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RESOLUTION
BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE
BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Sponsored by: County Administration Committee

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 1 OF 2025, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE"

RESOLVED, that Local Law Intro. No. 1 of 2025, entitled: "A Local Law Amending Article III of the Broome County Charter and Code," be and the same hereby is adopted and approved in accordance with the Broome County Charter and Code and all the applicable statutes and laws pertaining thereto.

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 1 OF 2025

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE

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

Section 1 ARTICLE III is amended as follows:

ARTICLE III Environmental Management Council

§ 17-4. Establishment.

The County Legislature hereby authorizes, creates and approves the establishment of a Broome County Environmental Management Council, pursuant to the provisions of Article 19 of the Conservation Law of the State of New York and other laws pertaining thereto, to be known and designated as the "Broome County Environmental Management Council," for the purpose of reviewing and reporting upon the state of the County's environment and for all the other purposes and with all the powers and duties set forth in Article 19 of the Conservation Law of the State of New York. The County Executive is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint the members of said Broome County Environmental Management Council.

§ 17-5. Membership; terms; Chairman.

The membership of the Broome County Environmental Management Council shall be comprised of one member of each conservation commission within the County of Broome, [15] 9 at-large members who are residents of Broome County, one representative each from designated agencies as established in the EMC bylaws (e.g., [United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service] the Cornell Cooperative Extension [Service] of Broome, the Soil and Water Conservation District located within Broome County) and, as ex officio members, the Commissioners or designees of the Broome County Departments of Health, of Parks and Recreation, of Planning and Economic Development and of Public Works, and two Broome County Legislators, all of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive for terms not to exceed two years, and any such appointments shall be subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The County Executive shall appoint a Chairman of the Council from among the members of the Council.

§ 17-6. Name.

The name of this organization is the "Broome County Environmental Management Council" (hereinafter called the "Council"), as established by the Broome County Legislature (hereinafter called the "Legislature"), in accordance with Broome County Resolution Permanent No. 277 of 1971, No. 64 of 1973, No. 366 of 1976, No. 341 of 1980, No. 525 of 1987 and Article 47 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law. All references to the "County" refer hereinafter to Broome County.

§ 17-7. Purpose; goals.

- A. The purpose of the Council shall be as set forth in Article 47 of the Environmental Conservation Law, together with such other powers as shall be given it by the Legislature to enhance and preserve the natural and developed environment of the County.
- B. Major goals of the Council shall include:
 - (1) Providing support services and advice to the County Executive, Legislature, municipal governmental bodies and citizens;
 - (2) Conducting and coordinating environmental research activities;
 - (3) Preparing an annual report on the status of the County's environment;
 - (4) Raising public awareness of environmental issues through educational programs;

§ 17-13. Compensation.

All members of the Council shall receive no compensation for their services. They shall be reimbursed, to the extent that the budget permits, for expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of their Council duties [(excluding associate members)], subject to County expenditure approval procedures.

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