

LOCAL LAW
INTRODUCTORY NO. 7-26
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CHARTER TO ELIMINATE
ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS FOR COUNTY LEGISLATORS

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

1. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Local Law is to eliminate Annual Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) for County Legislators. Since the beginning of the Chautauqua County Legislature in 1972, County Legislators have never received automatic Annual Cost of Living Adjustments. By Local Law 13-24 County Legislators would receive their first COLA on January 1, 2027.

2. Amending Section 4.06 of the Chautauqua County Charter. Section 4.06 of the Chautauqua County Charter is hereby amended by deleting all references to “County Legislators” as follows:

Section 4.06 Annual Cost of Living Adjustment to the Salaries of the County Executive, ~~County Legislators~~, County Sheriff, and County Clerk

In the absence of a local law or charter law in effect on or before July 1 that specifically designates the salary of the County Executive, ~~County Legislators~~, County Sheriff, or County Clerk, the existing annual salary of the County Executive, ~~County Legislators~~, County Sheriff, or County Clerk (as the case may be) shall be increased in the following calendar year by a percentage equal to any percentage increase in the United States Department of Labor CPI-U for the prior calendar year.

3. Severability. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this Local Law which can be given effect without the valid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Local Law are declared to be severable.

4. Effective Date. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Sponsor: Legislator Nelson