

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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Dear Colleagues and Members of The Public:

I hereby present the first draft of the local law on term limits. I look forward to hearing your feedback on this.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey Piekarec*

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**Title**

The title of this chapter shall be "The Term Limits Law"

**Legislative Intent**

It is the intent of the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca to expand participation in the electoral process and to bring new ideas to governance of the Town of West Seneca. To these ends, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca adopts this chapter to limit terms of office for elected officials in the Town of West Seneca.

**Term Limits Established**

The number of terms that an elected official may serve in the same public office, shall be limited to two terms of four years each, regardless of whether said terms are served consecutively or nonconsecutively. If any 4 year terms of office held prior to the November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 general election will bar a current or former elected official from serving any further terms in that office, this Term Limits Law will not prevent that elected official from running and serving one additional 4 year term.

**Partial Term in Office**

Nothing contained herein shall prohibit an elected public official in the Town of West Seneca from holding either an elected or appointed partial term in the same elected public office, immediately prior to the election to that elected public office for a full term. In the event, that partial term shall not be counted for purposes of the term limitation imposed by this chapter.

**Other Elected Town Offices**

Nothing contained in this chapter shall prohibit an elected public office holder from seeking, being elected to, or holding another and different elected public office for The Town of West Seneca than the one they have reached term limitations on. For the purposes of this chapter, the elected offices of Supervisor, Councilman, Highway Superintendent and Town Clerk in The Town of West Seneca shall be considered as different elected public offices, each with a limit of two terms of four years each.

**Exclusion**

Nothing contained in this chapter shall apply to the office of West Seneca Town Justice

**Authority**

This chapter is enacted pursuant to § 10(1)(ii)(a) of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York which authorizes towns to adopt local laws concerning the mode of selection and terms of office of elected officials.