

Urging The New York State Department Of Health To Issue A Certificate Of Need To Provide Expanded Ambulance And Emergency Services Within Ulster County

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairwoman Hansut and Legislators Hewitt, Maloney, McCollough and Walls)

Legislators Joe Donaldson, Eric J. Kitchen, and Jason J. Kovacs offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has identified the need in Ulster County for expanded ambulance and emergency services and assistance in providing timely emergency, non-emergency, and tertiary care transportation that is not always readily available in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, entities not presently operating in Ulster County seeking to extend their service area to include Ulster County must apply to the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) for a Certificate of Need and a determination of “public need”; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature acknowledges that NYS DOH Policy Statement 06-06 has defined “public need” as “the demonstrated absence, reduced availability or an inadequate level of care in ambulance or emergency medical service available to a geographic area which is not readily correctable through the reallocation or improvement of existing resources” and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature, upon due consideration, finds that there is a “public need” for expanded ambulance and/or emergency medical services, including emergency services responding to 911 calls, to address the needs of the people of Ulster County; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature urges the NYS DOH to issue a “Certificate of Need” on the application of any competent, reputable and qualified service provider to extend its service area to include Ulster County; and, be it further

RESOLVED, the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to the New York State Department of Health, to the Ulster County Executive, to the Ulster County Commissioner of Health, to Governor Hochul, and all Ulster County elected State Assemblymembers and Senators,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 221 August 20, 2024

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Clinton, Lopez, and Stewart)

Postponed in Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on May 1, 2024

Defeated in Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety on June 5, 2024

Petition to Discharge successfully executed

Referred back to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee at Legislative Session on July 16, 2024

Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety as amended on August 7, 2024

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE

STATE OF NEW YORK

ss:

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 20th Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four, 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 22nd Day of August in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature