

## LOCAL LAW NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 2024

### A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 36 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COHOES REGARDING A CODE OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, the City of Cohoes local code contains a Chapter entitled “Code of Ethics;” and

WHEREAS, the Common Council would like to amend Chapter 36, entitled “Code of Ethics,” regarding the terms, qualifications and number of members of the Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Public Hearing was duly published and a public hearing held regarding the proposed amendments to Chapter 36 on April 23, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Common Council Chambers,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Cohoes as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the City of Cohoes, Chapter 36, Section 36-19, Subsection A, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### A. Membership.

(1) The Board of Ethics shall consist of five members appointed by the Common Council.

(2) The members of the Board of Ethics shall be appointed initially as follows: One member shall be appointed for a term of five years beginning May 1, 2024; one member shall be appointed for a term of four years beginning May 1, 2024; one member shall be appointed for a term of three years beginning May 1, 2024; one member shall be appointed for a term of two years beginning May 1, 2024; and one member shall be appointed for a term of one year beginning May 1, 2024. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of five years beginning May 1.

(3) If a vacancy shall occur otherwise than by expiration of term, the Common Council shall appoint a new member for the unexpired term.

(4) The Common Council shall have the power to remove, after public hearing, any member of the Board for cause.

Section 2. The Code of the City of Cohoes, Chapter 36, Section 36-19, Subsection B, is hereby amended to read as follows:

#### B. Qualification of Members.

(1) All members of the Board of Ethics shall be residents of the City of Cohoes.

(2) All members of the Board of Ethics should be qualified by temperament and experience to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

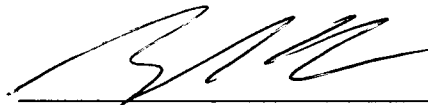
(3) No member of the Board of Ethics may hold office in a partisan political party or hold elective office in the City of Cohoes. A Board member may make campaign contributions and vote, but shall not otherwise participate in any City of Cohoes election campaign.

(4) Not more than three members of the Board of Ethics may be members of the same political party.

(5) No officer or employee of the City of Cohoes shall be eligible to serve on the Board of Ethics.


Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately.

Approved as to form this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024.

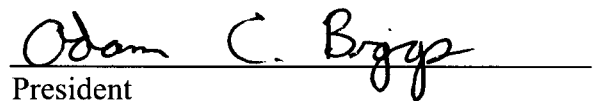


Brian S. Kremer  
Corporation Counsel

Engrossed and signed by the President of the Common Council and attested by the Clerk of the Common Council this 23 day of April 2024.

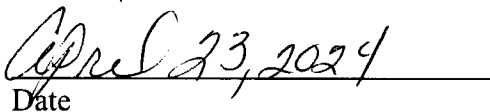


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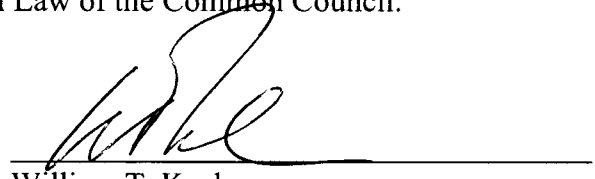


President

I hereby approve the foregoing Local Law of the Common Council.



Date



William T. Keeler  
Mayor of the City of Cohoes, New York