

**LEGAL NOTICE  
CITY OF ONEIDA  
LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2026**

The Common Council of the City of Oneida, Madison County, State of New York, pursuant to the authority vested in it by law does hereby enact Local Law No. 1 of 2026 amending the Oneida City Charter and the Code of the City of Oneida to abolish the position of the Commissioner of Public Safety and transfer the responsibilities of the Commissioner of Public Safety to the City Manager as follows:

**CITY OF ONEIDA**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER AND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA TO  
ABOLISH THE POSITION OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TRANSFER THE  
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY TO THE CITY MANAGER**

**Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Oneida as follows:**

**Section 1. AUTHORITY.**

This local law is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution and New York Municipal Home Rule Law §10.

**Section 2. PURPOSE.**

The City Manager serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the City and is charged with the administration of public services and managing departments. The Common Council has determined that it is appropriate to abolish the position of the Commissioner of Public Safety and transfer the duties and responsibilities of the Commissioner to be handled by the City Manager.

**Section 3. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.1**

So that the position of Commissioner of Public Safety is hereby abolished and the Department of Public Safety shall be headed by the Oneida City Manager, such that Section 10.1 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Department of Public Safety," is hereby amended such that the reference to "Commissioner of Public Safety" is to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 4. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.2**

So that Section 10.2 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Bureau of Police," is hereby amended such that references to "Commissioner of Public Safety", and "Commissioner" are replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 5. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.3**

So that Section 10.3 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Chief of Police," is hereby amended such that references to "Commissioner of Public Safety", and "Commissioner" are replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 6. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.4**

So that Section 10.4 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Appointment of members of the Bureau of Police," is hereby amended such that the reference to "Commissioner of Public Safety" is to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 7. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.5**

So that Section 10.5 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Bureau of Fire," is hereby amended such that references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 8. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.6**

So that Section 10.6 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Fire Chief," is hereby amended such that references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" and "Commissioner" are replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 9. AMENDMENT OF THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER SECTION 10.7**

So that Section 10.7 of the Oneida City Charter, titled "Appointment of members of the Bureau of Fire," is hereby amended such that the reference to "Commissioner of Public Safety" is to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 10. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 5**

So that Chapter 5 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Alarms," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 11. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 33**

So that Chapter 33 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Building Code Administration and Enforcement," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 12. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 61**

So that Chapter 61 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Fire Prevention," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 13. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 85**

So that Chapter 85 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Junkyards," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 14. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 110**

So that Chapter 110 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Parades," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 15. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 112**

So that Chapter 112 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Special Events," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 16. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 169**

So that Chapter 169 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Taxicabs," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 17. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 172**

So that Chapter 172 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Traffic Safety Board," is hereby amended such that the references to "Public Safety Commissioner" is to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 18. AMENDMENT OF CODE OF THE CITY OF ONEIDA CHAPTER 180**

So that Chapter 180 of the Code of the City of Oneida, titled "Vehicles and Traffic," is hereby amended such that the references to "Commissioner of Public Safety" are to be replaced with the term "City Manager."

**Section 19. CONFLICT WITH THE ONEIDA CITY CHARTER OR CODE OF THE CITY OF ONIEDA.**

- A. To the extent the Oneida City Charter or Code of the City of Oneida are inconsistent with or conflict with any of the provisions of this Local Law, the terms of this Local Law shall control.
- B. Wherever the terms "Commissioner of Public Safety," "Public Safety Commissioner" or "Commissioner", appear in the Oneida City Charter or Code of the City of Oneida, said terms shall hereafter mean and refer to the City Manager as established by this Local Law.

**Section 20. SEVERABILITY.**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy.

**Section 21. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Municipal Home Rule Law.

SANDRA L. LAPERA  
CITY CLERK  
Adopted March 3, 2026