



Onondaga County Charter

Current with local laws passed as of December 2025

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Please note that this document represents an unofficial compilation of the local law adopting the Charter (Local Law No. 1 – 1961) and the amendments to such local law. Upon information and belief, this compilation is complete and accurate containing local laws passed as of December 31, 2025. The official text is contained in the certified documents on file with the Clerk of the Legislature and indexed in the annual journals housing the proceedings of the County Legislature.

The development of the “History of Revisions” portion of each article is intended for convenience and remains a work in progress. Further research should be had before relying on such portion.

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ARTICLE I

ONONDAGA COUNTY AND ITS GOVERNMENT

Section

- 101. Title and purpose.
- 102. County status, powers and duties.
- 103. Charter effect on state laws.
- 104. Charter effect on local laws and resolutions.
- 105. Definitions.
- 106. [Charter Conflict Committee.]

Section 101. TITLE AND PURPOSE.

This charter and all amendments hereto shall constitute the form of government for the county of Onondaga and shall be known and cited as the "Onondaga County Charter". Among the purposes of this charter are the separation of county legislative and executive functions; the securing of all possible county home rule; and the accomplishment of greater efficiency, economy and responsibility in county government.

Section 102. COUNTY STATUS, POWERS AND DUTIES.

The County of Onondaga shall continue to be a municipal corporation comprising the inhabitants within its boundaries, exercising such powers and discharging such duties of local government as may be imposed or conferred upon it by this charter, administrative code or by applicable law.

Section 103. CHARTER EFFECT ON STATE LAWS.

Within the limits prescribed by the county law, wherever and whenever any state law, general, special or local in effect, is inconsistent with this charter or administrative code, such law shall be deemed to the extent of such inconsistency to be superseded by this charter or administrative code insofar as the county of Onondaga and its government are affected.

Section 104. CHARTER EFFECT ON LOCAL LAWS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Except to the extent inconsistent with this charter or administrative code, all existing laws and resolutions heretofore adopted by the board of supervisors of the county of Onondaga shall continue in force until amended, superseded or repealed.

Section 105. DEFINITIONS.

Wherever used in this charter, unless otherwise expressly stated, or unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires:

- (a) "county" shall mean the county of Onondaga.
- (b) "charter" and "county charter" shall mean the Onondaga county charter and all amendments

thereto.

- (c) "code" shall mean the Onondaga county administrative code and all amendments thereto.
- (d) "board of supervisors" shall mean the elective legislative body of the county of Onondaga.
- (e) "administrative unit" shall mean any department, executive division, institution, office or other agency of county government except a bureau, division, section or other subordinate part of any of the foregoing.
- (f) "administrative head" shall mean the head of any administrative unit.
- (g) "authorized agency" shall mean any agency authorized by the charter, administrative code or applicable law, including but not limited to those authorized by section 224 of the county law, to receive and expend county funds for a county purpose.
- (h) "executive division" shall mean the division of management and budget, the division of research and communications, the division of purchase, the division of recreation and associated programs, and such other divisions of the executive department as may be hereafter authorized.
- (i) "quorum" and "majority" shall mean whenever three or more public officers are given any power or authority, or three or more persons are charged with any public duty to be performed or exercised by them jointly or as a board or similar body, a majority of the whole number of such persons or officers, at a meeting duly held at a time fixed by law, or by any by-law duly adopted by such board or body, or at any duly adjourned meeting duly held upon reasonable notice to all of them, shall constitute a quorum and not less than a majority of the whole number may perform and exercise such power, authority or duty. For the purpose of this definition the words "whole number" shall be construed to mean the total number which the board, commission, body or other group of persons or officers would have were there no vacancies and were none of the persons or officers disqualified from acting.
- (j) As used in this Charter, "whole time" shall mean the entirety of one's time and work hours, and "whole time" shall be interpreted and applied in a way to exclude the possibility of the Countywide official holding any external employment beyond the scope of the official's office, where employment shall be the performance of services or the provision of goods in exchange for compensation of any nature, including without limitation, receipt of money. Said another way, any external employment for compensation conflicts with an¹ Countywide elected official's duties and is prohibited where such official is subject to the "whole time" provision of the Onondaga County Charter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this definition shall prohibit a Countywide elected official subject to the "whole time" provision of the Onondaga County Charter from seeking an official opinion from the Charter Conflict Committee, created in this Local Law, as to whether certain nominal (as defined in the current Oxford English Dictionary under subsection 2 as "very small; far below the real value or cost") part-time employment, passive income, volunteer work, and/or similar type non-profit making positions, are excluded from the "whole time" provisions of the Charter because they will not

¹ LL No. 8 – 2017.

have a material effect on the Countywide elected officials duties.

Section 106. [CHARTER CONFLICT COMMITTEE.]

The County Legislature hereby creates the Charter Conflict Committee whose duty shall be to review and provide opinions and determinations on whether employees who are subject to the “whole time” and “entire time” provisions of the Onondaga County Charter and Onondaga County Administrative Code will meet, are meeting, or have violated, the requirements set forth in Section 2 of this Local Law (or Section 105 (j) of the County Charter, as amended). The Charter Conflict Committee shall consist of five (5) members, three (3) to be appointed by the Chairman of the County Legislature and two (2) to be appointed by the County Executive, such appointments to be subject to a majority vote of the County Legislature. Upon the advice of the Law Department, the Charter Conflict Committee shall set the rules and procedures of hearing and determining cases under this Section. Nothing contained herein shall be read, interpreted, construed or understood to impede, limit or restrict in any way the authority of the Onondaga County Ethics Board to fulfill its separate and distinct responsibilities under Article 18 of the General Municipal Law or Local Law 13 of 1990.

The County Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Charter Conflict Committee to assess fines and/or recommend other types of appropriate employment and disciplinary actions against any employee or public official who the Charter Conflict Committee deems, by a majority vote, to have violated the Outside Employment prohibitions. The fines shall be up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation and the Charter Conflict Committee may impose multiple fines in the case of multiple violations. The imposition of such fine(s) shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the County Legislature. Any Countywide elected official subject to any fine shall have the right to appeal such determination under Article 78 of the Civil Practice and Procedure Laws.

ARTICLE I: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 8 – 2017	Add 105(j), 106	Create definition for “whole time” and establish Charter Conflict Committee

ARTICLE II

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Section

201. County legislature; status and title.
202. County legislators; qualifications; term.
203. Organization; officers; committees.
204. Compensation of legislators, chairman, clerk, deputy clerk, employees of legislature.
205. Vacancies.
206. Districts.
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208. Powers and duties of the legislature.
209. Local Laws.
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211. Filing and publication of local laws.
212. Referendum.
213. Effective date.
214. Ordinances.
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216. Construction.

Section 201. COUNTY LEGISLATURE; STATUS AND TITLE.

The legislative branch of the government of Onondaga County shall consist of an elective governing body which shall be known as the county legislature. Its members shall be known as county legislators, and shall be elected one from each of the districts into which Onondaga County shall be divided as more particularly hereinafter set forth. The county legislature, when lawfully convened, shall take the place of the prior Onondaga County Board of Supervisors, which shall be thereby abolished and superseded, and the county legislature shall constitute the legislative, appropriating, policy determining and governing body of the county.

The county legislature shall have and exercise all of the functions, powers and duties that were possessed by and shall be subject to the same rules and procedures as applied to the prior Onondaga County Board of Supervisors.

Whenever the term "county board", "board of supervisors", "county governing board", "elective governing body of the county" is referred to in any law, it shall be deemed to mean and refer to the county legislature.

Section 202. COUNTY LEGISLATORS; QUALIFICATIONS; TERM.

All county legislators shall be electors of Onondaga County and shall have been residents continuously in the county for at least one year preceding their election, and all county legislators shall reside in the district from which they seek election at the time of their designation for office and shall continue to be residents of Onondaga County and of the district within the county which they represent for the entire term of their office. Members of the county legislature shall be nominated at the primary

election held in the same manner as other county officers are nominated pursuant to the provisions of the election law.

The county legislature shall be in charge of the qualifications of its members and for that purpose shall have the power to subpoena witnesses, take testimony and require production of records. Decisions made by the county legislature in the exercise of powers granted by this section shall be subject to review by the courts.

Except as provided in this section or as otherwise provided by law, the term of office of the members of the county legislature shall be two years, and shall begin on the first day of January next following their election. Said elections for the county legislators shall be conducted at general elections in each odd-numbered year.

Provided, however, that commencing with the first general election for Onondaga County Legislators held after January 1, 2026, the term of office of members of the County Legislature shall be four years. Elections for the County Legislators shall be conducted at general elections every fourth year thereafter.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Charter or Administrative Code, commencing with the first general election for Onondaga County Legislators held after January 1, 2026, no person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as a member of the County Legislature for more than three (3) consecutive four-year terms. Years served prior to the first day of January next following the first general election for Onondaga County Legislators held after January 1, 2026, shall not be counted in calculating the number of consecutive terms a County Legislator has served. Service for a partial term as a County Legislator shall not be counted in calculating the three consecutive four-year terms.

Section 203. ORGANIZATION; OFFICERS; COMMITTEES.

The County Legislature, members of which are elected in nineteen hundred sixty-seven and every second year thereafter, shall meet on the first day other than a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, in the month of January in the year nineteen hundred sixty-eight and every second year thereafter, for the purpose of organization and for the transaction of such other business as may come before it; provided, however, that said organizational meeting may be convened within the first three days other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a holiday when so designated in writing by the Chairman of the County Legislature. Thereafter said County Legislature shall hold monthly meetings on the days designated in the rules of the prior Onondaga County Board of Supervisors, which shall apply as herein above provided, and at such other times as the County Legislature may fix by resolution duly adopted by vote of a majority thereof or authorized by its rules.

At the organization of said County Legislature in the year nineteen hundred sixty-eight and every second year thereafter, a permanent Chairman shall be elected who shall serve until the next organization meeting. In case of his death, removal, resignation or retirement from said County Legislature, a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term. In case of failure to elect a permanent Chairman on any day herein provided, said County Legislature shall adjourn from day to day, Sundays and holidays excepted, until said Chairman shall be elected.

The Chairman shall have and may cast the vote to which he is entitled as a member of the County Legislature.

At the organization of the County Legislature in nineteen hundred sixty-eight and each second year thereafter, the County Legislature shall elect a Clerk, Deputy Clerk and such other employees as it may deem necessary, which officers and employees of the County Legislature may be removed and their successors appointed at the pleasure of said county legislature. Said Deputy Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk in his absence and shall perform such other duties in connection with such office as shall be directed by said County Legislature or the Clerk. Said Clerk, Deputy Clerk and such other employees of the County Legislature as are appointed by it shall hold office until their successors are appointed. All officers elected and appointments made by the County Legislature shall be vive voce upon call of the roll of members and all other questions shall be determined in a similar manner.

The said County Legislature shall have power to enact local laws or rules fixing the dates and time of its sessions; governing the conduct of the members at such sessions and the manner of transacting business thereat; fixing and prescribing penalties for its members to attend the stated or adjourned meeting of said County Legislature or of any committee thereof and the manner of enforcing or collecting the same, and fixing the time when and the form in which reports shall be made to said County Legislature by any officer of said County.

Such standing committees as are now prescribed by the rules of the Onondaga County Board of Supervisors or any local law adopted by said Board of Supervisors or which may hereafter be prescribed or adopted by the County Legislature, shall be appointed by the permanent Chairman of the County Legislature within twenty days after his election, such appointment to be in writing and filed with the clerk of the County Legislature, who shall give immediate notice thereof to the members of said County Legislature by mail. Such committees shall continue in office until their successors have been appointed, but nothing herein contained shall be construed to allow any member of said County Legislature whose term shall have expired, or who shall have resigned or have been removed from office, to continue to serve upon any committee after he shall have ceased to be a member of said County Legislature.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Onondaga County Charter, commencing with the first general election for Onondaga County Legislators held after January 1, 2026, said organizational meeting shall be held every fourth year.

