

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF ONEIDA  
LOCAL LAW NO. 5 of 2025**

The Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, State of New York, pursuant to the authority vested in it by law does hereby enact Local Law No. 5 of 2025, amending the Charter of the City of Oneida and the City of Oneida Code to abolish the elective office of the City Chamberlain as follows:

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA TO ABOLISH  
THE ELECTIVE OFFICE OF THE CITY CHAMBERLAIN**

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Oneida, this local law amends the Charter of the City of Oneida and the City of Oneida City Code to abolish the elective office of City Chamberlain.

**SECTION 1.**                    **AUTHORITY.**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law § 10.

**SECTION 2.**                    **PURPOSE.**

In accordance with Section 2.1(A) of the Oneida City Charter, the City Chamberlain for the City of Oneida is an elective City officer with a two (2) year term. The Common Council of the City of Oneida has determined that it is desirable to abolish the elective position of the City Chamberlain. The purpose of this Local Law is to effectively effectuate such change, at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2027. Said change would be subject to a mandatory referendum. Therefore, an additional purpose of this local law is to place on the November 4, 2025, general election ballot, a referendum item which allows the electors of the City of Oneida to decide if they wish to abolish the elective office of City Chamberlain.

**SECTION 4.**                    **AMENDMENT OF THE CITY CHARTER SECTION 2.1(A).**

So that Subsection (A) of Section 2.1 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Elective officers: terms," shall be amended so as to read, in its entirety, as follows:

- "A.     There shall be elected by the qualified electors of the City a Common Council consisting of the Mayor and six Councilors, a City Judge, a City Justice and four Supervisors. All elective City officers shall be elected for a two-year term except the Supervisors, who shall be elected for the same term of office as Supervisors of the towns of Madison County and the City Judge and City Justice who shall be elected for six-year terms. One Councilman shall be elected by the qualified electors of each of the six wards. The qualified electors of the First, Second and Third Wards shall together elect two Supervisors. The qualified electors of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Wards shall together elect two Supervisors."

**SECTION 5.**                    **MANDATORY REFERENDUM.**

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 23(2)(e), this Local Law shall be submitted for approval to the electors of the City of Oneida at the next general City election to be held on November 4, 2025.

**SECTION 6.**                    **VALIDITY & SEVERABILITY.**

If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

**SECTION 7.**                    **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the office of the Secretary of State. Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 23, this Local Law is subject to a mandatory referendum, and this may not be filed with the Secretary of State until a referendum has been conducted approving this Local Law.

SANDRA L. LAPERA  
CITY CLERK  
Adopted July 15, 2025  
Adoption by Referendum November 4, 2025