

Establishing A Policy To Prohibit Appointees Of Ulster County Elected Officials And Board Of Elections From Holding Any Elective Public Office Of Any City, Town or Village Within Ulster County

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

Legislators Joe Maloney and Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. offer the following:

WHEREAS, restricting appointees of Ulster County elected officials from holding any elective public office of any City, Town or Village within Ulster County is an effective way to ensure the appointee gives primacy to the interests of Ulster County in the discharge of that appointee's duties for the County, and to assist in avoiding any conflicts of interest, division of loyalty, and/or appearances of impropriety; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature believes that prohibiting appointees of County elected officials from holding any such elective public offices would directly protect Ulster County residents by ensuring Ulster County departments and agencies operate to advance first the best interests of Ulster County to the exclusion of the interests of other local governmental entities; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the holding of any elective public office of any City, Town or Village within Ulster County by any appointed members of the County Executive's staff, including Deputy County Executives, Department Heads, and all other assistants, officers, and employees of the County Executive's office; the Commissioners of the Board of Elections and all employees of the Board of Elections; the Clerk of the Legislature and all employees of the Office of the Clerk of the Legislature, and any appointees of the Comptroller, County Clerk, District Attorney, and Sheriff is hereby prohibited; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this policy shall not apply to appointees of uncompensated Boards and Commissions; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the holding of an elective public office of any City, Town, or Village within Ulster County shall not include the office of City, Town or Village Judge, nor shall it include elected officers of any Fire Districts, School Districts, or Library Districts; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this policy shall be effective immediately,
and move its adoption.

Resolution No. 73 February 14, 2023

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: NOES:

Postponed in Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on February 9, 2023

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services on _____.

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on _____.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NONE