

LOCAL LAW NO. 1-1973  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law Pertaining to the Establishment of a Department of Public Works for Chautauqua County

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

It is the intent of this local law to effect a reorganization of those departments of the government of Chautauqua County relating to all manners of public works and to render the same more effective and efficient.

It is also the intent of this law to create a division of sanitation within a new Department of Public Works, in order to meet the increasingly sever problems of disposal of solid wastes within the County of Chautauqua, as a County responsibility.

SECTION 2. Department of Public Works

There is hereby created in and for the County of Chautauqua a Department of Public Works.

The office of the Director of the Department of Public Works hereinafter referred to as the director, in and for the County of Chautauqua is hereby created and established.

SECTION 3. The Director shall be the head of the Department of Public Works and shall also serve as the Superintendent of Highways.

SECTION 4. The Legislature of Chautauqua County shall appoint a Director of Public Works for the term of four (4) years. The Director may be removed by the County Legislature for cause during his term upon written charges and opportunity to be heard after public hearing given upon twenty days notice in the official papers in the County and the service of a copy of the written charges and notice of hearing by certified mail upon the said Director twenty days prior to said public hearing.

SECTION 5. The salary of said Director shall be fixed and determined by resolution of the Chautauqua County Legislature.

SECTION 6. The Director of Public Works shall have the power to provide for, manage and operate all of the various public works of the County of Chautauqua, and there are hereby created the following divisions within the said Department of Public Works, over which the Director shall have supervision:

Division of Parks and Recreation  
Division of Highways  
Division of Public Building  
Division of Sanitation  
Office of Engineering  
Division of Aviation

SECTION 7. The Division of Sanitation shall have the responsibility for all solid waste disposal facilities within Chautauqua County, and shall also provide staff support for the County sewer agencies.

SECTION 8. A supervisor or superintendent for each division above named, except the division of Highways, which shall be headed by the Director as the Superintendent of Highways, shall be appointed by the County Legislature as it becomes necessary to fill each position. Such supervisors or superintendents shall not be considered deputy directors of public works.

SECTION 9. The Director shall submit an annual report to the Legislature making recommendation as to any major changes in existing operations and at such other times as the Legislature may direct or the Director may deem advisable.

SECTION 10. Responsibilities for various functions and properties owned by Chautauqua County shall be further specified by rules and regulations adopted by the Chautauqua County Legislature.

SECTION 11. Any powers, duties, and functions in conflict with this Local Law are hereby revoked.

SECTION 12. Organizations of the County Government and officials appointed thereto shall continue to serve and function pursuant to existing laws, rules, or regulations, but henceforth, those officers to which this local law applies shall operate within the organizational structure as set forth herein.

SECTION 13. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by Legislature: 3/9/73

R/C Vote: 20 Yes; 5 No (No's: Colburn, Lepkowski,  
Meeder, Nelson, Tubbs)

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