

LOCAL LAW NO. 15-95
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

AMENDING THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CODE OF ETHICS
(Re: Board of Ethics)

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

1. Legislative History. The Chautauqua County Code of Ethics, enacted by Local Law 3-90, and as amended by Local Law 5-91, Local Law 18-91, Local Law 3-93, Local Law 10-93, and Local Law 7-94, is hereby amended.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this amendment to the Code of Ethics is to ensure that the public is made aware of the Code of Ethics and the manner of filing complaints to the Board; that complaints to the Board of Ethics may be made in a confidential manner; that the members of the Board of Ethics are accessible to the public.

3. Amendment. Section 11, Paragraph D of the Chautauqua County Code of Ethics is hereby amended as follows:

Section 11. County Ethics Board

D. Powers and Duties. The Ethics Board shall have the following powers and duties:

- i. Prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations governing its internal organization and procedures consistent with the Code of Ethics
- ii. Review with public officials the disclosure requirements of this Code, and ensure proper filing of all disclosure documents
- iii. Conduct investigations, hearings, and other examinations relating to the Code of Ethics, with the power to issue subpoenas where necessary.
- iv. Recommend disciplinary action, penalties, or fines in accordance with the Code of Ethics.
- v. Render advisory opinions upon request of any County officer or employee.
- vi. Providing training and education to County officers and employees regarding the requirements of the Code of Ethics.
- vii. Prepare an annual report and recommend changes or improvements to the Code of Ethics.
- viii. Perform such other related duties as requested by the County Executive.
- ix. Meet at least four times a year and publish notice of meetings and the names of Ethics Board members in the County's official newspapers. In addition, notice of meetings shall be furnished to radio stations located in the County.
- x. Arrange for a separate post office box for the Board of Ethics, accessible only by officers of the Ethics Board.
- xi. Annually submit a proposed budget to the County Executive.

4. Effective Date. This local law shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Adopted by Legislature – September 13, 1995

(R/C Vote: 13 Yes; 11 No; 1 Absent) – No's: Ahlstrom, Bargar, Beightol, Bobseine, Fagerstrom, Kubera, Sackett, Tarnowski, Taylor, Teresi, Trusso

ADOPTED as Local Law 15-95