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Erie County Legislature
Republican Caucus
92 Franklin Street
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Re: Inquiry Response

Dear Legislators,

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated June 17, 2026, regarding implementation of Local Law No. 1-2026 (2026).

Please see the responses to the questions requested in your inquiry below.

1. To date, the Division has received 32 Notice submissions from establishments pursuant to Local Law No. 1, § 5 (a) (2026).
2. In accordance with Local Law No. 1, § 6(a) (2026) and Rule No. 15 of the Rules and Regulations, the Division has posted the Local Law and adopted Rules and Regulations on a dedicated webpage containing information and resources for the public (Erie.gov/Biometrics) and available for review and download.

Webforms for the Notice Form, Certificate of Destruction and Request for Exception were created and PDF versions made available for download on the webpage on June 5, 2026.

An informational brochure and video, as well as notice of the Rules and Regulations were created and shared on the website and social media.

3. The Division is unable to provide legal advice to businesses on how to comply with the law and in response to sector-specific questions outside of the information contained in the plain language of Local Law No. 1-2026 (2026) and the Rules and Regulations which were published on June 5, 2026.

We would advise any establishment looking for clarification to consult an attorney.

4. The Division does not have the capability to extend the notice deadline for businesses, as the deadline was established in the plain language of the law.
5. The Division has deployed all necessary resources for implementation, including the use of County social media.

We would welcome the opportunity to be present at an upcoming Legislative session to further discuss.

If you have any additional questions, kindly contact the Department of Public Advocacy, Division of Consumer Protection, via email at Consumerprotection@erie.gov or by phone at (716) 858-1987.

Sincerely,



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