



TOWN OF AMENIA
TOWN BOARD

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RESOLUTION NO. 40 of 2025

RE: ADOPTING “LOCAL LAW NO. x OF THE YEAR 2025, EXTENDING TERM OF OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR”

WHEREAS, a Resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Amenia introducing Proposed Local Law No. x of the Year 2025 entitled “Extending Term of Office of Supervisor” for consideration of adoption by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Town; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on March 6, 2025, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law or any part thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board previously determined that the proposed Local Law is a Type II action and the adoption of this Local Law is otherwise exempt from environmental review; and

WHEREAS, said Local Law has been on the desks of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Amenia for at least seven (7) days exclusive of Sunday prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Amenia after due deliberation, finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to adopt said Local Law subject to a mandatory referendum in accordance with the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law § 23; and

WHEREAS, a proposition shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town at the next general election of the Town to be held on November 4, 2025, in the form attached hereto.

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 adopts Proposed Local Law No. x of the Year 2025, entitled “Extending Term of Office of Supervisor”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

3. The Town Board hereby directs the Town Clerk to prepare an abstract of this Local Law together with a Ballot proposition, with the advice of the Attorney to the Town, to be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town at the November 4, 2025 General Election in accordance with the provision of Municipal Home Rule Law § 25.

4. The Town Clerk is directed to transmit the Abstract of the Local Law No. x of the Year 2025 and the Ballot Proposition to the Dutchess County Board of Elections so that it may be placed on the ballot at the November 4, 2025 General Election for the vote the duly qualified electors of the Town.

5. The Attorney to the Town, the Town Clerk and the Supervisor are directed to take all necessary steps to place the attached Ballot Proposition before the qualified electors of the Town at the November 4, 2025 General Election.

6. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State after its approval by an affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the Town in accordance with the provisions of Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

Motion made by C/Ahearn
Seconded by C/Hamm

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

Supervisor Blackman	Aye
Councilmember Rebillard	Absent
Councilmember Hamm	Aye
Councilmember Ahearn	Aye

Dated: Amenia, New York
March 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.