

County of Putnam  
Local Law #5 of 2014  
(Passed at the March 4, 2014 Regular Meeting)

**APPROVAL/LOCAL LAW TO AMEND ARTICLE 7, SECTION 7.04 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CHARTER ENTITLED “FINANCIAL CONTROL”**

**A Local Law to Amend Article 7, Section 7.04 of the Putnam County Charter entitled “Financial Control”**

**Be it Enacted by the County Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:**

**Section 1.**

Article 7, Section 7.04(A)(5)(b) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) The tentative budget shall be filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature on or before the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of October and posted on the County’s internet website by close of the following business day. The tentative budget shall include such information and detail as may be requested by the County Legislature pursuant to § 7.04(A)(2).

**Section 2.**

Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(1) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

1. **Submission to the County Legislature.** The Clerk of the County Legislature, upon receipt of the tentative budget from the County Executive as provided in § 7.04(A)(5)(b), shall transmit a copy of said tentative budget to each legislator and cause copies to be printed and made available to the public pursuant to the New York State Freedom of Information Law.

**Section 3.**

Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(3) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

3. **Review by the Budget and Finance Committee.** The Budget and Finance Committee of the County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing on the tentative budget as submitted by the County Executive. The County Executive and the Commissioner of Finance shall be present to answer questions about the tentative budget. The Budget and Finance Committee shall then review the tentative budget submitted by the County Executive and shall file a report with the Clerk of the County Legislature on or before the twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) day of October and post it on the County’s internet website by close of the following business day. The report shall set forth any proposed changes, alterations or revisions to the tentative budget, including any recommendations made by the Budget and Finance Committee. Copies of the report shall be made available to the public.

**Section 4.**

Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(4) of the Putnam County Charter is hereby amended to read as follows:

4. Public Hearing by the County Legislature. On or before the twenty-sixth (26) day of October, the County Legislature shall conduct a public hearing on the tentative budget submitted by the County Executive and the report of the Budget and Finance Committee of the County Legislature.

**Section 5.**

Article 7, Section 7.04(B)(5) of the Putnam County Charter is Hereby amended to read as follows:

Legislative Action after the Public Hearing. Following completion of the public hearing by the County Legislature and prior to the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day of October, the Chair of the County Legislature shall convene a regular or special meeting of the County Legislature to consider for adoption the annual operating budget. The County Legislature, by resolution, may change, alter and revise the tentative budget by striking items of appropriations or anticipated revenues from the tentative budget or reduce items therein, excepting appropriations required by law for debt service, or add to or increase all such appropriations or revenue items in such budget. The County Legislature shall state separately and distinctly any change, alteration or revision made to the tentative budget and provide along with the budget it adopts a legislative memorandum detailing its amendments to the tentative budget.

**Section 6.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.