Section 204. COMPENSATION OF LEGISLATORS, CHAIRMAN, CLERK, DEPUTY CLERK, EMPLOYEES OF LEGISLATURE.

The county legislature shall have the power to fix the compensation of its members and the chairman of said county legislature, which compensation shall be a stated annual salary; all of said salaries to be paid in equal bi-weekly installments in each month by the Department of Audit and Control and Department of Finance of the County of Onondaga, in like manner as other county salaries are paid. However, the Onondaga County Board of Supervisors may fix the initial compensation of the county legislators prior to the election of such legislators. The salary of each county legislator fixed and paid during a fiscal year shall not exceed the salary as specified in the notice of the public hearing on the tentative budget prepared for such fiscal year.

Expenses actually incurred by any county legislator under the authority or direction of the county legislature, outside the limits of the County of Onondaga, may be allowed and paid in like manner as other county charges; but no claims for expenses shall be audited or allowed which are not fully

itemized and verified by affidavit of the claimant in the manner prescribed by law.

The clerk, deputy clerk and other employees of the county legislature shall each receive a stated annual salary to be fixed by said county legislature, in the same manner as other county salaries are paid, and shall cease and terminate immediately upon the death, resignation or removal of such officer.

Section 205. VACANCIES.

A vacancy in the county legislature shall be filled by appointment by the county executive within thirty days of such vacancy, and the appointee shall serve until the next general election after such vacancy occurs, at which election such vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term. Any successor who shall be so appointed or elected shall possess all the qualifications required of the members of the county legislature as set forth in this charter.

Any vacancy in any committee of the county legislature shall be filled by appointment by the permanent chairman of said county legislature.

Section 206. DISTRICTS.

For the purpose of electing County Legislators, Onondaga County shall be divided into seventeen (17) districts. One County Legislator shall be elected to the County Legislature of Onondaga County from each of said districts. Eleven (11) of these districts shall be composed of territory within the County of Onondaga totally outside the City of Syracuse; Three (3) of these districts shall be composed of territory totally within the City of Syracuse; Three (3) of these districts shall be composed of territory both outside the City of Syracuse and territory within the City of Syracuse. All references to towns apply to the territory wholly contained in each of the towns of Onondaga County bounded as of November 1, 2021.

The eleven (11) districts within the County of Onondaga composed of territory totally outside of the City of Syracuse are described as follows:

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

All of the Town of Lysander and a portion of the Town of Van Buren bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the western town line of the Town of Van Buren and eastern town line of the Town of Elbridge, and the centerline of River Road; thence northerly and easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Connors Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of New Route 31; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Downer Street Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Southgate Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Silversides Way; thence northerly along said centerline and a northerly elongation of Silversides Way to its intersection with the northern town line of the Town of Van Buren and the southern town line of the Town of Lysander, which is coincident with the centerline of the Seneca River; thence easterly along said town line of the Town of Van Buren to its intersection with the western village line of the Village of Baldwinsville; thence generally southerly, easterly, northerly, and easterly along said village line to its intersection with the northern town line of the Town of Van Buren and the southern town line of the Town of Lysander, said intersection being on the eastern village line of the Village of Baldwinsville; thence generally

westerly and southerly along said town line of the Town of Van Buren to the point of beginning.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of Clay bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the western town line of the Town of Clay and the eastern town line of the Town of Lysander, and the centerlines of the Oneida River, the Oswego River, and the Seneca River; thence southerly and easterly along said town line of the Town of Clay to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Taft Road; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bear Road; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Liffey Lane; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Donegal Way; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the Powerline Right-of-Way; thence northeasterly along said Right-of-Way to the southern property line of Norstar Apartments; thence westerly along said southern property line of Norstar Apartments and its westerly elongation to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wetzell Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Morgan Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of Fairway Drive North; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fairway Drive East; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Molson Way; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fairway Drive East; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Jaguar Path; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fairway Drive East; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Cottonwood Court; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pisces Circle; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Steelhead Drive; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Streamwood Drive; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Soule Road; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Route 31; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Oak Orchard Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Morgan Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the Town of Clay northern town line, which is coincident with the centerline of the Oneida River; thence generally westerly, northerly, and southerly along said northern town line of the Town of Clay to the point of beginning.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of Cicero bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the western town line of the Town of Cicero and the eastern town line of the Town of Clay and the centerline of the Oneida River; thence generally southerly and easterly along said town line of the Town of Cicero to its intersection with the northern village line of the Village of North Syracuse; thence generally easterly and southerly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of Smith Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Leroy Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bellewood Circle; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Leroy Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Trelign Drive; thence

northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clarton Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Taft Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of General Irwin Boulevard; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern town line of the Town of Cicero and the northern town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence generally easterly and northwesterly along said town line of the Town of Cicero to the point of beginning.

FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the towns of Geddes and Salina bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the western town line of the Town of Geddes with the centerline of the Seneca River, said centerline being the northern boundary of the Town of Geddes; thence easterly along said town line of the Town of Geddes to its intersection with the town line of the Town of Salina; thence generally northeasterly, southeasterly, and easterly along said town line of the Town of Salina to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Electronics Parkway; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of the New York State Thruway; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Beartrap Creek; thence southerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ley Creek; thence southwesterly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the northern city line of the City of Syracuse and the southern town line of the Town of Salina; said intersection being coincident with the centerline of Seventh North Street; thence generally southwesterly along said city line to its intersection with the northeast corner of the village line of the Village of Solvay; thence generally southerly and northwesterly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of North Terry Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Genesee Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Meadow Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West High Terrace; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stoney Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fern Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Westholm Boulevard; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the western town line of the Town of Geddes and the eastern town line of the Town of Camillus; thence generally northerly and northwesterly along said town line of the Town of Geddes to the point of beginning.

FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the towns of Cicero, Clay, DeWitt, and Salina bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard and the northern town line of the Town of Salina and the southern town line of the Town of Clay; thence easterly along said northern town line of the Town of Salina to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of Clay and the western town line of the Town of Cicero; thence northerly along said town line of the Town of Clay to its intersection with the southern village line of the Village of North Syracuse; thence generally westerly, northerly, easterly, and southerly along said village line of the Village of North Syracuse to its intersection with the centerline of Smith Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Leroy Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bellewood Circle; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Leroy Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Trelign Drive; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its

intersection with the centerline of Clarton Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Taft Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of General Irwin Boulevard; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern town line of the Town of Cicero and the northern town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence generally easterly and southerly along said town line of the Town of DeWitt to its intersection with the centerline of Kirkville Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fly Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of the New York State Thruway; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Kinne Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Franklin Park Drive; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Kirkville Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Kinne Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of James Street, which is coincident with the northern village line of the Village of East Syracuse; thence westerly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of Roby Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Exeter Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Lansdale Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Parkwood Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wyncrest Drive; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Grover Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Thompson Road; thence northerly along said centerline to the intersection with the centerline of Carrier Circle; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of Route 298; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the ramp from Military Circle to Townline Road; thence westerly along said ramp centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Townline Road; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of Salina and the western town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence southerly along said town line of the Town of Salina to its intersection with the northerly city line of the City of Syracuse; thence generally southerly, westerly, and northwesterly along said city line to its intersection with the centerline of Ley Creek; thence northeasterly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Beartrap Creek; thence northerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the westbound lane of the New York State Thruway; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Electronics Parkway; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline to the point of beginning.

SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

All of the towns of Marcellus, Skaneateles, and Spafford, and a portion of the Town of Camillus bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the northern town line of the Town of Skaneateles and the western town line of the Town of Camillus; thence northerly along said town line of the Town of Camillus to its intersection with the northern town line of the Town of Camillus and the southern town line of the Town of Van Buren; thence easterly along said town line of the Town of Camillus to its intersection with the centerline of the Erie Canalway; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Devoe Road; thence southwestly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Newport Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the northern village line of the Village of Camillus; thence generally easterly, southerly, and easterly along said village line and its eastern elongation to its intersection with the centerline of the Finger Lakes Railway; thence northeasterly

along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Hinsdale Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Sanderson Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Vanida Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Genesee Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Whedon Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Semloh Drive; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Merriwether Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Whedon Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern town line of the Town of Camillus and the northern town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence generally westerly, southerly, and westerly along said town line of the Town of Camillus to the point of beginning.

TENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of Manlius bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the western town line of the Town of Manlius, the eastern town line of the Town of DeWitt, and the southern town line of the Town of Cicero; thence generally easterly and southerly along said town line of the Town of Manlius to its intersection with the northern town line of the Town of Pompey; thence westerly along said southern town line of the Town of Manlius to its intersection with the centerline of Watervale Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern village line of the Village of Manlius; thence generally easterly, northerly, and westerly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of Highbridge Road between Yeaworth Lane and Hunt Lane; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Highbridge Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Sweet Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Seneca Turnpike; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the western town line of the Town of Manlius and the eastern town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence northerly along said town line of the Town of Manlius to the point of beginning.

ence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Seneca Turnpike; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the western town line of the Town of Manlius and the eastern town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence northerly along said town line of the Town of Manlius to the point of beginning.

ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

All of the towns of Onondaga and Otisco and portions of the Town of Geddes bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the eastern town line of the Town of Camillus, the western town line of the Town of Geddes, and northern town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence northerly along said town line of the Town of Geddes to its intersection with the centerline of Westholm Boulevard; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fern Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stoney Drive; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West High Terrace; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Meadow Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Genesee Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North Terry Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern village line of the Village of Solvay; thence generally easterly and southerly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of West Genesee Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the

centerline of the southbound lane of Parsons Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West High Terrace; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Orchard Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fay Road; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern town line of the Town of Geddes and the northern town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence westerly along said town line of the Town of Geddes to the point of beginning.

TWELFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

All of the Onondaga Nation and the towns of Fabius, LaFayette, Pompey, and Tully and portions of the towns of DeWitt and Manlius bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the eastern town line of the Town of Onondaga and western town line of the Town of DeWitt and northern town line of the Town of LaFayette; thence northerly along said town line of the Town of DeWitt to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481; thence easterly and northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the ramp from the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481 to Jamesville Road; thence easterly along said ramp centerline to its intersection with the ramp from Jamesville Road to the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481; thence northeasterly along said ramp centerline to its intersection with the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Genesee Street; thence southerly and easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Highbridge Road; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of DeWitt and the western town line of the Town of Manlius; thence generally easterly and southerly along said town line of the Town of DeWitt to its intersection with the centerline of East Seneca Turnpike; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Sweet Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Highbridge Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Highbridge Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the western village line of the Village of Manlius; thence generally easterly, southerly, and westerly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of Watervale Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the northern town line of the Town of Pompey and southern town line of the Town of Manlius; thence westerly along said town lines to their intersection with the southern town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence westerly along said town line of the Town of DeWitt to the point of beginning.

THIRTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

All of the town of Elbridge and portions of the towns of Camillus and Van Buren bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the western town line of the Town of Camillus, the eastern town line of the Town of Elbridge, and the southern town line of the Town of Van Buren; thence easterly along said town line of the Town of Camillus to its intersection with the centerline of the Erie Canalway; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Devoe Road; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Newport Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the northern village line of the Village of Camillus; thence generally easterly, southerly, and easterly along said village line and its eastern elongation to its intersection with the centerline of the Finger Lakes Railway; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Hinsdale Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Sanderson Drive; thence

westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Vanida Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Genesee Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Whedon Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Semloh Drive; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Merriwether Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Whedon Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the southern town line of the Town of Camillus and the northern town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence generally easterly, northerly, and northwesterly along said town line of the Town of Camillus to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of Van Buren and the western town line of the Town of Geddes; thence northwesterly along said town line of the Town of Van Buren to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Village of Baldwinsville; thence generally southerly, westerly, and northerly along said village line to its intersection with the northern town line of the Town of Van Buren and southern town line of the Town of Lysander, said intersection being on the western village line of the Village of Baldwinsville; thence westerly along said town line of the Town of Van Buren to its intersection with a northern elongation of the centerline of Silversides Way; thence southerly along said elongation and centerline of Silversides Way to its intersection with the centerline of Southgate Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Downer Street Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of New Route 31; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Connors Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of River Road; thence westerly and southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the western town line of the Town of Van Buren and the eastern town line of the Town of Elbridge; thence generally southerly, easterly, southerly, and easterly along said town line of the Town of Van Buren to the point of beginning.

FOURTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of Clay bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the northern town line of the Town of Salina, the southern town line of the Town of Clay, and the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of West Taft Road; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bear Road; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Liffey Lane; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Donegal Way; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the Powerline Right-of-Way; thence northeasterly along said Right-of-Way to the southern property line of Norstar Apartments; thence westerly along said southern property line of Norstar Apartments and its westerly elongation to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wetzel Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Morgan Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of Fairway Drive North; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fairway Drive East; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Molson Way; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fairway Drive East; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Jaguar Path; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fairway Drive East; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Cottonwood Court; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pisces Circle; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Steelhead

Drive; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Streamwood Drive; thence northerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Soule Road; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Route 31; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Henry Clay Boulevard; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Oak Orchard Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Morgan Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the Town of Clay northern town line, which is coincident with the centerline of the Oneida River; thence following said town line of the Town of Clay generally northerly, southeasterly, and southerly to its intersection with the northern village line of the Village of North Syracuse; thence following said village line generally westerly, southerly, and easterly to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of Clay and the western town line of the Town of Cicero, said intersection being along the southern village line of the Village of North Syracuse; thence southerly and westerly along said town line of the Town of Clay to the point of beginning.

The three (3) districts within the County of Onondaga composed of territory both outside the City of Syracuse and territory within the City of Syracuse are described as follows:

SEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of DeWitt and the City of Syracuse bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the eastern town line of the Town of Salina and the western town line of the Town of DeWitt and the centerline of Townline Road; thence southeasterly along said centerline of Townline Road to its intersection with the centerline of the ramp from Military Circle to Townline Road; thence easterly along said ramp centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of Route 298; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Carrier Circle; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Thompson Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Grover Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wyncrest Drive; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Parkwood Drive; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Lansdale Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Exeter Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Roby Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of James Street, which is coincident with the northern boundary of the Village of East Syracuse; thence easterly along said village line to its intersection with the centerline of Kinne Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Kirkville Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Franklin Park Drive; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Kinne Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the westbound lane of the New York State Thruway; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fly Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Kirkville Road; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of DeWitt and the western town line of the Town of Manlius; thence southerly along said town line of the Town of DeWitt to its intersection with the centerline of Highbridge Road; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Genesee Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Erie Boulevard East; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the eastern city line of the City of Syracuse and the western town line of the Town

of DeWitt; thence southerly and westerly along said city line of the City of Syracuse to its intersection with a northerly elongation of the eastern city line of the City of Syracuse, said elongation being approximately 300 feet east of Smith Street; thence northerly along said elongation to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Erie Boulevard East; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bruce Street; thence northerly along said centerline and its northern elongation to the centerline of Caleb Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline and its western elongation to its intersection with the centerline of Robinson Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Teall Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Boyden Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of James Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Oak Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Highland Avenue; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Graves Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Seward Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Schneider Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Butternut Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with a western elongation of the centerline of Grant Boulevard, said elongation being just west of Highland Street; thence easterly along said elongation and centerline of Grant Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Pleasantview Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bronx Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wainwright Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Rivoli Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pleasantview Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the northern city line of the City of Syracuse and southern town line of the Town of Salina; thence generally easterly, southerly, easterly, and northerly along said city line to its intersection with the eastern town line of the Town of Salina and the western town line of the Town of DeWitt; thence northerly along said town lines to the point of beginning.

EIGHTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of Geddes and the City of Syracuse bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the city line of the City of Syracuse with the northern village line of the Village of Solvay; thence generally northeasterly and southeasterly along said city line of the City of Syracuse to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southeasterly along said centerline to an elongation of the centerline of the Hiawatha Boulevard Ramp to northbound Interstate Route 81; thence southeasterly along said elongation and centerline of the Hiawatha Boulevard Ramp to its intersection with the centerline of North Salina Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North Alvord Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pond Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Lodi Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ash Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North Salina Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Prospect Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Butternut Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of Interstate Route 690; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection

with the centerline of North State Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Willow Street; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North State Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South State Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Onondaga Street; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Montgomery Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Onondaga Street; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Warren Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Onondaga Street; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Onondaga Street; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek; thence northerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Erie Boulevard West; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South West Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Fayette Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Tioga Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Marcellus Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Oswego Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Gifford Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Niagara Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Shonnard Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Slocum Avenue; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Holland Street; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Delaware Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Onondaga Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bellevue Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clairmont Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stolp Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Summit Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Park Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Summit Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Colvin Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Strathmore Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Robineau Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Twin Hills Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Alanson Road; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stinard Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Arden Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Carlton Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Geddes Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Glenwood Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of McDonald Road; thence southwestwardly along said centerline to its intersection with the city line of the City of Syracuse and town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence generally northerly and westerly along said city and town lines to their intersection with the town line of the Town of Geddes; thence westerly along said town line of the Town of Geddes to its intersection with the centerline of Fay Road; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the

centerline of South Orchard Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West High Terrace; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Parsons Drive; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Genesee Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the village line of the Village of Solvay, said village line being between Scarboro Drive and Wilshire Road; thence following said village line generally northerly, easterly, southerly, easterly, southerly, easterly, and northerly to the point of beginning.

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the Town of DeWitt and the City of Syracuse bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the city line of the City of Syracuse and the centerline of the eastbound lane of Erie Boulevard East; thence easterly and southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Genesee Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481; thence southerly and westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the ramp from Jamesville Road to the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481; thence southwesterly along said ramp centerline to its intersection with the ramp from the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481 to Jamesville Road; thence westerly along said ramp centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 481; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the western town line of the Town of DeWitt and the eastern town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence northerly along said town lines to their intersection with the eastern city line of the City of Syracuse; thence northerly along said city line to its intersection with the centerline of Standish Drive; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Bradford Parkway; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Meadowbrook Drive; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Brookford Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Genesee Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Scott Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Scott Avenue; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Crawford Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Sunnyside Road; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Houston Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Westmoreland Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Harvard Place; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fellows Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clarke Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Allen Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Euclid Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fellows Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Lennox Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Westcott Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clarendon Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ackerman Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the driveway to Thornden Park; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the driveway to the Syracuse Water Tower; thence westerly to an intersection with the centerline of Ostrom Avenue, said intersection being adjacent to the southern boundary of Thornden Park; thence southerly along said centerline of Ostrom Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Euclid Avenue; thence westerly along said

centerline to its intersection with the centerline of College Place; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of University Place; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Crouse Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Adams Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of University Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ashworth Place; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pine Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Fayette Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Walnut Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Erie Boulevard East; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with a northerly elongation of the eastern city line of the City of Syracuse, said elongation being approximately 300 feet east of Smith Street; thence southerly along said elongation to its intersection with the city line of the of the City of Syracuse; thence generally easterly and northerly along said city line to the point of beginning.

The three (3) districts within the County of Onondaga composed of territory totally inside the City of Syracuse are described as follows:

NINTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the City of Syracuse bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the northern city line of the City of Syracuse and the southern town line of the town of Salina and the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southeasterly along said centerline to an elongation of the centerline of the Hiawatha Boulevard Ramp to northbound Interstate Route 81; thence southeasterly along said elongation and centerline of the Hiawatha Boulevard Ramp to its intersection with the centerline of North Salina Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North Alvord Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pond Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Lodi Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ash Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North Salina Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Prospect Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Butternut Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the westbound lane of Interstate Route 690; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North State Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Willow Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Interstate Route 690; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Catherine Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Erie Boulevard East; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bruce Street; thence northerly along said centerline and its northern elongation to the centerline of Caleb Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline and its western elongation to its intersection with the centerline of Robinson Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Teall Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Boyden Street;

thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wilson Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of James Street; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Oak Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Highland Avenue; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Graves Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Seward Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Schneider Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Butternut Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with a western elongation of the centerline of Grant Boulevard, said elongation being just west of Highland Street; thence easterly along said elongation and centerline of Grant Boulevard to its intersection with the centerline of Pleasantview Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bronx Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Wainwright Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Rivoli Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pleasantview Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the northern city line of the City of Syracuse and southern town line of the Town of Salina; thence generally northerly, westerly, and southwesterly along said city line to the point of beginning.

FIFTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the City of Syracuse bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the eastern city line of the City of Syracuse with the centerline of Standish Drive; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the northbound lane of Bradford Parkway; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Meadowbrook Drive; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Brookford Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Genesee Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Scott Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Scott Avenue; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Crawford Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Sunnyside Road; thence southwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Houston Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Westmoreland Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Harvard Place; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fellows Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clarke Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Allen Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Euclid Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fellows Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Lennox Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Westcott Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clarendon Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ackerman Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the driveway to Thornden Park; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the driveway to the Syracuse Water Tower; thence westerly to an intersection with the centerline of Ostrom Avenue, said intersection being adjacent to the southern boundary of Thornden Park; thence southerly along said centerline of Ostrom Avenue to its intersection with the centerline of Euclid Avenue; thence westerly along said

centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Comstock Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Colvin Street; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with an eastern elongation of Vincent Street; thence westerly along said elongation and centerline of Vincent Street to its intersection with the centerline of Jamesville Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Thurber Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Brighton Avenue; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of an easterly elongation of the centerline of Hobart Avenue, thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Salina Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bennington Drive; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Menlo Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fillmore Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Salina Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Florence Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stevens Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Glen Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Monticello Drive North; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Orlando Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Seneca Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Seneca Turnpike; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Seneca Turnpike; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek; thence northerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ballantyne Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek Boulevard; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Newell Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek; thence northerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Tallman Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bellevue Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Clairmont Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stolp Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Summit Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Park Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Summit Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Colvin Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Strathmore Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Robineau Road; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Twin Hills Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Alanson Road; thence southwestly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stinard Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Arden Drive; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Carlton Road; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Geddes Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Glenwood Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of McDonald Road; thence southwestly along said centerline to its intersection with the city line of the City of Syracuse and town line of the Town of Onondaga; thence generally southerly,

easterly, and northerly along said city line to the point of beginning.

SIXTEENTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

Portions of the City of Syracuse bounded by a line described as follows: BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the centerlines of East Colvin Street and Comstock Avenue; thence southeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with an eastern elongation of the centerline of Vincent Street; thence westerly along said elongation and centerline of Vincent Street to its intersection with the centerline of Jamesville Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Thurber Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Brighton Avenue; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of an easterly elongation of the centerline of Hobart Avenue, thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Salina Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Bennington Drive; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Menlo Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Fillmore Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Salina Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Florence Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Stevens Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Glen Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Monticello Drive North; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Orlando Avenue; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Seneca Drive; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Seneca Turnpike; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Seneca Turnpike; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek; thence northerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ballantyne Road; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek Boulevard; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Newell Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek; thence northerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Tallman Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Onondaga Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Delaware Street; thence northwesterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Holland Street; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Slocum Avenue; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Shonnard Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Niagara Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Gifford Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Oswego Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Marcellus Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Tioga Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Fayette Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South West Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Erie Boulevard West; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Onondaga Creek; thence southerly along said creek centerline to its intersection with the centerline of West Onondaga Street; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with

the centerline of East Onondaga Street; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Warren Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Onondaga Street; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Montgomery Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Onondaga Street; thence northeasterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South State Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of North State Street; thence northerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the southbound lane of Interstate Route 81; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of the eastbound lane of Interstate Route 690; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Catherine Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Erie Boulevard East; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Walnut Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Fayette Street; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Pine Street; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Ashworth Place; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of University Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of East Adams Street; thence westerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of South Crouse Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of University Place; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of College Place; thence southerly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Euclid Avenue; thence easterly along said centerline to its intersection with the centerline of Comstock Avenue; thence southerly along said centerline to the point of beginning.

