

**LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. – 2024**

A LOCAL LAW amending certain provisions of Section 167.171 of the Laws of Westchester County regarding emergency contracts.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 167.171 of Chapter 167 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 167.171. - Emergency appropriations and contracts.**

1. The County Board, during a fiscal year, may make additional appropriations or increase existing appropriations to meet emergencies or unforeseen circumstances requiring action to protect the interests of the county and its citizens, the funds therefor to be provided from unappropriated revenues, if any, or made available pursuant to the Local Finance Law.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 161.11(3) of this act, in an emergency the County Executive, with the approval of the Board of Acquisition and Contract, may execute a contract or contracts without receiving bids therefor.
3. No Resolution for the approval of an emergency contract may be voted upon unless and until the County Executive, or his duly authorized designee, submits a written declaration of the emergency to the members of the Board of Acquisition and Contract.
4. No emergency contract shall have a term in excess of ~~one~~ three years, and if additional time is necessary any such extension shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Acquisition and Contract.
5. For the purposes of this section, the term "emergency" shall mean a public emergency arising out of an accident or other unforeseen occurrence or condition whereby circumstances affecting public buildings, public property or the life, health, safety or property of the inhabitants of the County of Westchester, which would require immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding.

**§2.** The Clerk of the Board shall cause a notice of this Local Law to be published at least once a week for two successive weeks, the first publication of which shall be had within ten days after such local law is adopted, in the official newspapers published in the County of Westchester, said notice to contain the number, date of adoption and a true copy of the Local Law, and a statement that this Local Law changes a provision of law relating to the sale, exchange or leasing of County property and is therefore subject to the provisions of Section 209.171(7) of the Westchester County Administrative Code providing for a permissive referendum.

**§3.** This local law shall take effect sixty (60) days after its adoption subject to the provisions of Section 209.181 of the Westchester County Administrative Code.