

LOCAL LAW NO. "U" FOR 2016

A LOCAL LAW OF THE COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AMENDING THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING TRANSPARENCY IN THE BUDGET PROCESS

Introduced: 9/12/16

By: Messrs. Mendick, Burgdorf, Drake, Grimm and Reinhardt:

PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 10 AND 33 OF THE MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW AND SECTION 2701 OF THE ALBANY COUNTY CHARTER:

BE IT ENACTED by the County Legislature of the County of Albany as follows:

SECTION 1. The Albany County Charter is hereby amended by the addition of the following underlined language to section 406 (b) Legislative Budget Report:

(b) Legislative Budget Report. The Audit and Finance Committee (or other such committees as may be designated by the Chairperson) may also hold public hearings or meetings with the heads of the Departments and contractual agencies, as such committee's deem necessary, to prepare the proposed Legislative Budget report containing proposed additions and deletions to the Tentative Annual Budget submitted by the County Executive. The Audit and Finance Committee (or other such committees as may be designated by the Chairperson) shall compile a draft of the proposed Legislative Budget Report. Such draft will be posted on the County's website for public review at least 2 business days in advance of the meeting at which it is slated to be considered for Committee approval. The Legislative Budget Report shall be filed with the Clerk no later than November 20th.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any article, section, paragraph, phrase or sentence of this local law is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Referred to Law and Audit and Finance Committees. 9/12/16

Without Recommendation – Law Committee 6/26/17

Negative Recommendation – Audit and Finance Committee 7/26/17

A motion was made by Mr. Mendick to amend the Local Law as follows: After "approval." in SECTION 1 ADD: "No change shall be made to the draft during this 2 day period unless it is a material change approved, prior to submittal, by the

Majority Leader in consultation with the Minority Leader. Written justification for the change shall be provided and changes approved by the two conference leaders shall not reset the timeline of the 2 day review period.”

On roll call vote the following voted in favor: Messrs. Burgdorf, Dawson, Drake, Grimm, Higgins, Ms. Lekakis, Messrs. Mauriello, Mayo, Ms. McLean Lane, Messrs. Mendick, O'Brien, Reinhardt and Stevens -13

Those opposed: Messrs. Beston, Bullock, Ms. Chapman, Messrs. Clay, Clenahan, Commisso, Crouse, Domalewicz, Ethier, Feeney, Fein, Hogan, A. Joyce, Mss. Lockart, McKnight, Messrs. Miller, Signoracci, Simpson, Smith, Touchette, Tunny, Ward and Ms. Willingham – 23

The amendment was defeated.

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Local Law was defeated. 8/14/17