

Amending The Rules Of Order In Relation To Resolution Deadline

Referred to: The Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee (Chairman Kovacs and Legislators Gavaris, Hansut, Harmon, Kitchen, Levine, and Uchitelle)

Chair of the Legislature, Peter J. Criswell, offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is responsible for decision making that can be complex and have significant impacts on the people of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, to provide the best solutions, outcomes and effective legislation, it is essential that the members of the legislative staff have ample time to review all submitted resolutions for accuracy and appropriate presentation to the legislative body for consideration; and

WHEREAS, once available for review, legislators must have reasonable time to examine resolutions and prepare questions for deputy executives and department heads prior to committee meetings in order to make the most efficient use of time and discussions during legislative meetings; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this objective, the Legislative and Executive branches of government have agreed to advance the date of resolution deadline two days sooner than the current deadline; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 3. Resolutions, Local Laws, Rules For Procedure For Presentation And Consideration., Section C. Procedure for the submission and consideration of Resolutions in Committee. 1. (a) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) Regular Resolutions. Resolutions shall be deemed Regular Resolutions if they are filed with the Clerk of the Legislature by Resolution Deadline not later than 12:00 Noon ~~ten~~ **thirteen** days in advance of the first Regular meeting date of Committees for that Legislative Calendar Month. Regular Resolutions once filed shall be placed on the Committee Agenda of the next Regular meeting of the Committee of Original Jurisdiction unless all Sponsors of the Regular Resolution request it be referred to a later meeting of the Committee. As part of the Annual Legislative Calendar, the Clerk of the Legislature shall identify the Regular Meeting dates of each Committee of the Legislature. The Clerk of the Legislature shall provide to the Members of the Legislature the deadline for submission of Regular Resolutions as soon as practicable for the Calendar year.” and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Rule 2, entitled “AMENDMENT OF RULES,” of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, this resolution and the amendment proposed herein shall be read at two consecutive meetings of the Ulster County Legislature; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, that this rule change shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,

and moves its adoption.

FIRST READING: March 19, 2024

SECOND READING:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on March 14, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE