

HARMONY CORNERS FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Harmony Corners Fire District, Saratoga County, New York, will hold a public hearing at the Harmony Corners Fire Station, 1954 Route 67, Ballston Spa, New York 12020-3113, on August 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment and other information concerning the Fire District's electronic message sign to be located at Fire District property and the applicability of the balancing of public interests doctrine recognized by the New York Court of Appeals in *Matter of County of Monroe v. City of Rochester*, 72 N.Y.2d 338 (1988), and subsequent decisions applying that doctrine to fire protection facilities and services.

The Board of Fire Commissioners will consider information relevant to the following matters:

1. The nature and scope of the Harmony Corners Fire District as a political subdivision of the State of New York and district corporation organized pursuant to Article 11 of the Town Law.
2. The statutory authority and responsibilities of the Fire District to provide fire protection and related emergency services to residents and property owners within the Fire District.
3. The governmental purposes served by the Fire District's electronic message sign, including but not limited to:
 - o emergency preparedness communications;
 - o public safety notifications;
 - o fire prevention and educational messages;
 - o announcements of official Fire District meetings, hearings, elections and referenda;
 - o recruitment of volunteer firefighters and emergency personnel;
 - o notification of community events and activities sponsored by the Fire District and Fire Department.
4. The extent of the public interest served by the sign and the effect that restrictions on the sign may have upon the Fire District's ability to carry out its statutory duties and public safety mission.
5. The impact, if any, of the sign upon neighboring properties, traffic safety, community character and other legitimate local interests.

6. Any alternative methods available to the Fire District for communicating public safety and governmental information to residents of the Fire District.
7. Any other facts or considerations relevant to the balancing of public interests under New York law.

All interested persons, including representatives of the Town of Charlton, neighboring property owners, residents of the Fire District and members of the public, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard and to submit oral or written comments.

Written comments may also be submitted to the Board of Fire Commissioners at:

Harmony Corners Fire District 1954 Route 67 Ballston Spa, New York 12020-3113

The Board may keep the public hearing open or adjourn the hearing from time to time as necessary to receive additional evidence and public comment.

By Order of the Board of Fire Commissioners Harmony Corners Fire District

Tammy Townsend
Fire District Secretary

Dated: June 29, 2026