LOCAL LAW NO. __ of 2020

A Local Law known and cited as Residency Requirements for Town Court Attendants

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

SECTION 1. Purpose and Intent. Due to the stringent qualification requirements established by Westchester County for the Court Attendant position, the Town has found it difficult to find qualified individuals for this position who reside within the Town of Ossining. As a result, the Town desires to amend the Town Code to expand the permitted residency for the Court Attendant position beyond the Town of Ossining in order to ensure the Town can hire qualified individuals to serve in this important position to protect the Justice Court staff and members of the public visiting the Justice Court. Preference will still be given to those qualified individuals who reside within the Town of Ossining, but this local law will give the Town flexibility to look beyond those Town residents if need be.

SECTION 2. A new Article III shall be added to Chapter 47 of the Town Code ("Residency Requirements") entitled Town Court Attendants and shall read as follows:

Section 47-7. Residency within certain counties

Persons now holding, or in the future appointed to, the position of Court Attendant in and for the Justice Court of the Town of Ossining need not be residents of the Town of Ossining, provided such persons are residents of Westchester County or of an adjoining county within the State of New York.

Section 47-8. Supersession of statute

To the extent that any provision of this article may be inconsistent with § 3 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York, as to which as exception has already been made by virtue of Chapter 272 of the Laws of 1998, it is the intent of the Town Board to supersede that section with this article.

SECTION 3. Validity. The invalidity of any provision of this Local Law shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Local Law which can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the Secretary of State.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF OSSINING