

**Scheduling A Public Hearing As Required Under Article 25AA Of The Agriculture And Markets Law, On The Addition Of Lands To Agricultural Districts, To Be Held June 21, 2016 At 7:15 PM, Or As Soon Thereafter As The Public Can Be Heard, And Providing Direct Notice To Affected Municipalities – Department Of Planning**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez), and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Chairman of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning, and Transit Committee, James F. Maloney, and Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez offer the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County has established a 30 day review period for the addition of lands to Agricultural Districts in accordance with NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b; and

WHEREAS, the 30 day review period for the additions of lands to Agricultural Districts as set by the County ended on March 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board received requests from landowners to include parcels of land in Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b requires a Public Hearing to be held concerning the addition of one or more parcels of land to Agricultural Districts; and

WHEREAS, Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25AA, Section 303-b also requires directly notifying, in writing, those municipalities whose territory encompasses lands proposed for inclusion in Agricultural Districts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby directed to act according to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b to cause a legal notice of said Public Hearing to be published, and to provide a copy of the hearing notice in writing, to all municipalities that have lands proposed for inclusion in Agricultural Districts; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Public Hearing will be held on June 21, 2016 at 7:15 PM, or as soon thereafter as the public can be heard, in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York;

