

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2023

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MEETING

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7:10 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 7:11 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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MICROPHONES

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ROLL CALL: Present: 20 Absent: 3
(Legislators Hansut, Litts & Ronk)

7:13 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023: To Allow Volunteer Firefighters & Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM

Motion by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Deputy Minority Leader Lopez to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

7:15 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023: Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were 24 speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Sebastian Pillitteri, Kingston: Mr. Pillitteri spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
2. John Schoonmaker, Saugerties, Democratic Socialists of America, Citizen Action: Mr. Schoonmaker spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
3. Shawn Gallo, Kingston: Mr. Gallo spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
4. Cheryl Schneider, Bloomington: Ms. Schneider spoke in support of amending the Proposed Local Law with the language of “extremely low and very low average median income.”
5. George Jacobs, Kerhonkson, Friendly Circle: Mr. Jacobs spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
6. Anne Ames, Kingston: Ms. Ames spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
7. Rachel Gans, Bloomington: Ms. Gans spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
8. Deputy Mayor of New Paltz Alexandria Wojcik: Ms. Wocjik spoke in support of amending the Proposed Local Law to remove means testing.

9. Katrina Houser, Kingston: Ms. Houser spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
10. Brittany Barnard, Saugerties: Ms. Barnard spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
11. Daniel Carmel, Kingston: Mr. Carmel spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
12. Patrick Pellicano, Kingston: Mr. Pellicano spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
13. Gregory McCollough, Kingston: Mr. McCullough spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
14. Donna Schlachman, Kingston: Ms. Schlachman spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
15. Henry Gage, Jr., Kingston: Mr. Gage spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
16. Eli Kassirer, Gardiner: Mr. Kassirer spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
17. Daniel Woodham, Kingston, Ulster Immigrant Defense Network: Mr. Woodham spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
18. Kellen Gold, Saugerties: Mr. Gold spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
19. Pamela Timmins, Esopus: Ms. Timmins spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
20. Rebecca Zangen, Kingston: Ms. Zangen spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
21. Jamie Sanin, Kingston: Ms. Sanin spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
22. Beetle Bailey, Kingston: Mx. Bailey spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
23. Shaniqua Bowden, Kingston: Ms. Bowden spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.
24. Vincent Italiani, Kingston: Mr. Italiani spoke in support of the Proposed Local Law.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 8:11 PM

Motion by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Thomas Corcoran, March 15th
Counsel Nick Pascale, March 27th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Deputy Minority Leader Lopez to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Elizabeth Corrado, UC Public Defender

Appt. Eric Stewart, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. Roxanne Pecora, UC Planning Board

Appt. Elizabeth Broad, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. Manna Jo Greene, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. William Murray, UC Planning Board

Appt. Kim Mayer, UC Climate Smart Committee

Appt. Stana-Lea Weisburd, UC Planning Board

Appt. Vincent McLaughlin, UC Planning Board

Appt. John Ivankovic, UC Planning Board

Appt. Lee Molyneaux, UC Planning Board

Appt. Jere Brown, UC Planning Board

Appt. Herbert Litts III, Soil & Water Conservation District Board

Appt. Kathy Nolan, Soil & Water Conservation District Board

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Tracey Bartels, Ulster Jury Board

Ulster County Legislators Public Comment
Letter on Ashokan Reservoir Interim
Release Protocol Modifications

Appt. Kevin Van Blarcum, UC Law
Enforcement Community Engagement
Committee

Appt. Gilda Riccardi, UC Law Enforcement
Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Justin Pascale, UC Law Enforcement
Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Richard Barnhart, UC Law
Enforcement Community Engagement
Committee

Appt. Marc Cassidy, UC Law Enforcement
Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Philip Mattracion, UC Law
Enforcement Community Engagement
Committee

Appt. Eileen Murphy, UC Law Enforcement
Community Engagement Committee

Appt. Naimah Muhammad, UC Law
Enforcement Community Engagement
Committee

Appt. Michael Atkin, Ulster County
Community Services Board &
Subcommittee on Mental Health

Appt. Helen Cano, Ulster County
Community Services Board &
Subcommittee on Substance Abuse

Appt. Laura Walzer, Ulster County
Community Services Board &
Subcommittee on Persons With
Developmental Disabilities

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Ulster County Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appt. Dan Ahouse, Ulster County Community Services Board Subcommittee on Mental Health

Appt. Deborah Franklin, Ulster County Community Services Board Subcommittee on Mental Health

Appt. Romero Duffy, Ulster County Community Services Board Subcommittee on Mental Health

Appt. David McNamara, Ulster County Community Services Board Subcommittee on Substance Abuse

Reappt. William More, Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Appt. James Easley, Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Appt. Robert Cruickshank, Ulster County Environmental Management Council

Ulster County Legislative Clerk Victoria Fabella

E. Mermagen FOIL Response

Ulster County Legislative News

Ulster County Legislature Press Release Acts to Define Affordable Housing as a County Purpose, 2.15.23

Press Release, Ulster County Legislature Accepting Applications to be Included in Agricultural District, 2.17.23

Legislator Jonathan Heppner

BOE Open Houses March 16th & 21st

Legislators Abe Uchitelle & Gina Hansut

Letter to Executive, Establishment of Ulster County Veterans Treatment Court

Ulster County Personnel Department

Civil Service Announcements

Hudson 7

February Agenda, Amended Agenda & January Minutes

T. Schmidt

Email to County Executive re: Local Law No. 10

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

NYS Public Service Commission	H&SB Minor Change Notice 11 Approved Subsequent Filing – Case No. 17-T-0816, H&SB Minor Change Notice 11 Approved Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, NRC Letter to DPS Re: Public Forum Request Subsequent Filing – Matter No. 21-01188, DOB Transcript Subsequent Filing – Case No. 17-T-0816, H&SB Minor Change Notice 012 and 014 Approved
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County National Association of Counties	Ag Literacy Week Invites from Ulster 4-H CountyNews Vol. 55, No. 3 CountyNews Vol. 55, No. 4
Ulster County Traffic Safety Board	Request for Pedestrian and Bicycle Policy Analysis
Hudson Valley Regional Council	Proposed Agenda, Board Packet & Proxy Form
S. Turk	Letter, Economic Impact Study re: Hotel Motel Occupancy Taxes
Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency	February Board Meeting Notice & Agenda
Ulster County Veteran Services Director Mark Cozzupoli	Veteran Related Communications
Ulster County Compliance Committee	December Minutes & January Agenda
Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce	Ribbon Cutting Invitation, Dream Dog Training Center
Ulster County Board of Elections	Open House & Voting System Demo
Ulster County Planning Board	March Agenda & February Minutes
Ulster County Department of Finance	Notice of Ulster County Municipal Parks and Recreation Grant
Mid-Hudson Energy Transition	Office Open House Invitations
Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board	Report, Recommendation for Ag. District #2

