

LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. -2021

A LOCAL LAW amending the procedures for the sale or lease of surplus property as set forth in Section 836.31 of the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new subsection 7 to provide the Purchasing Agent the power to scrap diesel-powered buses and a new subsection 8 to provide the Purchasing Agent with the power to dispose of surplus, obsolete or unused supplies, materials, or equipment in such manner as may be required under any grant program designed to reduce carbon emissions.

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

Section 1. Section 836.31 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. Surplus, obsolete or unused supplies, materials, or equipment in any storeroom or warehouse or not required by any agency of the county, except: computers and computer equipment; surplus or obsolete paratransit/shuttle type buses; shall be surrendered to the Purchasing Agent and shall be sold or leased by him as provided for in 836.31(2), (3), (4) and (5) of this section.
2. Such supplies, materials or equipment as set forth in 836.31(1) of this section may be sold or leased to the highest responsible bidder at public auction or after receipt of bids and after advertisement in at least two (2) successive issues of a daily paper published in the County of Westchester.
3. Whenever in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent, the value of such item as mentioned in 836.31(1) of this section does not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.), he may sell or lease the same to the highest bidder without public advertisement. Bids on such items must be obtained from at least three (3) bidders, whenever possible. If, however, only one (1) bid is submitted to the Purchasing Agent, the sale or lease shall be made at a price not less than the value fixed by the Purchasing Agent.
4. All surplus, obsolete or unused materials, supplies and equipment, which, in the opinion of the Purchasing Agent and the head of the department involved, are not salable, may be destroyed or otherwise disposed of under the direction of the Purchasing Agent. This provision shall not apply to public records or computers and computer equipment or surplus or obsolete paratransit/shuttle type buses, subject to the following exception, if pursuant to Section 131.41 of the Laws of Westchester County, the Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation determines in his reasonable opinion that any particular paratransit/shuttle type bus is not capable of safe operation or that there is no interest in any particular bus, then same shall be returned to the jurisdiction of the Purchasing Agent and disposed of by the Purchasing Agent in accordance with this section.

5. Notwithstanding the above, the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to sell to the MTA Bus Company, a corporate subsidiary of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority a New York State public benefit corporation, up to eighty-four (84) transit buses acquired by the County in 1995 and 1996. Each bus shall be made available for sale only when and if the County Commissioner of Transportation determines that it is no longer required for public transit service and is surplus to the needs of Westchester County. The MTA Bus Company shall pay to the County a price not to exceed Two Thousand Six Hundred (\$2,600) Dollars for each bus accepted.

6. Notwithstanding the above, the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to convey transit vehicles to Federal Transit Administration ("FTA") grant recipients in accordance with the FTA's requirements. This section only applies to transit vehicles that were purchased with the assistance of grants from the FTA and have not yet exceeded their useful life under current FTA standards. All such conveyances are subject to the approval by Act of the County Board and subsequent approval by the FTA.

7. Notwithstanding the above, the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to scrap diesel-powered buses to enable the County to receive a discount from the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority on the purchase price of new electric-powered buses under the New York State Truck Voucher Incentive Program. Scrappage must be performed by a State-approved vehicle dismantler facility. A vehicle is considered "scrapped" when rendered inoperable and available for recycling, by drilling a 3-inch diameter hole in the engine block and disabling the chassis by cutting the vehicle's frame rails or integrated body completely in half. The County may also receive a payment from the vehicle dismantler for the scrap metal value of the bus.

8. Notwithstanding the above, in the event the County participates in a grant program which will result in a reduction of carbon emissions, the Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized, if necessary to comply with the grant program, to dispose of surplus, obsolete or unused materials, supplies and equipment in such manner as may be required pursuant to the grant program.

§2. The County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute all instruments and to take all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Local Law.

§3. 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.

§4. 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.