Section 207. CHANGE IN DISTRICTS.

The county legislature shall appoint a commission to evaluate the existing county legislative districts for equity and representation in relation to population within six months after the publication of the results of the regular federal census taken in Onondaga County in 1970; or within six months after the publication of the results of any federal or special population census, taken pursuant to section 20 of the General Municipal Law and held not more than once every five years; or, after any annexation which has the effect of increasing or decreasing the population of any county legislative district by more than ten percent.

Such commission shall consist of the members of the county board of elections, the chairman of the county legislature, one person selected by the county executive, one person selected by the legislative members of the majority political party represented on the county legislature and one person selected by the legislative members of the minority party or parties represented on the county legislature. The commission shall study the population data and within three months after appointment make recommendations, if necessary, in the form of a proposed local law as to changes in the boundaries of county legislative districts. In their deliberation to redesign the legislative districts, the commission shall consider the application of the "one-person, one-vote" concept of recent federal court decisions and also compliance with the equal protection clauses of the 14th amendment of the United States constitution and Article I, sections I and II of the New York State constitution.

Within three months after the submission of the report of the commission which will be submitted to the county legislature in the form of a proposed local law, the county legislature shall conduct a public hearing on the proposed changes, if any, and shall then enact a local law setting forth revised district

boundaries subject to a permissive referendum at the next general election. If such local law is defeated in a referendum, the legislative district revision commission shall be reactivated to study and prepare a new proposed law for submission to the county legislature at least ninety days prior to the next general election subject to the same procedures and requirements as provided above.

Section 208. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATURE.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the county legislature shall have and exercise all of the powers and duties now conferred on the Onondaga County board of supervisors and now or hereafter generally conferred on said legislature and on boards of supervisors or other governing bodies of counties in the State of New York by applicable law, and all powers necessarily incidental thereto, and shall for the purposes of general laws conferring powers upon boards of supervisors be deemed a board of supervisors.

The county legislature shall be the policy determining body of the county and shall be vested with all the powers of the county. The county legislature shall have, but not by way of limitation, the following powers and duties:

- (a) To make appropriations, levy taxes, incur indebtedness and adopt the budget.
- (b) To exercise all powers of local legislation in relation to enacting, amending or rescinding local laws, legalizing acts, ordinances or resolutions, subject to veto by the county executive in such instances as are specifically provided in this charter or by other applicable law.
- (c) By local law to adopt, amend and repeal an administrative code which shall set forth the details of administration of the county government consistent with the provisions of this charter and may contain revisions, simplifications, consolidations, codifications and restatements of special laws, local laws, ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations consistent with this charter of amendments thereto.
- (d) By local law to create, alter, combine or abolish administrative units not headed by elective officers.
- (e) To adopt by resolution all necessary rules and regulations for its conduct and procedure.
- (f) To fix the compensation of all officers and employees paid from county funds except members of the judiciary and except that the compensation of any elected official paid from county funds shall not be decreased during his term of office.
- (g) To fix the amount of bonds of officers and employees paid from county funds.
- (h) To make or cause to be made such studies, audits or post audits and investigations as it deems to be in the best interest of the county, and in connection therewith to obtain professional and technical advice, appoint temporary advisory boards of citizens, subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and require the production of books, papers and other evidence, deemed necessary or material to such study, audit or investigation.
- (i) To legalize and validate any act had and taken in connection with a lawful municipal purpose or

for a lawful municipal object or purpose, by the governing board or other local body, officer or agency of a municipality wholly within the county in the manner provided by section 227 of the county law.

- (j) To determine and make provision for any matter of county government not otherwise provided for, including but not restricted to any necessary matter involved in the transition to this charter form of government.

Section 209. LOCAL LAWS; DEFINITION; POWER TO ADOPT; AMEND AND REPEAL; EFFECT ON LEGISLATIVE ACTS.

A local law is a law adopted pursuant to this charter within the power granted by the constitution, act of the legislature or provision of this charter. This term shall not include a resolution, ordinance or legalizing act.

The county may adopt, amend and repeal a local law. A local law may relate to the property, affairs or government of the county or any other subject matter of county concern. In the exercise of such power the county may change, supersede or amend any act of the New York state legislature except as otherwise specifically prohibited by article 6 or 6-a of the county law. Such power shall include but be not limited to whatever power is vested in any county in the state of New York or the elective governing body thereof to adopt, amend and repeal local laws granted by any provisions of general laws, special laws, charters, administrative codes, special acts or local laws.

Section 210. ADOPTION; EXECUTIVE APPROVAL REQUIRED; RECONSIDERATION AFTER VETO.

The county executive shall have power, within ten (10) days after its passage, to veto any local law passed by the county legislature. A duplicate of every local law shall be certified by the clerk of the county legislature and filed by the said clerk with the county executive within (5) days after its passage. If the county executive approves it, he shall sign it and return it to such clerk and it shall be deemed to be adopted. If he vetoes it, he shall return it to such clerk and must set forth his written objections thereto and the clerk shall present the same with such objections to the county legislature at its next regular or special meeting and such objections shall be entered in its Journal. The county legislature within forty-five (45) days after its return to the clerk may by a two-thirds vote of the whole number of its members, override such veto. Only one vote shall be had to override such veto which vote shall be taken by roll call and entered in the Journal. If within ten (10) days after its passage the county executive shall not return it either approved or vetoed to the clerk, it shall be deemed to be adopted with like effect as if he had approved and signed it.

Section 211. FILING AND PUBLICATION OF LOCAL LAWS; JUDICIAL NOTICE.

The filing and publication of local laws shall be as provided by section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and the courts shall take judicial notice of all local laws and of rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

Section 212. REFERENDUM.

A local law shall be subject to mandatory or permissive referendum when required by this charter, the

administrative code or applicable law. Where no mandatory or permissive referendum is so required, the county legislature may, nevertheless, provide in a local law that a referendum shall be had or that it shall be subject to permissive referendum.

Section 213. EFFECTIVE DATE.

After adoption, every local law shall become effective when filed in the office of the secretary of state or on such later date as in said local law provided.

Section 214. ORDINANCES.

Ordinances may be adopted by the county legislature subject to veto by the county executive. The procedure shall be the same as herein provided for the adoption of local laws except that an ordinance shall not be subject to referendum, mandatory or permissive. An ordinance may provide for any subject matter of county concern not required to be provided by local law, legalizing act or resolution of the county legislature.

Such ordinances may provide for its enforcement by legal or equitable proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, may prescribe that violations thereof shall constitute offenses or misdemeanors and may provide for punishment of violations by civil penalty or by fine and imprisonment or by two or more such penalties or punishments.

Ordinances and their application, particular subjects and form may be as further provided in the administrative code.

ARTICLE II: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 26 – 2010	206	Reduce districts and legislators from 19 to 17 (language further changed by LL No. 5 – 2011).
LL No. 5 – 2011, as amended by LL No. 6 - 2011	206	Reapportionment.
LL No. 2 – 2025	206	Update district boundaries for all 17 districts.
LL No. 14 – 2025	202	Changing term of Legislators to four (4) years, beginning after the 2026 election. See also Chapter 741 of the Laws of 2023 of the State of New York, also referred to as the Even Year Election Law.
LL No. 14 – 2025	202	Adding term limits to Legislators; limit of three (3) consecutive four-year terms.
LL No. 14 – 2025	203	Changing organizational meetings of the Legislature to occur every fourth year beginning in 2027.

ARTICLE III

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Section

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Section 301. THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; ELECTION; TERM; QUALIFICATIONS.

The executive branch of county government shall be administered by the county executive, who shall be elected from the county at large. Upon approval of the county charter at the 1961 general election, the board of supervisors shall, prior to January 1, 1962, appoint a qualified elector of the county to fill the vacancy in the office of county executive and to serve from the date of such appointment through December 31, 1962. The first term of office of the county executive shall be from such date of appointment through December 31, 1967. A county executive shall be elected at the general election in 1962 to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the first term of office of such county executive, and shall serve from January 1, 1963 through December 31, 1967. A county executive shall be elected at the general election in 1967 and every fourth year thereafter at the general election, and he shall take office on January first, immediately succeeding his election.

His term of office then and thereafter shall be for four (4) years. At the time of his election and throughout his term of office he shall be a qualified elector of the county. The county executive shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall hold no other public office, except as provided in Section 311 hereof.

Section 302. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The county executive, in addition to any other powers and duties provided by this charter, shall:

- (a) Be the chief executive officer and administrative head of the county government.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided in this charter, and subject to confirmation where so provided, appoint to serve during his pleasure the head of every department and other administrative units of the county and the officers and employees of his office.

- (c) Supervise and direct the internal organization and reorganization of each department or other administrative units the head of which he has the power to appoint.
- (d) Be the chief budget officer of the county and be responsible for preparation of the operating and capital budgets of the county.
- (e) Determine and fix real property tax equalization rates among the various taxing districts of the county for county purposes and file the same with the board of supervisors on or before the first day of November in each year.
- (f) Have authority to appoint and terminate one or more temporary advisory boards or committees of citizens of the county who shall, without compensation other than such necessary expenses as may be provided in the budget, assist in the consideration of county administrative policies and programs.
- (g) Designate one or more depositories located within the county for the deposit of all moneys received by the commissioner of finance.
- (h) Examine and approve or disapprove the sufficiency of sureties on official bonds and undertakings.
- (i) Report to the board of supervisors annually at the close of the fiscal year or as soon thereafter as practicable, but in no event later than the first day of March, and at such other times as the board of supervisors shall direct, the activities of the several administrative units of the county during the preceding fiscal year in such detail as the board of supervisors shall direct.
- (j) Appoint a member of the board of supervisors to serve as chairman of such board (1) for the remainder of the calendar year in case the board of supervisors has failed to select a chairman on or before February first, or (2) for the unexpired term of the previous chairman in case the board of supervisors has failed to select a chairman within thirty days after a vacancy has occurred in the office of the chairman.
- (k) Perform such other duties and have such other powers as may be prescribed for him by law, administrative code, county ordinance or resolution.
- (l) In addition to the powers set forth in this charter or the administrative code, have and be responsible for the exercise of all executive and administrative powers in relation to any and all functions of county government not otherwise specified in this charter or the administrative code.
- (m) Have all necessary incidental powers to perform and exercise any of the duties and functions specified above or lawfully delegated to him.

Section 303. REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

The county executive may be removed by the governor in the manner provided in the public officers law for the removal of other county officers.

Section 304. ACTING COUNTY EXECUTIVE; HOW DESIGNATED; WHEN TO ACT.

The county executive shall within (10) days upon taking office designate in writing one or more appointive department or executive division heads, to perform the duties of the county executive during the latter's temporary inability to perform by reason of absence from the county or disability. Such appointment, with order of succession specified, shall be filed with the clerk of the board of supervisors and county clerk. Any such designation may be revoked by the county executive at any time by filing a new designation with the clerk of the board of supervisors and county clerk. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the county executive, the acting county executive shall serve until the vacancy is filled pursuant to this charter.

In the event that no acting county executive has been designated or is able to serve, the board of supervisors shall designate an appointive department or executive division head to perform the duties of the office during the inability of the county executive to perform by reason of absence from the county or disability.

Section 305. DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.
[repealed by Local Law No. 9 – 1995]

Section 306. DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND COMMUNICATIONS.

