resource Inventory – November 4, 2026
- f. Flood workshop
- g. Budget
- h. Update on Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Analysis
- i. Rye Art center

EXECUTIVE SESSION II (If Necessary)

20. Matters covered under NYS Public Officers Law Article 7 §105

- a. Personnel
- b. Potential Acquisition of Property
- c. Litigation

Corporation
Counsel/City
Manager

ADJOURNMENT

Unless otherwise stated, if the Council adjourns into executive session, it will then adjourn without further public session.

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. for executive session and 7:00 pm for the public session at City Hall.

City Council meetings are available live at www.ryeny.gov/home under Rye TV Government Videos, on Cablevision Channel 75 and Verizon Channel 39, and on demand, indexed by agenda item, on the City website at <https://www.ryeny.gov/government/city-council>.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Public Safety Commissioner

CONTACT: Michael Kopy, Public Safety Commissioner

AGENDA ITEM: Presentation on E-Bikes and E-Scooters.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the presentation.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Approval of the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 16, 2026, and the Special City Council Meeting of September 23, 2026.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council review and approve both meeting minutes.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached meeting minutes from September 16, 2026 and September 23, 2026.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held at City Hall on September 16, 2026, at
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

MARION ANDERSON
EMILY BALDWIN
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
JAMIE JENSEN
AMY KESAVAN
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

ABSENT: JOSH NATHAN, Mayor

ALSO ATTENDING:

BRIAN SHEA, CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL

The Council convened at the City Hall at 7:01 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

WELCOME

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Deputy Mayor Ward led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call](#)

The City Clerk called the roll, and there was a quorum.

3. [Spotlight](#)

4. [Hearing of the Public on Non-Agenda Items](#)

- Sue Drouin, 57 Morehood Drive, City policy on removal of invasive plants

ACTION ITEMS

5. [Consent Agenda](#)

- a. Approval of the Minutes of City Council Meetings of August 12, 2026
- b. Consideration of a request from Apple Studios, LLC, to use a section of parking spaces in Car Park 4 to film an episode of Your Friends & Neighbors in Rye on September 18, 2026, from 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The Studio will be filming driving

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scenes on Purchase St with the assistance of Rye Police Department. No road closures are expected.

- c. Consideration of a request from Rye Art Center for the use of the Village Green on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 3:30 PM to host Live Music for their Arts for Purchase event.
- d. Resolution to declare certain City Equipment as Surplus
- e. Approval of FY 2025 City Audited Financials

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to approve all Consent Agenda items.

6. Items Removed from Consent Agenda

No items were removed.

7. [Consideration of a resolution adopting a SEQRA Negative Declaration in connection with the Rye Nature Center Driveway Project](#)

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Jensen, and unanimously carried:

**ADOPTION OF A SEQRA NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION OF
LWRP COASTAL CONSISTENCY IN CONNECTING WITH THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE NEW NATURE CENTER DRIVEWAY**

WHEREAS, the Nature Center is proposing to construct a new driveway on Boston Post Road (hereinafter “Proposed Action”); and

WHEREAS, at its June 10, 2026 meeting, the City Council declared its intent to be Lead Agency and referred the Proposed Action to the Rye City Planning Commission for its advisory review of wetland considerations; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Proposed Action is located within the Waterfront Revitalization Area Boundary as identified in the City’s 1991 Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP); and

WHEREAS, as required by Chapter 73, *Coastal Zone Management Waterfront Consistency Review*, of the Rye City Code, the Planning Commission is required to provide an advisory opinion to the City Council as to the consistency of the Proposed Action with the policies of the LWRP; and

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WHEREAS, in an August 11, 2027, memorandum to the City Council the Planning Commission found that the proposed action avoids any crossing of the Blind Brook and increases the elevation of the road resulting in reduced impacts from flood events; and

WHEREAS, an Environmental Assessment Form was presented to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby declares that it is the Lead Agency for the environmental review of this proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and determines that the proposed action is considered a Type I Action; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council based on its review of the Environment Assessment Form (EAF) including the Part 3 of the EAF, the criteria listed in Section 617.7(c) of SEQRA and the complete record, the City Council finds that the proposed action will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and hereby issues a Negative Declaration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council finds that based on its review of the coastal consistency application, the City's LWRP and the advisory opinion of the Rye City Planning Commission that the proposed action is consistent with the coastal consistency policies of the City's LWRP and the provisions of Chapter 73, *Coastal Zone Management Waterfront Consistency Review*, of the Rye City Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council approves the Proposed Action.

