

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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Dear Colleagues and Members of The Public:

After hearing your feedback on the first draft of the proposed term limits law at our last town board meeting. I have decided to eliminate the proposed term limitations on the offices of Town Clerk and Town Highway Superintendent.

While I will consider your input on making additional changes to the proposed law tonight, it is my intent to begin the process of formally introducing the local law at our next town board meeting.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey Piekarec*

Town Councilman

**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 a person can be elected to and 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 a person has already been elected to two 4-year terms in that same public office prior to the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 general election, they will be allowed to seek, be elected, and to serve one additional 4-year term in that same public office.

**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, prior to being elected to a full 4-year term. That partial term shall not be counted for the purposes of term limitations 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 a different elected public office for The Town of West Seneca than the one that they have reached term limitations on. For the purposes of this chapter, the elected offices of Town Supervisor and Town Councilman, 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 elected offices of Town Justice, Town Clerk, or Town Highway Superintendent

**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.