

**Establishing A Policy Of Communication By And Between The  
Commissioner Of Public Works And The Public Works Committee  
In The Event A State Of Emergency Is Declared**

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Greene, Litts, Loughran, and Maloney)

Legislator Jonathan Heppner offers the following:

WHEREAS, county government serves an essential role as the first line of defense in times of natural disasters and other emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, it is often the responsibility of the County to serve as a sponsor on behalf of its municipalities to obtain state or federal grant funding related to such disasters or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature hereby finds it imperative that the Executive and Legislative branches within Ulster County government work cohesively together, within the scope of each branch of government's powers and duties as prescribed by the Ulster County Charter, when confronted with a natural disasters and other emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, to further facilitate the efficient and cohesive operation of Ulster County Government it is essential that all available material and relevant information relating to a natural disaster or other emergency situation be shared by and between the Executive and Legislative branches of County Government; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ulster County Charter Section C-63 (4) the Commissioner of Public Works "shall have charge of and have the duty of performing such other functions concerning County real and personal property, public works and other matters as the County Executive and Legislature may, from time to time, direct"; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that when areas within the geographical border of Ulster County are deemed to be in a state of emergency by the Governor of the State of New York, pursuant to New York State Executive Law, and/or deemed to be in a state of emergency by the President of the United States, pursuant to the National Emergencies Act, the Commissioner of Public Works or designee shall, within forty-eight (48) hours from such a declaration, brief the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Public Works Committee on the steps taken by Ulster County government to assist those residents effected by any such natural disaster or emergency including, but not limited to, the efforts taken by Ulster County government to obtain disaster relief funding from State or Federal disaster relief programs; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that following said briefing, the Commissioner of Public Works or designee shall attend the next scheduled regular meeting of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee to provide the Committee with the updated status of the steps taken by the County to assist its residents and municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that upon transmission, a copy of any follow-up correspondence or request for information related to natural disaster or emergency assistance sent by any department of Ulster County government to any municipality shall be filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22              NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Loughran)

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects as Amended on April 7, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT:  
NONE

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STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen, and said resolution shall remain on file in the office of said clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this  
21<sup>st</sup> Day of April, 2016.

|s| Victoria A. Fabella  
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk  
Ulster County Legislature

Returned unsigned by the County Executive and  
deemed adopted this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of April, 2016.

|unsigned|  
Michael P. Hein, County Executive