

Proposed Local Law Number 19 Of 2016

County Of Ulster

A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify The Term Of The Chairman And The Clerk Of The Legislature

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Ulster, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section C-17 B. of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-12 B. of the Administrative Code are amended to read as follows:

Section C-17 B. and Section A2-12 B.: Organizational meeting.

~~At this organizational meeting, the members of the Legislature shall select a Chairman at the call of the Clerk of the Legislature in each year.~~ **DURING THE FIRST ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR EACH NEW COUNTY LEGISLATURE, THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN AT THE CALL OF THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE. THE CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE FOR THE DURATION OF THE CHAIRMAN'S TERM AS LEGISLATOR. THE REMOVAL OF THE CHAIRMAN SHALL BE BY A MOTION FROM THE FLOOR DURING A MEETING OF THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE BY A FAVORABLE VOTE OF AT LEAST THREE-QUARTERS OF THE WHOLE NUMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE.** The Chairman shall appoint members of the County Legislature to serve on such committees as are provided by the rules of such Legislature. The Clerk of the County Legislature shall preside at all meetings of the Legislature until such time as a Chairman has been designated by election or appointment. The failure to elect a Chairman or appoint committee members shall not prevent the County Legislature from transacting its ordinary business.

SECTION 2. Section C-19 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-14 of the Administrative Code are REPEALED and a new Section C-19 of the Ulster County Charter and Section A2-14 of the Administrative Code are added to read as follows:

Section C-19 and Section A2-14: Clerk of the County Legislature.

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During the first organizational meeting for each new County Legislature, a Clerk of the County Legislature shall be appointed by resolution by the County Legislature and such appointed Clerk shall serve for the duration of the appointing Legislature's term. In the event of vacancy, the Legislature shall appoint by resolution a new Clerk of the Legislature. The removal of the Clerk shall only be done by resolution with a favorable vote of at least three-quarters of the whole number of the Legislature. Deputy Clerks and employees of the Legislature shall be appointed in accordance with the Rules of Order of the Legislature.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any portion of this local law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this local law or any provisions of the Ulster County Charter, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State, and shall apply to Organizational Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature in 2018, and every subsequent Organizational Meeting for each new elected legislative body.