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**COUNTY OF ERIE**  
**LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 4 – 2001 (PRINT #2)**  
**LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2001**

**A LOCAL LAW amending the Erie County Charter to create the Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board and the Erie County Public Benefits Advisory Board.**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF ERIE AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1. Legislative Intent.** The Erie County Legislature finds and determines that the opportunity to view, enjoy or otherwise participate in musical, dance and ballet, art exhibits, the theater, and other examples or events of cultural, historical and literary displays have a positive effect on the citizens of Erie county. It is hereby further determined that, the practice and enjoyment of the arts and culture are of increasing importance and that the general welfare and quality of life of the people of Erie county will be promoted and enhanced by giving further recognition of arts and culture as a vital aspect of our community and heritage. It is hereby further determined that cultural institutions possess great potential in the area of tourism, and that cultural institutions within Erie county may serve to attract additional visitors to Erie county and in so doing serve to enhance the economy of our region.

It is further determined that public benefit agencies within Erie county serve to enhance the government's ability to deliver services to the general public. Such agencies deliver services in a myriad of ways, including, but not limited to services to our youth, senior citizens, block clubs, civic organizations and other agencies or groups committed to strengthening local communities in particular and our countywide community in general.

It is further determined that Erie county's previously established Cultural Resources Advisory Board be codified in the county charter as a permanent advisory committee reporting to the County Executive for the purposes of making recommendations for funding within the County Executive's annual tentative budget. It is further determined that it would be advisable for the County Executive to codify and thereby establish an additional committee for the purposes of making recommendations to the County Executive for funding for Public Benefit agencies in Erie county, in a manner consistent with the model established by the existing Cultural Resources Advisory Board. It is finally determined that such advice presented to the County Executive, and reported in an advisory fashion similarly to the Legislature, will be of benefit to the County Executive and to the Legislature in their respective charter roles in the presentation and adoption of the county's annual budget.

**SECTION 2.** Article XVI-D of the Erie County Charter, being local law number one of the year nineteen hundred seventy-seven, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following new Article XVI-D:

**ARTICLE XVI-D**

**ERIE COUNTY CULTURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY BOARD**

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| Section | 1. Creation of board           |
|         | 2. Powers and duties of board. |
|         | 3. Recommendations of board.   |

Section 1. Creation of board. There shall be an Erie County Cultural Resources Advisory Board, consisting of twenty-five members who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, in accordance with section 302 (f) of the Erie County Charter and section 19.01 of the Erie County Administrative Code. Of the 25 members of the board, the chair and vice-chair are selected by and serve for terms as specified by the County Executive. Members serve for a term of two years and may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chair on three days written notice, mailed to the last known address of each board member. The Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services as members of such board, in accordance with section 19.01 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Section 2. Powers and duties of board. The board shall have all the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon it by the County Charter, by the Code, and by the by-laws adopted by the board and shall (1) establish eligibility and review criteria and evaluate and make recommendations concerning cultural funding requests and related issues impacting Erie County; (2) advise the County, through the County Executive, as to the effective, equitable and fiscally responsible distribution of County funds to cultural organizations, with the purpose of fostering a vibrant and diverse cultural environment in the County, while enhancing economic development in the County, and (3) advise the County, through the County Executive, on the development, coordination and promotion of the arts and culture in Erie County, including public art projects for county-owned buildings and facilities.

Section 3. Recommendations of board. The board shall make funding recommendations to the budget director on or before the fifteenth day of October of each year. Upon review and investigation of such recommendations, the budget director shall prepare and submit to the County Executive funding recommendations in accordance with section 18.02(e) of the code.

**SECTION 3.** The Erie County Charter, being local law number one of the year nineteen hundred fifty-nine, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new article, Article XVI-G, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE XVI-G**

**ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC BENEFITS ADVISORY BOARD**

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| Section | 1. Creation of board           |
|         | 2. Powers and duties of board. |
|         | 3. Recommendations of board.   |

Section 1. Creation of board. There shall be an Erie County Public Benefits Advisory Board, consisting of twenty-five members who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, in accordance with section 302 (f) of the Erie County Charter and section 19.01 of the Erie County Administrative Code. Of the 25 members of the board, the chair and vice-chair are selected by and serve for terms as specified by the County Executive. Members serve for a term of two years and may serve a maximum of three consecutive terms. Meetings of the board shall be held at the call of the chair on three days written notice, mailed to the last known address of each board member. The Members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services as members of such board, in accordance with section 19.01 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Section 2. Powers and duties of board. The board shall have all the powers and duties conferred or imposed upon it by the County Charter, by the Code, and by the by-laws adopted by the board and shall (1) establish eligibility and review criteria and evaluate and make recommendations concerning public benefit funding requests and related issues impacting Erie County; (2) advise the County, through the County Executive, as to the effective, equitable and fiscally responsible distribution of County funds to non-cultural public benefit organizations, with the purpose of maximizing the beneficial impact of these funds with regard to serving the needs of Erie County and its residents.

Section 3. Recommendations of board. The board shall make funding recommendations to the budget director on or before the fifteenth day of October of each year. Upon review and investigation of such recommendations, the budget director shall prepare and submit to the County Executive funding recommendations in accordance with section 18.02(e) of the code.

**SECTION 4.** This local law shall be placed before the voters of the County of Erie at a general election to be held at least sixty (60) days after the adoption of this local law. If approved by said voters, this local law shall take effect immediately.

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