There shall be within the Office of the County Executive a Division of Research and Communications headed by a Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, subject to confirmation of the Onondaga County Legislature. The Director of Research and Communications shall maintain up-to-date records of all research and study programs conducted by or on behalf of the County, initiate, implement and coordinate research activities, studies and programs involving the County, its activities, services and government, maintain a complete library of newspaper, radio, television or other media reports regarding or affecting the County or its government, and assist the County Executive with such other and related duties as maybe required by the County Executive.

Section 307. DIVISION OF PURCHASE; POWERS AND DUTIES;
PURCHASING ACT REPEALED.

There shall be in the office of the county executive a division of purchase headed by a purchasing director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code, the purchasing director shall:

- (a) In accordance with requirements for advertising and competitive bidding make all purchases and sales of materials, supplies, and equipment, and contract for the rental or servicing of equipment for the county.
- (b) Approve and execute certain contracts as shall be prescribed in the administrative code.
- (c) Have and exercise all the powers and all the duties conferred or imposed upon the county purchasing agent as provided by the Onondaga county purchasing agent act, being chapter 20 of the laws of 1906 as amended. Except as provided herein the Onondaga county purchasing

agent act, being chapter 20 of the laws of 1906 as amended, is hereby repealed as of January 1, 1962.

Section 308. DIVISION OF TRAFFIC SAFETY; TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD.

There shall be in the office of the county executive a division of traffic safety headed by a traffic safety director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. Such director shall have all the powers and perform all the duties now or hereafter imposed on a county traffic safety board by law.

There may be in the division a traffic safety advisory board the members of which shall be appointed by the county executive. Such advisory board shall at the request of the director, and may on its own initiative, advise on matters relating to traffic safety in the county.

Section 309. DIVISION OF RECREATION AND ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS.

There shall be in the office of the county executive a division of recreation and associated programs headed by a recreation and associated programs director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. Such director shall have such powers and perform such duties in relation to county recreation and associated programs including county parks, war memorial and other county auditoria and such other facilities as shall be prescribed in the administrative code.

Section 310. OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENT; DIRECTOR.

There shall be an Office of Environment headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The initial appointment shall be for a term of one (1) year with the Director afterward serving at the pleasure of the County Executive. All subsequent appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office.

The Director of Environment shall execute environmental policy for the County Executive and the Legislature and shall be responsible for the development of environmental policy. The Director shall be the representative of the County Executive and Legislature in matters involving the environment.

Section 311. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS; TERM; INTERIM APPOINTMENT;
APPOINTMENT OF OTHER OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the county executive shall appoint, to serve during his pleasure or for such term as may be specified in this charter, the head of every department or other administrative unit not administered by an elective official. The appointment by the county executive of the head of each department, or other administrative unit including executive division, shall be subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. The county executive may appoint one head for two or more departments or other administrative units, subject to all requirements as to qualifications and confirmation, or may himself so serve without such confirmation.

All appointments shall be in writing, signed by the county executive and filed in the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors and the county clerk within ten days after the date of appointment. No

such appointee shall hold office beyond the term of the county executive by whom the appointment was made, except that unless removed he shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed and has qualified or until an interim appointment is made unless otherwise provided in this charter or administrative code.

Upon confirmation by the board of supervisors and qualifying for the office, an appointee to the position of head of a department or other administrative unit shall enter upon the duties thereof. In the event the board of supervisors has neither confirmed nor rejected by majority vote an appointment within a period of forty-five (45) days after the filing thereof with the clerk of the board, such appointment shall be deemed to be confirmed. Awaiting action by the board of supervisors, the county executive may designate a qualified person to serve as such head for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days in any calendar year.

All other officers and employees of each department or other administrative unit shall be appointed by the head thereof unless otherwise provided by this charter or the administrative code.

Section 312. CONFIRMATION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

Confirmation of appointment when required shall be by affirmative vote of a majority of the whole number of members of the board of supervisors taken at a regular or special meeting.

ARTICLE III: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 9 – 1995		Repealed Division of Management and Budget

ARTICLE IV

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

Section

401. Department of Finance; Chief Fiscal Officer;
Board of Equalization and Elective Office of Treasurer abolished.
402. Powers and Duties.

Section 401. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE; CHIEF FISCAL OFFICER;
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND ELECTIVE OFFICE OF TREASURER
ABOLISHED.

There shall be a Department of Finance headed by a Chief Officer. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall be appointed on the basis of his or her administrative experience and his or her qualifications for the duties of the office by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The Onondaga County Equalization Board, being Chapter 988 of the laws of 1946 as amended, is repealed, and the elective office of County Treasurer shall be abolished as of January 1, 1962.

Section 402. POWERS AND DUTIES.

Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, the Chief Fiscal Officer shall:

- (a) Be the Chief Fiscal Officer of the County and have charge of the administration of all its financial affairs.
- (b) Collect, receive, have custody of, deposit, invest and disburse all fees, revenues and other funds of the County or for which the County is responsible.
- (c) Perform all duties now performed by a County Treasurer or other County officer in relation to the collection of taxes.
- (d) Perform all duties in relation to the extension of taxes and such other and related duties in connection therewith as shall be prescribed by the County Executive or County Legislature.
- (e) Keep a record of the transfer of title to real property and immediately notify the town clerk or the city commissioner of assessment of all such transfers in each town or city, as the case may be.
- (f) Make available a consultation and advisory service to assist local assessors in the performance of their duties and in the establishment and maintenance of suitable procedures and facilities to improve assessment records and practices.
- (g) Submit annually to the County Executive proposed county tax equalization rates consistent with the standards prescribed by the legislature of the state of New York.
- (h) Within the Management and Budget Division, maintain at least two units, which shall be the

Budget Administration Unit and the Insurance Division.

- (i) Assist the County Executive in the preparation and administration of the operating and capital budgets and the capital program, recommend to and assist departments in affecting improvements in organization, management methods and procedures, and report to the County Executive findings regarding the effectiveness of policy management, internal organization and operative procedures.
- (j) Perform such other and related duties as shall be required delegated to him or her by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

ARTICLE IV: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 9 – 1995	Article IV	Created Chief Fiscal Officer

ARTICLE V

DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL

Section

501. Department of audit and control; comptroller; election; auditor's act repealed;
502. Powers and duties.

Section 501. DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL; COMPTROLLER; ELECTION;
AUDITOR'S ACT REPEALED.

There shall be a department of audit and control headed by a comptroller who shall be elected from the county at large. His term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his election, and shall be for four years, except that the person serving as county auditor at the time immediately prior to this charter taking effect shall serve as comptroller until December 31, 1962, and a comptroller shall be elected from the county at large at the general election in November, 1962, for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 1963. At the time of his election and throughout his term of office he shall be a qualified elector of the county. He shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall hold no- other public office. The Onondaga county auditor's act, being chapter 5 of the laws of 1917, as amended, is hereby repealed as of January 1, 1962.

Section 502. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The comptroller shall:

- (a) Be the chief accounting and auditing officer of the county.
- (b) Keep records of appropriations, encumbrances and expenditures, and prescribe approved methods of accounting for county officers and administrative units.
- (c) Examine all requisitions for the encumbering of funds for the expenditures for which the county is responsible, and certify as to the availability of funds therefore.
- (d) Audit and certify for payment all lawful claims or charges against the county or against funds for which the county is responsible.
- (e) Annually and at such times as he may deem appropriate, and at such other times as directed by the county executive or board of supervisors, audit the financial records and accounts of all officers and employees charged with any duty relating to county funds or funds for which the county is responsible.
- (f) Procure statements from all depositories of county funds and funds for which the county is responsible and reconcile such statements with the county accounts.
- (g) Submit to the board of supervisors and county executive reports in such form and detail and at such time as may be prescribed by the board of supervisors or county executive.

- (h) Perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the county executive or board of supervisors.

ARTICLE V: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE VI

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Section

- 601. Fiscal year.
- 602. Preparation of proposed tentative budget and capital program.
- 603. Tentative budget and capital program by county executive.
- 604. Public hearing.
- 605. Adoption of budget.
- 606. Levy of taxes; inclusion of reserve for uncollected taxes.
- 607. Appropriations: supplemental and emergency.
- 608. Appropriations: reduction and transfer after budget adoption.
- 609. Certain resolutions of board of supervisors subject to executive veto.
- 610. Certain obligations and payments prohibited.
- 611. Performance of acts: scheduling.

Section 601. FISCAL YEAR.

The fiscal year of the county shall begin with the first day of January and end with the last day of December of each year.

Section 602. PREPARATION OF PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET
AND CAPITAL PROGRAM.

The Chief Fiscal Officer shall prepare the proposed tentative budget and capital program for submission to the county executive in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by this charter or the administrative code.

Section 603. TENTATIVE BUDGET AND CAPITAL PROGRAM
BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

On or before the fifteenth day of September of each year, the County Executive shall submit to the Clerk of the County Legislature, for consideration by such Legislature or a committee designated by the Legislature, a tentative budget for the ensuing fiscal year, a capital program for the next six fiscal years, and an accompanying budget message.

Upon submission, the tentative budget, the capital program and the budget message shall become a public record in the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors. Copies of the same shall be made available by the county executive for distribution.

The tentative budget as submitted by the county executive shall present a complete financial plan for the county and its administrative units for the ensuing fiscal year setting forth all proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues, and shall include: (1) an operation and maintenance expense budget and (2) a capital budget covering debt service, down payments and other current capital financing, and proposed borrowing. Unencumbered balances at the end of each completed fiscal year, except where appropriated for a capital improvement or other authorized continuing project, shall be

treated as revenues for the county budget of the second ensuing fiscal year. The tentative budget as submitted by the County Executive shall include information identifying every officer and employee paid pursuant to a Letter of Distribution, including the share of the salary and benefits paid by the respective departments pursuant to said Letter of Distribution.

The county executive's budget message shall outline the existing and any proposed financial policies of the county as they relate to the main features of the tentative budget. It shall contain an explanation of such features which shall include, but may not be limited to, a general summary thereof, with supporting schedules. Such schedules shall exhibit the aggregate figures of the tentative budget in such manner as to show a balanced relationship between the total estimated expenditures and the total estimated income for the ensuing fiscal year, and shall compare these figures with the actual receipts and expenditures for the last completed fiscal year and the appropriations for the current fiscal year. Such budget message shall outline the existing and any proposed financial policies of the county relating to the capital program and shall describe each capital improvement proposed to be undertaken within the ensuing fiscal year, showing the estimated cost, the pending or proposed method of financing it and the projected operation and maintenance expense. The budget message shall contain such additional information or comments as are deemed advisable by the county executive.

The board of supervisors or a committee designated by such board shall review the tentative budget, the capital program and the budget message as submitted to the board of supervisors by the county executive and shall, not later than the first day of October, file with the clerk of the board of supervisors its report including any recommendations proposed therein. Such report shall become a public record in the office of the clerk of the board of supervisors. Copies of the same shall be made available by the clerk of the board of supervisors for distribution.

Section 604. PUBLIC HEARING.

Not later than the first day of October the clerk of the board of supervisors shall cause to be published in the official newspapers and such other newspapers as may be designated by the board of supervisors, a notice of the place and time, not less than five days after such publication nor later than the tenth day of October, at which the board of supervisors or a committee designated by such board will hold a public hearing on the tentative budget, the capital program and the budget message submitted by the county executive, and the report submitted by the board of supervisors or a committee designated by such board.

Section 605. ADOPTION OF BUDGET.

