

LOCAL LAW NO. 4-1976
CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY

A Local Law Creating the Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement Board

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

SECTION I. INTENT

It is the intent of this Local Law to create within the framework of county government a Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement of equivalent amounts of cash for any cash allegedly stolen or other unlawfully taken from a crime victim in Chautauqua County when such cash has been recovered, in whole or in part, and impounded, seized or otherwise taken into custody by law enforcement officials for use as evidence in criminal proceedings in Chautauqua County, said reimbursement to be made pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the Chautauqua County Legislature pursuant to this Local Law, and to further serve as an advisory body to the County Executive and the County Legislature on the problems of crime victims in Chautauqua County.

SECTION II. CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY CRIME VICTIM'S PROPERTY
REIMBURSEMENT BOARD

There is hereby created and established a Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement Board.

SECTION III. POWERS AND DUTIES

The powers and duties of the Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement Board shall be as follows:

A. To investigate claims of crime victims from whom cash has been allegedly stolen or otherwise unlawfully taken in Chautauqua County.

B. To recommend to the County Executive the reimbursement to such crime victim of an equivalent amount of any cash allegedly stolen otherwise unlawfully taken from a crime victim when such cash has been recovered by law enforcement officials and may be held for a period in excess of ninety (90) days from the date of such recovery for use as evidence in criminal proceedings in Chautauqua County.

C. To advise and assist the County Executive, the County Legislature, and appropriate County personnel concerning the problems of crime victim's in Chautauqua County.

SECTION IV. MEMBERSHIP AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement Board shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the County Legislature, Each member shall be appointed for a three (3) year term, except that of the

members initially appointed, one (1) member shall be appointed for a (1) year term, one (1) member shall be appointed for a two (2) year term, and one (1) member shall be appointed for a three (3) year term. The County Executive shall designate the Chairman of the Board from the membership thereof.

All members so appointed shall be, and shall remain during the terms of their office, residents of Chautauqua County. At least one (1) member of the Board shall be an attorney-at-law duly admitted and qualified to practice law in the State of New York.

SECTION V. MEETINGS AND REPORTS

The Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement Board shall meet at least quarterly and at any other times deemed advantageous by the membership of said Board, the County Executive or the County Legislature. The Board shall file quarterly reports summarizing its activities and recommendations with the County Executive, the Chairman of the County Legislature, and the County Legislature no later than twenty (20) days after the close of each quarter and shall further file with the aforesaid County officers an annual report outlining said Board's activities for the year.

SECTION VI. COMPENSATION

The members of the Chautauqua County Crime Victim's Property Reimbursement Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for travels and other out-of-pocket expenses necessarily incurred in the conduct of official business.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect on January 1, 1977.

Adopted by Legislature 11/3/76 R/C Vote: 22 Yes; 3 Absent
Approved by County Executive: 11/19/76
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