

VILLAGE OF SALTAIRE
LOCAL LAW 3 OF 2026
LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 2 OF CHAPTER 54
OF THE SALTAIRE VILLAGE CODE

Chapter 54 (Water Taxis and Charter Boats) of the Saltaire Village Code is amended as indicated below:

Chapter 54

WATER TAXIS AND CHARTER BOATS

§ 54-2. Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CHARTER BOAT – Any watercraft operated or hired for a purpose other than the conveyance of passengers from one point to another, including but not limited to vessels used or hired for parties, fishing trips, sightseeing excursions, and other such occasional or one-time uses, as distinct from vessels (including passenger ferries and water taxis as defined herein) intended, designed and operated solely for the transportation of passengers from point to point.

FREIGHT BOAT – Any watercraft intended, designed and operated for the sole purpose of transporting freight to and from the Village, pursuant to a schedule or as may be otherwise provided under the terms of an operating agreement. For purposes of this Code, a Freight Boat shall be operated under the same terms and conditions as those applicable to passenger ferries, as provided hereunder.

OPERATOR - Any person who owns, controls, navigates, directs or supervises a water taxi, charter boat or passenger ferry.

PASSENGER FERRY – A watercraft intended, designed, operated solely for the transport of passengers to and from the Village pursuant to a schedule, or as may otherwise be provided under the terms of an operating agreement. For purposes of this Code, no Passenger Ferry may be operated to or from the Village of Saltaire except under the terms of an operating agreement between the Passenger Ferry owner and the Village. All passenger ferries operated pursuant to such an agreement shall be duly inspected, certified and licensed in accordance with the provisions of Section 54-3 herein.

WATERCRAFT -- A vessel used or capable of being used as a means of transportation in, over or upon water, including non-displacement craft.

WATER TAXI -- A watercraft for hire, designed and operated for the sole purpose of conveying passengers from point to point. A Water Taxi shall not include any watercraft owned or operated by any person or company providing regular scheduled Passenger

Ferry service to the village pursuant to a valid contract, when such watercraft is used solely for the performance of such ferry service, nor shall it include any "Charter Boat" as defined herein. For purposes of this Code, "Water Taxi" shall include, but not be limited to, any vessel termed a "water limo," "water limousine" or any other name, term or description for any vessel intended as or designed for the same or similar use as a water taxi, or operated in a manner and purpose similar to a water taxi.

§ 54-3. Permit required; licenses and insurance.

No Water Taxi or Charter Boat shall land, dock, moor or pick up or discharge passengers within the Village or the waters adjacent thereto without first having obtained a permit therefor issued by the Village. Applications for such permits shall be made on such forms and shall be accompanied by such fees as may be determined from time to time by the Village. All such watercraft shall be duly inspected, certified and licensed by the United States Coast Guard, the State of New York, Suffolk County, and any other authority with applicable jurisdiction. Applications shall be accompanied by all certificates of insurance, licenses and inspection certificates, and any other documentation which may be required by this Chapter or by resolution of the Board. All such applications shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the date for which permission to operate is sought. All fees shall be payable upon submission of an application for a permit, which fees shall be refunded in the event that such permit is denied or canceled. No application for a permit shall be considered without the submission of the required fee with the application. In the event of a violation of this or any Chapter of this Code or of the conditions of any license or permit, the Board may revoke without prior notice any permit issued in accordance with this section.

§ 54-4. Inspection of vessels.

Each Water Taxi or charter boat landing, docking, mooring or picking up or discharging passengers within the Village or the waters adjacent thereto shall be inspected according to the rules and regulations of the United States Coast Guard and shall have in effect at all times such license or licenses as the Coast Guard may require, and shall also meet all other requirements of law.

Severability and Validity

In the event that any portion or portions of this Local Law #3 of 2026 shall be determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of the Local Law, and its provisions, shall remain in full force and effect.