



George Latimer
County Executive

August 1, 2023

Westchester County Board of Legislators
800 Michaelian Office Building
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, New York 10601

Dear Honorable Members of the Board:

I respectfully request that your Honorable Board adopt the attached Local Law relating to the compensation of termed officers and elected officials.

Your Honorable Board has before it item number 2023-300, which is an Act amending the County's Pay Plan. Part of that amendment includes increases in salary for unrepresented employees and officers of the County, which includes certain elected officials and termed officers. Pursuant to both the Laws of Westchester County and the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, these increases are subject to a permissive referendum as they increase the salaries of elected officials and termed officers during their term of office. The attached Local Law would set forth the basis for the permissive referendum, to allow those increases to go into effect. However, this legislation excludes the position of County Executive from the implementation, as I do not believe I should increase my salary during the course of my term.

In light of the aforementioned, I respectfully urge that this Honorable Board adopt the attached Local Law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Latimer".

GEORGE LATIMER
County Executive

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Enclosure

TO: HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of the attached "A LOCAL LAW subject to a permissive referendum to provide for payments of increased compensation for officers appointed for a fixed term and elective officers during their term of office."

Your Committee notes that this Honorable Board has before it item number 2023-300, which is an Act amending the County's Pay Plan. Part of that amendment includes increases in salary for unrepresented employees and officers of the County, which includes certain elected officials and termed officers. Pursuant to both the Laws of Westchester County and the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, these increases are subject to a permissive referendum as they increase the salaries of elected officials and termed officers during their term of office. The attached Local Law would set forth the basis for the permissive referendum, to allow those increases to go into effect.

Your Committee is informed that the attached legislation excludes the County Executive as he does not believe it to be appropriate to increase his salary during his term of office.

Your Committee is also informed that the proposed legislation does not meet the definition of an action under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its implementing regulations 6 NYCRR Part 617. Please refer to the memorandum from the Department of Planning dated January 12, 2023, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators. Your Committee concurs in this conclusion.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends the adoption of this Local Law.

Dated: _____, 2023
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Term Official Pay Amendment

☐ NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT

To Be Completed by Submitting Department and Reviewed by Budget

SECTION A - FUND

☒ GENERAL FUND

☐ AIRPORT FUND

☐ SPECIAL DISTRICTS FUND

SECTION B - EXPENSES AND REVENUES

Total Current Year Expense \$ 277,169

Total Current Year Revenue \$ 37,330

Source of Funds (check one): ☒ Current Appropriations ☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations

☐ Additional Appropriations

☐ Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: Various Personal Service accounts, and various State and Federal Aid accounts

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$277,169

Describe: Various Personal Service accounts

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount \$37,330

Describe: Various State and Federal Aid accounts

Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:

Current Year: In 2023, net cost of \$239,840 on increased expenditures of \$277,169 and increased revenues of \$37,330

Next Four Years: In 2024, net cost of \$176,027 on increased expenditures of \$203,424 and increased revenues of \$27,398

In 2025, net cost of \$217,374 on increased expenditures of \$251,207 and increased revenues of \$33,833

Prepared by: Mark Medwid

Title: Associate Budget Director

Department: Budget

Date: August 1, 2023

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 8/1/23

RESOLUTION NO. - 2023

RESOLVED, that this Board hold a public hearing pursuant to Section 209.141(4) of the Laws of Westchester County on Local Law Intro No. - 2023 entitled "A LOCAL LAW subject to a permissive referendum to provide for payments of increased compensation for officers appointed for a fixed term and elective officers during their term of office.". The public hearing will be held at __ .m. on the day of _____, 2023 in the Chambers of the Board of Legislators, 8th Floor, Michaelian Office Building, White Plains, N.Y. The Clerk of the Board shall cause notice of the time and date of such hearing to be published at least once in one or more newspapers published in the County of Westchester and selected by the Clerk of the Board for that purpose in the manner and time required by law.