

## Local Law \_\_\_\_\_

### **Prohibition of discussions on public business at a private meeting where a quorum of the Chemung County Legislature is present**

#### **Legislative determination.**

Although, by enacting § 108. Subdivision 2b, of the New York Public Officers Law, the Legislature and the Governor of the State of New York have authorized members of the Chemung County Legislature who are adherents of the same political party to conduct private meetings at which public business may be discussed, the Chemung County Legislature has determined that the interests of the county are best served if deliberations on public business are done in a public forum where interested members of the community can participate in the discussion and hear the views expressed by the Legislators.

#### **Restrictions on public business at private meetings.**

Notwithstanding § 108, Subdivision 2b, of the New York Public Officers Law, the Chemung County Legislature, pursuant to the power given to it by the New York Public Officers Law § 110, Subdivision 3, and Article 3 of the New York Municipal Home Rule Law, hereby decrees that members thereof who are adherents of the same political party shall not discuss public business at a private meeting where a quorum of the Chemung County Legislature is present.

#### **Construal of provisions.**

**A. Executive sessions.** Nothing in this Article shall be construed as preventing the Chemung County Legislature from conducting executive sessions pursuant to New York Public Officers Law § 105 regarding items of business which are proper subjects therefor.

**B. Political caucuses.** Nothing in this Article shall be construed as preventing members of the County Legislature from attending private meetings of political committees, conferences and caucuses and participating in the deliberations thereof, regardless of how many other Chemung County legislators may be present.