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

J.A. Vilela	Letter, Ag. District Property Removal Request
CSEA	Site Visit Flyer
NYS Dept. of Ag. & Markets Commissioner Richard Ball	Ulster County Agricultural District No. 4 Renewal Plan Districting Eligibility Notice
Village of New Paltz Board of Trustees	Resolution Nos. 7 & 10 of 2023
Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce	Michael's Diner, Ribbon Cutting Invitation
E. Mermagen	FOIL Request
Ulster County Economic Development Alliance	March Board Meeting Notices & Draft Agenda
Catskill Watershed Corporation	03.08.23 Notice of Preliminary Decisions
E. Kassirer	Letter on COVID-19 Vaccinations
New York State Association of Counties	2023 State Legislative Reference Guide
Empire State Development	Mid-Hudson Economic Development Updates
Town of Plattekill	Resolution No. 31 of 2023, Opposing A Countywide Landfill in Town of Plattekill
NYSDEC Commissioner Basil Seggos	Funding awarded for Water Quality Improvement Project #118918, Ulster County Aquatic Connectivity Restoration – Woodstock
Ulster County Board of Health	December 2022 Agenda & Minutes
M. McClinton	Public Comment on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023
NYS Dept. of Public Service	Notice of Public Comment for Comprehensive Broadband Connectivity Act of 2021 Annual Update
A.S. Levine	Public Comment, Flyer on Initiative to Connect Research & Policy
Ulster Prevention Council	Updated Bylaws
UC Purchasing Department	February 2023 Executed Contract List

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COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

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March Meeting Agenda & February Minutes

UC Dept. of the Environment

Climate Adaptation Planning, Interactive Map & Municipal Toolkit Launch

NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation

2023 Burn Ban Dates

Concerned Citizens (3)

Emails, Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 2

Concerned Citizens (7)

Emails, Public Comment Opposing a Wallkill Landfill

Compliance Officer Tom Gibney

Ulster County Compliance Committee February Meeting Minutes & Agenda

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Taps Interim UCAT Director Toni Roser For Full Appointment, Pending Approval from Legislature, 2.14.23

Press Release, County Executive Unveils Initiatives in Housing, Workforce,

Community & Small Businesses at 2023 State of the County Add, 2.16.23

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Taps Assistant Public Defender For Top Job, Pending Approval From County Legislature, 2.22.23

Ulster County Executive Public Comment Letter on Ashokan Reservoir Interim Release Protocol Modifications

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Urges Withdrawal of Proposed Changes to Ashokan Reservoir Release Plan, 2.27.23

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger Responds to Letter From Municipalities on HazMat Trains. 2.27.23

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Exec Statement on County Finances

February 2023 Budgetary Transfers

Ulster County Executive Open Letter to
Residents on County Finances

Ulster County Executive Metzger
Statement on Winter Storm Warning

Press Release, Ulster County Travel
Restrictions Effective 4:00AM Tuesday,
March 14, 3.13.23

Press Release, County Executive Metzger
Update on Winter Storm 3.14.23

Press Release, Ulster County, RUPCO, and
City of Kingston Announce \$1.75M NYS
Grant for Plus One Home Program, 3.15.23

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen
Metzger and Municipal Leaders Demand
Federal Action to Improve Rail Safety,
3.15.23

Letter to USDOT on Rail Hazards
Concerns

Executive Order No. 02-2023

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen
Metzger to Donate Pay Raise to SUNY
Ulster Scholarship Fund, 3.17.23

Reappts. John Dispensa & Thomas Nash,
Electrical Licensing Board

Appt. Sgt. Robert Vedder Jr., Ulster County
Traffic Safety Board

Appt. Heaven Torres & Kyle Fallaha,
Ulster County Youth Board

Appt. Amanda LaValle, Hudson Valley
River Drinking Water Intermunicipal
Council

Press Release, Ulster County Executive Jen
Metzger to Donate Pay Raise to SUNY
Ulster Scholarship Fund, 3.17.23

ANNUAL REPORTS:

Ulster Prevention Council	2021 Annual Report
UC Executive Departments	2022 Annual Report
UC Clerk's Office	2022 Annual Report
UC Green Fleet	2022 Annual Report
UC Government Operations Greenhouse Gas Inventory	2022 Annual Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture	January 31, 2023
Energy, Environment & Sustainability	February 2, 2023
Law Enforcement and Public Safety	February 2, 2023
Laws and Rules, Government Services	February 9, 2023
Health, Human Services & Housing	February 1, 2023
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation	February 6, 2023
Ways and Means	February 7, 2023
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	February 14, 2023 February 8, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT: (on items currently before the Legislature): There were 4 speakers signed up.

1. Meagan Bianco, Ulster Strong: Ms. Bianco spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 11 of 2022.
2. Raleigh Green, Ulster Strong: Mr. Green spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 11 of 2022.
3. Steve Turk, Highland, Rocking Horse Ranch: Mr. Turk spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 11 of 2022.
4. Andrew Chafatelli, Highland, Rocking Horse Ranch: Mr. Chafatelli spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 11 of 2022.
5. Cheryl Schneider, Bloomington: Ms. Schneider spoke in support of Resolution No. 11 of 2022.
6. Samantha Turk, Highland, Rocking Horse Ranch: Ms. Turk spoke in opposition of Resolution No. 11 of 2022.
7. Eli Kassirer, Gardiner: Mr. Kassirer requested a three-minute per person public comment and hearing allotment.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 11 of 2022, 553 of 2022, 8, 42, 73, 76, 77, 80 – 85, 90 – 121;
486 of 2022, 554 of 2022, 78, 86 – 89 & 122 – POSTPONED;
200 of 2022, 541 of 2022, 5 & 124 – NO ACTION TAKEN;
461 of 2022 – WITHDRAWN; 79, 97 & 123 – FOR APRIL INTRODUCTION**

Resolution No. 200 of 2022 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 At 7:00 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 461 of 2022 – Adopting Revised Ulster County Fund Balance Policy To Dedicate Funding To Housing Justice

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 486 of 2022 – Adopting The Ulster County Information Services/ Information Technology Security Policy – Department Of Information Services