8. [Consideration to set a public hearing for October 7, 2026, City Council Meeting to amend Chapter 122 "Leaf Blowers" and Chapter 133 "Noise" of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 122-5 "Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment" and §133-8 "Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days," to create an exemption for emergency activities](#)

On motion by Councilperson Jensen, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to set the public hearing.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION/PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. [Open a public hearing to adopt a Local Law on Hybrid Policy](#)

On motion by Councilperson Kesavan, seconded by Councilperson Baldwin, and unanimously carried, it was:

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RESOLVED to open the public hearing.

On motion by Councilperson Kesavan, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, and unanimously carried, it was:

RESOLVED to close the public hearing.

On motion by Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, it was:

RESOLVED to adopt a Local Law on Hybrid Policy

Adopted by the following vote:

ROLL CALL

AYES: Councilpersons Anderson, Baldwin, Cunningham, Kesavan, Jensen, and Ward

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Nathan

INFORMATION

10. [Councilmember Reports](#)

Councilmembers provided individual updates on the Boards and Commissions to which they serve as liaisons.

11. [Old Business – New Business](#)

There was nothing discussed.

[ADJOURNMENT](#)

On motion of Councilperson Baldwin, seconded by Councilperson Kesavan, and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg, City Clerk

UNAPPROVED MINUTES of the Regular Meeting of the City
Council of the City of Rye held at City Hall on September 23, 2026, at
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

JOSH NATHAN, Mayor
MARION ANDERSON
EMILY BALDWIN
KEITH CUNNINGHAM
JAMIE JENSEN
AMY KESAVAN
JAMES WARD
Councilmembers

ABSENT:

ALSO ATTENDING:

JOHN SULLIVAN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER
KRISTEN WILSON, CORPORATION COUNSEL
CHRISTIAN MILLER, CITY PLANNER

The Council convened at the City Hall at 7:11 P.M. The meeting was streamed live at www.ryeny.gov for public viewing.

WELCOME

1. [Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Mayor Nathan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. [Roll Call](#)

The Assistant City Manager called the roll, and there was a quorum.

3. [Spotlight](#)

- Update on the Rye Youth Council
Executive Director of the Rye Youth Council, Lisa Dominici, gave an overview of their offerings and initiatives
- Presentation by Rye Country Day School
Stacey

4. [Report of the City Manager](#)

- Assistant Manager, John Sullivan, gave a quick update on City matters.

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WORK SESSION

5. [Discussion of City Flood Law Updates](#)

- City Planner, Christian Miller, gave a presentation on Flood Law Updates. The Council engaged in a discussion regarding the topic.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Councilperson Kesavan, seconded by Councilperson Cunningham, and with the Council in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Noga Ruttenberg, City Clerk



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, Interim City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by the American Legion Post 128 to conduct its annual Veterans' Day observance on the Village Green on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM. In the event of rain, the American Legion Post 128 requests the use of City Hall on the specified date and time.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached request email.

FW: Veterans Day Request

From: Timothy Moynihan
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 12:55 PM
To: Shea, Brian G.
Cc: Sullivan, John P; Mantz, Erin R.
Subject: Veterans Day Request

Dear City Manager Shea,

Rye American Legion Post 128 requests to conduct the Rye Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 11, 2026. We request to use the Village Green for the Veterans Day ceremony. Kindly grant us permission to use the Village Green for that purpose.

The ceremony will commence at approximately 10:30 AM and will last for approximately one hour. Please provide a speaker stand, PA system (we will probably contract this out - I'll coordinate with Erin), and seating. Would you also be kind enough to see that City Hall's doors are unlocked so that members of the gathering have access to restrooms? If weather doesn't permit an outdoor ceremony, we will plan to move into the Council Chamber, since we are setting up to have a Veterans Day luncheon at the firehouse. And of course, you are invited to that!

If approved, we will work with Ms. Erin Mantz on details as we have in the past.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to your approval.

Sincerely,

Tim Moynihan
Rye American Legion Post 128 Adjutant

www.ryenylegionpost128.org

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Greg Usry, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request by the Midland Fair Committee to approve a parade to precede the Midland Elementary School Fair on Saturday, May 1, 2027, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2027

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached request.

FW: Midland Fair Parade Date Approval Request - May 1st 2027

From: Melissa Mapes

Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 1:27 PM

To: Sullivan, John P.

Subject: Re: Midland Fair Parade Date Approval Request - May 1st 2027

Actually sorry - to be specific. For now could we get a bid for our outdoor plan - not the rain plan we ended up doing last year.

On Tue, Sep 29, 2026 at 1:23 PM Melissa Mapes [wrote](#): Hi John,

I hope you are doing well - especially as we hopefully start to dry out!

