

**Setting A Policy To Require Additional Notice Of Available Parcels,
Encouraging And Promoting That Parcels Return To Tax Rolls**

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Allen, Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, and Maloney)

Legislator Peter M. Loughran offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Charter has charged the Ulster County Legislature (the Legislature) with the responsibility of setting policy for the County of Ulster; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature serves as a fiduciary of the public interest for Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its fiduciary responsibilities, the Legislature actively seeks ways in which to maintain the fiscal health of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, every year Ulster County must pursue In Rem Tax Foreclosure proceedings to collect delinquent real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, each year a significant number of parcels are offered for sale at the Ulster County Public Auction; and

WHEREAS, not all parcels that are offered for sale at the Public Auction are sold; and

WHEREAS, those unsold parcels are held by Ulster County and no real property taxes are collected thereon during the time the County is in title which results in the loss of revenue that amounts to thousands of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that adjacent property owners to the properties without a presence of known environmental contamination that are not sold at the Public Auction may be interested in the ownership of the parcels and, therefore, may present another opportunity to get the parcels back on the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to pursue this opportunity by advising adjacent property owners of the availability of the unsold parcels; now therefore, be it

Resolution No. 454 November 22, 2016

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RESOLVED, that ~~every August~~, **within one month prior to the Ulster County Public Auction each year**, the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance shall send letters to property owners adjacent to those parcels that ~~have not been sold at the Public Auction advising that the property is~~ **are** available for sale and the terms under which the property may be purchased,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

Passed Committee: Ways and Means as amended on November 22, 2016

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TBD MAILING COSTS

Legislator Loughran motioned, seconded by Legislator Donaldson, to amend the RESOLVED by striking “every August” and “have not been sold at the Public Auction advising that the property is” and inserting new language as indicated above in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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