

# **County of Albany**

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112 State Street - Albany, NY 12207



## **Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

**Harold L. Joyce Albany County Office Building  
Room 730**

**Rules Review and Legislative Modernization Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

2. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. "O" FOR 2022:  
A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY REGARDING THE  
ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ALBANY COUNTY
3. LOCAL LAW NO. "O" FOR 2022: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF  
ALBANY, NEW YORK ADOPTING THE CODE OF ALBANY COUNTY

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

6:30 PM

Held Remotely

**Rules Review and Legislative Modernization Committee**

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

**Present:** Lynne Lekakis, Jeffrey D. Kuhn, Mark E. Grimm, Andrew Joyce, Joseph E. O'Brien, Bill L. Ricard and Wanda F. Willingham

**Excused:** Matthew J. Miller and Jeff S. Perlee

**1. APPROVING PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made that the previous meeting minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**2. LOCAL LAW NO. "G" FOR 2022: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR OPEN MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY TO PROVIDE FOR MEMBER VIDEOCONFERENCING IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES**

A motion was made to move the proposal forward with a positive recommendation. The motion passed 5-1 with Mr. O'Brien opposed.

**RESOLUTION NO. 398**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. “O” FOR 2022: A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF THE CODE OF ALBANY COUNTY**

Introduced: 10/11/22

By Messrs. A. Joyce, Feeney, Beston, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Cleary, Commisso, Domalewicz, Efekoro, R. Joyce, Kuhn, Ms. Lekakis, Mr. Mayo, Mss. McLaughlin, McLean Lane, Mr. Miller, Ms. Plotsky, Messrs. Reinhardt, Reidy, Ward and Ms. Willingham:

RESOLVED, By the County Legislature of the County of Albany that a public hearing on proposed Local Law No. “O” for 2022, “A Local Law of the County of Albany Regarding the Adoption of the Code of Albany County” to be held by the Albany County Legislature at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, with participation information to be made available on the Albany County website, and the Clerk of the County Legislature is directed to cause notice of such hearing to be published containing the necessary information in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

*Referred to Law and Rules Reform and Legislative Modernization Committees  
– 10/11/22*

## LOCAL LAW NO. "O" FOR 2022

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

#### ARTICLE I

#### **Adoption of Code**

##### **§ 1-1. Code adopted; continuation of existing provisions.**

In accordance with Subdivision 3 of § 20 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, the local laws certain resolutions of Albany County, as codified and consisting of the Charter and Chapters 1 through 488, are hereby approved, adopted and enacted as the Code of Albany County, hereinafter referred to as the "Code." The provisions of the Code, insofar as they are substantively the same as those of local laws and resolutions in force immediately prior to the enactment of the Code by this local law, are intended as a continuation of such local laws and resolutions and not as new enactments.

##### **§ 1-2. Code on file; additions and amendments.**

- A. A copy of the Code has been filed in the office of the County Clerk and shall remain there for use and examination by the public until final action is taken on this local law. Following adoption of this local law, such copy shall be certified to by the Clerk of the County of Albany by impressing thereon the Seal of the County, as provided by law, and such certified copy shall remain on file in the office of the County Clerk, to be made available to persons desiring to examine the same during all times while said Code is in effect.
- B. Additions or amendments to the Code, when adopted in such form as to indicate the intent of the County Legislature to make them a part thereof, shall be deemed to be incorporated into such Code so that reference to the "Code of Albany County" shall be understood and intended to include such additions and amendments. Nothing contained in this local law shall affect the status of any local law or resolution contained in the Code, and such local laws or resolutions may be

amended, deleted or changed from time to time as the County Legislature deems desirable.

**§ 1-3. Notice; publication.**

In the event that notice of enactment of this local law is required due to amendments adopted by way of this local law to zoning or land use provisions, or is otherwise required by law, the Clerk of Albany County shall cause notice of the enactment of this local law to be given in the manner required by law. The notice of the enactment of this local law, coupled with the availability of a copy of the Code for inspection by the public, shall be deemed, held and considered to be due and legal publication of all provisions of the Code for all purposes.

**§ 1-4. Severability.**

Each section of this local law and of the Code and every part of each section is an independent section or part of a section, and the holding of any section or a part thereof to be unconstitutional, void or ineffective for any cause shall not be deemed to affect the validity or constitutionality of any other sections or parts thereof.

**§ 1-5. Repealer.**

Repeal of inconsistent enactments. All local laws of a general and permanent nature, or parts of such local laws, inconsistent with the provisions contained in the Code adopted by this local law are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency, and any valid legislation of Albany County which is not in conflict with the provisions of the Code shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect.

**§ 1-6. Enactments saved from repeal; matters not affected.**

The repeal of local laws and ordinances provided for in § 1-5 of this local law shall not affect the following classes of local laws, rights and obligations, which are hereby expressly saved from repeal:

- A. Any right or liability established, accrued or incurred under any legislative provision of Albany County prior to the effective date of this local law or any action or proceeding brought for the enforcement of such right or liability.
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