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 541 of 2022 – Amending The ~~2022—2027~~ 2023 – 2028 Capital Improvement Program – Amending Capital Project No. 604 – ARPA Water And Sewer Infrastructure – Amending The ~~2022~~ 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 554 of 2022 – Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Construction Apprenticeships

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 5 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2022, A Local Law Providing For The Rights Of The Residents Of Ulster County To Clean Water, And For The Rights Of The Hudson River, Also Known As Mahicannituck, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 At 7:05 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 78 – Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 659 - ARP Solar Infrastructure – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 79 – Urging New York State To Approve And Implement An Opt-Out Community Distributed Generation (CDG) Program In New York

FOR APRIL INTRODUCTION

Resolution No. 86 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Create Two Fully Reimbursable Full-Time Positions – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 87 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$430,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 88 – Amending The 2023 Budget To Provide Hudson River Watershed Alliance With Funding For Administrative And Program Support Services To Assist Various Agencies In Ulster County – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 89 – Amending The 2023 Budget To Provide Funding To The Ulster County Historical Society (UCHS) To Create A Job Training & Mentorship Program - Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 97 – Supporting The Re-Introduction Of The National Plan To End Parkinson’s Act And Proclaiming April 2023 As Parkinson’s Awareness Month In Ulster County
FOR APRIL INTRODUCTION

Resolution No. 122 – Establishing A Policy For The County Of Ulster To Replace Payroll Paper Checks With Electronic Deposits
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 123 – Establishing A Policy To Formalize Procedures Relating To Future Hiring Freezes
FOR APRIL INTRODUCTION

Resolution No. 124 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 Of 2023, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 3 of 2019, A Local Law Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 18, 2023 At 7:20 PM
NO ACTION TAKEN IN COMMITTEE

	Consent
77	Establishing A Policy To Prioritize The Mental And Behavioral Health Needs Of Ulster County By Initiating Assessment And Determining A Five-Year Plan ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)

81	<p>Authorizing A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirements Of The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) – Department Of Economic Development</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
82	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$313,743.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
83	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$90,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
84	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,495.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism</p> <p>MOVED TO NON-CONSENT</p>
85	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism</p> <p>MOVED TO NON-CONSENT</p>

90	<p>Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Rosendale, As An ARPA-SLFRF Subrecipient, To Partially Fund Replacement Of A Municipal Water Storage Tank – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
91	<p>Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
93	<p>Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Mental Health For Supportive Housing, Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), And To Amend Funding For Community Support Programs – Department Of Mental Health</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
94	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$60,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Resource Center For Accessible Living, Inc. – Office For The Aging</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

95	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$106,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Unlimited Care Inc. – Office For The Aging</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
105	<p>Establishing Capital Project No. 658 – Ticketing And Accident System Upgrade - Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget- Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
107	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$39,408.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
108	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$3,708,022.08, Entered Into By The County – PrimeCare Medical Of New York, Inc., Professional Care Medical Practice P.C., Professional Care Dental Services P.C., PersonalCare Registered Professional Nursing P.C. – Ulster County Sheriff</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

115	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cook, Kurtz & Murphy, P.C. – Ulster County Attorney MOVED TO NON-CONSENT
116	Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Office Of Victim Services - Department Of Probation ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
117	Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With the New York State Energy Research And Development Authority For On-Site Energy Manager Consulting Services And Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Department Of The Environment ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
118	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$73,707.00 Entered Into By The County – APCO International – Information Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
119	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$96,030.00 Entered Into By The County – Facsimile Communications Industries, Inc. D/B/A Atlantic Tomorrows Office – Information Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)

120	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$134,546.68 Entered Into By The County – Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc. – Information Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
553 of 2022	<p>Establishing A Policy To Require Public Notification Of Changes To Ulster County Area Transit Bus Routes And Schedules</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
	<p>Non-Consent</p>
11 of 2022	<p>Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature For A Special Law In Relation To The Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax Rates In Ulster County</p> <p>Legislator Maloney motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit, to amend the Resolution as presented.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 15 NOES: 5 (Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Lopez, Nolan, and Roberts) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 15 NOES: 5 (Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Lopez, Nolan, and Roberts) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

<p>553 of 2022</p>	<p>Establishing A Policy To Require Public Notification Of Changes To Ulster County Area Transit Bus Routes And Schedules</p> <p>MOVED TO CONSENT</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Establishing A Policy Requiring Disclosure Of The Names Of Individuals Holding Ownership Interest In Entities Doing Business With Ulster County</p> <p>Legislator Maloney motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to amend the Resolution as presented.</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
<p>42</p>	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – RUPCO, Inc. – Department Of Finance – ARPA</p> <p>Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Maloney, to refer the Resolution back to the Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee.</p> <p>MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 5 NOES: 15 (Ayes: Legislators Gavaris, Fabiano, Maloney, Petit, and Roberts) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 16 NOES: 4 (Noes: Legislators Gavaris, Fabiano, Maloney, and Roberts) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

73	<p>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</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Nolan) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
76	<p>Establishing A Policy Requiring Consideration Of Food Security Initiatives As A Condition Of Receiving Ulster County Funding For Affordable Housing Development And Certain County Capital Construction Projects</p> <p>Legislator Sperry motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to strike the word “feasible” in the second Resolved clause, and insert the word “reasonable.”</p> <p>MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p> <p>ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
84	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$63,495.00 Entered Into By The County – The Offset House, Inc. D/B/A Catamount Color – Department Of Tourism</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 18 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Gavaris and Maloney) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

85	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$382,750.00 Entered Into By The County – Medium Giant Company, Inc. D/B/A Medium Giant – Department Of Tourism</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 18 NOES: 2 (Legislators Gavaris and Maloney) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
92	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$70,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Department Of Social Services</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Maloney) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
96	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$4,088.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Youth Bureau</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Maloney) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
98	<p>Confirming Appointment Of Toni Roser As The Director Of The Department Of Transportation For The County Of Ulster</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 19 NOES: 1 (Noes: Legislator Erner) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

99	Establishing Capital Project No. 655 Malden Turnpike (C.R. 89) Culvert Replacement Project – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
100 BOND	Authorizing The Replacement Of The Malden Turnpike Culvert In The Town Of Saugerties, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$90,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$90,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 18 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Gavaris and Petit) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
101	Amending The 2023-2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 656 – 2023 County Fleet Vehicles – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Central Garage) POSTPONED IN WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE
102 BOND	Authorizing The Purchase Of County Fleet Vehicles, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,600,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of An Aggregate \$2,600,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof POSTPONED IN WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

