LOCAL LAW NO. 2-05 CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CHARTER

BE IT ENACTED, by the County Legislature of the County of Chautauqua, New York, as follows:

Section I. Amendments to County Charter.

- **1.** Section 2.05(b) of the Chautauqua County Charter governing the County Legislature's appropriating authority is hereby amended as follows:
 - (b) To make appropriations, incur indebtedness, adopt the budget, and levy taxes. In the event the Legislature fails to finally adopt a budget for an ensuing fiscal year on or before December 1, the tentative budget shall constitute the budget for such ensuing fiscal year. The appropriation resolution and the resolution authorizing the levy of taxes shall be deemed to have been passed by the Legislature as of such date.
- **2.** Section 3.02(f) of the Chautauqua County Charter governing the County Executive's administration of the annual budget is hereby amended as follows:
 - (f) Be responsible for the preparation and submission to the County Legislature of the annual budget, and capital program, other than budgets of other elected officials, and to execute the same in accordance with the resolutions and appropriations made by the County Legislature. For this purpose, the Executive shall have the power to obtain estimates of revenue and expenditures from all County entities. The County Executive may at any time make transfers of up to \$4,000.00 of part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance between three (3) classifications of expenditure within the same administrative unit if such transfer is necessary to carry out an adjustment of proposed expenditure in the adopted budget. Said classifications of expenditure shall be Personnel Expense, Equipment, and Contractual Expense. Written notification of the amount and purpose of the transfer shall be presented by the County Executive to the County Legislature at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the effective date of the transfer.
 - **3.** Section 4.00 of the Chautauqua County Charter is hereby amended as follows:

Section 4.00 Other Elected Officers

There shall be other County officers elected to a specific term of office from the County at large as provided for in this Article. Elected county-wide officials specified in this Article shall make, sign, and implement all contracts

utilizing funds appropriated for their use, except that a contract for: (1) the lease, sale, purchase, or transfer of real property, or (2) the provision of facilities or the rendering of services by or for any other government must be approved by the County Legislature. In lieu of individual approval of each contract described in (1) and (2) above, the County Legislature may adopt policies authorizing said elected county-wide officials to execute and implement classes of such contracts. Said elected county-wide officials shall have the power to delegate the making, signing, executing, and implementing of contracts to other County officers under their supervision. Said officials may at any time make transfers of up to \$4,000.00 of part or all of any unencumbered appropriation balance between three (3) classifications of expenditures within the same administrative unit if such transfer is necessary to carry out an adjustment of proposed expenditure in the adopted budget. Said classifications of expenditure shall be Personnel Expense, Equipment, and Contractual Expense. Written notification of the amount and purpose of the transfer shall be presented by the elected official to the County Legislature at its next regularly scheduled meeting following the effective date of the transfer.

Section II. Effective Date.

This Local Law shall take effect sixty (60) days after adoption, or upon approval by a majority of the qualified electors in the event a permissive referendum is held in accordance with Municipal Home Rule Law.

LAID ON DESKS: 9/22/04

10/27/04 - TABLED

11/17/04 – AMENDED & REFERRED BACK TO AC

(Amendment - Increase lump sum to \$4,000.00 from

\$2,000.00)

12/15/04 – **PRINT 2**

ADOPTED: 12/15/04

PUBLIC HEARING: 12/30/04 – **60 Day Permissive Referendum**

(Up Feb. 28, 2005)

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