

## ACT 150 - 2025

**HONORABLE BOARD OF LEGISLATORS  
THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

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IMA ON FILE**

Your Committee is in receipt of a communication from the County Executive recommending approval of an Act which, if adopted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County of Westchester ("Westchester County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services ("DES"), to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the County of Putnam ("Putnam County"), pursuant to which both counties will permit the reciprocal programming of each other's radio communication systems into each other's end user radios, whether mobile, portable or fixed station radios and whether owned by either county or owned by local Fire and EMS agencies ("Subscribers") within their respective counties.

Your Committee has been advised that each county will retain ownership, control and responsibility for its own radio communication system and hold the FCC licenses for its own radio communication system, and neither county shall take any action that causes the other party to be in violation of its FCC license.

Your Committee is further advised that the programming provided for in the IMA is not intended to replace each county's existing radio programming for in-county and day to day operations, and each county shall keep its existing radio communication system.

Your Committee is further advised that each county will agree to sign, and require its local Fire and EMS agencies sign, any license agreement required of the other county to use the other county's radio communication system and agree to the user guidelines, policies and procedures for use of the other county's radio communication system. Any license agreements

for permission to use Westchester County's trunked radio communication system will be subject to the Westchester County receiving approval from the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract.

Your Committee is further advised that the public purpose of the IMA is to improve and enhance interoperability, public safety communications and mutual aid. Reciprocal assistance and mutual aid between the counties and their respective Fire and EMS agencies will be authorized and coordinated through the Westchester County's fire communication center and Putnam County's fire communication center.

Your Committee is further advised that the term of the proposed IMA will commence retroactively on May 1, 2025 and expire five (5) years thereafter, unless sooner terminated as set forth in the IMA.

The Planning Department has advised that the proposed IMA 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 14, 2025, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee has been advised that an affirmative vote of a majority of the voting strength of your Honorable Board is required for approval of the attached Act.

Your Committee has carefully considered and recommends approval of the attached Act.

Dated: July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
White Plains, New York

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Budget & Appropriations

Public Safety

# FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

SUBJECT: IMA -Putnam County -Radio Systems

☒ 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 \$ -

Total Current Year Revenue \$ -

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

☐ Additional Appropriations ☐ Other (explain)

Identify Accounts: N/A

Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: An Act authorizing the County to enter into an IMA with Putnam County for the reciprocal programming of each other's radio communication systems into each other's end user radios for interoperability , public safety communications and mutual aid purposes.

Potential Related Operating Budget Revenues: Annual Amount N/A

Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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

Current Year: N/A

Next Four Years: N/A

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Date: June 16, 2025

Reviewed By: 

Budget Director

Date: 6/16/25

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with Putnam County pursuant to which the counties will permit the reciprocal programming of each other's radio communication systems into each other's end user radios in order to improve interoperability, public safety communications and mutual aid.

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

**Section 1.** The County of Westchester ("Westchester County"), acting by and through its Department of Emergency Services, is hereby authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the County of Putnam ("Putnam County"), pursuant to which both the counties will permit the reciprocal programming of each other's radio communication systems into each other's end user radios, whether mobile, portable or fixed station radios and whether owned by either county or owned by local Fire and EMS agencies ("Subscribers") within their respective counties in order to improve interoperability, public safety communications and mutual aid, for a term commencing retroactively on May 1, 2025 and expiring five (5) years thereafter, unless sooner terminated as provided for in the IMA.

§2. Each county will retain ownership, control and responsibility for its own radio communication system.

§3. Each county will agree to sign, and require its local Fire and EMS agencies sign, any license agreement required of the other county to use the other county's radio communication system and agree to the user guidelines, policies and procedures for use of the other county's radio communication system. Any license agreements for permission to use Westchester County's trunked radio communication system will be subject to the County receiving approval from the Westchester County Board of Acquisition and Contract.

§4. The County Executive or his authorized designee is hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents and take all actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the purposes hereof.

§5. This Act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK            )  
  )    ss.  
WESTCHESTER COUNTY        )

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 150 - 2025, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on July 21, 2025, and approved by the County Executive on July 22, 2025.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2025.

*Malika Vanderberg*

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The Clerk of the Westchester County  
Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

