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June 19, 2014

Hon. Scott Kroll, Clerk
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Local Law No. 3-2014 – A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 1-1959, As Amended by Local Law No. 3-2006, Known As The Erie County Charter, Amending Article 22, Section 22-C in Relation to the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families
Our File No. 22-20140006

Dear Hon. Kroll:

Enclosed please find an original of the above-referenced Local Law for filing in your office.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

MICHAEL A. SIRAGUSA
Erie County Attorney

By: _____
Gregory P. Kammer
Assistant County Attorney

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Enclosure

New York State Department of State
Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code
One Commerce Plaza, 99 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12231-0001
www.dos.ny.gov

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

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(Select one:)

of Erie

Local Law No. 3 **of the year 20**14

A local law amending Local Law No. 1-1959, as amended by Local Law No. 3-2006, known as the
(Insert Title)
Erie County Charter, amending Article 22, Section 22-C in relation to the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families.

Be it enacted by the Erie County Legislature **of the**
(Name of Legislative Body)

☒ **County** ☐ **City** ☐ **Town** ☐ **Village**
(Select one:)

of Erie **as follows:**

Section 1: LEGISLATIVE INTENT

The purpose of this law is to reduce the number of appointees to the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families to 15 and simplify the appointment process. The law also simplifies he process by which the Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families reports its activities to the Erie county legislature and county executive.

Section 2: AMENDMENT TO THE ERIE COUNTY CHARTER

Section C-22 of the Erie County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Erie County Community Coordinating Council on Children and Families

Section 22-C-01. Legislative declaration of policy. It is hereby declared to be the public policy of Erie county, New York, to take all proper measures to preserve and strengthen the family unit and to aid in the establishment of a nurturing environment to encourage the proper development of children.

To further this policy the Erie county government provides evaluation, treatment and preventative services to the children and families of Erie county.

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

The Erie county legislature finds that this policy and these services can be more effectively administered and efficiently delivered by systematic coordination among the local government, public voluntary system of social, educational, health, mental health and other supportive and rehabilitative services to children and families.

The services system can be strengthened by:

1. Fostering cooperation among local government and both public and voluntary agencies to provide better coordination supervision of services to children and families.
2. Eliminating duplication of services where possible and maximizing service provisions through judicious use of tax dollars, grants and other funding mechanisms as may become available.
3. Stressing more meaningful accountability by providers, in all sectors, regarding the quality and quantity of services provided to children and families.
4. Improving methods of ascertaining community needs and setting program goals as they relate to services for children and families.

Section 22-C-02. Establishment, powers and duties. There is hereby created, the Erie county community coordinating council on children and families, hereafter called council. The council shall:

1. Develop a methodology to evaluate, monitor and ascertain the effectiveness of current programs in children's services.
2. Identify problems and deficiencies in existing services and recommend corrective action.
3. Improve coordination of program and fiscal resources within the children's services system.
4. Act as a liaison between county governmental units, public voluntary programs and the state and federal government, fostering better communication between all involved.
5. Review and resolve administrative, and where appropriate, regulatory differences between agencies.
6. Develop long range plans to improve services to children and families. This should be accomplished through a five year comprehensive service plan similar to those utilized by county departments.
7. Act as a forum for community discussion of issues pertaining to services for children and families.
8. Carry out any and all activities deemed necessary to accomplish the goals of the council as stated herein.

Section 22-C-03. Membership; meetings. The council shall consist of fifteen members to be appointed by the county executive subject to confirmation by the county Legislature. The county executive shall appoint to the council at least two persons recommended by each of the majority and minority leaders of the Legislature.

Nominations for the remaining positions shall be actively solicited from groups which represent and are active in children and family issues. The departments of health, mental health, probation, social services and office of the disabled shall each designate one person to serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the council.

The term of office for all members of the Council, with the exception of ex-officio members, shall be two (2) years.

The council shall have the authority to appoint ad hoc council members to advise them, as they may deem necessary.

The council shall have at least four meetings each year with at least one meeting to be in each quarter of the year. The council shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings; shall keep accurate records of its meetings and activities, and shall file an annual report of its activities and recommendations with the county legislature and the county executive.

Section 22-C-04. The county executive. The county executive shall require any county department, division, board, council, committee, authority or agency, or other unit or any agency or organization receiving county funding, to provide such facilities, assistance and data as will enable the commission to properly effectuate its powers and duties under this article.

Section 22-C-05. Staff. The council shall be provided with a coordinator, under the auspices of the county executive to serve the council in capacities which include managing the correspondence of the council; providing a schedule of meeting dates; distributing a calendar of information on programs and events members may be interested in attending. The coordinator shall also serve as research assistant, and coordinate and implement the use of the monitoring mechanism, so that the council shall have service and program data to use in its planning efforts. The council and its coordinator shall also have access to secretarial staff as needed to complete its tasks.

Section 3: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Sponsored By: Legislator Dixon

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable
(Name of Legislative Body)
provisions of law.

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 20 14 of the (County)~~(City)(Town)(Village)~~ of Erie _____ was duly passed by the Erie County Legislature _____ on May 8, _____ 20 14, and was (approved)~~(not approved)~~
(Name of Legislative Body)
~~(repassed after disapproval)~~ by the Erie County Executive _____ and was deemed duly adopted
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*
on June 13, _____ 20 1 4, in accordance w ith the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)
(Name of Legislative Body)
(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____.
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved)
(Name of Legislative Body)
(repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local
(Elective Chief Executive Officer)*
law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

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* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No._____ of 20_____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20_____ , became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)
I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No._____ of 20_____ of the County of _____State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20_____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)
I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 2_____ above.

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

Date: 6/19/14

A Public Hearing was held on the foregoing Local Law Intro. No. 2-2014 on June 4, 2014, due notice thereof having been published in the official newspapers of the County of Erie designated for this purpose, and after due deliberation thereon, I, MARK C. POLONCARZ, County Executive of Erie County, do hereby APPROVE and SIGN said Local Law this 13 day of June, 2014.

Mark C. Poloncarz

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Mark C. Poloncarz