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LOCAL LAW NO. 6 2003

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE ONONDAGA COUNTY CHARTER TO ADD ARTICLE XXVI ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF ONONDAGA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Onondaga County Charter, as adopted by Local Law No. 1-1961, as amended, is hereby amended by inserting therein a new Article XXVI to read as follows:

ARTICLE XXVI

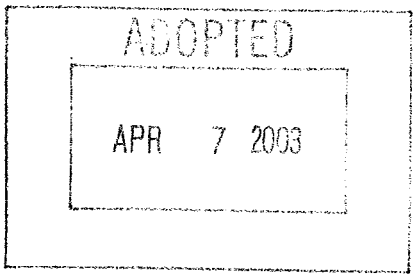
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Section 2601. Department of Emergency Management

There shall be a Department of Emergency Management headed by a Commissioner who shall be appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by the County Legislature. The appointment shall be on the basis of professional experience and qualifications for the duties of the office. The Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the County Executive.

Section 2602. Powers and Duties of the Commissioner

(a) The powers and duties of the Commissioner of Emergency Management shall be to administer and operate the Emergency Management Department; adopt and rescind regulations consistent with and necessary to execute and implement the provisions of the New York State Emergency Defense Act; act as principal advisor to the County Executive during emergencies; develop, operate, and maintain an Emergency Operations Center and develop and implement its staffing and procedural regulations; coordinate County participation in State and Federal emergency management assistance programs; coordinate operations under simulated emergency conditions with local officials and emergency response units; prepare, from time to time, such reports and information on disaster preparedness as may be requested by the County Legislature, County Executive, or State Disaster Preparedness Commission; supervise the Director of Emergency Management (Fire); coordinate inter-agency emergency medical training programs throughout the County with the Director of Emergency Medical Services; coordinate with the Director of Emergency Medical Services the development of programs for the training of new emergency medical techniques with local agencies to assist in the coordination of emergency medical services communications throughout the County; organize, supervise and coordinate cooperative reciprocal fire and other emergency assistance agencies throughout the County; and perform the fire coordination duties within the County. The Commissioner shall perform such other and related duties as shall be required or delegated by the County Executive or County Legislature.

Section 2. Effective Date.

This local law shall take effect pursuant to Section 20 and 21 of the Municipal Home Rule Law and requisite filings.