

**Local Law No. of the Year 2019 to be known as Extension of Terms for Elected Officers**

**LOCAL LAW FILING**

Town of Marbletown

County of Ulster

Local Law No. (tentative) of the year 2019

**Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Marbletown as follows:**

**Section 1 – Legislative Authority; Title**

This local law is enacted pursuant Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10, Subdivision 1(ii)a(1), and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 23, which vest the Town Board with the power to adopt and amend local laws concerning the mode and selection of its officers. This Local Law is entitled: **Local Law Extension of Terms for Elected Officers.**

**Section 2 – Purpose and Intent**

The Town Board has determined that New York State Town Law § 24 entitled “Terms of Office” governing the terms of office for all elective officers does not reflect the needs for efficient and orderly operation of Marbletown town government. The purpose of this local law is to extend the elective terms for the offices of Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Clerk from the two (2) year terms under Town Law § 24 -to four (4) year terms, however, such extensions are subject to referendum. Under this Local Law, balloting for the term extension for each office shall be at the next biennial town election of November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**Section 3 – Restatement of Existing Terms and Extension of Terms for Elected Officers**

The table below restates Town of Marbletown elective offices terms and the extended terms, where subject to local referendum approval:

	Position	Proposed + Current Term
A	Town Superintendent of Highways	Four (4) year term, if approved at referendum at the biennial town election of 2019, otherwise if not approved, two (2) year term.
B	Town Clerk	Four (4) year term, if approved at referendum at the biennial town election of 2019, otherwise if not approved, two (2) year term.

**Section 4 – Voter Approval and Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State. However, the operational effectiveness of term change for the offices of Town Superintendent of Highways and Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall be determined at the biennial town election scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The results of the referendum voting shall mean:

- A. That the winning candidate standing for election at the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 biennial town election for the office of Town Superintendent of Highways shall be deemed to have a four (4) year term, provided the referendum question on the extension of the term of office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is so approved by affirmative vote of a majority of the town's qualified electors voting upon the proposition, if not approved, the winning candidate shall be deemed to have been elected to a two (2) year term; and,
- B. That the winning candidate standing for election at the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 biennial town election for the office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall be deemed to have a four (4) year term, provided the referendum question on the extension of the term of office of the town highway superintendent is so approved by affirmative vote of a majority of the town's qualified electors voting upon the proposition, if not approved, the winning candidate shall be deemed to have been elected to a two (2) year term.

***End of Proposed Local Law Text***