

COUNTY OF ERIE  
LOCAL LAW NO. 3 - 1978

A LOCAL LAW amending Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, in relation to establishing an Office of Disaster Preparedness by amending Article IX, section 902, thereof; and by amending Article XVI, section 1608, thereof; and by adding new sections 904 and 905.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Article IX, section 902 of Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new subdivision, subdivision h, to read as follows:

h. When directed to do so by the county executive, he shall assist the director of disaster preparedness in the coordination of emergency services.

SECTION 2. Article XVI of Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, is hereby amended to repeal section 1608 thereof, and to add a new section 1608 to read as follows:

event of natural or other disaster or emergency, and shall regularly amend such plan. In the event of the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the county executive, the director shall coordinate emergency services for the county.

§905. Disaster preparedness advisory board.

There shall be a disaster preparedness advisory board appointed by the county executive, hereinafter called the board. The board shall consist of no fewer than 15 and no more than 25 members, one-third of whom shall be active members of volunteer fire companies. The remainder of the members shall be elected officials or their representatives and representatives of organizations involved in emergency and disaster preparedness, and other citizens of the county. There shall be a chairman of the board appointed by the county executive. The commissioner of environment and planning, the sheriff, the commissioner of public works, and the commissioner of health shall be ex-officio members of the board. The term of all members shall be two years.

The board shall make recommendations to the director of disaster preparedness concerning the contents and implementation of the disaster preparedness plan. The board shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities and shall file an annual report with the legislature and the county executive.

Section 1608. Additional appointments by county executive. The county historian, the superintendent of the Erie County correctional facility, the veterans' service officer and the head of any other county administrative unit, except as otherwise provided in this charter, shall be appointed by the county executive, subject to confirmation by the county legislature. All such appointees shall serve at the pleasure of the county executive.

SECTION 3. Article IX of Local Law No. 1-1959, constituting the Erie County Charter, as amended, is hereby amended to include two new sections, sections 904 and 905, to read as follows:

§904. Office of disaster preparedness. There shall be an office of disaster preparedness headed by a director. He shall be appointed by the county executive, subject to confirmation by the county legislature, and shall perform the duties and execute the powers of the county executive in his capacity as the local director of civil defense as defined in the New York State Defense Emergency Act, being chapter seven hundred and eighty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred and fifty-one, as amended. He shall develop and make public a disaster preparedness plan for the coordination of emergency services in the

SECTION 4. This local law shall be effective immediately.