

NIAGARA FALLS LOCAL LAW NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 2022
(PROPOSED)

A local law to amend the Niagara Falls City Charter, as amended May 23, 2018, by amending Article III of the Niagara Falls City Charter, entitled “City Council and Legislative Branch”, by amending Section 3.9 C as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls, as follows:

Section 1. Authority

This local law is enacted pursuant to the authority of Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law authorizing City’s to adopt a local law which may amend or supersede any provisions of State law in relation to the property, affairs or government of the City unless there is a State legislative restriction on such amendment or supersession.

Section 2. Amendment

The Niagara Falls City Charter is hereby amended by amending Section 3.9 (C) of Article III, entitled “City Council and Legislative Branch,” to read as follows:

SECTION 3.9 PROCEDURES: MEETINGS; RULES AND JOURNALS; VOTING

C. All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public, and public notice of such meeting and the agenda shall be posted as provided by law. **At all meetings of the Council whether a regular meeting or a special meeting members of the public shall be provided an opportunity to speak on agenda items before the Council votes and on non-agenda items, pursuant to rules and procedures established by the Council.** The Council at a regular or committee-of-the-whole meeting may recess in a closed or executive session as provided by law. Convening of an executive session shall be by majority vote of the Council and the yeas and nays shall be recorded in the Journal.

Section 3. Separability

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the City Council of the City of Niagara Falls hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 4. Repealer

All ordinances, local laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date

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

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