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Town of Watson  
6971 Number Four Road  
Lowville, New York 13367

**RE: Town of Watson, Local Law 2 2024, filed on 7/26/2024**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The above referenced material was filed by this office as indicated. Additional local law filing forms can be obtained from our website, [www.dos.ny.gov](http://www.dos.ny.gov).

Sincerely,  
State Records and Law Bureau  
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# Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County  City  Town  Village  
(Select one:)

of Watson

Local Law No. 2 (two) of the year 20<sup>24</sup>

A local law Increasing the term of office of the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent from  
(Insert Title)  
Two (2) years to Four (4) years

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the  
(Name of Legislative Body)

County  City  Town  Village  
(Select one:)

of Watson

as follows:

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

TOWN OF WATSON LOCAL LAW NUMBER 2 OF 2024

**TITLE: A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK AND THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Watson, New York as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent and Purpose.

The purpose of this Local Law is to increase the current two-year term of the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent from two years to four years. The Town Board finds that this change would facilitate greater efficiency and continuity in essential Town operations and is therefore in the best interests of the public.

Section 2. Statutory Authority.

This Local Law is enacted and adopted pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10 and 23.

Section 3. Increase in Term of Office.

The term of office of both the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent is hereby, for each office, increased from the current two-year term to a four-year term.

Section 4. Mandatory Referendum.

This Local Law is enacted and adopted subject to mandatory referendum pursuant to the terms of Municipal Home Rule Law Section 23 to be held at the General Election to be conducted on November 5, 2024.

Section 5. Effect On and Relationship with Other Laws.

This Local Law supersedes Town Law Section 24 relative to the term of office of the Town Clerk and the Highway Superintendent. To the extent any Local Law, Ordinance, Resolution, Rule or Regulation of the Town conflicts with or are inconsistent with the terms of this Local Law, the same are hereby repealed. The Town Board is cognizant of the provisions of Town Law Section 80 as amended by Chapter 741 of the Laws of 2023 and states that this Local Law is not intended to, nor does it purport to supersede the same. The Town Board recognizes that, unless repealed or modified by the New York State Legislature and Governor, that the implementation of this Local Law will be impacted by the implementation of Section 80 as amended which may create modified terms to bring about transition to even year elections at which time the provisions of this Local Law would be fully implemented.

Section 6. Severance.

Should any court, tribunal, or other authority with jurisdiction to do so find any paragraph, part, provision or sentence of this Local Law to be void, invalid, or otherwise unenforceable, then the remaining provisions of this Local Law not so found to be void, invalid or unenforceable shall remain to be in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State subject to the approval of the voters of the Town of Watson in the mandatory referendum.

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

**1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 2 (two) of 2024 of the ~~(County)(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Watson ~~Town Board~~ was duly passed by the Town Board *(Name of Legislative Body)* on July 22 2024, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer\*.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ *(Name of Legislative Body)* on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ *(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)* and was deemed duly adopted on \_\_\_\_\_ 20  , in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**3. (Final adoption by referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ *(Name of Legislative Body)* on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ *(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)* on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_.

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

**4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ was duly passed by the \_\_\_\_\_ *(Name of Legislative Body)* on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, and was (approved)(not approved) (repassed after disapproval) by the \_\_\_\_\_ *(Elective Chief Executive Officer\*)* on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_. Such local law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

\* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

**5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the City of \_\_\_\_\_ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, became operative.

**6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)**

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 20\_\_\_\_ of the County of \_\_\_\_\_ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

**(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)**

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph \_\_\_\_\_ above.

*Michelle Ward*

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

Date: July 22, 2024

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