

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF THE YEAR 2024
TOWN OF CAMBRIA
COUNTY OF NIAGARA, STATE OF NEW YORK

A local Law Enacting the Town Constable Law

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

Section 1. Title

This local law shall be known as and may be cited as “Local Law No.1-2024, Town Constables.”

Section 2. Purpose, Intent and Authority

The purpose of this Local Law is to promote the health, safety, and welfare in the Town of Cambria. The Local Law will allow the Town of Cambria to establish the position of Town Constable, which will enable the Town to employ Town Constables to perform duties as authorized by Section 2.10 Subdivision 1 of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law and Section 20, Subdivision 1(b) of the New York State Town Law.

Section 3. Persons Designated as Town Constables

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special, and/or local law or charter to the contrary, the following persons shall have the power of, and shall be Town Constables:

- A. The Town Constable shall be a Peace Officer as defined by Section 2.20 of the CPL, and shall be appointed by the Town Board.
- B. The Town Constable need not be a Town of Cambria resident, but must reside in the County of Niagara.
- C. Upon appointment of a Constable, the Town of Cambria must provide name, date of birth, rank of title, official station and whether or not said Constable is employed full-time or part-time, to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, New York.

Section 4. Powers and Duties

Powers and duties of the Town Constable in the Town of Cambria are as follows:

- A. To act pursuant to the powers and duties of a Town Constable/Peace Officer as set forth in Town Law, Section 20 and 39, and Criminal Procedure Law, Section 2.20 of the State of New York.

- B. To provide security and maintain order at all Town Board meetings, Planning Board meetings, Zoning Board of Appeals meetings, Town Court sessions, and at additional Town functions and meetings, if deemed necessary by the Town Supervisor.
- C. To provide crowd control and traffic direction at any Town gathering or event, if deemed necessary by the Town Supervisor.
- D. To provide security for all Town Officials as needed.
- E. Town Constables may exercise such powers and duties as herein set forth, only while on duty.
- F. The Town Board may, at any time, expand or limit the powers, duties and special duties and powers of the Constable as outlined herein, by resolution, when it deems such action is necessary for the health, safety, and welfare of the Town.

Section 5. Qualifications

The minimum requirements for the position of Town Constable shall be a high school diploma and shall be the age of 21 years or older. The Town Constables shall have a valid New York State Driver's License and pistol permit, and shall also have completed DCJS certified basic New York State Police Officer, or Peace Officer courses.

Section 6. Training

Town Constables shall be trained in accordance with Section 2.30 of the New York State Criminal Procedure Law, and in accordance with any other requirements set forth by the Town Board.

Section 7. Employment Status

The Town Constables serve at the pleasure of the Town Board, and can be discharged without cause, and the Town Board can impose any reasonable discipline following the notification for the cause of such discipline, and will allow a reasonable opportunity for the Town Constable(s) to be heard before the Town Board, prior to any discipline being imposed.

Section 8. Effective Date.

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