

LOCAL LAW NO. 4-1973
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law Establishing an Office for the Aging in Chautauqua County

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

SECTION 1. It is the purpose of this local law to provide a complete and cohesive service system for the elderly and to plan and develop unified and coordinated county programs and policies with respect to the needs of older citizens. This local law is further intended to stimulate the creation of new programs and the expansion and improvement of existing programs under any auspice that serves the older citizens of the County.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created and established a Chautauqua County Office for the Aging.

SECTION 3. The head of such Office for the Aging shall be a Director who shall be appointed by the Chairman of the County Legislature subject to the approval of the County Legislature for a term of two years. The Director may hold another County Office not incompatible with the Office for the Aging.

SECTION 4. The Director shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the County Legislature.

SECTION 5. The duties and powers of the Office for the Aging shall be:

A. Plan environmental and personal services to meet the needs of the elderly population through the evaluation of services and the identification of major problems affecting the elderly.

B. Stimulate and review needed programs and services for the elderly.

C. Conduct research on the needs of the elderly in this community and develop alternative means of meeting these needs.

D. Cooperate with elderly citizens and organizations servicing or representing the elderly to meet the needs of the elderly population of community.

E. Provide information relative to programs and services for the elderly in the community and sources of support for programs and services.

F. Encourage the cooperation of agencies servicing the elderly.

G. Recommend to and cooperate with federal, state and local agencies the development of public policy toward the elderly.

SECTION 6. Within thirty days from the sate of creation of the Office for the Aging, the Chairman of the County Legislature shall appoint an Advisory Committee for the Aging of not less than five members nor more than eleven members subject to confirmation of the County Legislature whose function shall be to advise the Director on matters concerning the elderly. The Chairman of the County Legislature shall appoint one member of the Advisory Committee for the Aging to act as Chairman of said Committee.

SECTION 7. The term of each member of the Advisory Committee for the Aging shall coincide with the term of the County Legislature.

SECTION 8. The Chautauqua County Office for the Aging shall file an annual report with the County Legislature concerning its activities no later than thirty days after the close of the County fiscal year.

SECTION 9. The County Legislature is hereby empowered to provide a staff for the Office for the Aging in order to carry out the intent herein set forth.

SECTION 10. The County of Chautauqua is hereby authorized to appropriate and expend County funds in carrying out the purpose of this Local Law.

SECTION 11. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Adopted by Legislature: 5/11/73 R/C Vote: 25 Yes
Adopted as Local Law 4-73