

**Proposed Legislation for the  
October 17, 2023 City Council Meeting**

**\* \* Please Note \* \***

**For questions regarding the proposed legislation,  
call the City Clerk's Office at 585-428-7421**



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**PUBLIC SAFETY  
COMMITTEE  
INTRODUCTORY NO.**

**Malik D. Evans**  
Mayor

**394**

September 26, 2023 POLICE 18



TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Authorizing Grant Application – New York  
State Division of Criminal Justice Services  
Law Enforcement Technology Program

Council Priority: Public Safety

Comprehensive Plan 2034 Initiative Area:  
Reinforcing Strong Neighborhoods

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation authorizing the submission of an application for the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) Law Enforcement Technology (LETECH) grant program, for up to \$10 million in grant funding.

LETECH will fund law enforcement technologies and applicable software/equipment such as license plate readers, mobile and fixed surveillance cameras, unmanned aerial vehicles, gunshot detection devices, smart equipment for patrol vehicles and officers, technology or software and other kinds of public safety equipment. The program is intended to help local law enforcement agencies prevent and solve crimes, particularly violent crimes by firearms and crimes of community concern.

DCJS will make available \$50 million statewide to non-NYC agencies, with no stated limit per agency or jurisdiction. The Police Department is working on obtaining quotes and finalizing the proposed items for consideration. The Department intends to apply for software to enhance the management of body-worn camera footage and vehicle crash data, laptop computers for investigations, "blue light" surveillance system upgrades, a bucket truck for installation and maintenance of the cameras and other equipment.

The grant program does not require matching funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Malik D. Evans  
Mayor

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**INTRODUCTORY NO.**

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Ordinance No.

**Authorizing an application relating to a Law Enforcement Technology grant program**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to submit an application to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for a grant of up to \$10,000,000 through the DCJS Law Enforcement Technology grant program.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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Jose M. Peo, Northwest District Representative

FINANCE  
INTRODUCTORY NO.

395

October 4, 2023

TO THE COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Amending the City Charter to  
Establish Term Limits for City Officials

Transmitted herewith for your approval is legislation amending the City Charter to establish a limit of eight years, or two consecutive terms, for elected City Officials.

These term limits will apply to the Office of the Mayor, At-Large Councilmembers and District Councilmembers. Once the elected official has served two consecutive terms, said official will be ineligible to hold any elected office for one full term.

The term limits will not apply to any person entering office mid-term by means of a vacancy or appointment, and time served prior to a special election or regular election will not count towards the established term limit.

This provision could help to ensure that experienced individuals are available to serve in the event of a vacancy or appointment, while still promoting the goals of term limits.

This ordinance shall take effect upon after on January 1, 2024, and would not apply to any current elected office holder until the time of their re-election.

This legislation requires a public hearing and may be subject to referendum.

Respectfully submitted,

Jose Peo  
Northwest District Representative

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**INTRODUCTORY NO.**

**395**

Local Law No.

**Local Law amending the City Charter with respect to the Mayor's and Councilmembers' terms of office**

Be IT ENACTED, by the Council of the City of Rochester as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 755 of the Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act Constituting the Charter of the City of Rochester", as amended, is hereby further amended by modifying Section 3-1, Mayor, to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 3-1. Mayor.

The Mayor shall be the head of the executive and administrative branch of City government.

The Mayor shall be elected at the general election held in 1985 and every fourth year thereafter. The term of office of the Mayor begin on the first day of January following the election. The term of office of the Mayor shall be four years. No person elected in the year 2025, or thereafter, may serve as Mayor for longer than 8 consecutive years (not counting any years served prior to 2026), provided, however, that if a Mayor's first term in office occurred as a result of an appointment or election to fill an unexpired term caused by a vacancy, no part of such service in office shall accumulate against the eight-year limitation. No person who has served 8 consecutive years as Mayor (not counting any years served prior to 2026) shall again be eligible to serve as Mayor until four years have passed since the end of such person's 8 years of service. The Mayor shall be an elector and shall have resided in the City continuously not less than two years preceding the election. The compensation of the Mayor shall be set by ordinance and may not be altered during the Mayor's term of office.

There shall be in the office of the Mayor a Bureau of Communications, the head of which shall be Director of Communications; an Office of Public Integrity, the head of which shall be the Director of the Office of Public Integrity; and such other operating or staff units as may be deemed necessary by the Mayor to effectively administer City affairs, programs or projects that may from time to time be required.

Section 2. Chapter 755 of the Laws of 1907, entitled "An Act Constituting the Charter of the City of Rochester", as amended, is hereby further amended by modifying Section 5-2, Councilmembers, to read in its entirety as follows:

§ 5-2. Councilmembers.

The electors of the City shall elect five Councilmembers at Large, and the electors of each City district shall elect one District Councilmember. The term of office of all Councilmembers elected as herein provided shall be four years. The terms of office of all Councilmembers shall begin on the first day of January following their election. No person elected in the year 2025, or thereafter, may serve as a Councilmember for longer than 8 consecutive years (not counting any years served prior to 2026), provided, however, that if a Councilmember's first term in

office occurred as a result of an appointment or election to fill an unexpired term caused by a vacancy, no part of such service in office shall accumulate against the eight-year limitation. No person who has served 8 consecutive years as a Councilmember (not counting any years served prior to 2026) shall again be eligible to serve as a Councilmember until four years have passed since the end of such person's 8 years of service.

All Councilmembers shall be electors and shall have resided in the City continuously not less than two years preceding their election. District Councilmembers shall have resided in the district from which they are elected not less than one year. Any Councilmember may be recalled as hereinbefore provided at the general municipal election following his or her election. The annual salary of each member of Council is \$34,994. On January 1 of 2019, 2020, and 2021, such annual salary shall be increased by the same percentage, if any, that the Consumer Price Index - Urban has increased during the most recent twelve-month period prior to January 1 for which such Index has been published, except that no such increase shall exceed an annual rate of 3%. A Councilmember may decline to accept a salary increase through written notification to the Director of Finance.

Section 2. This local law shall be submitted for the approval of the electors at the general election to be held on November 5, 2024 and shall take effect only if and when it is certified as having been approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting on said proposition.

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