

Local Law Introductory D of 2023

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE HUDSON CITY CHARTER TO  
EXPAND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT  
FOR THE FIRE CHIEF, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEFS,  
AND LINE OFFICERS**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUDSON AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Title.** This Local Law shall be known as Local Law \_\_\_\_ for the year 2023.

**Section 2. Legislative Findings.**

The Common Council of the City of Hudson finds that the number of people qualified, willing and able to serve as Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chiefs and Company Line Officers and who reside in the City of Hudson, as per Hudson City Charter section C21-15, is at times insufficient to fill the position.

**Section 3. Legislative Intent.**

It is the intent of the Common Council to amend Sections C2-4B and C12-15 of the Hudson City Charter to expand the residency requirement for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chiefs to 3 road miles outside the boundary of the City of Hudson and 5 road miles outside the boundary of the City of Hudson for Line Officers for any otherwise eligible person who resides in Columbia County.

**Section 4. Statement of Authority.**

This local law is authorized by the Municipal Home Rule Law (Chapter 36-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York).

**Section 5. Amendments.**

**A. Hudson City Charter, Article II, Subsection C21-15 is hereby AMENDED by  
DELETING the subsection and REPLACING it with the following:**

The Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Hudson and the two Assistant Fire Chiefs of the City of Hudson need not be an elector of the City so long such persons shall reside in Columbia County within 3 road miles of a boundary of the City of Hudson. Company line officers need not be an elector of the City so long such persons shall reside in Columbia County within 5 road miles of a boundary of the City of Hudson

**B. Hudson City Charter, Article II, Subsection C4-4B is hereby AMENDED by ADDING the following subsection:**

(3) The Chief of the Fire Department of the City of Hudson and the two Assistant Fire Chiefs of the City of Hudson need not be an elector of the City so long such persons shall reside in Columbia County within 3 road miles of a boundary of the City of Hudson.

**Section 6. Severability.** If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined to its operation in said clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law.

**Section 7. Effective Date.** This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon passage and filing with the Secretary of State.

Introduced \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Kamal Johnson, Mayor