

**Recommendation to Amend the Erie County Charter
Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016**

**Recommendation Intro. No. 151
Recommendation No. 10**

Introduced by Chairman Aldinger

The Erie County Charter Revision Commission of 2016 does hereby recommend that Section 202.3 is amended to read as follows:

Section 202.3. Increasing the salaries of county elected officials. The Erie county legislature is hereby prohibited from changing the salary of any county elected official, excluding the district attorney, except in accordance with the following procedure:

- 1 Prior to acting upon the citizens salary review commission's biennial report, the county legislature shall hold at least one public hearing to solicit public input on said commission's recommendations.
- 2 Notices of all such public hearings shall be published at least once in the official newspaper or newspapers of the county and in such other newspapers as the county legislature may direct. At least five days but not more than ten days shall elapse between the first publication of such notice and the date specified for the hearing.
- 3 The county legislature shall have one year from the date said recommendations are submitted to adopt, modify, or reject the recommendations of the citizens salary review commission.
- 4 Any salaries approved by the county legislature in excess of those recommended by the citizens salary review commission shall be approved by a vote of at least two thirds of all the members of the county legislature.
- 5 The county legislature shall specifically establish the effective date of any adjustments in the salaries of elected county officials. No increase in the salary of an elected official shall be permitted for any fiscal year in which there is an increase in the real property tax levy over the tax levy of the previous fiscal year.
- 6 The county legislature's review of salaries as set forth above shall occur during every even year starting with nineteen hundred eighty six. **No increase in the salary of any county elected official shall take effect until the current term of office of the elected official that is to receive an increase in salary has ended.**

**Introducer's Memorandum to
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Sponsor: Aldinger

The intent and purpose of this recommendation is to create a new procedure for increasing the salaries of elected officials in Erie County. It has come to our attention that the current procedure to increase salaries is a cumbersome process that, while having recommended salary increases, has not actually resulting in salary increases. This recommendation creates a new procedure for raising elected officials salaries that gives increased input to the citizens who pay these elected officials' salaries through their tax dollars. In addition this recommendation prevents any increase in salaries midway through an elected officials term. Candidates run for office knowing what they will be paid, and citizens vote for candidates knowing the compensation they will receive should they win. For these reasons any increase to an elected official's salary should not become effective until after the current term of office expires.

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	YES	NO	NOT PRESENT	ABSTAIN
Todd J. Aldinger	✓			
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Tara Cadmus	✓			
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Christina G. Holdsworth	✓			
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Matthew J. Kibler	✓			
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Rashied McDuffie	✓			
Cheryl Meyers-Buth	✓	✓		
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Tiffany R. Perry	✓			
David Pollack	✓			
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Mary A. Stang-Cooke	✓			
Jeanne M. Vinal	✓			

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