

TOWN OF ITHACA

LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF THE YEAR 2024

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 32 OF THE TOWN OF ITHACA CODE, TITLED
“ETHICS, CODE OF” TO REVISE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES**

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Ithaca as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 32 of the Town of Ithaca Code, titled “Ethics, Code of,” is amended as follows:

- A. § 32-3 (Annual disclosure), subsection C, is amended by deleting “and publication in the official newspaper” so that subsection C reads as follows:

“Such disclosure statements shall be kept on file as public records by the Town Clerk. Public notice of the existence and availability of such file shall be made annually by announcement at the May Town Board meeting.”

- B. § 32-6 (Conflict of interest prohibited), subsection B, is amended by deleting “four years” and replacing it with “12 months,” and by substituting gender-neutral terms, so that subsection B reads as follows:

“For a period of 12 months after termination of their term of office or employment with the Town, other than acting solely on behalf of themselves, no former official or employee may appear before the Town, including boards and commissions on which the official or employee has represented the Town, in relation to any matter upon which they took any discretionary action during their term of office or employment with the Town, unless requested to provide information by the Town.”

- C. § 32-11 (Local Ethics Board), subsection D (Qualifications) is amended by deleting paragraphs (3) and (4) and replacing them with the following:

“(3) The Town Board will attempt to balance the political affiliation of the Ethics Board membership when feasible.

(4) A majority of the Ethics Board members shall not be elected or appointed municipal officers or employees.”

Section 2. In the event that any portion of this law is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining portions shall not be affected by such declaration of invalidity.

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the New York Secretary of State.