

**RESOLUTION NO. 326-2022, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW
NO. 23-2022, A CHARTER LAW TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY
EXECUTIVE TO PROVIDE LEGISLATURE WITH NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL LAWS**

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a meeting held on March 8, 2022 a proposed local law entitled, "**A CHARTER LAW TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO PROVIDE LEGISLATURE WITH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL LAWS**"; now, therefore be it

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

LOCAL LAW NO. 23-2022, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

**A CHARTER LAW TO PROVIDE LEGISLATURE WITH NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LOCAL LAWS**

**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 Section C2-14 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER requires the County Executive to hold a hearing on any local law passed by the Legislature and to advertise notice of such public hearing in the official County newspapers.

This Legislature further finds and determines that the time period between publication and holding the hearing is relatively short in that the public hearing must take place not less than four (4) days, but no more than seven (7) days after publication of the notice.

This Legislature finds that given the short time period between the publication and holding of the public hearing that Legislators should be given as much notice as possible in order to notify interested constituents about the hearing in order to promote transparency and community participation in government.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to amend the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER to require the County Executive to give the Clerk of the Legislature and individual Legislators notice of a public hearing at the same time the notice is sent to the official newspapers

Section 2. Amendment.

Section C2-14 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE II COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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§ C2-14. Presentation of local laws and resolutions to County Executive.

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- B. The County Executive shall proceed to advertise the holding of a public hearing by him on such local law in the next available editions of the official County newspapers published after said presentation. The hearing shall be held no less than four days and no more than seven days after the last publication date in said newspapers, inclusive of Sundays and holidays. At the same time that the notice of the public hearing is submitted to the official County newspapers, the County Executive shall cause a copy of the notice to be sent to the Clerk of the Legislature and to the electronic mail inbox of each Legislator.

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Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all 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)(26), (27) and (33) 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 in that the action constitutes routine or continuing administration and management not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment. 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 shall take effect immediately upon its filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

___ Underlining denotes addition of new language.

DATED: April 12, 2022

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Lisa Black
Chief Deputy County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: May 10, 2022

After a public hearing duly held on April 25, 2022
Filed with the Secretary of State on June 6, 2022