

**LOCAL LAW NO. 6-16  
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CHARTER**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York, as follows:

**Section I. Amendments to County Charter.**

A. The title of Article 4 of the Chautauqua County Charter is hereby amended as follows:

Article 4  
Other Elected Officials, Internal Audit Function, Elected Official Salaries,  
and Salary Commission

B. Section 4.05 of the Chautauqua County Charter is hereby amended as follows:

Section 4.05 Salary Commission

There shall be appointed a bi-partisan County Salary Commission to review and recommend the salaries of all elected officials except those whose salaries are established, directly or indirectly, by State Law. The salary of all officers elected for a fixed term shall not be increased or diminished between the date of such election and the expiration of such term except (1) in accordance with a schedule adopted prior to the time such officer was elected to office which provides higher or lower rates of compensation during said term, or (2) as otherwise mandated by the County Charter, state or federal laws, rules or regulations. Said Commission shall be composed of seven (7) citizens appointed by the County Legislature.

The Commission shall recommend to the County Executive and County Legislature salary adjustments for elected offices at least one (1) year prior to the general election in which that office is scheduled to be filled.

C. A new Section 4.06 of the Chautauqua County Charter is hereby added as follows:

Section 4.06 Salaries of the County Executive, County Sheriff, and County Clerk

The annual salaries of the County Executive, County Sheriff, and County Clerk shall be as follows commencing on the date indicated:

County Executive:     January 1, 2018: \$92,500.00

County Sheriff:        January 1, 2019: \$85,000.00

County Clerk:         January 1, 2018: \$55,500.00

D. A new Section 4.07 of the Chautauqua County Charter is hereby added as follows:

Section 4.07 Annual Cost of Living Adjustment to the Salaries of the County Executive, County Sheriff, and County Clerk

In the absence of a local law or charter law in effect on or before July 1 that specifically designates the salary of the County Executive, County Sheriff, or County Clerk for the following calendar year commencing in 2019, the existing annual salary of the County Executive, County Sheriff, or County Clerk (as the case may be) shall be increased in the following calendar year by a percentage equal to any percentage increase in the United States Department of Labor CPI-U for the prior calendar year.

**Section II. Effective Date.**

This Local Law shall take effect sixty (60) days after adoption, or upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors in the event a permissive referendum is held in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law.

Laid on Desks: 6/22/16

Adopted by Legislature: 7/27/16

Public Hearing by County Executive: 8/9/16

Mailed to State: 10/11/16

60 Day Permissive Referendum