I'm reaching out regarding the 2027 Midland Fair. I would like to submit a request to the City Counsel for Midland School's Fair Parade on Saturday, May 1, 2027. If you know of any conflicts or concerns, please let me know.

We are duplicating what's been done in recent years. The fair will run from 11-3pm, so we would like the parade lineup to be at 10:30am along Purchase Street, with the parade kicking off at 10:45am. Can we request a street closure from the Rye Train Station through town, up Palisades Road and back to Midland School from 10:30-11? We have done a rolling street closure in the past. There will be some food trucks, but as in prior years, they will be on school grounds. If that plan changes, we will let you know.

Thank you for your help and support.

Best,
Melissa

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from Apple Studios, LLC, to use the Highland Parking lot from 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, until 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 9, 2026, to park trucks and set up base camp to film an episode of Mackerel. (Delayed 1 week from original request)

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached email request and parking map.

From: [Andrew Boutselis](#)
To: [Ruttenberg, Noga P.](#); [Hein, Albert](#)
Cc: [Sascha Springer](#); [Varun Bajaj](#)
Subject: Re: Mackerel TV Show Basecamp at Commuter Lot in Rye
Date: Monday, September 28, 2026 11:57:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Noga,

Thanks for taking my call earlier. As discussed, we had to postpone our shoot in Harrison one week due to issues with an actor's availability. Our new shoot date is **Friday, October 9th**.

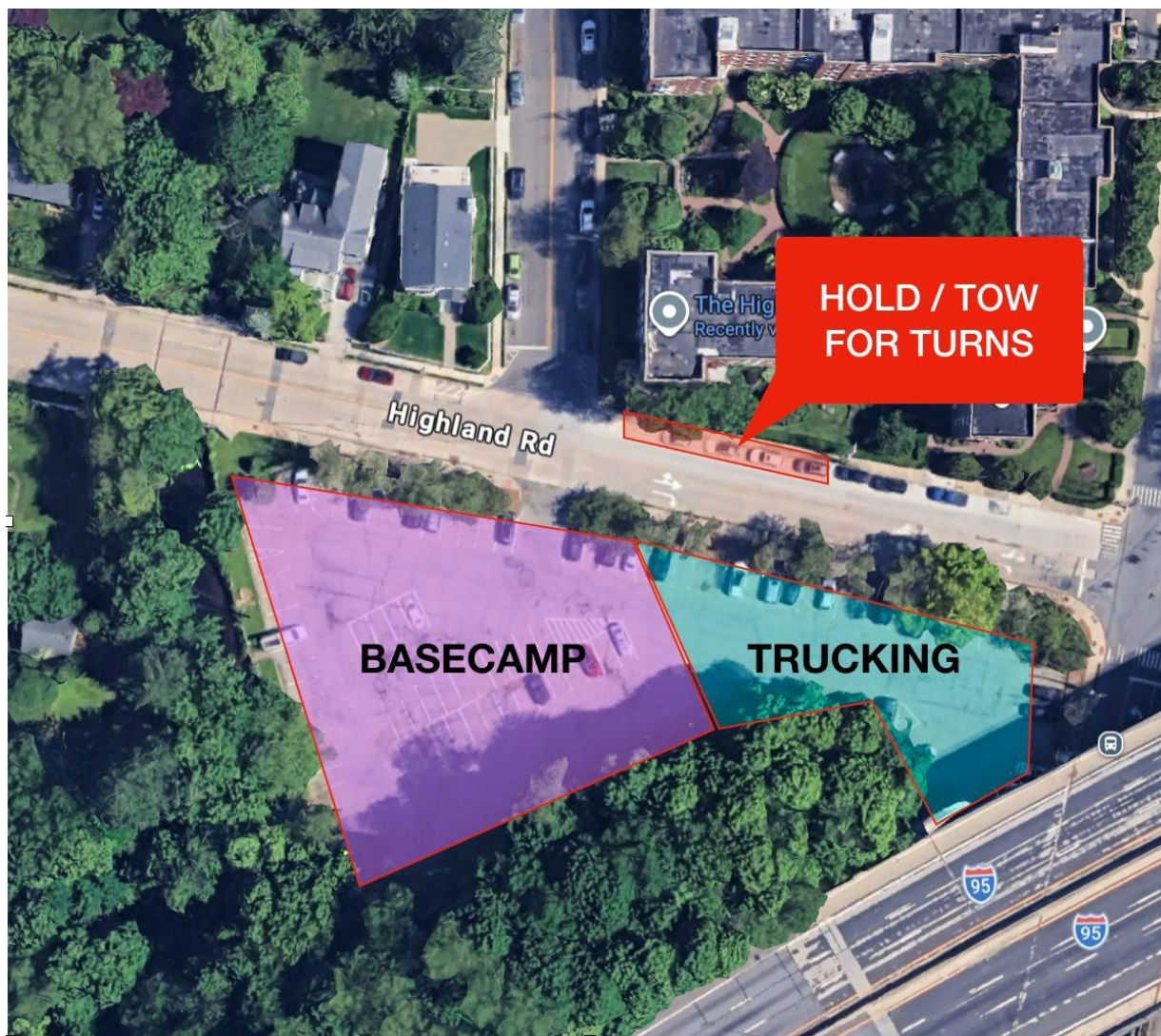
Due to this, we will no longer need the parking on this Friday, October 2nd. We are requesting to utilize the same lot on our new date. The logistics and details would remain the same, holding parking the night before on Thursday, October 8th.

