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- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Discussion – Approval – Taxpayer Access Act**
(Tabled from June 9th Meeting)
- 4. Discussion – Approval – Paper Reduction Policy**
- 5. Discussion – Approval – Town of Kent Sales Tax Reallocation Request – Heustis Park Improvement Project**
- 6. Discussion – Approval – Real Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers**
- 7. Discussion – Local Law Amending Chapter 55, Section 55-12 of the Putnam County Code Entitles “Board of Ethics Establishment; Qualifications of Members; Appointment of Members; Term of Office”**
- 8. FYI – County Contracts Report**
- 9. FYI – Litigation Report**
- 10. Other Business**
- 11. Adjournment**

**A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM BY
ADDING CHAPTER 223, ENTITLED "TAXPAYER ACCESS ACT"**

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section I.

Chapter 223 of the Code of the County of Putnam is hereby added as provided hereinafter:

**CHAPTER 223
TAXPAYER ACCESS ACT**

§ 223-1 Title.

§ 223-2 Legislative intent.

§ 223-3 Searchable budget database website created.

§ 223-4 Severability.

§ 223-1 Title.

This chapter of the Code of Putnam County shall be entitled and known as the "Taxpayer Access Act."

§ 223-2 Legislative intent.

The Legislature finds that taxpayers should have easy access to information on how the County is spending their tax dollars, what performance results are achieved for those expenditures, and the legislative process in general regarding County spending. It is further the intent that this access can be achieved by transparency in the County budget process, including a searchable budget database website that provides one centralized location with easier access to this information.

§ 223-3 Searchable budget database website created.

Putnam County shall maintain and make publicly available a single, searchable budget database website including the required data comprising and required for the most recent County budget, and shall maintain all budget documents passed in an accessible archive from the date of enactment forward. The website shall be given a unique website address and a link to that address shall be on the County's official website.

§ 223-4 Severability.

If any part or provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent

jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Putnam hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section II.

This local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State.

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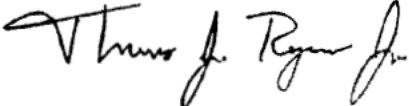
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

CC: Amy Sayegh
Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Thomas Regan
Legislator, District #6 

RE: Taxpayer Access Act

As discussed in previous meetings, it was generally agreed upon that it was prudent and of sound recommendation to split the "Taxpayer Transparency Act" and "Taxpayer Access Act" initiatives so each can be discussed and voted upon.

I respectfully request the attached proposed local law pertaining to the **Taxpayer Access Act** be forwarded to the appropriate Committee to be included for review and consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to moving forward on this issue.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

CC: Erin Crowley
Legislator, District #9

FROM: Amy Sayegh 
Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

RE: Taxpayer Transparency

Thank you for your memorandum regarding the two proposals related to the Taxpayer Transparency Act. In order to give this topic the attention it deserves, I am going to include it on the agenda for the June Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting.

Thank you for your understanding, I look forward to the discussion.

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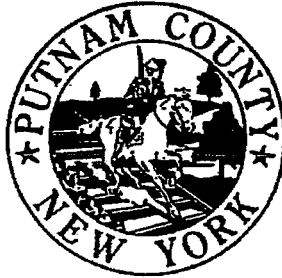
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 6, 2026

TO: Amy Sayegh
Chairwoman, Rules Committee

CC: Erin Crowley
Legislator, District #9

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DGB*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Proposed Local Laws – Taxpayer Transparency

Pursuant to Section III. Committees of the Legislature (C)(2)(a) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring the proposals put forth by both myself and Legislator Erin Crowley to the Rules Committee for consideration. Please include the topic of Taxpayer Transparency, the two aforementioned proposals and any other information relating thereto on the next agenda of the Rules Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachments

Current as of 1/29/26

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PUTNAM BY ADDING CHAPTER 222, ENTITLED "TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY"

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the County of Putnam as follows:

Section I.

Chapter 222 of the Code of the County of Putnam is hereby added as provided hereinafter:

CHAPTER 222

TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY

§ 222-1 Title.

