Intro. Res. No.1709-2010 Laid on Table 6/22/2010
Introduced by Presiding Officer, on request of the County Executive

RESOLUTION NO. 781 -2010, ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. -2010, A CHARTER LAW TO IMPLEMENT A ONE-YEAR ROLLING DEBT POLICY UNDER 5-25-5 LAW TO MITIGATE BUDGETARY SHORTFALL

WHEREAS, there was duly presented and introduced to this County Legislature at a regular meeting held on June 22, 2010, a proposed Charter Law entitled, "**A CHARTER LAW TO IMPLEMENT A ONE-YEAR ROLLING DEBT POLICY UNDER 5-25-5 LAW TO MITIGATE BUDGETARY SHORTFALL**"; and said local law in final form is the same as when presented and introduced; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that said local law be enacted in form as follows:

LOCAL LAW NO. -2010, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

A CHARTER LAW TO IMPLEMENT A ONE-YEAR ROLLING DEBT POLICY UNDER 5-25-5 LAW TO MITIGATE BUDGETARY SHORTFALL

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

This Legislature hereby finds and determines that Local Law 23-1994, "A Charter Law to Establish 5-25-5 Debt Policy", was adopted for the purpose of making the Capital Program and Budget approval and appropriation process more meaningful and more responsive to the needs of the public and to accommodate increased future debt service payments by prohibiting the issuance of debt to pay for the following County operating expenses:

1.) repair and maintenance not significantly extending the useful life of an asset;
2.) dredging projects - $100,000, or less;
3.) road and equipment repairs;
4.) roof replacement;
5.) equipment purchases that may not occur in the same location or department if:
    a.) costs are incurred on annual basis;
    b.) item price is $5,000 or less;
    c.) aggregate cost is less than $25,000.00; and
    d.) useful life is five (5) years or less;
6.) 9 mm guns; and
7.) soft body armor vests.

This Legislature further finds that the County of Suffolk has waived the application of the 5-25-5 during periods of significant economic downturns.

This Legislature also finds that the County of Suffolk faces a continuing slow down in the economy that could have a negative impact in 2010.

This Legislature further determines that interest rates are still low by historical standards, thereby permitting substitution of low cost debt for a limited number of recurring expenses during 2010 in order to deal with the impact of the anticipated budget shortfall.

Therefore, the purpose of this law is to waive the application of the 5-25-5 Law for a one-year period of time and to permit traditional normal bonding for items that would otherwise be required to be paid for under the 5-25-5 law in order to deal with the anticipated budget shortfall,.

Section 2. Amendment.

§ C4-19 of the SUFFOLK COUNTY CHARTER is hereby amended to read as follows:

§4-19. Adoption of capital program.

A.) Not less than two weeks after the public hearing required by § C4-18 and not later than the 30th day of June, the County Legislature shall adopt the proposed capital program, with or without amendments.

B.) If the County Legislature does not adopt a capital program on or before the 30th day of June, the proposed capital program shall be deemed adopted as submitted.

1.) Commencing in fiscal year 1996, funding for recurring expenses shall be paid by a transfer from the General Fund rather than through the issuance of debt.

2.) The requirement of subsection (1) of this paragraph shall not apply to recurring expenses incurred, or necessary to be paid, during fiscal year**[**s 2008 and 2009**]** 2010.

Section 3. Applicability.

This law shall apply to all actions occurring on or after the effective date of this law only during fiscal year 2010.

Section 4. Severability.

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or part of this law, or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity, or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

Section 5. SEQRA Determination.

This Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this law constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection. The Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this law.

Section 6. Effective Date.

This law shall not take effect until at least sixty (60) days after its adoption, nor until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the County of Suffolk voting on a proposition for its approval if within sixty (60) days after its adoption there is filed with the Clerk of the County Legislature a petition protesting against this law in conformity with the provisions of Section 34(4) of the NEW YORK MUNICIPAL HOME RULE LAW and upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State.

[ ] Brackets denote deletion of existing language
___ Underlining denotes addition of new language

DATED: August 17, 2010

APPROVED BY:

County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: SEP 08 2010

SUFFOLK COUNTY
County Legislature
RIVERHEAD, NY

This is to Certify That I, TIM LAUBE, Clerk of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk, have compared the foregoing copy of resolution with the original resolution now on file in this office, and which was duly adopted by the County Legislature of said County on August 17, 2010 and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the County Legislature of the County of Suffolk.

Tim Laube

Clerk of the Legislature

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Motion:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Co-Sponsors:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

Second:
Romaine, Schneiderman, Browning, Muratore, Losquadro
Eddington, Montano, Cilmi, Lindsay, Viloria-Fisher, Barraga,
Kennedy, Nowick, Horsley, Gregory, Stern, D'Amaro, Cooper

LD	Legislator	Yes	No	Abs	NP	R
1	Edward P. ROMAINE		✓			
2	Jay H. SCHNEIDERMAN	✓				
3	Kate M. BROWNING	✓				
4	Thomas MURATORE		✓			
6	Daniel P. LOSQUADRO		✓			
7	Jack EDDINGTON		✓			
9	Ricardo MONTANO	✓				
10	Thomas CILMI		✓			
11	Thomas F. BARRAGA		✓			
12	John M. KENNEDY, JR.		✓			
13	Lynne C. NOWICK		✓			
14	Wayne R. HORSLEY	✓				
15	DuWayne GREGORY	✓				
16	Steven H. STERN	✓				
17	Lou D'AMARO	✓				
18	Jon COOPER	✓				
5	Vivian VILORIA-FISHER, D.P.O.	✓				
8	William J. LINDSAY, P.O.	✓				
	Totals	10	8	—	—	—

MOTION

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APPROVED X FAILED ___
No Motion ___ No Second ___

RESOLUTION DECLARED

X ADOPTED
___ NOT ADOPTED

Roll Call ___ Voice Vote X

Tim Laube
Tim Laube, Clerk of the Legislature