

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of Woodstock – Department Of Finance

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Archer, Bartels, Lopez, Maio, James Maloney, Joseph Maloney, and Petit)

Legislator Jonathan R. Heppner offers the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution is submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Finance; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure collection and enforcement of the County's hotel and motel tax from individuals renting residential properties on a short-term basis, the County has entered into a software services agreement with a private vendor to monitor marketplace operators for advertisements of short-term rentals of properties in the County and provide to the County a list of the short-term rental properties, parcel information on those properties, physical property information, the addresses and contact information for the properties' owners, and information on the nightly rates; and

WHEREAS, the growth of the short-term rental marketplace has left local municipalities scrambling to understand the scope and size of this marketplace within their jurisdiction, while attempting to address health and safety concerns and quality of life issues determined through local zoning and code enforcement; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to assist local municipalities, the County has offered to provide an inventory of all properties within the Town of Woodstock that have been identified by the County's vendor as advertising short-term rentals; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Town of Woodstock now desire to enter into an agreement for the sharing of the information provided through the County's software services agreement; and

WHEREAS, because of the inter-municipal nature of the agreement, the County Executive and the Commissioner of Finance request that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature be authorized to execute the Inter-Municipal Agreement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to execute the Inter-Municipal Agreement, and any amendments thereto, with the Town of Woodstock, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney,