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.

§ 222-3 Searchable budget database website created.

§ 222-4 Electronic public access to meetings and information

§ 222-5 Severability.

~~§ 222-6 Repealer.~~

§ 222-1 Title.

This chapter of the Code of Putnam County shall be entitled and known as the "Taxpayer Transparency Act."

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.

The Legislature finds that taxpayers should have easy access to information on how the County is spending their tax dollars, what performance results are achieved for those expenditures, and the legislative process in general regarding County spending. It is further the intent that this access can be achieved by transparency in the County budget process, including a searchable budget database website and easier access to Legislative meetings and public hearings through live streaming to the public.

§ 222-3 Searchable budget database website

The Commissioner of Finance shall maintain and make publicly available a single, searchable budget database website including the required data for the most recent County budget. The website shall be given a unique website address and a link to that address shall be on the County's official website.

§ 222-4 Electronic public access to meetings and information.

A. ~~A.~~—The Putnam County Legislature shall make all meetings of the Legislature or its subcommittees available for public viewing in real time by live video stream whenever practicable. A link to the live stream shall be conspicuously posted and

made available on the Legislature's website at least eight (8) hours prior to the meeting whenever practicable.

B. ~~B.~~—Except in the case of executive sessions held pursuant to N.Y.S. Open Meetings Law § 105, the Legislature shall ensure that members can be heard, seen, and identified at all times, when the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon.

C. ~~C.~~—Whenever practicable, all public hearings held by the County Executive pursuant to §-3.04-B of the Charter shall be available for public viewing ~~by~~ in real time in real time video live stream.

D. ~~D.~~—Each meeting or hearing that is live streamed shall be recorded and such recordings linked or posted online within five (5) business days following the meeting/hearing and shall remain so available for a minimum of five (5) years thereafter.

E. ~~E.~~ Meetings of political committees, conferences and caucuses of members of the County Legislature who are members or adherents of the same political party at which deliberations of County legislative matters are to be discussed shall be publicly noticed and such notice shall contain the date and time and place of such meeting, and such notice shall contain the subject matter proposed to be under discussion. Following such political committee, conference or caucus meeting there shall be a public record of those members of the County Legislature in attendance as well as a synopsis of such items of County legislative matters discussed.

§ 222-5 Severability.

If any part or provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this chapter or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances. The County of Putnam hereby declares that it would have passed this chapter or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

~~§ 222-6 Repealer.~~

~~All ordinances, local laws, and parts thereof inconsistent with this chapter are hereby repealed; provided, however, that such repeal shall not affect or impair any act done or right accruing, accrued, or acquired, or penalty, charge, liability, forfeiture, or punishment incurred or owing prior to the time such repeal takes effect, but the same may be enjoyed, asserted, collected, enforced, prosecuted, or inflicted as fully and to the same extent as if such repeal had not been effected. All actions and proceedings, civil or criminal, commenced under or by virtue of any provision of any County of Putnam local~~

~~law, ordinance or resolution so repealed, and pending immediately prior to the taking effect of such repeal, may be prosecuted and defended to final effect in the same manner as they might if such provisions were not so repealed.~~

Section II.

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Transparency Act."

§ 222-2 Legislative intent.-

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The Legislature finds that the County processes and resources are often confusing
and/or hard to locate. The Legislature wants taxpayers to have easy access to
information on how the County is spending their tax dollars, a clear and codified process
to reference, and clear understanding of what performance results are achieved for those
expenditures, and the ability to access and understand the entire process. -It is further
the Legislature's intent to provide transparency in the County budget process, including
a searchable budget electronic database ~~website~~ that provides one centralized location
with easier access to this information as well as ensuring Legislative meetings and
Executive public hearings are always available to the public through a readily accessible
live streaming platform to the public, except in the event of technology failure.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 16, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Thomas Regan
Legislator, District #6

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Thomas J. Regan Jr.", is written over the printed name of Thomas Regan.

