

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 - 2021

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CHARTER AND FURTHER AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE ONONDAGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE WITH RESPECT TO THE 2022 COUNTY BUDGET CYCLE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The annual county budget process, including presentation, review, consideration, adoption and implementation, is governed by the procedures found within the Onondaga County Charter (Local Law No. 1 - 1961, as previously amended, hereinafter referred to as "Charter") and the Onondaga County Administrative Code (being Local Law No. 1 - 1975, as previously amended, hereinafter referred to as "Administrative Code"). Solely with respect to the 2022 annual county budget, it is desired to change certain prescribed dates within such annual budget cycle as provided herein.

a. The Charter is hereby amended regarding the 2022 annual county budget, as follows:

i. With respect to the submission of the tentative budget to the Legislature, Section 603 is amended in the first sentence of the first paragraph to strike the words "fifteenth day of September" and to substitute "fifth day of October" therefor.

ii. With respect to the report filed by the Ways and Means Committee, Section 603 is further amended in the first sentence of the final paragraph to strike the words "the first day of October" and to substitute "the fifteenth of October" therefor.

iii. With respect to the publication of the public hearing notice, Section 604 is amended in the first sentence to strike the words "the first day of October" and to substitute "the sixteenth day of October" therefor.

iv. With respect to the date by which the public hearing must be held, Section 604 is further amended in the first sentence to strike the words "not later than the tenth day of October" and to substitute "not later than the twenty-first day of October" therefor.

v. With respect to the adoption of the budget by the Legislature with additions or increases, Section 605(b) is amended to strike the words "the fifteenth day of October" and to substitute "the twenty-sixth day of October" therefor.

vi. With respect to the County Executive's objections to such additions or increases, Section 605(c) is amended to strike the words "the twentieth day of October" and to substitute "five days after the adoption of the budget with additions or increases, but in any event not later than the thirty-first day of October" therefor, and Section 605(d) is amended to strike the words "on or before the twentieth day of October" and to substitute "on the date provided in Section 605(c) for the return of such budget by the County Executive" therefor.

vii. With respect to the Legislature's special meeting to reconsider such objections, Section 605(c) is amended to strike the words "the twenty-fifth day of October" and to substitute "five days after the return of the budget with additions or increases, but in any event not later than the fifth day of November" therefor.

viii. With respect to the final date in the budget adoption process, Section 605(e) is amended to strike the words "the first Monday of November" and to substitute "the twelfth day of November" therefor.

b. The Administrative Code is hereby amended regarding the 2022 annual county budget, as follows:

i. With respect to the submission of Capital Project Requests, Section 6.02(a) is amended to strike the words “or before the first day of June of each year, or on such earlier date” and to substitute “on or before the first of July” therefor.

ii. With respect to the submission of the estimates and appropriation requests to the Chief Fiscal Officer, Section 6.03B is amended to strike the words “or before this first day of August of each year, or on such earlier date” and to substitute “on or before the first day of September” therefor.

iii. With respect to the submission of the Executive’s budget to the Legislature, Section 6.05(b) is amended to strike the words “the fifteenth day of September” and to substitute “the fifth day of October” therefor.

iv. With respect to the report filed by the Ways and Means Committee, Section 6.07 is amended to strike the word “the first day of October” and to substitute “the fifteenth day of October” therefor.

v. With respect to the public hearing, Section 6.08 is stricken in its entirety and the following language is to be substituted therefor “The public hearing shall be noticed and held in the manner prescribed by Section 604 of the Charter.”

Section 2. Additional Amendments; Construction.

Any previously enacted resolutions or local laws relating to the annual budget cycle and financial procedures in Onondaga County are hereby amended to be consistent with this local law. Except as specifically amended herein, the Onondaga County Charter and Administrative Code remain in full force and effect.

This local law is to be construed in such a way so as not to diminish or curtail any powers held by any elected official within County government.

Section 3. Severability.

In the event that any provision contained herein should be found by a judge to be improper, illegal, and/or void, it is the intent of this Legislature to sever such provisions from this local law and to revive and restore the relevant provisions of the Charter and Administrative Code to the status quo ante.

Section 4. Applicability to 2022 Annual County Budget.

The amendments herein to the prescribed dates in the Charter and Administrative Code shall be effective regarding only the 2022 annual county budget. Upon adoption of the 2022 budget, the amendments herein shall expire automatically, and the Charter and Administrative Code shall be restored to the prescribed dates in effect immediately prior to the adoption of this local law, without need for further legislative action, and shall read as though the prescribed dates were not amended.

Section 5. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect upon filing in accordance with the Municipal Home Rule Law.

ADOPTED 5/4/21



I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the legislation duly adopted by the County Legislature of Onondaga County on the 4th day of May 2021.

Clerk, County Legislature

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. M. ...", is written over the printed name of the County Clerk.