

RESOLUTION NO. 1102 -2013, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 1 -2014, A CHARTER LAW TO INCREASE BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on November 6, 2013, a proposed local law entitled, "**A CHARTER LAW TO INCREASE BUDGET TRANSPARENCY**"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. 1 -2014, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

A CHARTER LAW TO INCREASE BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that the County of Suffolk adopts an operating and capital budget each year.

This Legislature also finds that the adopted operating and capital budgets reflect the fundamental policy and budgetary choices of Suffolk County government.

This Legislature determines that the County's budgets should be readily available to, and accessible by, the public reasonably soon after their final adoption.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to require the Division of the Budget to publish the County's adopted operating and capital budgets on-line by a date certain each year.

Section 2. Amendments.

Article IV of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Article IV
County Budget and Capital Program**

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§ C4-11. Approval of budget by County Executive.

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E. The Division of the Budget will publish the adopted, uncertified expense (operating) budget on the County's website no later than January 31st each year.

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§ C4-20. Approval of capital program by County Executive.

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D. The Division of the Budget will publish the adopted capital budget and program on the County's website no later than September 1st each year.

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. SEQRA Determination.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and/or (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law will take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: December 3, 2013

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: December 20, 2013
After a public hearing duly held on December 11, 2013
Filed with the Secretary of State on January 14, 2014