- (a) After the conclusion of the public hearing, the board of supervisors may strike items of appropriation or anticipated revenues from the tentative budget or reduce items therein, excepting appropriations required by law or for debt service. The board may add items to or increase items in such budget, provided that such additions or increases are stated separately and distinctly. Decreases shall not require executive approval.
- (b) If the budget is adopted by the resolution of the board of supervisors with no additions or increases, such budget shall be deemed to have been adopted without any further action by the county executive; if however, the budget as passed by the board of supervisors contains any such additions or increases, the same shall be presented by the clerk of the board to the county executive not later than the fifteenth day of October, for his consideration of such additions or

increases. If the county executive approves all the additions and increases, he shall affix his signature to a statement thereof and return the budget and such statement to the clerk of the board. The budget, including the additions and increases as part thereof, shall then be deemed adopted.

- (c) The county executive may object to any one or more of such added or increased items, and in such case shall append to the budget a statement of the added or increased items to which he objects with the reasons for his objections, and shall, not later than the twentieth day of October, return the budget with his objections to the clerk of the board who shall present the same to the board of supervisors at a meeting to be held not later than the twenty-fifth day of October. The board of supervisors shall thereupon enter the objections upon its journal and proceed to reconsider the additions and increases so objected to. If upon such consideration two-thirds of all members of the board of supervisors vote to approve such additions and increases, or any of them, the budget with the additions and increases so approved, together with any additions and increases not so objected to by the county executive, shall by resolution, be deemed adopted.
- (d) If a budget with additions or increases is not returned by the county executive to the clerk of the board with his objection on or before the twentieth day of October, it shall be deemed adopted.
- (e) If a budget has not been adopted, as herein provided, on or before the first Monday of November, then the tentative budget as submitted by the county executive, plus all additions and increases to which he has failed to object, shall be the budget for the ensuing fiscal year.
- (f) Four copies of the budget as adopted shall be certified by the county executive and by the clerk of the board of supervisors. One such copy shall be filed in the office of the county executive and one each in the offices of the comptroller, the commissioner of finance and the clerk of the board of supervisors. The budget as so certified shall be printed or otherwise reproduced and copies shall be made available.

Section 606. LEVY OF TAXES: INCLUSION OF RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

The net county tax requirement, determined by subtracting the total estimated revenues from the total proposed expenditures as set forth in the adopted budget, shall be levied in advance by the board of supervisors on the taxable real property of the several tax districts of the county. The taxes so levied shall include an amount to be known as "reserve for uncollected taxes" which shall be a county charge. The board of supervisors shall fix the amount of such reserve at such a sum as they may deem sufficient to produce in cash from the collection of taxes and other revenues during the year moneys required to meet the estimated expenditures of such year, provided, however, that such reserve shall be not less than the face amount of unpaid taxes for the preceding completed fiscal year.

Section 607. APPROPRIATIONS: SUPPLEMENTAL AND EMERGENCY.

If during any fiscal year there are available for appropriation (1) revenues received from sources not anticipated in the budget for that year or (2) revenues received from anticipated sources but in excess of the budget estimates therefor, the board of supervisors may make supplemental appropriations for the year not in excess however, of such additional revenues.

To meet a public emergency affecting life, health or property, the board of supervisors may make emergency appropriations. To the extent that there are no available unappropriated revenues to meet such appropriations, the board of supervisors may authorize the issuance of obligations pursuant to the local finance law.

Section 608. APPROPRIATIONS: REDUCTION AND TRANSFER AFTER BUDGET ADOPTION.

If at any time during the fiscal year it appears that the revenues available will be insufficient to meet the amounts appropriated, the county executive shall report to the county legislature without delay the estimated amount of the deficit, remedial action taken by him, and his recommendations as to further action. The county legislature shall take such action as it deems necessary to prevent or minimize any deficit. For that purpose it may by resolution reduce one or more appropriations; but no appropriation for debt service may be reduced, and no appropriation may be reduced by more than the unencumbered balance thereof or below any amount required by law to be appropriated. The legislature may also if it so desires borrow temporarily pursuant to the Local Finance Law in an amount not greater than such deficit for such purpose.

The county executive may at any time during the fiscal year transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance between classifications or expenditures within or among administrative units, provided that prior approval by resolution of the county legislature shall be required .if the proposed transfer (1) would result in an increase exceeding seven thousand five hundred dollars annually, or such larger amount as may be prescribed by local law, during the fiscal year in any one line item in the budget as adopted or (2) would affect any salary rate or salary total except as expressly permitted in this charter or the administrative code. If the county executive requests in writing, the county legislature by resolution effective immediately may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance from one county administrative unit to another. But no transfer shall be made from appropriations for debt service, and no appropriation may be reduced below any amount required by law to be appropriated.

Section 609. CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE VETO.

A resolution of the board of supervisors for any of the following specified purposes shall be submitted to the county executive for his approval or veto in the same manner as provided in this charter for the adoption of ordinances: (a) an allocation from the budget contingency fund; (b) a supplemental or emergency appropriation; (c) the issuance of budget notes or notes in anticipation of the collection of taxes or revenues; and (d) the issuance of bonds, bond anticipation notes or capital notes.

Section 610. CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND PAYMENTS PROHIBITED.

No payment shall be authorized or made and no obligation incurred against the county except in accordance with appropriations duly made, or except as permitted otherwise by the local finance law; provided that this shall not be construed to prevent contracting for capital improvements to be financed by borrowing, or entering into any lawful contract or lease providing for the payment of funds beyond the end of the current fiscal year.

Section 611. PERFORMANCE OF ACTS; SCHEDULING.

Whenever the scheduling of the performance of an act shall be fixed by this article the same may be changed by the administrative code or an amendment thereof.

ARTICLE VI: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 4 – 2012	603, third paragraph, add final sentence	Require information about Letters of Distribution to be included with the Executive's Budget submission

ARTICLE VII

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

Section

- 701. Department of law; county attorney.
- 702. Powers and duties.
- 703. Deputy and assistant county attorneys.

Section 701. DEPARTMENT OF LAW; COUNTY ATTORNEY.

There shall be a department of law headed by the county attorney, who shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. He shall be duly admitted to the practice of law in the state of New York and a resident of the county of Onondaga. He shall serve at the pleasure of the county executive.

Section 702. POWERS AND DUTIES.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code, the county attorney shall be the sole legal advisor for the county and, on its behalf in county matters of a civil nature, advise all county officers and employees and, where in the interest of the county, prepare all necessary papers and written instruments in connection therewith; prosecute or defend all actions or proceedings of a civil nature brought by or against the county; prepare resolutions, ordinances, legalizing acts and local laws to be presented for action by the board of supervisors, together with notices and other items in connection therewith; and perform such other and related duties as may be prescribed by law, by the county executive or by resolution of the board of supervisors. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the Chairman of the County Legislature, upon a finding by the Chairman that a conflict of interest may be present or that it is in the best interest of the County Legislature, from using outside counsel or a specifically designated Legislative Counsel to provide legal assistance, including, but not limited to, the preparation of resolutions, ordinances, legalizing acts and local laws to be presented for action by the County Legislature, the successor in interest of the board of supervisors. Such outside counsel or specifically designated Legislative Counsel may seek the advice of the county attorney as to form and legality in the preparation of resolutions, ordinances, legalizing acts and local laws.

Section 703. DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS.

The county attorney shall have the power to appoint such confidential deputy county attorneys and assistant county attorneys as shall be authorized by the board of supervisors and within the appropriations made therefor. Such appointees shall be in the exempt class of the civil service, and shall serve at the pleasure of the county attorney.

ARTICLE VII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 2 – 2018	Add final two sentences to Section 702	Relates to the County Legislature’s authority to hire outside counsel to provide legal services, including the preparation of legislation

ARTICLE VIII

DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS

Section

- 801. Department of records; county clerk, election.
- 802. Powers and duties.

Section 801. DEPARTMENT OF RECORDS; COUNTY CLERK; ELECTION.

There shall be a department of records headed by the county clerk, who shall be elected from the county at large. His term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his election, and shall be for four years except that the county clerk elected at the general election of November, 1961, shall have a term of two years, and every county clerk elected thereafter shall have a term of four years. At the time of his election and throughout his term of office he shall be a qualified elector of the county. He shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall hold no other public office.

Section 802. POWERS AND DUTIES.

Except where inconsistent with this charter, the county clerk shall have and exercise all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon him by any applicable law. He shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the county executive or the board of supervisors.

ARTICLE VIII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE IX

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Section

- 901. Election.
- 902. Powers and duties.

Section 901. ELECTION.

There shall be a district attorney who shall be elected from the county at large. His term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his election, and shall be for four years, except that the provisions of this section shall not take effect until the general election of 1963, at which a district attorney shall be elected for a four year term, to commence on January 1, 1964. At the time of his election and throughout his term of office he shall be a qualified elector of the county and duly admitted to the practice of law in the state of New York. He shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall hold no other public office.

Section 902. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The district attorney shall have and exercise all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon him by any applicable law. He shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the county executive or board of supervisors.

ARTICLE IX: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE X

SHERIFF

Section

- 1001. Election.
- 1002. Powers and duties.
- 1003. Chief Deputy of Custody.

Section 1001. ELECTION.

There shall be a sheriff who shall be elected from the county at large. His term of office shall begin with the first day of January next following his election, and shall be for four years, except that the provisions of this section shall not take effect until the general election of 1963, at which a sheriff shall be elected for a four year term, to commence on January 1, 1964. At the time of his election and throughout his term of office he shall be a qualified elector of the county. He shall devote his whole time to the duties of his office and shall hold no other public office.

Section 1002. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The sheriff shall have and exercise all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon him by any applicable law. He shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the county executive or board of supervisors.

Section 1003. CHIEF DEPUTY OF CUSTODY.

There shall be a chief deputy of custody, under the supervision of the Office of the Sheriff, who shall be the head of the county jail, appointed by the Sheriff on the basis of administrative experience and qualifications for the duties of the office, consistent with requirements of applicable law. The chief deputy shall have and exercise all the powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon a chief administrative officer of a county jail by any applicable law. Such officer shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the Sheriff, the County Executive, or County Legislature.

ARTICLE X: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 14 – 2017	Add 1003	Move responsibility for supervising Corrections to within the Sheriff's Office, passed at referendum.
LL No. 1 – 2023	Strike prior Section 1003; Amend with new provision.	Establish position of Chief Deputy of Custody.

ARTICLE XI

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

[Repealed by Local Law No. 1 - 1975]

ARTICLE XI: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 1 – 1975		Section 26.04 of Administrative Code provides that “the Department of Public Works shall cease to exist on the effective date of [the Administrative Code]”.

ARTICLE XII

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Section

- 1201. County planning board.
- 1202. Powers and duties of the County planning board.
- 1203. Department of planning; director.
- 1204. Powers and duties of the director.

Section 1201. COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

There shall be a County planning board, the members of which shall be appointed by the County Executive. The composition of such board in relation to the number of members and the terms of such members shall be as provided in the administrative code.

Section 1202. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD.

The County planning board shall:

- (a) Exercise all the powers and duties of a county planning board heretofore or hereafter lawfully granted or imposed by this charter, local law, ordinance or resolution of the County Legislature, order or direction of the County Executive, or by any applicable provision authorized by any act of the legislature not inconsistent with the County charter or the administrative code.
- (b) Serve as advisor to the County Executive, to County departments, offices, agencies of the County, and to the County Legislature on all planning matters relating to the development of the County.
- (c) Delegate any or all of its advisory functions relating to planning to the Department of Planning, except as otherwise provided by law.

Section 1203. DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING; DIRECTOR.

There shall be a Department of Planning headed by a Director who shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office. The Director shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section 1204. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR.

