

Office of the West Seneca Town Supervisor Hon. Gary A. Dickson

Memorandum

To: Honorable Town Board

From: Gary Dickson, Town Supervisor

Date: January 14, 2022

Subject: Proposed local law regarding attorney residency requirements

Dear Colleagues,

Attached is a draft local law that widens the residency requirement for the positions of Town Attorney, Deputy Town Attorney, and Town Prosecutors to include all of Erie County. Although we did abolish the position of Town Attorney, part of the reason for that action was the lack of highly qualified attorneys in West Seneca. Once this local law is passed, in the event we or a future board decides to reestablish the position of Town Attorney, there will be a wider candidate pool to choose from.

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25.21 Residency

A. The purpose of this Article is to expand the residency requirements for the offices of Town Attorney, Deputy Town Attorney, and Town Prosecutor so that the Town can select from a larger and more diverse field of qualified candidates.

- B. Residency for such positions set forth in Section A shall be the County of Erie.
- C. This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.