

# Press Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NIEMIEC CALLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF TERM LIMITS

NORTH TONAWANDA, NY, February 15th, 2019 - Zach Niemiec, candidate for 2nd Ward Alderman of North Tonawanda is calling on the common council to implement term limits on all elected positions in the city government.

Niemiec believes in term limits across all levels of government, and that local government should not be exempt from them. There are many models out there, the simplest to follow is that of the 22nd Amendment to the United States Constitution which was ratified in 1951 by the states which placed term limits on the President.

The 22nd Amendment states that no person shall be elected more than twice (8 years) and can not serve more than a total of 10 years if appointed or filling the remainder of a vacant term for the role of President. Niemiec proposes that all Alderman/Alderwoman, The Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and Attorney abide by this rule. The term length for these positions is different and the limit would reflect that.

For example, an Alderman At Large is a 4-year term, individuals holding that office would be limited to two elected 4-year terms and can serve in that role for a max of 10 years if appointed to fill a vacancy. For Alderpeople in wards 1,2, & 3 they could serve a maximum of 4 elected 2-year terms and can serve in that role for a max of 10 years if appointed to fill a vacancy.

In order to implement term limits, this will require a change to the city charter, ultimately having to be voted on by the residents. Niemiec believes this will affect the following portions of the charter Sec.2.021, Sec. 2.041, Sec. 3.023

A large portion of Americans supports term limits. They help ensure that the torch is being passed to the next generation. This creates more options for voters & residents looking to take part in the community allowing them to be the change they want to see in the city. Niemiec believes that this would remove the intense focus on politics and place it back on policy.