

**Town of Sennett
Proposed Local Law No. C of 2024**

**A LOCAL LAW CHANGING THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT FROM ELECTIVE TO APPOINTIVE
IN THE TOWN OF SENNETT**

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board of the Town of Sennett, effective January 1, 2025, as follows:

SECTION 1. **LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE.**

The Town Highway Superintendent for the Town of Sennett is now and always has been elective. The Town Board of the Town of Sennett has been presented with a question as to whether it would be desirable to change the office of Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sennett from an elective position to an appointive position. The purpose of this Local Law is to effect such change. Said change would be subject to a mandatory referendum. Therefore, an additional purpose of this Local Law is to place on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot, a referendum item which allows the electors of the Town of Sennett to decide if they wish to have an appointed, rather than an elected, Highway Superintendent, who would serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

SECTION 2. **AUTHORITY.**

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 10(1)(ii)(a)(1), the Town is permitted to adopt local laws relating to the mode of selection and term of office of its officers and employees.

SECTION 3. **ELECTED HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT POSITION ABOLISHED.**

Effective January 1, 2025, the elected office of Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sennett is hereby abolished.

SECTION 4. **APPOINTED HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT POSITION CREATED.**

Effective January 1, 2025, the Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sennett shall be appointed by the Town Board.

SECTION 5. **TERM OF OFFICE.**

The appointed Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sennett shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Board.

SECTION 6. SUPERSESION.

Pursuant to Sections 10(1)(ii)(a)(1) and 10(1)(ii)(d)(3) of Municipal Home Rule Law, this Local Law shall supersede Town Law § 20(1)(b) with respect to the mode of selection of the Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sennett and shall also supersede Town Law§ 24 with respect to the Term of Office of the Highway Superintendent in the Town of Sennett.

SECTION 7. MANDATORY REFERENDUM.

Pursuant to Municipal Home Rule Law § 23(2)(e), this Local Law shall be submitted for approval to the electors of the Town of Sennett at the next general town election to be held on November 5, 2024. The language of the proposition shall read as follows:

***“CHANGING THE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY
SUPERINTENDENT FROM ELECTIVE TO APPOINTIVE
WITHIN THE TOWN OF SENNETT***

*Shall the Town of Sennett Local Law which changes the Office of
Highway Superintendent from elective to appointive in the Town of
Sennett be approved?”*

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall be effective upon filing with the Department of State after approval by a majority of the electors voting thereon in accordance with the requirements of Section 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.