Since we have already submitted payment to our accounting, we would be able to amend the agreement on our end if that works for you. I understand you are waiting for approval from city council, which does not meet again until the 7th. We would need to confirm this is possible within the next few days to move forward.

Thank you for all your flexibility and working with us. I'm available by phone if you'd like to discuss.

Best,

Andrew Boutselis
Mackerel | Location Scout





CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Election of Boat Basin Commission.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council certify the election.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: See attached election memo.

Rodrigo P
Harbor Master
650 Milton Rd
Rye, New York 10580



CITY OF RYE

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Boat Basin

Memorandum

To: Brian S, City Manager

From: Rodrigo P, Harbor Master

Date: 9/21/2026

Re: 2027 Boat Basin Commissioner Election

The term of Boat Basin Commissioner Tara Marshall Kaplan will expire on December 31, 2026.

On September 13, 2026, the Boat Basin initiated the election process through the third-party service, Simply Voting to fill the upcoming vacancy. Tara Marshall Kaplan, the current commissioner whose term is expiring, was the only individual to express interest in serving another term. Her name and biography were submitted to Simply Voting for the election process.

The Boat Basin is now seeking City Council approval to appoint Tara Marshall Kaplan, who was the sole candidate to express interest and sought re-election, to serve another three-year term commencing in 2027.



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Sep 20, 2026

City of Rye Boat Basin
650 Milton Road
Rye, NY
10580 United States

To Whom It May Concern:

The following election results are certified by Simply Voting to have been securely processed and accurately tabulated by our independently managed service.

Respectfully yours,

Brian L
President
Simply Voting Inc.

Results - Boat Basin Commissioners 2027

Start: 2026-09-13 09:00:00 America/New_York

End: 2026-09-20 17:00:00 America/New_York

Turnout: 45 (16.7%) of 270 electors voted in this ballot.

Nominees

Option	Votes
Tara Marshall Kaplan	42 (100.0%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total Voters	45
Abstain	3 (6.7%)



Election ID: 298350
To validate the authenticity of this
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Voting at info@simplyvoting.com.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a request from the Rye Sustainability Foundation to use the Highland Parking Lot to facilitate Seeding Giveaway Day on Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and a rain date of October 25, 2026.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the request.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached request email.

On Sat, Sep 12, 2026 at 11:44 AM Ward, James L. < wrote:
Happy Saturday, Brian.

The Rye Sustainability Foundation would like to ask for permission to use the Highland Parking Lot on Saturday, October 24 from 8am to 1pm - as we did last year. The purpose is to facilitate "**Seeding Giveaway Day**", in which residents can receive oak seedlings grown at RCDS, Holy Child or the Rye Nature Center.

We haven't had a need for a rain date yet, but I would suggest October 25th in the unlikely event we have to postpone.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,
James



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Authorization for the Mayor to send a letter to the City's congressional delegation on behalf of the City Council regarding the recent FEMA denial of a New York State major disaster declaration for the February 22-23, 2026 blizzard.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the authorization.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☒ Other:

BACKGROUND:.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Rye Nature Center Gift Acceptance Policy.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

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RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider the request.

IMPACT: ☒ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached Friends of Rye Nature Center's Gift Acceptance Policy.

Friends of Rye Nature Center's Gift Acceptance Policy

As adopted by the Board of Directors on: September 17, 2025

Purpose

Friends of Rye Nature Center ("FRNC"), a not-for-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, has been stewards of Rye Nature Center for over 60 years and its continued existence depends upon the generosity of donors who support its mission to encourage conservation, provide environmental education, and support the community's access to nature. FRNC's Board of Directors adopted this Gift Acceptance Policy (the "Policy") to govern the acceptance of charitable gifts (which may also be referred to as "contributions" or "donations" in this Policy), provide guidance to prospective donors, and help ensure that FRNC's gift acceptance practices will further its mission for many more years to come.