103	Amending The 2023 - 2028 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 657 – 2023 Highway Equipment – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges) ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
104 BOND	Authorizing The Purchase Of Construction And Maintenance Equipment, For The Department Of Public Works Of The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,299,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,299,000.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 17 NOES: 3 (Noes: Legislators Gavaris, Maloney and Petit) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
106 BOND	Authorizing The Ticketing And Accident System Upgrade, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$122,235.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$122,235.00 Bonds Of Said County TO Pay The Cost Thereof ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 17 NOES: 3 (Noes: Legislators Gavaris, Maloney, Petit) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
109	Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)

110	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Gorman Bros., Inc. – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
111	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Seneca Pavement Marking, Inc. – Department Of Public Works</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
112	<p>Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$19,890.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Miller Environmental Group Inc. – Ulster County Area Transit</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>
113	<p>Amending Capital Project 568 - Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure Project - Authorizing The Chair Of The Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With New York Power Authority And Amending Capital Project 568 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)</p> <p>ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:</p> <p>AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)</p>

114 BOND	Authorizing The Design And Construction Of Phase 2.2 Of Upgrades To The Electric Bus Charging Infrastructure At The UCAT Facility, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$697,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$697,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 16 NOES: 4 (Noes: Legislators Gavaris, Maloney, Petit, and Roberts) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
115	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Cook, Kurtz & Murphy, P.C. – Ulster County Attorney ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 18 NOES: 2 (Noes: Legislators Fabiano and Maloney) (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)
121	Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$80,000.00 Entered Into By The County – CB20 Inc. F/K/A Computer Professional International Inc. – Information Services ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE: AYES: 20 NOES: 0 (Absent: Legislators Hansut, Litts and Ronk)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

1. Henry Gage, Jr., Kingtson, Build Green Now: Mr. Gage updated the Legislature on the economic and environmental benefits of industrial hemp agriculture in Ulster County.
2. Sally Warren, Kingston, Build Green Now: Ms. Warren updated the Legislature on the economic and environmental benefits of industrial hemp agriculture in Ulster County.
3. Eli Kassirer, Gardiner: Mr. Kassirer spoke in opposition of mandated vaccinations.

4. Rose Marie Williams, Highland: Ms. Williams spoke in opposition of mandated vaccinations.
5. George Jacobs, Kerhonkson, Friendly Circle: Mr. Jacobs spoke in opposition of mandated vaccinations.
6. Dean DePew, Sr.: Mr. DePew spoke in opposition of a Plattekill landfill.
7. Vincent Italiani, Kingston: Mr. Italiani spoke about upcycling reusable items and materials that non-profit organizations discard.
8. Pamela Timmins, Esopus: Ms. Timmins spoke in opposition of mandated vaccinations.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

Amy Panza, Woodstock, NY
William Carelli, Kerhonkson, NY
James Garvey, Kingston, NY
Hugh Zimmerman, Accord, NY
Sandra Graff, Wallkill, NY
John Steele, Highland, NY
Kenneth McIntosh, Highland, NY
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Clifford Breithaupt, Saugerties, NY
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Joan Coles, Ulster, NY
Frank Pampinella, Highland, NY
Margaret Ottaviano, Bedford, New Hampshire
Raymond Poluzzi, Jr., Poughkeepsie, NY
Elvira DeSteno, Highland, NY
Linda Dias, Ancram, NY
Elizabeth Young, Accord, NY
Gary Harrison, Saugerties, NY

Motion by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn Legislative Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:05 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston.

Resolution deadline is Friday, March 24, 2023 at 12 Noon.



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC HEARING: ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2023: TO ALLOW VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS & VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION UNDER REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW (RPTL) § 466-A

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

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Local Law Number 1 Of 2023

County Of Ulster

A Local Law To Allow Enrolled Volunteer Firefighters And Volunteer Ambulance Workers To Be Eligible For A Real Property Tax Exemption Under Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) § 466-a

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

SECTION 1. STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

The New York State Legislature has, heretofore, amended the Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) to authorize municipalities to permit enrolled volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers to be eligible for a real property tax exemption as is more particularly set forth in RPTL § 466-a which State statute was made effective as of December 9, 2022.

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND PURPOSE.

The said RPTL § 466-a, among other things, allows for volunteers with two (2) years of qualifying service to apply for the tax exemption which will increase the number of eligible volunteers over existing law. The Legislature recognizes the role of the volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in securing the safety and well-being of our communities. The Legislature hereby finds that it is in the best social and economic interest of the County of Ulster to encourage volunteerism for said purposes. To that end, by providing the following exemption, and by making it available to a larger pool of volunteers, it is the intent to encourage volunteerism for our various fire and ambulance companies.

SECTION 3. EXEMPTION GRANTED.

A. Real property owned by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service or such enrolled member and spouse residing in Ulster County shall be exempt from taxation to the extent ten percent (10%) of the assessed value of such property for County purposes, exclusive of special assessments.

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B. Application for such exemption shall be filed with the Assessor having jurisdiction of the real property on or before the taxable status date on a form prescribed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Office of Real Property Tax Services.

C. Such exemption shall not be granted to an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service residing in Ulster County unless:

1. The applicant resides in the city, town or village which is served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service;

2. The property is the primary residence of the applicant;

3. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes; provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section;

4. The applicant has served as an enrolled member with such volunteer fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service for a minimum of two (2) years; and

5. The incorporated volunteer fire company or fire department and incorporated voluntary ambulance service has submitted to the Ulster County Director of Emergency Communication/Emergency Management a complete list of enrolled members, with their respective dates of service for such incorporated voluntary fire company or fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service. The Ulster County Director of Emergency Communications/Emergency Management shall then review all potential candidates and certify those that meet the necessary criteria to be eligible for this exemption.

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D. Any enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, shall be granted the ten percent exemption as authorized by RPTL § 466-a for the remainder of his or her life as long as his or her primary residence is located within Ulster County.

E. Un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers killed in the line of duty: An exemption by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse may be continued or re-instated if such member is killed in the line of duty; provided, however, that:

1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of an enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service who was killed in the line of duty; and

2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least five years; and

3. Such deceased volunteer had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

F. Un-remarried spouses of deceased volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers: An exemption by an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department, or incorporated voluntary ambulance service may be continued or re-instated to such deceased enrolled member's un-remarried spouse; provided, however, that:

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1. Such un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction for the incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service as an un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of such incorporated volunteer fire company, fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service; and

2. Such deceased volunteer had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years; and

3. Such deceased volunteer and un-remarried spouse had been receiving the exemption for such property prior to the death of such volunteer.

SECTION 4. EXISTING EXEMPTIONS PRESERVED.

