# LOCAL LAW TO BE ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN THE COUNTY OF ERIE

LOCAL LAW INTRO. – NO. <u>6-1</u> 2016 LOCAL LAW – NO. \_\_\_\_ - 2016

## A Local Law Requiring Publication of Ethical and Financial Disclosure Information

#### Section 1: Intent

It is the intent of this body to increase transparency related to obligations of elected officials across Erie County and the county as a whole. This local law hereby requires the publication of information required to be disclosed by the Erie County Code of Ethics. It further calls for the publishing of all county contracts in an easy to search database whether they be related to law firms, construction companies, or social services providers.

Section 2: Article 3, of Erie County Local Law number one of nineteen hundred fifty-nine, as amended, constituting the Erie County Charter, is hereby amended to add the following subsections:

Section 303(ae): Publication of County Contracts:

Provide for the publication, prominently displayed on the county website, of all county contracts and partnerships that is searchable by both department and by contractor. Information to be displayed must include the dollar value and the term of the contract. The information published shall include, but not be limited by, contracts for construction work, accounting work, legal work, LLC partnerships and consulting work.

Section 303 (af): Publication of Ethics Disclosure Information:

Provide for the publication of all information required under the Erie County Code of Ethics. Such publication shall be by department.

### Section 3: Severability

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or article of this chapter shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such determination shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or article thereof directly involved in the proceeding in which such adjudication shall have been rendered.

## **Section 4: Effective Date**

This law becomes effective upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

Sponsor: Legislator Lorigo