

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
City of Oneida

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a **PUBLIC HEARING** will be held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 on a proposed Local Law to amend Article II, Section 2.1 (A) of the Oneida City Charter to amend the term of the City Councilors of the City of Oneida from two (2) to four (4) years.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the complete text of the Proposed Local Law may be viewed on the City's website [www.oneidacity.com](http://www.oneidacity.com) under Legal Notices or in the City Clerk's lobby.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any or all persons opposing said proposed Local Law may file a written notice thereto, with the City Clerk before such hearing or attend said hearing at the time and place specified.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any persons with special needs should contact the City Clerk one week prior to the hearing.

**CITY OF ONEIDA**  
**PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.1(A)**  
**OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER TO AMEND THE TERM OF**  
**THE CITY COUNCILORS OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA**

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Oneida as follows:

**SECTION 1.                   PURPOSE.**

In accordance with Section 2.1(A), the City Councilors for the City of Oneida, as elective City officers, are elected for a two (2) year term. The Common Council of the City of Oneida has determined that it would be desirable to change the term of office for the City Councilors for the City of Oneida from two (2) years to four (4) years. The purpose of this Local Law is to effectuate such change, effective January 1, 2024 for Councilors for Wards 1, 3 and 5, and effective January 1, 2026 for Councilors for Wards 2, 4 and 6. Said change would be subject to a mandatory referendum. Therefore, an additional purpose of this local law is to place on the November 8, 2022 general election ballot, a referendum item which allows the electors of the City of Oneida to decide if they wish to have the City Councilors of the City of Oneida serve a four (4) year term, instead of a two (2) year term.

**SECTION 2. AUTHORITY.**

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), cities are permitted to adopt local laws relating to the mode of selection and term of office of its officers and employees.

**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2.1(A) OF THE CITY CHARTER.**

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 Councilmen, a City Chamberlain, 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; the City Judge and City Justice who shall be elected for six-year terms; and the City Councilors who shall be elected for a four-year term. 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 4. 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 8, 2022.

**SECTION 5. 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 6.**

**EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Department of State after approval by a majority of the electors voting thereon in accordance with the requirements of Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

