

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
CHAIRMAN MILLS, LORIGO, AND MORTON**

Re: Amendment to the 2016 Legislative Rules of Order

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature would like to amend the Rules of Order for the Erie County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, in order to increase transparency and public participation in the crafting of local laws Legislator Morton has requested the Legislature hold public hearings no earlier than 6:00 pm on weekdays, a time that is more convenient for residents of Erie County; and

WHEREAS, this resolution amends the Rules of Order to require the Chairperson call all public hearings after 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, this honorably body encourages all departments, including the County Executive, to support an increase in transparency by enacting policies that require public hearings be held at a time that the public may attend; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall count as the one (1) day notice required for a rule change and will be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature pursuant to section 5.09 of the 2015 rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, amend section 1.01(8) CHAIRPERSON of the Erie County Legislative Rules of Order as follows:

8. *To order that a public hearing be held. Public Hearings shall be conducted a minimum of five (5) days before an item can be considered by the Legislature unless otherwise prescribed by law. Said hearings shall be held no earlier than 6:00 pm on weekdays. The chairman shall further ensure that notice of the time and date of each public hearing be posted on the Legislature's website not more than twenty-four (24) hours from the filing of the public notice.*

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this honorable body hereby encourages County Executive Poloncarz to enact policies across all county departments requiring public hearings be held after 6:00 pm; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to all elected officials in Erie County.

Fiscal Impact: None