

Local Law Filing

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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 Clinton

Local Law No. 1 of the year 2022

A local law authorizing the County to hold virtual public meetings, according with Chapter 56, part WW of the laws of 2022, amending Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law.
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Clinton County Legislature
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one:)

of Clinton as follows:

On April 9, 2022, Governor Kathy Hochul signed an amendment to the Open Meetings Law to allow (until July 1, 2024) the expanded use of videoconferencing by public bodies in the conduct of open meetings, under extraordinary circumstance, regardless of a declaration of emergency. In order to continue meeting virtually, a county must pass a local law to opt in.

Pursuant to the amendment to the Open Meetings Law, the Clinton County Legislature desires to hold Hybrid Public Regular Session Meetings, permitting members of the Clinton County Legislature to appear virtually, under certain circumstances:

- A. The Clinton County Legislature must meet in person at a physical location open to the public with a minimum number of members present to fulfill the Clinton County Legislature's quorum requirement.
- B. Members of the Clinton County Legislature must be physically present at any Regular Session unless a member is unable to be physically present at such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances; however, those members attending virtually may not count towards a quorum but may participate and vote. A quorum shall only be met by in-person member attendance.
- C. Extraordinary Circumstances shall be defined as: disability, illness or caregiving responsibilities.
- D. The Regular Session meeting minutes must identify which, if any, Board members are participating remotely.
- E. Any member seeking to remotely participate in a Regular Session must notify the Clerk of the Legislature in time for proper notification to be given to the public (Friday prior to a scheduled Regular Session.) Members attending by video conference must, except during Executive Session, be seen, heard and identified while the meeting is being conducted including all matters formally discussed or voted upon.
- F. Members of the public will be allowed to attend, observe and participate where public comments or participation is authorized at the available location.
- G. All Hybrid Public Regular Session meetings will be conducted by videoconferencing, so that the members of the Board can be heard, seen, and identified.
- H. Each Hybrid Public Regular Session meeting conducted using videoconferencing, shall be recorded and such recordings posted or linked on the public website of the Board within five (5) business days following the meeting and shall remain so available for a minimum of five (5) years thereafter.
- I. The in-person participation requirements of the law shall not apply during a state disaster

emergency declared by the Governor or when a local state of emergency is declared by the Clinton County Legislative Chairman if it is determined that the circumstances necessitate the emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability for the public body to hold an in-person meeting.

J. This law shall be posted upon the County's website.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

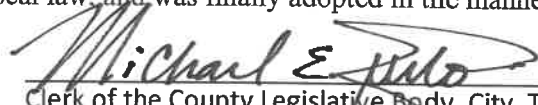
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6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

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 1 above.



Clerk of the County Legislative Body, City, Town or
Village Clerk or Officer Designated by Local Legislative
Body

Date: 11/22/22

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