No applicant who is a volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who by reason of such status is receiving any benefit under the provisions of New York Real Property Tax Law Article 4 as of December 9, 2022 shall suffer any diminution of such benefit because of the provisions of RPTL § 466-a.

SECTION 5. EXISTING LOCAL LAW REPEALED AND REPLACED

Local Law No. 13-2007, adopted on 8-8-2007 and codified as Ulster County Code §§ 312-37, 312-38 and 312-39 is hereby repealed and replaced by the provisions of this local law so as to conform to the terms of RPTL § 466-a.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York, and shall apply to taxable status dates occurring on or after January 1, 2024.



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC HEARING: ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2023: DESIGNATING AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS AN ULSTER COUNTY PUBLIC PURPOSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

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Sent: Friday, March 10, 2023 1:57 PM

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Subject: Public comment for Proposed local law no. 2 of 2023 for meeting 3.14.2023

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hello All. My name is Marisa McClinton and as a lifelong resident of Ulster County, I have seen the severe decline in not only affordable **housing** but quality **housing**. Let us not forget that **HOUSING IS A NATURAL RIGHT**. A "Natural right" is defined as: "those that are not dependent on the laws or customs of any particular culture or government, and so are *universal, fundamental and inalienable* (they cannot be repealed by human laws, though one can forfeit their enjoyment through one's actions, such as by violating someone else's rights). Natural law is the law of natural rights." Given that, a county should use any and all resources as well as time and effort to ensure that its residents and voters have their natural rights protected.

I pay \$2,000 a month for an apartment that has mold, rotting wood at every faucet, foul smelling water that makes bathing, drinking, washing dishes, and cooking impossible, rotting wood surrounding all faucets due to leaks, windows with glass missing, and only one electrical outlet in each room which is illegal. All of this to include a landlord that is out of county and owns 400 other properties throughout the state of New York and refuses to fix crucial habitability issues. Sure I can move, but to where when there are on average 10 - 15 families competing for the same listings, small, uninhabitable dwellings being overcharged, and tenant blacklists being distributed publicly online.

The system, the county is working against renters which directly spits in the face of the human right to have **housing** (safe dwelling). I urge this panel to understand that the **housing** crisis/homelessness is not based solely on a stigma of drug use or simple mental illness; but based upon factors that suppress a humans simple right to dwell in a given area. Whether you own a home or are blessed to have stable **housing**, this crisis is all of our issue and is well over due to be addressed and rectified. Putting personal agendas, party affiliations, and private feelings aside, the access to **housing** must be the mandated focus of Ulster County; especially when so many need our votes to stay relevant.

Its people above profits at all costs.

Thank you for your time,

Marisa McClinton
Plattekill, New York

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ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Fw: Public comment on proposed law defining affordable housing

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Subject: Public comment on proposed law defining affordable housing

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I support the defining of affordable housing as a "county purpose," and an essential function of the county's services.
The legislation would give the county powers to develop, manage and maintain affordable housing projects in the county.
I believe people being housed is a human right.
Karen Miller
53 Crown Street, Kingston

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Fw: Written comment Re LOCAL LAW #2 of 2023

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[EXTERNAL SENDER]

I am submitting this comment for the record regarding Local Law #2 of 2023 Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose.

On behalf of UAct (Ulster Activists) and its Affordable Housing Committee, I am submitting this statement of strong support for Local Law #2. Ulster County is in dire immediate need of affordable housing requiring the County to be able to nimbly engage in a number of initiatives to increase the available housing stock, without immediate action we cannot meet the affordable housing demands in our county. The consequences of not doing so is to lose important segments of our population which will affect businesses, cause homelessness and force families to live in crowded, unhealthy circumstances. Our housing crisis requires all hands on deck, including the County's, to develop strategies that create a supply of housing that is affordable.

Designating housing as a public purpose is an important first step in creating opportunities for affordable housing growth as well as helping workers to remain in our community and UAct with a unanimous membership vote fully supports this measure.

Submitted on behalf of UAct,
Jacki Brownstein
UAct Affordable Housing chair
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Fw: 3/21/2023 public comment in support of local law 2

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Subject: 3/21/2023 public comment in support of local law 2

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

Hi! Thank you for hearing me out. Here is my comment I just shared tonight:

My name is Alex Wojcik, and I am speaking in my elected role as Deputy Mayor of the Village of New Paltz. Thank you so much for taking on the issue of housing in a truly meaningful way, as demonstrated throughout your agenda this evening. As you probably all know, I lost my housing last Fall and did not find a new apartment in the community I call home and was elected to serve until a few weeks ago -- so this topic is very personal to me and remains very real for most of us throughout the County. In the Village of New Paltz, our office gets an average of 2 new tenants reaching out for assistance every single week; during peak COVID times, my office along with the mayor's office averaged 10 new tenant assistance cases every week. The issues are varied: habitability, repairs not getting done, exorbitant rent increases, landlords walking in without notice, defacto evictions via lease nonrenewals, all of it. Being rent burdened per the usual definitions isn't even a question, it's literally the warrant of every sentence. Even with the best building department and code enforcement officers on earth, and a longtime rental registry law which mandates annual safety inspections by our building department, the resolution to these issues is never what it should be. The only real "resolution" our community witnesses is the tenant and landlord parting ways, often resulting in the tenant's displacement from the community altogether. Imagine driving over an hour to a job at Mohonk or SUNY New Paltz or one of our many taverns and eateries, imagine driving over an hour to get to class as a college student, all because of local rent being too high and conditions being terrible. It is close to impossible to find a new apartment within one's budget, and to stand up for one's human rights as a tenant in New Paltz is the equivalent of forfeiting one's home.

As Deputy Mayor and On behalf of the Village of New Paltz, I want to express support for Local Law 2. New Paltz needs affordable housing to be a county purpose, just like we need housing affordability to be the main focus of all levels of government right now. However, we want to suggest some edits that will ensure my entire community is not left out of the potential benefits of passing this law. In the current version, the definition of "affordable housing" includes a sentence that reads as means testing. 99% of the individuals I've assisted in my role do not currently receive any sort of state or federal aid that would qualify them as very low, low, or moderate income. It's not because they do not qualify, it is because paperwork is a barrier as is taking a day off from work or school to get to the source of such resources. Working people in my community are rent stressed, rent burdened, across the board. Spending more than 30% of their income spent on housing including utilities has been the norm for many years, and I do not think that the sentence about "persons or families deemed to be of low or moderate income by any state or federal housing program" belongs in the county's definitions, unless a few words were to be added so that the definition would read as follows:

Affordable Housing: shall be generally defined as Housing in which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities, **and/or housing in which** the occupant is persons or families deemed to be of low or moderate income by any state or federal housing program. Nothing in the definition shall prevent the County from funding housing services either above or below this affordability level when such funding is in keeping with federal or state programs providing housing assistance or where any income

restricted housing whether intended for rental or homeownership is subject to a regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity.