Except as otherwise provided in the County charter or the administrative code, the Director shall: prepare and maintain a comprehensive development plan for the County; coordinate all planning activities which affect the County; cooperate with all municipalities on planning matters including providing professional planning services under mutual agreement; be responsible for conducting all planning studies and work delegated to the Department of Planning by the County planning board;

serve, or appoint a representative(s) to serve, as secretary to the County planning board; be responsible for employing and supervising an adequate planning staff within budget appropriations; coordinate and develop operations to assist the County planning board; serve, or appoint a representative(s) to serve, the County planning board; carry out any inter-municipal planning agreements; and perform such other and related duties as may be prescribed by the County Executive or required by law. The Director may appoint such Deputy Directors, within appropriations therefore, who shall possess adequate experience, training or education in planning, geographic information systems management, or other related fields. The Director is authorized to create such divisions as are necessary to perform the functions and duties of the office.

ARTICLE XII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 4 – 2023	Entirety of Article XII.	Establish the Onondaga County Department of Planning and its functions and duties.

ARTICLE XIII

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL

Section

- 1301. Department of personnel; commissioner.
- 1302. Powers and duties.
- 1303. Application of Article XIII; Onondaga county civil service commission abolished.

Section 1301. DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL; COMMISSIONER.

There shall be a department of personnel headed by a commissioner. He shall be appointed on the basis of his administrative experience and his qualifications for the duties of the office by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors, for a term of six (6) years as provided in the civil service law.

Section 1302. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The commissioner of personnel shall have, with reference to the civil service of the county, the powers and duties of a county personnel officer as provided in the civil service law, and he shall be subject to supervision and control by the state civil service commission as are county personnel officers. The commissioner shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated-to him by the county executive or board of supervisors.

Section 1303. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII; ONONDAGA COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ABOLISHED.

This article shall become effective January 1, 1963. Thereafter the Onondaga county civil service commission shall be abolished. The present civil service commission shall continue to act during the interim period until January 1, 1963.

ARTICLE XIII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XIV

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES-ECONOMIC SECURITY

Section

1401. Department of Social Services – Economic Security; commissioner.

1402. Powers and duties of the commissioner.

Section 1401. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES-ECONOMIC SECURITY;
COMMISSIONER.

There shall be a Department of Social Services-Economic Security headed by a commissioner. Such official shall be appointed on the basis of the candidate’s administrative experience and qualifications for the duties of the office by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature.

Section 1402. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter or Administrative Code, the Commissioner of Social Services shall:

- (a) have all powers and perform all the duties conferred on or required of a county commissioner of social services under the Social Services Law or other applicable law.
- (b) perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to such official by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

ARTICLE XIV: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 9 – 2013	Replace Article XIV	Provide for Department of Social Services – Economic Security (formerly Department of Social Welfare)

ARTICLE XV

(DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH)

ARTICLE XV: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 9 – 2013		Entire Article repealed (but see Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services and Department of Children and Family Services for performance of duties associated with the Community Services District)

ARTICLE XVI

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Section

- 1601. Application of Article XVI.
- 1602. Department of health; commissioner; appointment; term; qualifications.
- 1603. Powers and duties of the commissioner.
- 1604. Health advisory board.
- 1605. Sanitary code.
- 1606. Organization of the department.
- 1607. Department of health; commissioner; health advisory board; powers and duties.

Section 1601. APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XVI.

In the event that the Onondaga county board of supervisors shall establish a county or part-county health district, then Article XVI of this charter except as otherwise provided herein shall become effective.

Section 1602. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; COMMISSIONER; APPOINTMENT; TERM; QUALIFICATIONS

There shall be a department of health headed by a commissioner of health who shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. The health advisory board shall make recommendations in relation to the appointment of such commissioner.

The commissioner of health shall serve for a term of four (4) years except that the term of office for the commissioner first appointed shall expire with the commencement of the first day of January of the third year succeeding the expiration of the term of office of such county executive making the appointment. Thereafter the term of office of such commissioner of health shall be for a period of four (4) years commencing January first of the third year of such county executive's term of office except as to the filling of vacancy which shall be for the unexpired term of such commissioner.

The commissioner of health shall be a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in the state of New York, and shall be experienced in public health administration and shall possess such qualifications as are prescribed in the state sanitary code or otherwise by the public health council of the state of New York.

Section 1603. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, the commissioner of health shall have all the powers and perform all the duties conferred or imposed upon county or part-county health commissioners and/or county or part-county boards of health by law. He shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the county executive or board of supervisors.

Section 1604. HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD.

There shall be in the department a health advisory board, the members of which shall be appointed by the county executive. The composition of such advisory board in relation to the number of members and the professional governmental or other representation, and the terms of such members, shall be as provided in the public health law for a county or part-county board of health. The health advisory board shall at the request of the commissioner, and may on its own initiative, advise on matters relating to the preservation and improvement of the public health. Such board shall be advisory only except as hereinafter provided.

Section 1605. SANITARY CODE.

The health advisory board may, subject to the approval of the commissioner, recommend and submit to the board of supervisors for adoption, amendment or repeal thereof such rules, regulations, orders and directions relating to health in the county or part-county health district not inconsistent with the public health law or the state sanitary code. Any such rules, regulations, orders and directions so adopted, amended or repeal, in such manner and form as provided in the public health law, by the board of supervisors shall be known as the Onondaga county or part-county sanitary code. The board of supervisors shall have no power to adopt, amend or repeal the same except pursuant to such recommendations.

The provisions of such sanitary code shall have the force and effect of law. Penalties for violation of or non-conformance with such code shall be as provided by such code or other applicable law. Such code shall be published as provided by the public health law; certified copies shall be filed with the commissioner of health, the clerk of the board of supervisors and the county clerk and shall be received in evidence in all courts and proceedings in the state.

Section 1606. ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT

The department of health shall be organized into such divisions and bureaus as shall be prescribed in the administrative code.

Section 1607. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD;
POWERS AND DUTIES

Notwithstanding section 1601 of this article and pending the establishment of a county or part-county health district there shall be (1) a department of health headed by a commissioner, and (2) a health advisory board with advisory powers only if so provided in the administrative code. The appointment, terms of office, and powers and duties of such commissioner and advisory board shall be as provided in the administrative code.

Pending the establishment of a county or part-county health district, the commissioner shall act in an advisory capacity only in relation to the powers and duties of the health officers and departments of the city, the towns and villages of the county or any combination thereof.

ARTICLE XVI: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XVI

MEDICAL EXAMINER

Section

- 1701. Medical examiner; qualifications.
- 1702. Powers and duties.
- 1703. Elective office of coroner abolished.

Section 1701. MEDICAL EXAMINER; QUALIFICATIONS.

There shall be a medical examiner who shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. He shall be a physician duly licensed to practice in the state of New York, and shall have such other qualifications as may be prescribed in the administrative code.

Section 1702. POWERS AND DUTIES.

The medical examiner shall have and exercise all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon him by any applicable law. He shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to him by the county executive or board of supervisors.

Section 1703. ELECTIVE OFFICE OF CORONER ABOLISHED.

The elective office of county coroner shall be abolished as of January 1, 1962.

ARTICLE XVII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XVIII

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

[Repealed]

ARTICLE XVII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 14 – 2017	Repeal Article XVIII	Moved function to Sheriff's Office, passed at referendum

ARTICLE XIX

OTHER COUNTY BOARDS, OFFICES, INSTITUTIONS AND FUNCTIONS.

Section

- 1901. Board of Elections.
- 1902. Probation office; director.
- 1903. Other boards, how appointed.
- 1904. Additional appointments by county executive.
- 1905. Miscellaneous administrative functions.

Section 1901. BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The board of elections, its powers and duties and the method of appointment of the members thereof by the board of supervisors shall continue as provided by law.

Section 1902. PROBATION OFFICE; DIRECTOR.

There shall be an office of probation headed by a probation director, who shall be appointed in the manner provided by the applicable provisions of the Executive Law and the accompanying regulations, as such provisions may be amended, and shall have the powers and duties provided by law.

Section 1903. OTHER BOARDS; HOW APPOINTED.

The board of trustees of the Onondaga county community college if and when created, the fire advisory board, the vocational education and extension board, the soil conservation board of directors and the county youth board shall continue as provided by law except that the power of appointment residing in the board of supervisors or in the chairman thereof of one or more members of each of said boards is transferred to and shall be exercised on and after January 1, 1962, by the county executive. Such appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. The appointment of any head, board or agency in relation to a county sewer, water, drainage or small watershed protection district or to any other county district of a similar nature shall be by the county executive, and shall be subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code, other appointments to boards and like units shall be made by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors.

Section 1904. ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

The county executive shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors, the director of civil defense, the fire coordinator, the director of veterans' service, and the head of any other or additional county administrative unit except as otherwise provided in this charter or administrative code. All such appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the county executive, have such powers and duties as shall be provided by law except as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this charter or the administrative code, and perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to such appointees by the county executive or the board of supervisors.

Section 1905. MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS.

Administrative functions not otherwise assigned by this charter or the administrative code shall be assigned by the county executive to any administrative unit.

ARTICLE XIX: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 9 – 2013	Amend 1902	Align duties of Probation Office & Director with applicable provisions of Executive Law and the accompanying regulations

ARTICLE XX

SERVICE RELATIONSHIPS

Section

- 2001. Local government functions, facilities and powers not transferred, altered or impaired.
- 2002. Contracts with public corporations and public authorities.

Section 2001. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONS, FACILITIES AND POWERS
NOT TRANSFERRED, ALTERED OR IMPAIRED.

No function, facility, duty or power of any city, town, village school district or other district is transferred, altered or impaired by this charter or the administrative code.

Section 2002. CONTRACTS WITH PUBLIC CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

The county of Onondaga shall have power to contract with any public corporation including but not limited to a municipal, district, or public benefit corporation as defined in section 3 of the general corporation law or with any public authority or with any combination of the same for the establishment, maintenance and operation of any facility and the rendering of any service which each of the contracting parties would have legal authority to establish, maintain, operate or render for itself. Each of such contracting parties shall bear a fair proportionate share of the central or administrative costs as agreed upon.

ARTICLE XX: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XXI

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section

- 2101. Administrative and advisory boards.
- 2102. Approval of contracts.
- 2102A. Notice of Disposition of Surplus Real Property.
- 2103. Civil service rights continued; status of certain county officers previously appointed; removal of certain county officers hereafter appointed.
- 2104. Filling vacancy in elective office of county executive.
- 2105. Filling vacancy in elective office of comptroller, county clerk, district attorney or, sheriff.
- 2106. Filling other vacancies.
- 2106A. Appointments and confirmation of appointments by the Onondaga County legislature in certain cases.
- 2107. Power to administer oaths and issue subpoenas.

Section 2101. ADMINISTRATIVE AND ADVISORY BOARDS.

The board of trustees of the Onondaga county community college if and when created shall continue to be an administrative board heading its administrative unit. Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code, every other board, all members of which are appointed by the county executive, shall be an advisory board.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter, advisory boards shall consist of such numbers and the members thereof shall be appointed for such terms as may be provided in the administrative code. Wherever provision is made in this charter or administrative code for the appointment of an advisory board, the members so appointed unless otherwise provided shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Section 2102. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code, any contract to which the county is a party shall require approval by the board of supervisors, if said contract is for: (a) the sale or purchase of real property; (b) the erection, alteration or demolition of a building or structure; (c) the provision of facilities or the rendering of services by, for or with any other unit of government. The county executive shall execute all contracts on behalf of the county, except as otherwise provided in the administrative code.

Section 2102A. NOTICE OF DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY.

Upon recommendation of the appropriate County Department Head that county real property should be disposed of as surplus, the Department Head shall notify in writing the municipalities in which the property is located and the owner(s) of the land contiguous to said surplus property. Said notice shall be provided at least thirty days prior to consideration by the County Legislature of a local law or resolution to dispose of such property. Anyone requesting to purchase county real property shall be advised of the notification procedures set forth herein and shall be advised that the County may

consider other offers to purchase said property.

