

**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 amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow Strikethrough Formatting in Amending Local Laws." 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, New York. 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.

TO: BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee has considered “A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow Strikethrough Formatting in Amending Local Laws.”

Your Committee is aware that, under the Laws of Westchester County, an amendment to an existing local law requires the matters to be deleted to be enclosed in brackets. This formatting requirement has been in place, without amendment since 1948. Since that time, word processing technology has advanced significantly, moving from typewriters to modern computing. With modern computing, there are more options for formatting, including the ability to easily strikethrough text.

Your Committee finds that it is easier to identify eliminated language in a proposed local law that is formatted with strikethrough rather than brackets, and believes that the County’s laws should be amended to allow for strikethrough formatting in the deletion of text in proposed local laws. The proposed legislation makes this change to allow for the use of strikethrough formatting, in accordance with the advancement of technology.

Your Committee is 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.

In light of all of the foregoing, your Committee recommends the adoption of this

Local Law.

Dated: June 12 2023  
White Plains, New York



Handwritten signatures of committee members, including names like Benjamin Boykin and Vedat Fashin.

COMMITTEE ON  
Legislation

Dated: June 12, 2023  
White Plains, New York

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**COMMITTEE ON**  
Legislation

**LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. -2023**

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 209 of the Laws of Westchester County to Allow Strikethrough Formatting in Amending Local Laws.

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

**Section 1:** Section 209.131(1) of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

In adopting a local law changing or superseding any provision or provisions of any act of the legislature, the County Board shall specify the chapter number, year of enactment, title of statute, section, subsection or subdivision which it is intended to change or supersede, but the failure so to specify shall not affect the validity of such local law. Such a superseding local law may in like manner contain the text of such statute, section, subsection or subdivision and may indicate the changes to be effected in its application to the county by either enclosing in brackets, or utilizing strikethrough formatting, the matter to be eliminated therefrom and italicizing or underscoring new matter to be included therein.

**Section 2:** Section 209.141(2) of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

The form of the title of every local law shall be "A Local Law" (amending, etc., or otherwise as the case may be) and the enacting clause shall be "Be it enacted by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:". In a local law amending a statute or local law, the matter to be eliminated shall be either enclosed in brackets or marked with strikethrough formatting, and the new matter underscored or italicized.

**Section 3:** Section 209.211 of the Laws of Westchester County is hereby amended to read as follows:

Within five days after the taking effect of a local law, the Clerk of the County Board shall file a certified copy thereof in the office of the County Clerk, in the office of the Secretary of State and in the office of the State Comptroller. Such certified copy shall contain the text only of the local law without the brackets and the matter within the brackets or the strikethrough formatting and the matter struck through, or the italicizing or underscoring, if any, to indicate the changes made by it. At the same time the Clerk of the County

Board shall cause to be published at least once as a county charge in not less than two newspapers of general circulation published in the county a notice that such local law was adopted, a brief description of such local law and that the full text of such local law may be examined during regular business hours in the office of the Clerk of the County Board, provided that failure to do so shall not affect the validity of such local law. Such local laws shall be published annually as a supplement to the session laws.

**Section 4:** This Local Law shall take effect immediately.