Thank you so much again for all of your hard work on this issue. Special thanks to Legislator Erner and Legislator Uchitelle for being leaders on housing, Legislator Sperry for being a leader on the intersection of housing and food, and very very special thanks to Legislator Walter for teaching my community the meaning of being an accessible and accountable public servant – we love you so much Eve!!

PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: On Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2023: Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose

<https://legislature.ulstercountyny.gov/sites/default/files/Proposed%20Local%20Law%20No.%20of%202023%20-%20Establishing%20Housing%20as%20a%20County%20Purpose%20-%20AMENDED.pdf>

Proposed Local Law Number 2 Of 2023

County of Ulster

A Local Law Designating Affordable Housing As An Ulster County Public Purpose

BE IT ENACTED, by the Legislature of the County of Ulster, as follows:

SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.

The Ulster County Legislature finds that all residents of Ulster County deserve safe housing at an affordable cost. As further articulated in Ulster County's Housing Action Plan for 2021, ("UCHAP"), there is a housing crisis in Ulster County, stemming from an alarming scarcity of affordable housing available to Ulster County residents.

The UCHAP revealed that there is an insufficient inventory of homes at an affordable price point and that 28% of renter households and 14% of owner households in Ulster County spend more than half their income on housing costs, confirming that housing represents a cost burden that is untenable for ~~most~~ **many** of Ulster County's residents.

The UCHAP further revealed that an Ulster County resident earning an average wage would be required to work sixty-seven (67) hours per week to afford the average ~~Fair Market Rent~~ **market rent** in Ulster County.

The UCHAP set forth that the median income of renters in Ulster County declined by 1% between the period of 2010 and 2018, while median rent increased by 16% and the median sale price for a home in Ulster County **in 2021** was \$349,900, an increase of nearly \$100,000 from 2019.

Pursuant to Article IX, Section 2(c)(ii) of the New York State Constitution and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10(1)(ii)(a)(12), Ulster County may exercise its broad police powers to provide comprehensive county housing programs. (NYS A.G. Informal Opinion 92-4, dated February 6, 1992, Pg. 2 and Pg. 7)

Based upon the critical shortage of affordable housing confronting Ulster County residents the Ulster County Legislature finds that county affordable housing programs serve a valid public purpose, (NYS Constitution Article VIII, Section 1), by promoting public health, safety and well-being. New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2(c)(ii) and NYS Municipal Home Rule Law, Section 10(1)(ii). See also, AG Informal Opinion 92-4, dated February 6, 1992, Pg. 6-7.

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SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

- A. Housing: shall be defined as and include all ~~h~~Housing ~~a~~Accommodations within Ulster County.
- B. Housing Accommodation: shall be defined as any building, structure, or portion thereof that is occupied, as or intended for occupancy as, a residence by one or more families and any vacant land that is offered for sale or lease for the construction thereon of any building, structure, or portion thereof intended to be so occupied.
- C. Affordable Housing: **shall be generally defined as Housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities for persons or families deemed to be of low or moderate income by any state or federal housing program. Nothing in the definition shall prevent the County from funding housing services either above or below this affordability level when such funding is in keeping with federal or state programs providing housing assistance or where any income restricted housing whether intended for rental or homeownership is subject to a regulatory agreement with a local, state, or federal governmental entity.** ~~shall be defined as housing that costs one third or less than the median income of the population of Ulster County.~~

SECTION 3. DESIGNATING HOUSING AS A COUNTY PURPOSE.

- A. The Ulster County Legislature hereby determines that **the development, maintenance, management, and/or provision of** Affordable Housing **as is** a public purpose in accordance with the New York State Constitution Sections IX and Municipal Home Rule Law Section 10.
- B. This Local Law and the designation set forth herein shall apply to all ~~a~~Affordable ~~h~~Housing initiatives within Ulster County.

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SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this act, or any application of any provision of this article, is held to be invalid, that shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of any other provision of this act, or of any other application of any provision of this article, which can be given effect without that provision or application; and to that end, the provisions and applications of this article are severable.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Law shall become effective immediately upon the filing with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of New York.



ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

PUBLIC COMMENT: (ON SUBJECTS CURRENTLY BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023

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Ulster County Legislature 3/20/2023

I'm George Jacobs from Kerhonkson, NY. Thank you for the opportunity to speak. I'm a grandfather of a 4 year and I want her parents, and eventually her, to decide what goes into her body.

It is now common knowledge that the jabs do not prevent either the getting or the spreading of Covid19. We also know that there are serious myocarditis issues with teenage boys. At the same time, we know very little about their effect on younger children. There are now over 20,000 recorded deaths from the jab in government VAERS database.

Woefully, it's Big Pharma profits, not the health of our kids, that's driving the push to get Covid mRNA vaccines on the childhood vaccination schedule. For the pharmaceutical corporations, this would guarantee liability free sales for many years to come. This schedule usually translates into a mandatory requirement for school attendance but it doesn't have to.

There's a lot of top down push to go along with this, I know. We cannot trust Mainstream Media to tell us what's really happening because they are financially interlocked with Big Pharma. A critical percentage of the advertising revenues of CNN, MSNBC and even the NYT is from Big Pharma. As citizens and local government officials, it's our responsibility to look behind the curtain on this. I've listed below some resources for inquiry.

- [Childrenshealthdefense.org](https://childrenshealthdefense.org)
- [National Vaccine Information Center \(NVIC.org\)](https://nationalvaccineinformationcenter.org)
- [openVAERS.org](https://openvaers.org)

Thanks for considering!