RE: Proposed Paper Reduction Policy

In my first six months as a Legislator, I have observed the excessive amount of paper used for Committee and Full Legislative Meeting agendas. To combat this issue, I have drafted the attached proposal to amend the Legislative Manual by enacting a Paper Reduction Policy.

Respectfully, I request the attached proposal be forwarded to the appropriate Committee for review and consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2026

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PUTNAM COUNTY LEGISLATIVE MANUAL TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT PRINTING REDUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature is committed to conducting the business of the County in an efficient, fiscally responsible, and environmentally conscious manner; and

WHEREAS, advances in technology have enabled legislative agendas, resolutions, supporting documentation, and other meeting materials to be distributed electronically and made readily accessible through the County's website and electronic communication systems; and

WHEREAS, substantial quantities of paper are routinely utilized to reproduce legislative materials that have previously been distributed to members of the Legislature and staff, resulting in unnecessary expense and duplication of effort; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that reducing repetitive printing practices will conserve County resources, reduce costs, lessen environmental impact, and improve administrative efficiency while maintaining full access to legislative information; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that this policy is not intended to reduce access to information, but rather to eliminate unnecessary duplication while preserving the right of any Legislator to receive printed materials upon request; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that reducing unnecessary duplication of legislative materials represents sound stewardship of taxpayer resources while maintaining the transparency and accessibility necessary for effective governance; and

WHEREAS, it remains the intent of the Legislature that all members continue to receive timely access to all agenda materials and supporting documentation necessary to perform their legislative duties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby amends the Putnam County Legislative Manual to include the following Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy:

Legislative Document Printing Reduction Policy

- A. All legislative agendas, resolutions, reports, and supporting documentation, except confidential materials as otherwise provided herein, shall continue to be distributed electronically and made available through the County's established electronic systems and public website.
- B. Printed copies of Committee agenda items and supporting documentation shall be provided to Committee members and Legislators at the first Committee meeting at which such item is formally considered.

- C. If the same item is considered at a subsequent Committee meeting or meetings, supporting documentation previously distributed shall not be routinely reproduced or redistributed in paper form unless revisions have been made.
- D. Any revisions, amendments, substitute documents, or newly added supporting materials pertaining to a previously distributed item shall be provided to Legislators in an appropriate format.
- E. Confidential or non-public supporting materials requiring physical distribution shall be provided in printed form when first considered and thereafter only as necessary or upon request.
- F. Any Legislator may request and shall be provided a printed copy of any agenda item, resolution, supporting documentation, revision, or related material at any time.
- G. Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the Chair of the Legislature, Committee Chairs, the Clerk of the Legislature, or legislative staff to provide additional printed materials when operationally necessary or in circumstances where electronic access is unavailable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature is authorized and directed to make any formatting, numbering, and administrative revisions to the Putnam County Legislative Manual necessary to incorporate the foregoing policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

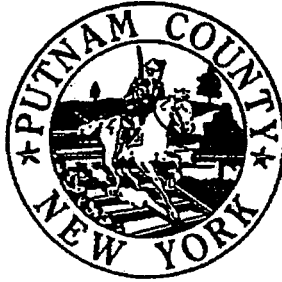
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2026

TO: Amy Sayegh
Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: William Gouldman
Deputy Chairman of Legislature *William Gouldman*

CC: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman of Legislature

RE: Town of Kent Reallocation Request

In accordance with the Legislative Manual Section C. *Standing Committees and their Functions* 2.(b.), I am writing to refer the following matter: "Town of Kent Sales Tax Reallocation Request" to the July Rules Committee meeting.

Please note Chairman Birmingham will recuse himself from this matter. Out of an abundance of caution, he has requested that I, as the Deputy Chairman of the Legislature, refer this matter to committee, adhering the previously referred section of the Legislative Manual. I would like the Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations Committee to place said item on for discussion and consideration for approval.

Thank you.

cc All

ALEXANDRA GORDON
ACTING COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE



KEVIN M. BYRNE
PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

MEMORANDUM

TO: Diane Trabulsy, Legislative Clerk

FROM: Alex Gordon, Acting Commissioner of Finance *AG*

RE: Town of Kent Sales Tax Reallocation Request

DATE: June 15, 2026

Enclosed please find correspondence from the Town of Kent requesting that the Sales Tax funding originally allocated to the Town Hall Renovation Project be reallocated to the Huestis Park Improvement Project.

