LOCAL LAW NO. _____ - 2026

AMENDING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CHARTER AND ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO CHANGE ALL REFERENCES TO "CHAIRMAN" TO "CHAIR", AND ANY REFERENCES TO THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE AS "HIS" AND/OR "HE" TO "THEIR" AND/OR "THEY"

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

Section 1. Purpose.

To amend the Onondaga County Charter and Administrative Code to change all references to "Chairman" to "Chair", and any references to the Chair of the Legislature as "his" and/or "he" to "their" and/or "they".

Section 2. Onondaga County Charter Amendments.

(a) The Onondaga County Charter, being Local Law No. 1 of 1961, as amended, hereby is amended to strike the word "Chairman" and to replace it with the word "Chair", as follows:

1. In the second sentence of the first paragraph of Section 106;
2. In the first, second, third, and sixth paragraphs of Section 203;
3. In the title and the first sentence of the first paragraph of Section 204;
4. In the second paragraph of Section 205;
5. In the first sentence of the second paragraph of Section 207;
6. In sub-section (j) of Section 302;
7. In the second sentence of Section 702;
8. In the first sentence of Section 1903;
9. In the fourth sentence of Section 2103; and
10. In the fourth sentence of Section 2107;

(b) The Onondaga County Charter, being Local Law No. 1 of 1961, as amended, hereby is amended to strike the words "his" and "he" from the second, third, and sixth paragraphs of Section 203, and to replace such references with the words "their" and "they", as necessitated therein.

Section 3. Onondaga County Administrative Code Amendments.

(a) The Onondaga County Administrative Code, being Local Law No. 1 of 1975, as amended, is hereby amended to strike the word "Chairman" and to replace it with the word "Chair", as follows:

1. In the first sentence of Section 2.07; and
2. In the first sentence of sub-section (f) of Section 7.02.

Section 4. Effect on the Remaining Portions of the Sections.

Except as explicitly amended as set forth herein, the remaining portions of the Charter and Administrative Code sections that are affected by the amendments herein shall remain in full force and effect.

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 in which the judgment shall have been rendered.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing, and pursuant to the provisions of Municipal Home Rule Law.

ADOPTED: 10/6/2026

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of Onondaga County on the 6th day of October 2026.

Clerk, County Legislature