The notice shall include information as follows:

NOTICE OF LAND SALE/DISPOSITION

The County intends to sell/dispose of land in the Town of _____ identified as Tax Map No. _____. This notice is provided to you as [a contiguous landowner] [a municipality in which the property is located]. You are not required to take any action. However, should you desire to inquire about this sale/disposal, or should you wish to make an offer to purchase said land, you may direct your inquiries to [Department Head - telephone number].

The Department Head shall keep a record of all notices sent.

The provisions of this local law and the notification requirement herein shall not apply to the disposition of property acquired for highway purposes as set forth in County Law Section 215(8), the conveyance of real property to another municipality, the conveyance of real property by easement, nor the disposition of real property by tax sale.

Section 2103. CIVIL SERVICE RIGHTS CONTINUED; STATUS OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS PREVIOUSLY APPOINTED; REMOVAL OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS HEREAFTER APPOINTED.

The civil service status and rights of all county employees and their beneficiaries, including but not limited to those with respect to retirement and social security shall not be affected by this charter. The terms of all county officers whose appointment under this charter is vested in the county executive shall terminate on December 31, 1961, provided that any such officer, unless removed, shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed and has qualified or until an interim appointment is made. Any county officer appointed by the county executive for a fixed term may be removed, prior to the end of such term, after written notice from the county executive. Upon written request, such county officer shall be given an opportunity to be heard by a board of review consisting of three members of the board of supervisors appointed by the chairman thereof. Upon such hearing, removal shall be effected only by a two-thirds vote of such a board of review.

Section 2104. FILLING VACANCY IN ELECTIVE OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE.

A vacancy, otherwise than by expiration of term in the elective office of county executive, shall be filled by appointment by the board of supervisors of a qualified elector of the county. The person so appointed shall hold office by virtue of such appoint² until the commencement of the political year next succeeding the first annual election after the happening of the vacancy, at which election a county executive shall be elected for the balance of the term, if any.

Section 2105. FILLING VACANCY IN ELECTIVE OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER, COUNTY CLERK, DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR SHERIFF.

A vacancy, otherwise than by expiration of term in the elective office of comptroller, county clerk,

² As printed in LL No. 1 – 1961, likely should read “appointment”.

district attorney or sheriff shall be filled by appointment, by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors, of a qualified elector of the county. The person so appointed shall hold office by virtue of such appointment until the commencement of the political year next succeeding the first annual election after the happening of the vacancy, at which election a comptroller, county clerk, district attorney or sheriff, as the case may be, shall be elected for the balance of the term, if any.

Section 2106. FILLING OTHER VACANCIES.

Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code, a vacancy in the office of the head of any administrative unit, the head of which by virtue of this charter the county executive shall have the power to appoint or remove, shall be filled by a person, who shall be appointed on the basis of his administrative experience and his qualifications for the duties of such office by the county executive subject to confirmation by the board of supervisors. Except as otherwise provided in this charter or the administrative code; the head of any administrative unit shall have the power to fill vacancies occurring within such administrative unit.

Section 2106A. APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN CERTAIN CASES.

Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, whenever a vacancy shall exist which is filled by appointment of, or confirmation by, the Onondaga County Legislature, a person, otherwise qualified, who is a member of the Onondaga County Legislature at the time of the vacancy, may be appointed or confirmed by the Onondaga County Legislature to fill said vacancy. If a legislator be so appointed as provided hereby, his or her acceptance of said position shall vacate his or her seat in the County Legislature.

Section 2107. POWER TO ADMINISTER OATHS AND ISSUE SUBPOENAS.

The chairman of the board of supervisors, the county executive, the comptroller and such other county officers as may be authorized by law shall have the power to subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, records and papers, as the same may be pertinent to their respective offices. Any county officer authorized to hold a hearing or conduct an investigation shall have the power to administer oaths or affirmations in connection therewith.

ARTICLE XXI: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XXII

APPLICATION OF CHARTER: WHEN AND HOW OPERATIVE AND EFFECTIVE

Section

- 2201. Adoption of charter; when effective.
- 2202. Amendment of charter.
- 2203. Terms of certain elective county officers.
- 2204. Continuity of authority; completion of unfinished business.
- 2205. Separability.
- 2206. Charter to be liberally construed.

Section 2201. ADOPTION OF CHARTER; WHEN EFFECTIVE.

This charter shall, upon approval by referendum in the manner provided by law, become effective as of January 1, 1962, except that the board of supervisors shall have the power by majority vote to appoint the first county executive prior to January 1, 1962 as provided in section 301 of this charter. The administrative code may be adopted by local law at any time subsequent to approval of this charter by the voters of the county.

Section 2202. AMENDMENT OF CHARTER.

This charter may be amended in the manner provided by law. Any local law which would create or abolish an elective county office, change an elective office to appointive or an appointive office to elective or change the powers of an elective county officer shall be subject to mandatory referendum. No local law which would abolish or change an administrative unit prescribed in this charter or the power of an appointive county officer in the executive branch may be passed before January 1, 1962.

Section 2203. TERMS OF CERTAIN ELECTIVE COUNTY OFFICERS.

The terms of office for the county executive, comptroller, county clerk, district attorney and sheriff shall be four (4) years except as otherwise provided in this charter.

Section 2204. CONTINUITY OF AUTHORITY; COMPLETION OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The performance of functions pursuant to the provisions of this charter shall be deemed and held to constitute a continuation thereof for the purpose of succession to all rights, powers, duties and obligations attached to such functions. Any proceedings or other business undertaken or commenced prior to the effective date of this charter may be conducted and completed by the county officer or administrative unit responsible therefor under this charter or the administrative code.

This charter shall not be deemed to invalidate any obligations heretofore issued by the county of Onondaga or by any of its commissions, boards or agencies. Such obligations shall be and remain binding obligations of the county. In the event any obligation shall have been issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds by the county or by any of its commissions, boards or agencies, the county is

hereby empowered to issue such bonds as legal and binding obligations of the county.

For the purpose of this section a public authority shall not be deemed a county commission, board or agency.

Section 2205. SEPARABILITY.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or article of this charter shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such adjudication shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or article thereof directly involved in the proceeding in which such adjudication shall have been rendered.

Section 2206. CHARTER TO BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED.

This charter shall be liberally construed to effectuate its objectives and purposes.

ARTICLE XXII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XXIII

OFFICE OF LABOR RELATIONS

[Repealed by Local Law No. 5 - 1968]

ARTICLE XXIII: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 1 – 1975		Section 26.04 of Administrative Code provides that the “functions of the Office of Labor Relations, which shall cease to exist on the effective date of [the Administrative Code], are hereby transferred to the Division of Labor Relations of the Department of Personnel.”

ARTICLE XXIV

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT AND LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

Section

- 2401. Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services; Commissioner of Adult and Long Term Care Services.
- 2402. Powers and duties of the commissioner.
- 2403. Organization of the department.
- 2404. Repealed.

Section 2401. DEPARTMENT OF ADULT AND LONG TERM CARE SERVICES; COMMISSIONER OF ADULT AND LONG TERM CARE SERVICES.

There shall be a Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services, referred to hereinafter as “Adult Services”. The department shall be headed by a Commissioner, and such official shall be appointed on the basis of the candidate’s administrative experience and qualifications for performing the duties of the office by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The Commissioner shall be directly responsible to and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section 2402. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter or the Administrative Code, the Commissioner of Adult Services shall be empowered to:

- (a) have and exercise all powers and duties now or hereafter conferred or imposed upon him by any applicable law;
- (b) define an overarching strategy and vision for the development of programs for the delivery of services for the benefit of adults residing in Onondaga County, including those adults who are frail, elderly, and otherwise vulnerable, where such services are likely to contribute to improving the quality of life and overall well-being of such individuals and where such services fall within the following programmatic areas: health, mental health, elderly services, and social services;
- (c) perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated to such official by the County Executive or the County Legislature.

Section 2403. ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services shall be organized into such divisions, bureaus and boards as shall be prescribed in the Administrative Code.

Section 2404. COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD.

[Repealed by Local Law 8 – 2020].

ARTICLE XXIV: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 9 – 2013	Replace Article XXIV.	Strike Department of Long Term Care Services, continuing duties within Department of Adult and Long Term Care Services. (Also includes transferred powers and duties from Department of Mental Health, Veterans’ Service Agency, Adult Protective Services, spelled out in greater detail within the Administrative Code).
LL No. 1 – 2020	Strike words “Veterans’ services” from Section 2402(b).	Remove veteran services from the Commissioner of Adult Services.
LL No. 8 – 2020	Section 2404.	Strike Community Services Advisory Board; functions and duties thereof transferred to Department of Children and Family Services.

ARTICLE XXV

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Section

- 2501. Department of emergency communications; commissioner of emergency communications.
- 2502. Powers and duties of the commissioner.

Section 2501. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

There shall be a department of emergency communications headed by a commissioner who shall be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by the county legislature. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office. The commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the county executive.

Section 2502. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.

The commissioner of emergency communications shall be responsible for the operation, maintenance, supervision, repair and security of the E-911 telephone call-taking and dispatch system and of the emergency communications control center, for establishing and implementing policies and procedures with respect to fire, police and emergency medical dispatch and for managing the necessary staff to carry out these functions.

ARTICLE XXV: History of Revisions

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XXVI

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Section

2601. Department of emergency management.

2602. Powers and duties of the commissioner.

Section 2601. DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

There shall be a Department of Emergency Management headed by a Commissioner who shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office. The Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section 2602. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMISSIONER.

(a) The powers and duties of the Commissioner of Emergency Management shall be to administer and operate the Emergency Management Department; adopt and rescind regulations consistent with and necessary to execute and implement the provisions of the New York State Emergency Defense Act; act as principal advisor to the County Executive during emergencies; develop, operate, and maintain an Emergency Operations Center and develop and implement its staffing and procedural regulations; coordinate County participation in State and Federal emergency management assistance programs; coordinate operations under simulated emergency conditions with local officials and emergency response units; prepare, from time to time, such reports and information on disaster preparedness as may be requested by the County Legislature, County Executive, or State Disaster Preparedness Commission; supervise the Director of Emergency Management (Fire); coordinate inter-agency emergency medical training programs throughout the County with the Director of Emergency Medical Services; coordinate with the Director of Emergency Medical Services the development of programs for the training of new emergency medical techniques with local agencies to assist in the coordination of emergency medical services communications throughout the County; organize, supervise and coordinate cooperative reciprocal fire and other emergency assistance agencies throughout the County; and perform the fire coordination duties within the County. The Commissioner shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated by the County Executive or County Legislature.

ARTICLE XXVI: HISTORY OF REVISIONS

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment

ARTICLE XXVII: OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

Section

2701. Office of Diversity and Inclusion

2702. Powers and Duties of the Chief Diversity Officer

Section 2701. OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION.

There shall be an Office of Diversity and Inclusion, headed by a Chief Diversity Officer who shall be appointed by and be directly responsible to the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office. The Chief Diversity Officer shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section 2702. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE CHIEF DIVERSITY OFFICER.

The Chief Diversity Officer shall be empowered to administer and operate the Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Except as otherwise provided in this Charter or the Administrative Code, the Chief Diversity Officer shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required by law or as may be assigned by the County Executive on matters related to diversity and inclusion.

ARTICLE XXVII: HISTORY OF REVISIONS

Legislation - Citation	Amended Provisions	Summary of Amendment
LL No. 7 – 2019	Add Article XXVII	Establish Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Powers and Duties of the Chief Diversity Officer