Policy Guiding Principles

The acceptance of any gift is at the discretion of FRNC. All gifts to FRNC must help FRNC further its mission and charitable purposes. FRNC reserves the right to refuse or return gifts containing restrictions that are inconsistent with FRNC's purposes or that otherwise may be deemed inappropriate by FRNC. In general, FRNC will not accept gifts that are too restrictive in purpose or difficult to administer.

FRNC will comply with all Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements, tax laws and other legal requirements regarding gifts.

FRNC is committed to the highest ethical standards in all aspects of its fundraising and advancement activities.

Acceptance Authority

FRNC will accept routine gifts in the ordinary course. Routine gifts are unrestricted gifts of cash and cash equivalents (regardless of amount), publicly traded securities, or restricted gifts designated for one of FRNC's existing programs, in each case the value of which is \$100,000 or less. Non-routine gifts include planned gifts (including life insurance policies and bequests), endowments with spending restrictions, naming opportunities, real property, cryptocurrency, gifts that may not clearly align with the mission of FRNC, unique or unusual gifts, and gifts accompanied by a potential administrative, financial, or other burden on FRNC. More examples of non-routine gifts can be found below in "Other Forms of Gifts." The Finance Manager should be apprised in advance of any gift that will require special accounting treatment by FRNC (e.g. segregation of funds, endowment gifts, special financial reporting, etc.) to ensure feasibility.

Non-routine gifts will be reviewed by the Gift Acceptance Committee (the "Committee") in accordance with this Policy and with such laws, rules, and regulations as may become effective from time to time. After such review, the Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors whether to accept or decline a non-routine gift and the Board of Directors will vote to take any action.¹

¹ Review by Board of Directors: Our understanding is that FRNC would like the Gift Acceptance Committee to be a committee of the Board, however, only directors can be members of a committee of the Board and it appears that non-directors are members here. To discuss whether the Gift Acceptance Committee will be a committee of the Board (3 directors or more as members, do not need to be identified in the policy) or a committee of the Corporation (non-directors can be members). As previously provided for background, under NY law, committees of the Corporation (comprised of non-Board members) cannot bind the Board and the Board would need to review/approve/ratify those committee decisions. As currently drafted, the Gift

The Committee is composed of the following positions:

- President
- Executive Director
- Director of Operations and Development
- Finance Manager
- Fundraising Committee Chair

Donor Stewardship

FRNC staff will assist donors in a manner consistent with customary standards of philanthropic stewardship. Accordingly, the following will apply to donor interactions:

- Acknowledgement:* FRNC will acknowledge all gifts in writing to the extent required by law.
- Confidentiality:* Transactions should be held in strict confidence and may be publicly disclosed only with donor permission, or as required by law.
- Anonymity:* FRNC respects donors' wishes to remain anonymous and will take reasonable steps to safeguard their identities.
- Disclaimer:* FRNC may not provide legal, tax or financial advice to donors beyond information customarily provided in the normal course of philanthropic stewardship. Donors are encouraged to seek personal representation of their choice and own expense in matters of their overall philanthropic planning.

Gift and Pledge Documentation

In general, gifts of \$100,000 or greater, or gifts to be paid out in installments of any amount, must be documented in a gift agreement. Pledges must be documented in the Donation Pledge Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.²

Restricted Gifts

Contributions that are not earmarked for specific use are of primary importance and of greatest value to the FRNC. Unrestricted gifts allow the FRNC to channel resources where the needs are greatest. In considering whether to accept a gift with a restricted purpose, FRNC will take into account the administrative burden and other issues associated with meeting such purpose. Donors who are interested in supporting a particular project or mission activity are encouraged to give to pooled funds established for those purposes. Any gift not expressly restricted by the donor will be deemed unrestricted. All restricted gifts must be documented in writing.

If FRNC becomes unable to satisfy a donor's intent, FRNC will work closely with the donor and program staff to find a suitable purpose or program within the organization to redirect restricted funds. Redirected gifts must be documented in writing.

Acceptance Committee is a committee of the Corporation.

² Donation Pledge Agreement: Please note that the form in Exhibit A is not updated. CLM sent FRNC a general donation pledge agreement form on 8/21/25 and it is under review. It can be incorporated here once in final form.

Endowments

The creation of a new endowment with spending restrictions requires a minimum gift of \$500,000.

Naming Opportunities

In accordance with FRNC's License Agreement with the City of Rye, buildings, structures, and space within the Rye Nature Center may be named. Naming opportunities may require coordination and approval with local government authorities. FRNC does not have control over such government approval. FRNC reserves the right to set a duration for how long a name will be used.

