

TOWN OF CLARKSTOWN

LOCAL LAW NO. - 2017

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

**Section 1. Title.**

A Local Law Amending Chapter 71 (Ward District Boundaries) of the Code of the Town of Clarkstown.

**Section 2.** Delete the language in Section 71-3 in its entirety and replace with the following language:

Whenever a proposition shall have been adopted in the town for the establishment of the ward system and the election thereafter of one councilman from each ward, the Town Board shall divide the town into four wards and fix the boundaries thereof. The division shall be so made that the number of voters in each ward shall be approximately equal. No election district heretofore or hereafter created under the election law shall contain parts of two or more wards. When the Town Board shall have finally determined the boundaries of the wards, it shall cause a map of the town to be prepared, showing in detail the location of each ward and the boundaries thereof. The original map so made shall be filed in the office of Town Clerk, and copies thereof shall be filed in the offices of the County Clerk and the Board of Elections of Rockland County. The ward system shall be deemed established after such filing is complete. After a ward system shall have been so established, the term of office of every Town Councilman shall terminate on the 31st day of December next succeeding the first biennial town election held not less than 120 days after the establishment of such ward system, and, at such biennial town election, one resident elector from each odd-numbered ward shall be elected as Councilman therefrom for a term of two years, and one resident elector from each even-numbered ward shall be elected as Councilman therefrom for a term of four years, each such term to begin on the first day of January next succeeding such election, and thereafter, at each biennial town election, there shall be elected successors to the Town Councilmen whose terms are expiring for a term of four years each, to begin on the first day of January next succeeding such election. The term of any Clarkstown official elected after the establishment of a ward system shall be subject to Chapter 263 of the Clarkstown Town Code. The term of any Clarkstown official elected in a regular election after the establishment of the ward system shall not exceed eight consecutive years.

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

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