

LOCAL LAW PERMANENT 14 OF 2010

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 1 OF 2010

"LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE, AS AMENDED, REGARDING ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL COUNTY BUDGET."

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Broome as follows:

SECTION I. Article VI, §§ C603 Proposed budget and capital program by County Executive, C606 Public Hearings and C607 Adoption of Budget of the Broome County Charter and Code, originally adopted by the Broome County Board of Supervisors by Local Law No. 9-1968, as amended by the Broome County Legislature by Local Laws No. 9-1979, No. 2-1987; No. 14-1992 and No. 15-2000 be and hereby are amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE VI
Financial Procedures

§ C603 Proposed budget and capital program by County Executive.

The County Executive shall submit to the Clerk of the County Legislature, on or before the fifteenth day of September of each year, for consideration by such Board, a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year and capital program for the next six (6) fiscal years.

Upon its submission, the proposed budget and capital program and budget message, hereinafter provided, shall become a public record of the office of the Clerk of the County Legislature, and copies of the same shall be made available by such Clerk for distribution.

The proposed budget shall present a complete financial plan for the County, its administrative units, the Broome County Veterans Memorial Arena and the Broome County Performing Arts Theater (The Forum) for the ensuing fiscal year, setting forth proposed expenditures and anticipated revenues, and shall include:

- (1) An operation and maintenance expense budget; and
- (2) The capital budget covering debt service, down payments and other current capital financing and proposed borrowing, if any.

All, or any portion of, unappropriated, unreserved fund balances at the end of each completed fiscal year, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, and except where appropriated for a capital improvement or other authorized continuing project, may be treated as revenues for the County budget of the ensuing fiscal year.

§C606. Public hearings.

(A) Not later than the 5th day of October, the Clerk of the County Legislature shall cause to be published in the official newspapers and such other newspapers as may be designated by the County Legislature a notice of the place and time, not less than seven (7) days after such publication nor later than the 15th day of October, at which time the County Legislature will hold an initial public hearing on the proposed budget, the capital program, the budget message submitted by the County Executive and any report, if submitted, by the County Legislature or a committee designated by that body.

(B) Not later than the 20th day of October, the Clerk of the County Legislature shall cause to be published in the official newspapers and such other newspapers as may be designated by the County Legislature a notice of the place and time, not less than seven (7) days after such publication nor later than the 1st day of November, at which time the County Legislature will hold a second public hearing on any items in the proposed budget that the County Legislature intends to strike, reduce or increase pursuant to §C607 of this Article.

§ C607. Adoption of budget.

(A) After the conclusion of the initial public hearing as set forth in §C606(A) of this Article, the County Legislature may strike, reduce or increase items of appropriation or anticipated revenues in such proposed budget, excepting appropriations required by law or for debt service, which may not be reduced, provided that such changes are stated separately and distinctly.

SECTION 2. This Local Law shall be submitted for approval by the electors of the County of Broome at a general election held on November 2, 2010, and shall become operative only if approved at such election by a majority vote of such electors.