George Jacobs

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Top 10 Things You Should Know About COVID-19 Vaccines

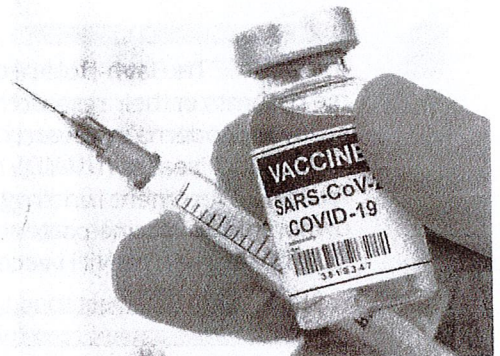
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VACCINE MAKERS ARE IMMUNE FROM LIABILITY

Vaccine manufacturers have no incentive to ensure their vaccines are as safe as possible. Established in 1986 with the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act and reinforced by the PREP Act, vaccine makers cannot be sued even if they are shown to be grossly negligent.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/99th-congress/house-bill/5546>

<https://www.phe.gov/Preparedness/legal/prepact/Pages/default.aspx>



2

VACCINE COMPANIES HAVE LONG RAP SHEETS

Vaccine makers have paid out tens of billions of dollars for crimes, including fraud and violating the False Claims Act, when they knew products would cause injuries and death. (Think Vioxx, Opioids and more.) If they knowingly put harmful products on the market when they can be sued, why should we trust them to make safe vaccines when they have no liability and rushed clinical trials?

<https://violationtracker.goodjobsfirst.org/industry/pharmaceuticals>

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PREVIOUS ATTEMPTS TO MAKE SIMILAR VACCINES HAVE FAILED In one study, vaccinated infants got much sicker than the unvaccinated infants when exposed to the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) naturally, with 80% of the vaccinated infants requiring hospitalization. Two died. In subsequent studies, vaccinated animals became very sick when they later became infected with the actual virus. Many died. This phenomenon is called Antibody Dependent Enhancement (ADE).

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41579-020-00462-y#Sec11>

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COVID VACCINES HAVE NO LONG-TERM SAFETY TESTING There is no way to determine what these experimental vaccines will do to humans in the medium- to long-term. Not all vaccine injuries manifest immediately. Additionally, given that all current COVID vaccines have Emergency Use Authorization status only, people cannot be subject to mandates under federal and international law.

<https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-legal-regulatory-and-policy-framework/emergency-use-authorization>

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SERIOUS ADVERSE VACCINE REACTIONS ARE REAL AND ARE UNDERREPORTED As of 4/1/21, 55,869 adverse events following COVID vaccines have been reported to VAERS, including 2,342 deaths. According to a government-funded study at Harvard, less than 1% of all adverse reactions to vaccines are actually submitted to the National Vaccine Adverse Events Reports System (VAERS).

<https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>

<https://www.medalerts.org/vaersdb/findfield.php?TABLE=ON&GROUP1=CAT&EVENTS=ON&VAX=COVID19>

<https://www.medalerts.org/vaersdb/findfield.php?TABLE=ON&GROUP1=AGE&EVENTS=ON&VAX=COVID19&DIED=Yes>

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COVID VACCINES DO NOT STOP TRANSMISSION The clinical trial study designs for COVID vaccines did not address transmission, but merely addressed reducing symptoms, as explained in the materials they submitted to the FDA to obtain Emergency Use Authorization.

<https://www.fda.gov/media/144245/download>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/144434/download>

<https://www.fda.gov/media/146217/download>

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YOUNG ADULTS HAVE UNDER .04% RISK OF DEATH FROM COVID-19 According to the CDC, COVID overall has a 99.74% survival rate. Among young people, that number is even higher. For people aged 18 to 29, the survival rate is 99.97%. Consider this low risk from COVID when deciding whether to take an experimental vaccine that causes significant side effects, including death.

<https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Provisional-COVID-19-Death-Counts-by-Sex-Age-and-S/9bhg-hcku/data>



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DR. FAUCI AND OTHERS OWN PATENTS ON THE MODERNA VACCINE

The Bayh-Dole Act allows government employees to file patents on their research, even though they have government salaries. Moderna's research and development partner is the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), directed by Dr. Anthony Fauci. Moderna benefited from \$2.5 billion in federal government funding when developing its vaccine technology, and the company shares joint ownership of vaccine patents with NIAID scientists, prompting Public Citizen to rename Moderna's COVID vaccine "the NIH vaccine." This is a troubling conflict of interest.

<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6935295-NIH-Moderna-Confidential-Agreements.html>
<https://www.statnews.com/pharmalot/2020/08/28/moderna-covid19-vaccine-coronavirus-patents-darpa/>

Additionally, Fauci provided U.S. taxpayer funding for illegal gain-of-function research conducted in China. "Gain of Function" research makes viruses more virulent and transmissible, and promotes research on vaccines against them. When the U.S. President put a moratorium on this research in December 2014 in the U.S., Dr. Fauci's NIAID outsourced its coronavirus bat research to Wuhan, China spending \$7.4 million in six years. Members of Congress have called for an investigation into the Wuhan Institute of Virology's role in SARS-CoV-2 epidemic.

<https://www.dailysignal.com/2021/04/06/fauci-must-explain-why-oversight-bypassed-for-funding-to-wuhan-lab-congressman-says/>

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mRNA VACCINES CONTAIN PROBLEMATIC INGREDIENTS Both mRNA vaccines (Pfizer's and Moderna's) contain polyethylene glycol (PEG), and J&J's vaccine contains polysorbate 80—structurally similar ingredients associated with hypersensitivity reactions and anaphylaxis. Although the unlicensed mRNA vaccines are the first in widespread use to feature PEG, there are a number of approved vaccines that include polysorbate 80—all of which document anaphylaxis in their package inserts.

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/pfizer-covid-vaccine-reaction-fda-peg/>
<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/inactive-ingredients-covid-vaccines-allergic-reactions/>
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMra2035343>
<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/inactive-ingredients-covid-vaccines-allergic-reactions/>

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THE J & J VACCINE CONTAINS ABORTED HUMAN FETAL CELL LINES The viral vector that forms the backbone of the J&J vaccine is grown in a continuous ("immortalized") human embryonic cell line (PER.C6) derived from the abortion of a healthy 18-week-old fetus, leading some Catholic leaders to describe the vaccine as "morally compromised." FDA officials have acknowledged for over two decades that such cell lines are a "major safety concern."

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/media-ignores-jj-pharma-giants-checkered-past/>
https://religionnews.com/2021/03/01/new-orleans-archdiocese-urges-catholics-to-avoid-new-johnson-johnson-vaccine/?fbclid=IwAR00-bTGv7WKYiNK5_thILH_z9PK53A-eHb3oIh3u81qeJGkCuY8_25jYw
<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/FDA-Pink-Sheets-99.pdf>
<https://www.fda.gov/vaccines-blood-biologics/biologics-research-projects/investigating-viruses-cells-used-make-vaccines-and-evaluating-potential-threat-posed-transmission>

Children's
Health Defense
childrenshealthdefense.org



For more information on COVID-19, go to CHD's website, www.childrenshealthdefense.org where we have reliable, up-to-date, science-based information on COVID-19 and other issues affecting health.



