

LOCAL LAW NO. ___ - 2026

AMENDING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CHARTER TO IMPOSE A TERM LIMIT ON THE
OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COMPTROLLER

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ONONDAGA
COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Purpose.

The purpose of this Local Law is to amend the Onondaga County Charter to establish a limit on the number of consecutive terms an individual may serve as County Executive and Comptroller.

Section 2. Amendment to Section 301 of the Onondaga County Charter.

Section 301 of the Onondaga County Charter, entitled “THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; ELECTION; TERM; QUALIFICATIONS,” is hereby amended to add the following final paragraphs thereto:

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Charter or Administrative Code, commencing with the first general election for County Executive held after January 1, 2027, no person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as County Executive 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 County Executive held after January 1, 2027, shall not be counted in calculating the number of consecutive terms a County Executive has served. Service for a partial term as County Executive shall not be counted in calculating the three consecutive four-year terms.

Section 3. Amendment to Section 501 of the Onondaga County Charter.

Section 501 of the Onondaga County Charter, entitled “DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL; COMPTROLLER; ELECTION; AUDITOR’S ACT REPEALED,” is hereby amended to add the following final paragraphs thereto:

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Charter or Administrative Code, commencing with the first general election for comptroller held after January 1, 2027, no person shall be eligible to be elected to or serve as comptroller 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 comptroller held after January 1, 2027, shall not be counted in calculating the number of consecutive terms a comptroller has served. Service for a partial term as comptroller shall not be counted in calculating the three consecutive four-year terms.

Section 4. Proposition.

The form of the proposition to be submitted to the electors of Onondaga County at the next general election shall be as follows:

(a) Descriptive Title:

IMPOSING TERM LIMITS ON THE OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY
COMPTROLLER

(b) Ballot Proposal Text Summary: “Imposing a limit of three (3) consecutive four-year terms on the offices of County Executive and County Comptroller, effective the first general election after January 1, 2027.”

(c) Voting:

Voting “Yes” imposes term limits of three consecutive four-year terms.

Voting “No” leaves the office without term limits.

Section 5. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall be submitted to the electors of Onondaga County at the next general election occurring in November 2026, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law and the Onondaga County Charter, and shall take effect immediately upon approval of the electors of Onondaga County.