

AGENDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF GENEVA, NEW YORK

February 15, 2023

**Public Safety Building  
255 Exchange Street  
Geneva, NY 14456**

COUNCIL MEETING STARTS AT 7:00PM

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Mayor, Steve Valentino
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law Creating Staggered Terms of Office for the Geneva City Council and Mayor
- V. PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law Authorizing an Exemption Which Would Provide a 10% Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters or Ambulance Drivers
- VI. LOCAL LAW CREATING STAGGERED TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE GENEVA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR - #1-2023
- VII. DISCUSSION REGARDING STAFF RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

## Local Law 1- 2023

### **Local Law Staggering the Terms of Office of Geneva City Councilors and the Mayor**

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Geneva as follows:

Section 2.1 of the Geneva City Charter, approved by referendum, effective January 1, 1974, as amended thereafter, is hereby further amended to change the method of election of members of the Geneva City Council and Mayor.

#### Section I - Purpose

The purpose of this amendment to the City Charter is to stagger the terms of office of Geneva City Council members and the Mayor, so City Councilors and the City Mayor do not come up for election in the same year.

#### Section II - Elective Officers; terms

Section 2.1 of the Geneva City Charter, is amended as follows:

Geneva City Councilors and the City Mayor shall be elected in stages beginning with the 2023 general election.

The City Mayor and City Councilors representing City Wards 2, 4, and 6 shall be elected at the 2023 general election to terms of two years.

City Councilors representing wards 1, 3, and 5 shall be elected at the 2023 general election to terms of four years.

The City Councilor at large receiving the largest total of votes in the 2023 general election shall serve a term of four years.

The City Councilor at large receiving the second largest total of votes in the 2023 general election shall serve a term of two years.

Every general City election thereafter, all City Councilors and the Mayor shall be elected for four-year terms.

It is the intent of this local law, which is subject to mandatory referendum, to stagger the terms of office for City Councilors and the City Mayor so all City Councilors and the City Mayor do not come up for election in the same year.

#### Section III

The City Charter provision in conflict herewith specifically Article 2, Section 2.1 pertaining to elected officials is hereby amended.

#### Section IV - Effective Date

This local law shall become effective immediately upon approval by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the City of Geneva voting upon the proposition at the November 2023 general election as prescribed by law.

Abstract of Proposition

Shall City of Geneva Local Law # 1 - 2023 Staggering the Terms of Geneva City Councilors and the City Mayor be approved