FRNC may terminate, return, or refuse any gift for naming opportunities that FRNC determines, in its sole discretion, could generate unwelcome controversy, adversely affect the reputation, image, mission, or integrity of FRNC, or if the gift is or becomes inconsistent with, or inappropriate for, FRNC's mission. If a situation arises in which FRNC determines that a previously received donation becomes controversial or raises any of the issues described in this section, public-facing recognition of the donor may be removed, but funds may or may not be returned at the discretion of FRNC.

Donors should contact Nicole Pennucci, Director of Operations and Development, at nicole@ryenaturecenter.org if interested in a Naming Opportunity.

Other Forms of Gifts

Gifts of many types can be accepted by FRNC. The following sections outline the most common types of gifts. FRNC may consider other types of gifts that are not listed in this Policy on a case-by-case basis with consideration for the property's value and a written appraisal provided by the donor when appropriate.

Cash and Equivalents

FRNC can accept gifts made in cash, by check, credit card, wire or ACH.

Publicly Traded Securities

FRNC can accept gifts of publicly-traded securities. As a general policy, all marketable securities that are accepted will be sold upon receipt, unless otherwise decided by FRNC.

Where otherwise marketable securities are restricted by applicable law, a proposed gift of such securities must be reviewed by the Committee. As a general policy, any restricted marketable securities that are accepted will be sold as soon as practicable upon expiration or satisfaction of their restrictions.

Closely Held Stock and Other Ownership Interests

FRNC can accept gifts of closely-held securities, including debt and equity positions in non-publicly traded companies, as well as interests in LLPs, LLCs and other ownership forms, subject to Committee review, taking into account:

- the value of the proposed gift (potentially obtaining an independent appraisal),
- the marketability of the proposed gift,
- any restrictions on transfer or other obligations accompanying the interests,
- special issues arising from co-ownership or ownership of a non-controlling or minority interest,

- potential tax consequences, including whether the proposed gift will generate unrelated business taxable income,
- the nature of the company's business, and
- potential liabilities, costs, reputational concerns, or other obligations arising from ownership of the interest.

As a general policy, FRNC will seek to sell any such securities or interests, if accepted, as soon as practicable.

Gifts from Private Foundations and Donor Advised Funds

FRNC can accept gifts from donor-advised funds ("DAFs") and private foundations. In particular, there are two limitations that are observed by FRNC. First, FRNC will not accept contributions from a private foundation to satisfy an individual's legally-binding pledge obligation to FRNC. Second, FRNC will not provide individuals with benefits (including special event tickets or membership) in recognition of contributions from a DAF or private foundation.

FRNC encourages donors to consult their tax advisors and/or legal counsel to comply with all applicable laws and to determine the tax treatment of their proposed contributions and any other restrictions that apply to private foundation and DAF gifts.

Life Insurance

FRNC can accept gifts of life insurance policies, subject to Committee review. FRNC reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cash in any policy or retain it, taking into consideration whether the donor has made satisfactory provisions for the payment of any future premiums.

Retirement Benefits

FRNC can accept designation as the beneficiary under a donor's retirement plan, annuity, or individual retirement account ("IRA"), subject to Committee review.

The retirement account plan administrator will provide the donor with the beneficiary designation form to designate FRNC as a beneficiary. The correct designation to use is "Friends of Rye Nature Center."

Charitable Remainder Trusts and Charitable Lead Trust

FRNC may accept designation as a remainder beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust or as an income beneficiary of a charitable lead trust, subject to Committee review. The Committee will review any no-cash funded trusts or other variations of unusual terms. FRNC will not serve as a trustee of a charitable remainder trust or a charitable lead trust.

Bequests

For the purposes of a general citation in a will or codicil, we recommend that donors cite FRNC as follows:

Friends of Rye Nature Center
873 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580
Tax ID #13-6176032

Donors contemplating a bequest should contact Ellen Saya, Finance Manager, at ellen@ryenaturecenter.org.

Tangible Personal Property

FRNC can accept gifts of tangible personal property if such property directly serves a need of FRNC, subject to Committee review. Examples of tangible personal property include taxidermy, books, domesticated animals, artifacts, and furniture. It is the sole responsibility of the donor to determine the value of a donated item; FRNC cannot assign a value to the donated item(s). Donors contemplating a gift of tangible personal property should contact Allison Rogers, Director of Education, at alli@ryenaturecenter.org.

Real Property

FRNC can, in rare instances, accept gifts of real property, subject to Committee review. In order to be considered for acceptance, the property must be unencumbered by a mortgage or similar lien or restriction unless otherwise determined by FRNC. A gift of real property must be either useful for the purposes of FRNC or readily marketable and of sufficient value to warrant the expense and administrative time entailed with the sale of real property. In addition, prior to the acceptance of any real property, the donor must provide, at the donor's expense, financial and title information on the property as well as the appropriate appraisal and environmental evaluations.

