## Resolution No. 314A of 2014 February 17, 2015

## Establishing A Pilot Program For Alternative Fuel And Committing To Create A Green Fleet Policy

Referred to: The Energy and Environment Committee (Chairman Loughran and Legislators Richard Parete, Rodriguez, Ronk, and Wawro), The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Belfiglio, Briggs, Gregorius, Maio, Maloney, and Richard Parete), and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Roberts, and Ronk)

Chairman John R. Parete offers the following:

WHEREAS, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency motor vehicles are responsible for 50% of the nitrogen oxide pollution, 42% of the volatile organic compounds, 25% of particulate matter and 80% of carbon monoxide emissions; and

WHEREAS, Governments and Industries across the country are pursuing various alternative fuels, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), hybrid and electric for their fleets; and

WHEREAS, the County's fleet of vehicles allows our employees to deliver necessary services to our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature supports the development of a sustainable plan for County owned vehicles that is environmentally conscious while curbing government spending; and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is behind the curve in the use of alternatives to gas as a fuel source for county owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the vast improvements to available technologies affords Ulster County the opportunity to aggressively examine the economic viability of natural gas, hybrid and electric sources; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs in Departments within the County structure could efficiently evaluate cost effectiveness of multiple fuel alternatives to determine the best option for the County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff VanBlarcum agrees with the importance of investigating cost saving initiatives and requested funding for a pilot program utilizing Propane as an alternative fuel source in his 2015 proposed Budget; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, the Energy and Environment Committee will craft a sustainable green fleet policy which includes specific goals; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a pilot program is hereby established to convert five vehicles to LPG.

and moves its adoption.

#### ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 14 NOES: 9

(Noes: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Greene, Gregorius,

Loughran, Provenzano, Rodriguez, and Wishnick)

No action taken in Committee: Energy and Environment on September 15, 2014

Postponed in Committee: Energy and Environment on October 8, 2014

Postponed in Committee: Energy and Environment on November 10, 2014

Passed Committee: Energy and Environment as amended on December 8, 2014

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services on December 15, 2014

Referred back to The Energy and Environment Committee and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee by Ways and Means on December 17, 2014

Defeated in Committee: Energy and Environment on February 4, 2015

Petition to Discharge successfully executed on February 5, 2015

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$25,000.00- ESTIMATED COST

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Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Maio, to strike the first RESOLVED, and to strike the words "And Committing To Create A Green Fleet Policy" from the title of the resolution.

#### MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 15 NOES: 8

(Noes: Legislators Allen, Archer, Greene, Gregorius, Loughran, Provenzano, Rodriguez, and Wishnick)

STATE OF NEW YORK

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  $17^{th}$  Day of February in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, 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  $20^{th}$  Day of February in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2015.

Vetoed by the County Executive this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2015.

<u>|s| Victoria A. Fabella</u> Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk Ulster County Legislature <u>|s| Michael P. Hein</u> Michael P. Hein, County Executive