

Amending The Rules Of Order To Ensure A Structured Deliberative Process At The Monthly Meetings Of The Ulster County Legislature

Referred to: The Laws, Rules and Government Services Committee (Chairman Heppner and Legislators Gavaris, Levine, Roberts, and Ronk)

Minority Leader Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature is responsible for decision making that can be complex and have significant impacts on the people of Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, to provide the best solutions and outcomes, it is essential that the members of the body be able to ask questions, consider all opinions, hear all relevant concerns and have the ability to ask for clarity when necessary; and

WHEREAS, protecting and codifying the ability for legislators to question another member of the body as part of structured deliberative debate occurring at the Legislature's monthly meeting is essential to a successful process; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Rule 10. Monthly And Special Meetings; Notice; Rules Of Order., Section S. Speaker to be Recognized by Chair. is hereby amended to read as follows:

S. Speaker to be Recognized by Chair. No member wishing to speak shall proceed until he/she shall have addressed the Chairperson from his/her place and shall have been recognized by the Chairperson.

- 1. Any member shall have the right to question another member. Through the Chair, a member may ask any other member a question on the current motion, resolution, or local law. Asking the question(s) and providing the answer(s) thereof shall be counted against the questioning member's five minute limit.**

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Rule 2, entitled "AMENDMENT OF RULES," of the Rules of Order of the Ulster County Legislature, this resolution and the amendment proposed herein shall be read at two consecutive meetings of the Ulster County Legislature; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this rule change shall take effect upon an affirmative vote of this body subsequent to two consecutive readings,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 554 November 14, 2023

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FIRST READING: October 17, 2023

SECOND READING: November 14, 2023

DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 8 NOES: 15
(Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut,
Litts, Lopez, Maloney, Roberts, and Ronk)

Defeated in Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on September 14, 2023

Petition to Discharge successfully executed.

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 14th Day of November in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three, 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 17th Day of November in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature