

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



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To: Town Board

From: Councilman Jeff Piekarec

Subject: Local Law No. 2021-5  
Public Hearing

I hereby request that a public hearing be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, before this town board for the purpose of enacting a proposed local law on term limits. The proposed local law was written after a lengthy and transparent drafting process that included significant input from the board and members of the public. I have attached a copy of the proposed local law that will be subject to the public hearing on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey Piekarec*

Town Councilman

**TOWN OF WEST SENECA  
LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2021**

**A Local Law of the Town of West Seneca  
Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca**

**Chapter 40**

**Chapter 40.1 - Title**

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

**Chapter 40.2 - 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.

**Chapter 40.3 - 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.

**Chapter 40.4 - 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.

**Chapter 40.5-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.

**Chapter 40.6-Exclusion**

Nothing contained in this chapter shall apply to the elected offices of Town Justice, Town Clerk, or Town Highway Superintendent

**Chapter 40.7-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.

**SECTION 40.8 - When Effective**

This Chapter shall become effective immediately upon its enactment by the Town Board after proper filing, including filing with the office of the State Comptroller and the Office of the Secretary of State.