

LOCAL LAW
INTRODUCTORY NO. 8-26
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A LOCAL LAW REDUCING THE SALARY FOR THE COUNTY CLERK

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

1. Purpose and Background. The purpose of this Local Law is to reduce the salary of the County Clerk of Chautauqua County and to help preserve the Unappropriated Fund Balance in the years ahead. Chautauqua County is among the least wealthy of New York State's 57 counties. As of January 1, 2018, Local Law 6-16 set the County Clerk's salary at \$55,500. Local Law 6-16 also amended Section 4.07 (now Section 4.06) of the County Charter to provide annual cost of living adjustments for the County Clerk. Additionally, Local Law 10-24 provided that "the annual salary of the County Clerk shall be increased by \$17,880.00." The County Clerk's salary as of January 1, 2026, was \$89,300, representing a 61% increase from 2018. However, the \$55,500 salary in 2018, adjusted for inflation, would be worth approximately \$74,000 as of March 2026, the last month for which data is available.
2. County Clerk Salary. Effective January 1, 2030, the salary for the Chautauqua County Clerk shall be \$79,300. Nothing in this local law shall be construed to amend or alter the provisions contained in Section 4.06 of the Chautauqua County Charter relating to annual cost of living increases for the County Clerk.
3. Effective Date. This local law shall become effective on January 1, 2030.

Sponsor: Legislator Bankoski