

# EMERGENCY ORDER

Executive Order # 2024-02.14

## Local Emergency Order for Tioga County

I, Martha C. Sauerbrey, Chairwoman of the Tioga County Legislature, in accordance with a declaration of a State of Emergency issued November 8, 2023, and pursuant to Section 24 of New York State Executive Law, do hereby order:

### **Section 1. Prohibition on accepting New York City FHEPS and/or SOTA housing vouchers within Tioga County without prior written approval.**

- A. No person, business, current county vendor or other entity within the County of Tioga shall accept or agree to accept, by lease agreement or otherwise, a New York City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement (FHEPS) voucher or Special One Time Assistance (SOTA) rental voucher or other voucher from the City of New York directly or through a broker or intermediary without first applying for and obtaining the authorization of the County Legislature through its Legislative Chair or the Chair's designee. Such authorization shall only be given after the determination that such agreement would not otherwise jeopardize the health, safety and/or welfare of Tioga County and its residents.
- B. The application for authorization shall be in a form approved by the Chair of the County Legislature or their designee and shall, at a minimum, identify the address of the property, the term of the lease or other agreement, the monthly rent amount, the amount of the proposed New York City FHEPS/SOTA voucher, the name of the broker or landlord, the name of any agent for New York City, the legal names, former residences, birthdates, current addresses (if any) of all persons to be housed at the property and any and all records pertaining to services requested by such persons or administered to such persons by the City of New York.
- C. As a term and condition to granting the authorization described in paragraph A of Section 1 of this Order, the Chair of the County Legislature or their designee shall require each person, vendor, business or entity seeking to accept New York City FHEPS/SOTA rental vouchers or other voucher within the County of Tioga to require the City of New York to be a non-tenant party to the lease or other agreement, and require the City of New York to agree to, in addition to paying rental assistance to the voucher recipient, pay to the County of Tioga all social services, educations, and other governmental costs or the persons relocated from the City of New York to the County of Tioga, in such amounts as reasonably determined by

The Local Emergency Order is being extended for an additional 5 days:

1/12/24-1/16/24

GIVEN, under my hand and the Seal of the County of Tioga this Eleventh Day of January, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.



COUNTY OF TIOGA

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martha C. Sauerbrey". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Martha C. Sauerbrey

Tioga County Legislative Chair