Attached is a proposed resolution for consideration by the Legislature. Please forward to the appropriate committee.

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PUTNAM COUNTY
CARMEL, NY

Jaime F. McGlasson
Supervisor



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Kent Lakes, NY 10512

June 8, 2026

Putnam County Legislature
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Dear Chairman and Members of the Putnam County Legislature,

On behalf of the Town of Kent, I respectfully request that the Legislature approve the reallocation of \$517,750 in previously awarded sales tax funding from the Town Hall renovation project to the Huestis Park Improvement Project.

After careful review of our current capital priorities and project timelines, the Town has determined that we will be unable to fully utilize these funds for the Town Hall renovation as originally intended. However, we have already completed the bidding process for the Huestis Park Improvement Project and awarded the construction contract, positioning us to immediately put these funds to work for the benefit of our residents.

The Huestis Park project represents a significant investment in one of our community's most heavily used recreational facilities. Improvements will enhance safety, accessibility, and the overall quality of the park for families, children, and residents throughout the Town of Kent. Reallocating these funds will ensure that the money is utilized efficiently and without delay on a project that is ready to move forward.

We greatly appreciate the County's partnership and support of local municipal projects. This reallocation would allow the Town to maximize the impact of these funds while delivering meaningful improvements to a valuable community asset.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jaime McGlasson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jaime" being more prominent.

Jaime McGlasson
Town Supervisor
Town of Kent

APPROVAL/TOWN OF KENT SALES TAX FUNDING REALLOCATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent was allocated a total of \$1,320,801 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and sales tax funding pursuant to Resolutions No. 133 and No. 134 of 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent requested a reallocation of this funding pursuant to Resolutions No. 120 and No. 370 of 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent has requested that the use of the sales tax funds originally approved for the Town Hall Renovation Project pursuant to Resolutions No. 134 of 2022, No. 120 and No. 370 of 2024 be further modified to provide that \$517,750 be reallocated to another project, the Huestis Park Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the Huestis Park Improvement Project is a shovel-ready project that will enhance one of the community's most heavily used recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance and the County Auditor have reviewed said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has reviewed said reallocation; and

WHEREAS, the *Rules, Enactments and Intergovernmental Relations Committee* has reviewed and approved of this request; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature approves and authorizes the Town of Kent sales tax funding of \$517,750 originally allocated to the Town Hall Renovation Project pursuant to Resolutions No. 134 of 2022, No. 120 and No. 370 of 2024 to be expended on the Huestis Park Improvement Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the distribution of said funds shall be contingent upon the receiving municipality executing an intermunicipal agreement with Putnam County, as prepared by the Putnam County Attorney, and executed by the Putnam County Executive including such terms as described further in Resolution No. 134 of 2022.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 1, 2026

TO: Amy Sayegh
Chairwoman, Rules, Enactments & Intergovernmental Relations
Committee

CC: Jake D'Angelo
Legislator, District #5

FROM: Daniel G. Birmingham *DB/md*
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

RE: Legislator D'Angelo's Proposed Resolution - Real Property Tax Exemption
for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers

Pursuant to Section III(C)(2)(b) of the Legislative Manual, I am referring this item to the Rules, Enactments, & Intergovernmental Relations Committee for consideration. Please include this matter on the next agenda of the Rules Committee.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 30, 2026

TO: Daniel G. Birmingham
Chairman, Putnam County Legislature

FROM: Jake D'Angelo
Legislator, District #5

RE: Real Property Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Police Officers

In accordance with New York State enabling legislation, Senate Bill 683, this proposed resolution authorizes Putnam County to adopt a real property tax exemption for the primary residence of the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, as provided under Real Property Tax Law §471.

