



## TOWN OF AMENIA TOWN BOARD

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### RESOLUTION NO. 29 of 2025

**RE: INTRODUCING PROPOSED “LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2025,  
EXTENDING TERM OF OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR”**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of Supervisor is an elective office pursuant to Town Law § 20; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of office of the Supervisor is currently set at two years pursuant to Town Law § 24; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor is required to execute various duties proscribed by Federal Law, New York State Law and the Town of Amenia Code and oversee the operation of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, it takes an extensive amount of time and effort for the Supervisor to become educated about all of the statutory duties incumbent on the office; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Town of Amenia to extend the term of office of the Supervisor to four years, in line with other elected Town Officials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Amenia has the authority to supersede New York State Town Law § 24 and extend the term of office of the Supervisor from two to four years pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) and Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(d)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 23, any local law that extends the term of office of an elected official is subject to a mandatory referendum and must be approved by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board intends to hold the mandatory referendum at the biennial general election of the Town to be held on November 4, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. The Town Board of the Town of Amenia hereby introduces for adoption Proposed Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2025 in the form annexed hereto.

3. The Town Board hereby determines that the enactment of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action as defined in 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (33), and, accordingly, the Town Board hereby expressly determines that the adoption of this Local Law is not an action that requires review pursuant to the provisions of New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) or pursuant to Chapter 6 NYCRR Parts (617).

4. The Town Board hereby schedules a Public Hearing on the Proposed Adoption of Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2025 to be held at Town of Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025, at 7:00 p.m., and the Town Clerk is directed to post the Notice of the Public Hearing in the form annexed hereto and to publish same in the official newspapers of the Town as required by law and to post said notice on the official sign board maintained by the Town Clerk..

Motion made by C/Rebillard  
Seconded by C/Ahearn

The foregoing resolution was voted upon with all councilmembers voting as follows:

Supervisor Blackman	Aye
Councilmember Rebillard	Aye
Councilmember Hamm	Nay
Councilmember Winters	Aye
Councilmember Ahearn	Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York  
February 6, 2025

  
DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK

**TOWN OF AMENIA**

**Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2025**

A Local Law entitled “Local Law No. \_\_\_ of 2025, Extending Term of Office of Supervisor”.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia as follows:

**Section I: TITLE.**

This Local Law shall be known and cited as Town of Amenia “Local Law No. \_\_\_ of the Year 2025, Extending Term of Office of Supervisor”.

**Section II: LEGISLATIVE INTENT.**

The Town Board has determined that for purposes of continuity and efficiency in Town government, it would be in the best interest of the Town and its citizens to change the term of office of the Office of the Supervisor to four years.

**Section III: AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 29. TERMS OF OFFICE.**

Chapter 29 of the Code of the Town of Amenia shall be amended and read as follows:

**“Chapter 29: TERMS OF OFFICE**

**ARTICLE II. SUPERVISOR**

**§29-7. Term.**

The term of office of elective Town Supervisor of the Town of Amenia shall be four years. Such four-year term shall commence on the first day of January following the first biennial Town election after the effective date of this Article.

**§ 29-8. Election.**

At the biennial Town election next following the effective date of this Article, and every four years thereafter, the Town Supervisor shall be elected for a term of four years.

**§ 29-9. Supersession.**

This Article shall supersede in its application to the Town of Amenia § 24 of the Town Law of the State of New York and any inconsistent local law, ordinance, or resolution with respect to the term of office of elective Town Supervisor.

**§ 29-10. Mandatory referendum.**

This Article shall be submitted for approval by mandatory referendum to the electors of the Town of Amenia at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2025.

**§ 29-11. Statutory authority.**

This Article is submitted pursuant to the authority vested in the Town pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) and Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(d)(3).

**§ 29-12. Effective date.**

This Article shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State after approval of a majority of the electors voting thereon in accordance with the requirements of § 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.”

**Section IV: SEVERABILITY.**

- A. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds any provision(s) of this law invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid, and all other provisions of the law shall continue to be separately and fully effective.
- B. If a court of competent jurisdiction finds the application of any provision of this law to any building, other structure or tract of land to be invalid, in whole or in part, the effect of such decisions shall be limited to the person, property or situation involved in the controversy, and the application of any such provision to any other person, property or situation shall not be affected.
- C. The provisions of this Local Law are separable and if any provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part thereof is held illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, or inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such illegality, invalidity, or unconstitutionality, or inapplicability, shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, clauses, sentences, subsections, words or parts of this Local Law or their application to other persons or circumstances. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of the Town Board of the Town of Amenia that this Local Law would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision, clause, sentence, subsection, word or part had not been included therein, and if such person or circumstance to which the Local Law or part thereof is held inapplicable had been specifically exempt therefrom.

**Section V: NUMBERING FOR CODIFICATION.**

It is the intention of the Town of Amenia and it is hereby enacted that the provisions of this Local Law shall be included in the Code of the Town of Amenia, that the sections and sub-sections of this Local Law may be re-numbered or re-lettered by the Codifier to accomplish such intention; the Codifier shall make no substantive changes to this Local Law; the word "Local Law" shall be changed to "Chapter", "Section" or other appropriate word as required for codification; and any such rearranging of the numbering and editing shall not affect the validity of this Local Law or the provisions of the Code effected thereby.

**Section VI: EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State after approval of a majority of the electors voting thereon in accordance with the requirements of § 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF AMENIA**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, Town of Amenia, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York 12501, at which time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Town Board of the Town of Amenia shall adopt “Local Law No. \_\_\_ of the Year 2025, Extending Term of Office of Supervisor”.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to extend the term of office of the Town Supervisor, an elected position, from two years to four years, effective with the term of office commencing January 1, 2026.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Proposed Action is a Type II Action as determined in 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(33) and, accordingly, the Town Board hereby expressly determines that this action is not an action that requires review pursuant to the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a copy of the proposed Local Law No. \_\_\_ of the Year 2025 is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk during regular office hours, at the Town Hall, Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia New York and on the Town’s website at [www.ameniany.gov](http://www.ameniany.gov).

Dated: Amenia, New York  
February 6, 2025

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

DAWN MARIE KLINGNER, TOWN CLERK