Gifts That FRNC Will Generally NOT Accept

FRNC will generally only consider accepting the following types of gifts in limited circumstances:

- Houseplants or other plant specimens
- Farm animals and livestock
- Animals or associated cages/supplies
- Office supplies
- Garden equipment such as lawn mowers, tools, etc.
- Artwork
- Vehicles
- Condemned real property
- Gifts subject to ownership disputes
- New Charitable Gift Annuities and Deferred Payment Gift Annuities

Appraisals and Independent Advisors

It is the donor's responsibility to determine whether it is necessary to obtain an appraisal of a proposed gift and, if so, to secure such appraisal. FRNC does not select the appraiser, hire the appraiser, or pay for, endorse or provide such appraisals. FRNC also does not pay for or provide environmental reviews, title work, or other similar expenses in connection with gifts.

It is the donor's responsibility to secure independent legal, tax, financial, and estate advice with respect to the donor's gifts to FRNC. FRNC will not act as advisor to any donor in any of these respects.

Donation Pledge³ Agreement



DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone (Cell): _____ Phone (Home): _____
 Email: _____

PLEDGE COMMITMENT

I/We pledge \$_____ to FRNC's ☐ Capital Campaign ☐ Other: _____

I/We plan to make my/our contribution in the form of:

☐ Check ☐ Stock ☐ Other: _____

Special Instructions: _____

This gift will be matched _____% by the following company: _____

(Most companies require that each subsequent pledge payment be accompanied by a matching gift form.)

This contribution is designated for the specific goal mentioned above and is not intended to replace regular annual gifts, which remain essential to FRNC's ongoing operations.

Thank you for sharing our vision and investing in FRNC's mission!

For questions, please contact:

Christine Siller
 Executive Director
christine@ryenaturecenter.org

Nicole Pennucci
 Operations/Development Director
nicole@ryenaturecenter.org

Please return completed forms to:
 873 Boston Post Road
 Rye, NY 10580
www.ryenaturecenter.org
 p. 914-967-5150
 f. 914-921-5968

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

☐ One-time payment ☐ I/We prefer to pay this amount over time

Notes: _____

GIFT RECOGNITION

☐ My/Our names should appear as follows: _____

☐ This gift is made in memory/honor of _____

☐ This gift should remain anonymous

This Donation Pledge Agreement, as outlined above, is made and entered into by the undersigned donor(s) in favor of Friends of Rye Nature Center (FRNC), a nonprofit organization recognized as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The pledge constitutes a binding and enforceable obligation of the donor(s), and this agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

Donor Signature _____ Date _____

Donor Signature _____ Date _____

FRNC Representative Signature _____ Date _____

³ To be updated.

DONATION PLEDGE AGREEMENT

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Cell): _____ Phone (Home): _____

Email: _____

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Any donor names or designated names proposed for recognition on structures or buildings at the Rye Nature Center will be reviewed by the City of Rye, in accordance with FRNC's license agreement as operator of the municipal park.

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Donor Signature Date

Donor Signature Date

FRNC Representative Signature Date



Thank you for sharing our vision and investing in FRNC's future!

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Corporation Counsel

CONTACT: Kristen Wilson, Corporation Counsel

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration to set a public hearing for the October 21, 2026, City Council Meeting to amend sections of local law Chapter 191, Article II "Traffic Regulations" of the City of Rye, by amending §191-9 "Left turns" to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council consider setting the public hearing.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached draft local law.

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LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2026

A local law to amend Chapter 191, Article II “Traffic Regulations” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 191-9 “Left turns” to prohibit left turns from Apawamis Avenue onto Milton Road from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday as follows:

New material is underlined and in bold.

Repealed material is marked with a strikethrough and in bold.

Section 1. Chapter 191, titled “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II titled “Traffic Regulations” is hereby amended in the Rye City Code as follows:

Article II

Traffic Regulations

§ 191-9 Left turns.