State law permits a local option exemption of up to fifty percent (50%) of the assessed value of the qualifying primary residence. This resolution implements the exemption at the full fifty percent (50%) level, ensuring that Putnam County provides the maximum relief authorized under State law to eligible surviving spouses.

This measure reflects Putnam County's continued commitment to honoring the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers and providing meaningful, long-term support to their families in the aftermath of tragedy. The exemption is narrowly tailored to apply solely to the surviving spouse's primary residence, ensuring targeted relief while maintaining fiscal clarity and consistency in administration.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the attached draft resolution be forwarded to the appropriate Committee for review and consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Attachment

APPROVAL – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW ADOPTING THE OPTIONAL REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FOR COUNTY TAX PURPOSES ONLY

WHEREAS, Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law authorizes the legislative body of a county to adopt a local law providing a real property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature recognizes the extraordinary sacrifice made by police officers who lose their lives in the line of duty and finds that it is in the public interest to provide the optional exemption authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 471 for County taxation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law § 471, the exemption consists of a fifty percent (50%) reduction in the assessed value of qualifying real property owned by the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, provided such property constitutes the surviving spouse's primary residence and otherwise satisfies all statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, the exemption authorized herein shall apply only to taxes levied by the County of Putnam and shall not apply to taxes levied by any town, city, village, school district, fire district, special district, or other taxing jurisdiction unless such taxing jurisdiction separately adopts the exemption as authorized by Real Property Tax Law § 471; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Putnam County Legislature hereby approves the proposed Local Law electing to provide the optional exemption authorized by Section 471 of the New York Real Property Tax Law for County real property taxes only; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the exemption shall consist of a fifty percent (50%) exemption from County real property taxation only for qualifying real property owned by the surviving spouse of a police officer killed in the line of duty, provided the property constitutes the surviving spouse's primary residence and otherwise qualifies under Real Property Tax Law § 471; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the exemption shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of Real Property Tax Law § 471, the regulations and guidance of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, and all other applicable provisions of law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Director of Real Property Tax Services and the assessors within Putnam County are hereby authorized and directed to administer this exemption with respect to County taxes only, in accordance with applicable law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon adoption of this Local Law and its filing with the New York Secretary of State pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law 27, the Clerk of the Putnam County Legislature shall transmit certified copies of the adopted Local Law and all required notices to:

1. the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance;
2. the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services;
3. the Putnam County Director of Real Property Tax Services; and
4. each assessor having jurisdiction over real property located within Putnam County,

to facilitate implementation of the exemption for County taxation only; and be it further

RESOLVED, that nothing contained herein shall be construed as granting or authorizing an exemption from taxes levied by any taxing jurisdiction other than the County of Putnam, and

FURTHER, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Putnam County Legislature will conduct a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. ____ of 2026 concerning adoption of the optional exemption authorized by Real Property Tax Law §471 for County taxes only. Hearing Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____.

APPROVAL – LOCAL LAW NO. ____ OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 9 OF 2026, AMENDING CHAPTER 55, SECTION 55-12 OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY CODE ENTITLED "BOARD OF ETHICS ESTABLISHMENT; QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS; APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; TERM OF OFFICE."

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that balance of powers between branches of government is a core protection grounded in our Nation's foundational documents;

WHEREAS, the Putnam County Legislature finds that accountability to an ethical code and ethical standards should hold both branches of government equally accountable;

WHEREAS, if the candidates for the Ethics Board are unilaterally selected by one branch of government, even with confirmation required, there is an unconscious bias built into the selection process;

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that appointments to the Board of Ethics should be made through a fair, open, and transparent process that encourages qualified residents of Putnam County to seek appointment through public participation;

WHEREAS, the Legislature further finds that the public's confidence in the integrity and independence of the Board of Ethics is enhanced by a transparent appointment process that affords all interested residents an equal opportunity to apply for appointment and permits the public to review applications submitted for consideration;

WHEREAS, the Legislature therefore desires to amend Local Law No. 9 of 2026 accordingly.

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

Section 1.

