

Establishing A Policy To Prohibit Certain 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 certain 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 the following appointed members of the County Executive's staff: Deputy County Executives and Assistant Deputy County Executives; the Commissioners of the Board of Elections and Deputy Commissioners of Elections; the Clerk of the Legislature and Deputy Clerks of the Legislature; the following appointed members of the County Comptroller's staff: Deputy Comptroller and Director of Internal Audit and Control; the following appointed member of the Ulster County Sheriff's staff: Undersheriff, and the following appointed members of the Ulster County Clerk's staff: Deputy Clerks, 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 March 21, 2023

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 19 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Nolan)
(Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)

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

Passed Committee: Laws, Rules and Government Services as amended on March 9, 2023

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on March 21, 2023

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 adopted by the Ulster County Legislature on the 21st Day of March 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 24th Day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

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

Submitted to the County Executive this
24th Day of March 2023.

Approved by the County Executive this
31st Day of March 2023.

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

[s] Jen Metzger
Jen Metzger, County Executive