

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 of 2017
COUNTY OF OTSEGO, NEW YORK

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 1990 ETHICS LAW

Be it enacted by Otsego County as follows:

Section 1. Legislative intent and amendment.

It is the purpose of this amendment to Local Law No. 2 of 1990 to add the following section III. B.:

Nepotism

Except as otherwise required by law:

(1) No County officer or employee, either individually or as a member of a board may participate in any decision specifically to appoint, hire, promote, discipline, or discharge a relative for any County position or any County board.

(2) No County officer or employee may directly or indirectly supervise a relative in the performance of the relative's official duties unless such supervision is in compliance with an individual written plan that has been proposed by the affected Department in conjunction with the Personnel Officer and reported to the appropriate Legislative Committee to which the particular Department reports. Nothing in this policy should be construed to interfere with the appointment of Election Commissioners and their appointed staff, although best practice would have them conform to this Nepotism portion of the Otsego County Ethics Law.

(3) For purposes of this section III.B only, the definition of a relative is as follows:

"Relative" means a parent, step-parent, spouse, domestic partner, sibling, step-sibling, sibling's spouse, child, step-child, grandparent, parent of spouse or domestic partner; including in-laws and members of the household of a County officer or employee, and individuals having any of these relationships to the spouse of the county officer, or employee, or appointed or elected official.

Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Offered by: Administration Committee

RESOLUTION NO. 352-20171206

RESOLUTION - ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW FOR THE YEAR 2017 (A
LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 1990 ETHICS
LAW IN OTSEGO COUNTY)

GELBSMAN, FRAZIER, KENNEDY, MCCARTY, KOUTNIK

WHEREAS, there was duly presented to the Board of Representatives of the County of Otsego at a regular meeting duly held in the Meeting Room of the Board of Representatives in the Otsego County Office Building, Cooperstown, New York on November 1, 2017 a local law for the year 2017 entitled "A Local Law To Amend Local Law No. 2 of 1990 Ethics Law in Otsego County"; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was duly held on the proposed Local Law in the Meeting Room of the Board of Representatives in the Otsego County Office Building, 197 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York on the 6th day of December, 2017 at 9:45 a.m., at which time all interested persons were heard; and

WHEREAS, said Local Law was amended to remove the words "spousal equivalent"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the removal of the words "spousal equivalent" does not constitute a substantial change necessitating a new public hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a local law of the County of Otsego for the year 2017, as above set forth, be and the same is hereby adopted.