Section 55-12 of Chapter 55 of the Putnam County Code, as amended by Local Law No. 9 of 2026, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

§ 55-12. Board of Ethics establishment; qualifications of members; appointment of members; term of office.

A. A Board of Ethics is hereby created consisting of five (5) members.

Two (2) members shall be **nominated** by the County Executive, one (1) member shall be **nominated** by the Chair of the Legislature, one (1) member shall be **nominated** by the full

Legislature, and one (1) member shall be **nominated** by the Minority Leader of the Legislature. All nominations must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Legislature before appointment.

For purposes of this section, "Minority Leader" means the legislator who belongs to the political party that does not control the Legislature and has the greatest number of registered voters.

The Legislative Office shall publicly solicit applications from the public at large whenever a vacancy exists or a vacancy is anticipated on the Board of Ethics. The solicitation shall specify the qualifications for appointment established by this section, the deadline by which applications must be received, and the manner in which applications shall be submitted. All applications, resumes, letters of interest, and supporting materials timely received by the deadline established in the solicitation shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature. All such materials shall be included in the legislative backup materials for the meeting at which nominations are considered and shall be made available for public inspection to the fullest extent permitted by law, regardless of whether the applicant is ultimately nominated.

Any Board of Ethics established prior to this enactment under a different appointment process is hereby dissolved, and a new Board shall be appointed in accordance with this section.

i. The nominations for appointment shall be for designated seats as follows:

- 1. Seat One shall be nominated by the County Executive.**
- 2. Seat Two shall be nominated by the Chair of the Legislature.**
- 3. Seat Three shall be nominated by the County Executive.**
- 4. Seat Four shall be nominated by the full Legislature.**
- 5. Seat Five shall be nominated by the Minority Leader.**

If no Minority Leader exists because all members of the Legislature are enrolled in the same political party, Seat Five shall instead be nominated by the full Legislature.

ii. Should any seat become vacant, it shall be filled in the same manner as specifically designated.

B.

The members of the Board of Ethics shall reside in the County of Putnam.

C.

No member of the Board of Ethics may be an appointed officer or employee of the County.

D.

No Board of Ethics member shall hold office in a political party or be employed or act as a lobbyist or hold elective office in the County.

E.

Board members will serve for a two (2) year term, beginning from their date of appointment.

F.

A Board of Ethics member shall serve until his or her successor has been appointed.

G.

The members of the Board of Ethics shall not receive compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

H.

Any hearing to be held, must be heard before and voted on by the entire Board of Ethics by majority vote. In the case of a conflict of interest in any matter, the ethics complaint giving rise to the conflict shall be referred to another County's Board of Ethics. At no time shall a single outside counsel be called upon to render an opinion in place of the Board of Ethics. A conflict of interest may be raised by any member of the board, any complainant, or any subject of a complaint. Any such conflict must be voted on and a written decision rendered as to whether the board believes it can be fair and impartial by an appearance of impropriety standard. If the board determines it cannot be fair and impartial in the handling of any ethics complaint, referral to another County's Board of Ethics shall be requested by the Board of Ethics, and such referral shall be coordinated by the Confidential Secretary of the Ethics Board.

Section 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

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EXECUTED CONTRACTS
JUNE 2026

CONTRACT	STATUS	DESCRIPTION	YEAR	PERIOD	TOTAL	VENDOR	DEPARTMENT
2025220	POSTED	INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE FOR CPS/DSS	2026	1	25,000.00	FIRST RATE INVESTIGATIONS AND CONSULTING	DSS
2026020	POSTED	PROVIDE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES IN PUTNAM COUNTY	2026	1	10,000.00	HUDSON VALLEY SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL	COUNTY EXECUTIVE
2026036	POSTED	MENTAL HEALTH / CRISIS SERVICES	2026	3	264,681.00	PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER	MENTAL HEALTH
2026085	POSTED	BES/USE OF FIRE TRAINING CENTER	2026	6	1.00	MAHOPAC FALLS VOLUNTEER FIRE	EMERGENCY SERVICES

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July 14, 2026

Rules Meeting

#9. FYI – Litigation Report