A. Left-hand turns are prohibited as described below during the hours indicated:

Location	Hours
<u>From</u> Apawamis Avenue <u>and onto</u> Milton Road	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday <u>2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.,</u> <u>Monday through Friday</u>
From Boston Post Road at the intersection southbound with Cross Street (rear of police booth)	
Boston Post Road northbound at Liberty Lane (rear of flagpole)	
At the intersection of Cedar Street and the ramp leading to the westbound side of Station Plaza	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
From the Citibank exit onto Cross Street	
From the 2 driveways of the Cowperwood-Osborn office building (411 Theodore Fremd Avenue) parking lot into Garver Drive	
From Cross Street at the driveway into Citibank	
Elm Place at Purchase Street	

Location	Hours
From Grandview Avenue into the Rye Country Day School driveway closest to Cedar Street	
From Grandview Avenue into the Rye Country Day School driveway closest to Elizabeth Street	
At the high school parking lot exit and Milton Road	7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday
From Hillside Avenue onto Boston Post Road	
From the Oakland Beach Avenue driveway exit of 520 Milton Road	
At the driveway of Osborn School leading onto Boston Post Road	When school is in session, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
From Palisade Road at Milton Road	
From Rye Country Day School's driveways closest to Hillside Avenue onto the Boston Post Road	
Smith Street at Purchase Street	
From northeastbound Theall Road into the northeasterly driveway of the Cowperwood-Osborn office building (411 Theodore Fremd Avenue)	7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday through Friday
From northeastbound Theall Road onto Garver Drive	
From the YMCA parking lot onto Mead Place	

Section 2. Severability.

The invalidity of any word, section, clause, paragraph, sentence, part, or provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Local Law that can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

Section 3. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: City Manager

CONTACT: Brian Shea, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Flood Presentation.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council hear the presentation.

IMPACT: ☒ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☐ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND:



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

DEPT.: Corporation Counsel

CONTACT: Kristen Wilson, Corporation Counsel

AGENDA ITEM: Open a public hearing to amend Chapter 122 "Leaf Blowers" and Chapter 133 "Noise" of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 122-5 "Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment" and §133-8 "Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days," to create an exemption for emergency activities.

FOR THE MEETING OF:

October 7, 2026

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council open a public hearing.

IMPACT: ☐ Environmental ☐ Fiscal ☒ Neighborhood ☐ Other:

BACKGROUND: See the attached draft local law.

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LOCAL LAW NO. _____-2026

A local law to amend Chapter 122 “Leaf Blowers” and Chapter 133 “Noise” of the Code of the City of Rye, by amending § 122-5 “Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment” and § 133-8 “Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days,” to create an exemption for emergency activities as follows:

New material is underlined and in bold.

Repealed material is marked with a strikethrough and in bold.

Section 1. Chapter 122 titled “Leaf Blowers” is hereby amended in the Rye City Code as follows:

§ 122-5. Days and hours of operation of motorized landscaping equipment.

A. The use of motorized landscaping equipment, including lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other outdoor machine-powered equipment, is permitted only between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekends.

B. The use of motorized landscaping equipment, including lawn mowers, leaf blowers and other outdoor machine-powered equipment, is not permitted on holidays.

C. The City Manager may permit the expanded use of gas leaf blowers for a period not to exceed 14 days after significant storm events or during other emergency situations.

D. The restrictions regarding the use of motorized landscaping equipment, including gas leaf blowers and other outdoor machine-powered equipment, in this chapter shall not apply to the following entities and activities: municipal, schools, religious institutions, membership clubs, golf courses, hospital and retirement communities, cemeteries, and non-residential lots greater than three acres in size.

E. The above restrictions in ~~§ 122-4A~~ **§ 122-5A** through D shall not apply to snowblowers or use of motorized equipment for the purposes of snow or ice removal.

F. Moving leaves or yard debris to City streets, private streets, public property, storm drains or abutting lots is prohibited at all times.

G. Activities described in § 122-5A through F shall not be prohibited if the activity observed is necessary or justified for emergency purposes based upon the reasonable

discretion of the City official who observes such work and who is authorized to issue related tickets, citations, and notices to appear.

Section 2. Chapter 133, titled “Noise” is hereby amended in the Rye City Code as follows:

§ 133-8. Construction work prohibited at certain hours and on certain days.

A. No person shall engage in construction work earlier than 8:00 a.m. or later than 6:00 p.m. on weekdays; earlier than 10:00 a.m. or later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Saturdays; or at any hour on Sundays or any holidays, Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

B. Notwithstanding any provision of § 133-8A to the contrary, an individual may perform construction work him/herself on property on which such individual then resides as follows:

(1) Weekdays, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(2) Saturdays and Sundays (including holidays), between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

C. Blasting and rock chipping activities shall be restricted pursuant to Chapter 88, Explosives, Blasting and Mechanical Rock Excavation, and shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter 133, Noise.

D. Construction work shall not be prohibited under any provision of § 133-8 if the activity observed is necessary or justified for emergency purposes based upon the reasonable discretion of the City official who observes such work and who is authorized to issue related tickets, citations, and notices to appear.

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