

COUNTY OF ERIE

LOCAL LAW NO. 1

1977

A LOCAL LAW amending Erie County Local Law No. 1 - 1959, as amended, constituting the Erie County Charter, by amending Article XVI, to add a new Article XVI D, Sections 1645, 1646, 1647, and 1648 creating an Art and Culture in Public Places Board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 16 D

Art and Culture in Public Places Board

- §1645. Legislative findings and declaration of policy.
- §1646. Establishment and membership
- §1647. Duties
- §1648. Effective date

Section 1645. Legislative findings and declaration of policy. It is hereby found that many of our citizens lack the opportunity to view, enjoy or participate, free of charge, in musical concerts, dance and ballet recitals, art exhibits, the theater and other examples of cultural, historical and literary displays. It is hereby further found that, the practice and enjoyment of the arts and culture are of increasing importance and that the general welfare and quality of life of the people of Erie County will be promoted and enhanced by giving further recognition of arts and culture as a vital aspect of our community and heritage.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the County of Erie to join with various groups, associations, organization, and institutions concerned with arts and culture to insure that the role of the arts in our County will continue to grow and will play an ever more significant part in the experience of area citizens.

Section 1646. Art and Culture in Public Places Board. There shall be an Art and Culture in Public Places Board of the County of Erie consisting of 9 members appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the Erie County Legislature, Said members shall be broadly representative of all fields of culture and the performing and fine arts. In making such appointments, due consideration shall be given to the recommendations made by representative civic, educational, arts and cultural associations and groups, concerned with or engaged in the production or presentation of the various forms of art and culture.

Upon this law becoming effective, the county executive shall appoint three (3) members of the Board to serve a one (1) year term, three (3) members to serve two (2) year terms, and three (3) members to serve three (3) year terms. Thereafter all appointments shall be for two (2) year terms. The chairman of said Board shall be named by the county executive and said chairman shall serve at the pleasure of the county executive.

Section 1647. Duties of the Art and Culture in Public Places Board. The Art and Culture in Public Places Board shall stimulate, encourage and coordinate the voluntary, year-round, presentation of the theater, art exhibits, cultural, historical and literary displays, musical concerts and dance and ballet recitals at all appropriate public buildings and facilities under the direct jurisdiction of the County of Erie.

Section 1648. Effective date. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

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