Patents Prove SARS-CoV-2 Is a Manufactured Virus

Analysis by Dr. Joseph Mercola

✓ Fact Checked

STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- Hundreds of patents show SARS-CoV-2 is a manmade virus that has been tinkered with for decades. Much of the research was funded by the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) under the direction of Dr. Anthony Fauci, and may have been an outgrowth of attempts to develop an HIV vaccine
- In 1999, Fauci funded research at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill to create "an infectious replication-defective coronavirus" specifically targeted for human lung epithelium. This appears to be the virus that became known as SARS-CoV
- U.S. Patent 7279327 shows we knew the ACE receptor, the ACE2 binding domain, the S-1 spike protein, and other elements of SARS-CoV-2 were engineered and could be synthetically modified using gene sequencing technologies
- The CDC holds patents to a SARS coronavirus that is 89% to 99% identical to the sequence identified as SARS-CoV-2, as well as the PCR test to diagnose it
- 120 patents detail supposed "unique" features of SARS-CoV-2: the polybasic cleavage site, the spike protein and the ACE2 binding, proving it's not a novel virus at all

In a January 2021 lecture, Jonathan Latham, Ph.D., introduced the term "the

pandemic virus industrial complex," to describe the academic, military and commercial complexes that are driving the pandemic agenda and obscuring facts that indicate SARS-CoV-2 is a manmade virus.

In the video above, David E. Martin, Ph.D., introduces shocking evidence that SARS-CoV-2 is indeed a manmade bioweapon, and has been in the works for decades. Much of this research was funded by none other than the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) under the direction of Dr. Anthony Fauci.

Pandemic virus industrial complex indeed! You do not want to miss this bombshell interview, conducted by Reiner Fuellmich,¹ founding member of the German Corona Extra-Parliamentary Inquiry Committee^{2,3} (Außerparlamentarischer Corona Untersuchungsausschuss or ACU⁴). A transcript⁵ is available if you prefer to read it.

SARS-CoV-2 Is Not a Novel Coronavirus at All

Martin has been in the business of tracking patent applications and approvals since 1998. His company, M-Cam International Innovation Risk Management, is the world's largest underwriter of intangible assets used in finance in 168 countries. M-Cam has also monitored biological and chemical weapons treaty violations on behalf of the U.S. government, following the anthrax scare in September 2001.

According to Martin, there are more than 4,000 patents relating to the SARS coronavirus. His company has also done a comprehensive review of the financing of research involving the manipulation of coronaviruses that gave rise to SARS as a subclade of the beta coronavirus family.

In his testimony to ACU, he reviews some of the most pertinent patents, showing SARS-CoV-2 is not a novel coronavirus at all but, rather, a manmade virus that has been in the works for decades.

Covid Deaths Falsified

NCHS National Vital Statistics System

COVID-19 Alert No. 2
March 24, 2020

New ICD code introduced for COVID-19 deaths

This email is to alert you that a newly-introduced ICD code has been implemented to accurately capture mortality data for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) on death certificates.

Please read carefully and forward this email to the state statistical staff in your office who are involved in the preparation of mortality data, as well as others who may receive questions when the data are released.

What is the new code?

The new ICD code for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is U07.1, and below is how it will appear in formal tabular list format.

U07.1 COVID-19

Excludes: Coronavirus infection, unspecified site (B34.2)
Severe acute respiratory syndrome [SARS], unspecified (U04.9)

The WHO has provided a second code, **U07.2**, for clinical or epidemiological diagnosis of COVID-19 where a laboratory confirmation is inconclusive or not available. Because laboratory test results are not typically reported on death certificates in the U.S., NCHS is not planning to implement U07.2 for mortality statistics.

When will it be implemented?

Immediately.

Will COVID-19 be the underlying cause?

The underlying cause depends upon what and where conditions are reported on the death certificate. However, the rules for coding and selection of the underlying cause of death are expected to result in COVID-19 being the underlying cause more often than not.

What happens if certifiers report terms other than the suggested terms?

If a death certificate reports coronavirus without identifying a specific strain or explicitly specifying that it is not COVID-19, NCHS will ask the states to follow up to verify whether or not the coronavirus was COVID-19. As long as the phrase used indicates the 2019 coronavirus strain, NCHS expects to assign the new code. However, it is preferable and more straightforward for certifiers to use the standard terminology (COVID-19).

What happens if the terms reported on the death certificate indicate uncertainty?

If the death certificate reports terms such as "probable COVID-19" or "likely COVID-19," these terms would be assigned the new ICD code. It is not likely that NCHS will follow up on these cases. If "pending COVID-19 testing" is reported on the death certificate, this would be considered a pending record. In this scenario, NCHS would expect to receive an updated record, since the code will likely result in R99. In this case, NCHS will ask the states to follow up to verify if test results confirmed that the decedent had COVID-19.

Do I need to make any changes at the jurisdictional level to accommodate the new ICD code?

Not necessarily, but you will want to confirm that your systems and programs do not behave as if U07.1 is an unknown code.

Should "COVID-19" be reported on the death certificate only with a confirmed test?

COVID-19 should be reported on the death certificate for all decedents where the disease caused or is assumed to have caused or contributed to death. Certifiers should include as much detail as possible based on their knowledge of the case, medical records, laboratory testing, etc. If the decedent had other chronic conditions such as COPD or asthma that may have also contributed, these conditions can be reported in Part II. (See attached Guidance for Certifying COVID-19 Deaths)

Steven Schwartz, PhD

Director - Div. of Vital Statistics
National Cntr. for Health Statistics

NOTE: This New Rule Change results in over-counting Covid deaths (by 90%). Prior, the underlying cause of death was the most deadly of co-morbidities. In the past, for instance, a death may be (say) "Heart Disease with complications from Covid-19"; now however, doctors are told to write (in the same case) death by, "Covid-19 with complications from Heart Disease". This reversal wildly overcounts Covid deaths - compared to Cause of Death Rules of all past years.

Follow the Money!

"The shot is already a blockbuster for Pfizer, which said in July that it expects to bring in \$33.5 billion in revenues this year, placing it among the biggest selling drugs of all time." !!!!!

Bloomberg Businessweek, 8/21 by Benedikt Kammel

■ IN BRIEF

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● Pfizer and BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine became the first in the U.S. to be granted full regulatory approval.

The shot is already a blockbuster for Pfizer, which said in July that it expects it to bring in \$33.5 billion in revenue this year, placing it among the biggest-selling drugs of all time.

The Real Anthony Fauci

**Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and
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