

**Establishing A Policy Against Suspicionless Warrant Checks At The Entrance Of Certain County Buildings**

Referred to: The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Roberts, and Ronk)

Legislator Tracey A. Bartels offers the following:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ulster County Charter, the Ulster County Legislature is the policy making branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has determined that the safety of its citizens, employees and visitors is vitally important; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has also determined that the civil and constitutional rights of the citizens is also vitally important; and

WHEREAS, Law Enforcement can, at its discretion, if it deems necessary for the protection of the visitors and employees, conduct weapons checks at certain public buildings and employ the use of both standing and hand held magnetometers to search for weapons, therefore insuring that weapons will not be brought into County buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has further determined that suspicionless warrant checks are not necessary to ensure the safety of the employees and users of County buildings, and that suspicionless warrant checks could possibly subject the County to expensive and unnecessary litigation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of the County of Ulster that Law Enforcement personnel shall not conduct suspicionless warrant checks and/or warrant searches at the entrance of County buildings, or require users of County buildings to present identification for the purpose of undergoing warrant checks; and be it further

RESOLVED, this policy does not apply to the Ulster County Jail and shall not be deemed to prevent warrant checks by law enforcement personnel for other lawful purposes,

and move its adoption.

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    10            NOES:    13  
(Ayes: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Donaldson, Greene, Gregorius, Loughran, Provenzano, Rodriguez, and Wishnick)

**Resolution No. 458 of 2014      March 17, 2015**

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

Petition to Discharge successfully executed on December 17, 2014

Referred back to Laws and Rules Governmental Services Committee at Legislative Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2015, with a deadline for vote by full Legislature at March Session

No Action Taken: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee February 16, 2015 or March 16, 2015

**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 **DEFEATED** by the Ulster County Legislature on the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of March 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<sup>th</sup> Day of March in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

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