

Chapter 45

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[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Youngstown as indicated in article histories. Amendments noted where applicable.]

GENERAL REFERENCES

Code of Ethics – See Ch. 22.

Zoning Board of Appeals – See Ch. 50.

Planning Board – See Ch. 34.

ARTICLE I

**Mayor and Trustees
[Adopted 2-22-2007 by L.L. No. 1-2007¹]**

§ 45-1. Legislative intent.

It is the intent and purpose of this article to lengthen the term of office of the Mayor and each member of the Village Board of Trustees from two years to four years in accordance with the provisions of Village Law. By reducing the initial term of the Mayor and Trustee class of 2007 to three years, the Village will stagger the terms of office to provide for the election of two Trustees every two years.

§ 45-2. Purpose and findings.

The Village Board of the Village of Youngstown finds that certain key elective positions within the Village, such as Mayor and Village Trustee, would benefit from a longer term of office so as

¹ Editor's Note: This local law was adopted as Ch. 3 but was renumbered to maintain the alphabetical organization of the Code.

to provide greater continuity for the Village. These positions require a great amount of skill and knowledge; therefore, there is a need for a longer term. It is the purpose of this article to expand the terms of office for the Mayor and the Village Trustees from two years to four years.

§ 45-3. Terms of Mayor established.

The Mayor of the Village shall serve for a term of four years.

A. In the election to be held in 2007, the Mayor shall run for a term of three years.

B. In the election to be held in 2010, the Mayor shall run for a term of four years.

§ 45-4. Terms of Trustees established.

The term of office for an elected Village Trustee shall be and is hereby expanded to four years, to be implemented as follows:

A. In the election to be held in 2007, two Trustees shall run for terms of three years.

B. In the election to be held in 2008, two Trustees shall run for terms of four years.

C. In the election to be held in 2010, two Trustees shall run for terms of four years.

§ 45-5. Applicability.

This article shall not apply to any person holding an office as of the date of adoption of this article and shall apply only to those persons elected to the office of Mayor or Village Trustee at the next general election held by the Village, but not earlier than May 2007.

§ 45-6. When effective; permissive referendum.

This article shall take effect upon posting and filing and following such permissive referendum as may be called by the resident electors of the Village or, in the absence of such permissive referendum, upon the expiration of the time period within which a permissive referendum may be called for.²

² Editor's Note: Per the Village Clerk, no petition for a permissive referendum was filed.