

# Proposed Local Law Number 13 Of 2016

## County Of Ulster

### **A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Limit The Gifts That County Officers And Employees May Receive**

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

#### **SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT AND FINDINGS.**

The Ulster County Legislature (“Legislature”) hereby finds that Ulster’s County’s current ethics law should be strengthened to preclude the possibility of improper gifting to officers and employees from members of the public.

The Legislature further finds that prescribing an annual, monetary limit for gifts received by officers and employees of the County from the same individual, business, or organization will reduce the opportunity for inappropriate influence to our County’s leadership.

#### **SECTION 2. PROHIBITIONS.**

Section 44-4 Standard of conduct. C. Gifts. of Chapter 44. Ethics and Disclosure of the Code of the County of Ulster is hereby amended as follows:

C. Gifts. A **No** County officer or employee shall, **directly or indirectly, solicit, accept, or receive not accept or solicit any gift(s) or financial benefit** valued over \$75 **from any one person, business, or organization in a calendar year, nor shall he/she accept or solicit any gift or financial benefit** under circumstances in which it could reasonably be inferred that the gift was intended to influence such County officer or employee in the performance of his/her official duties or was intended to be a reward for any official action on his/her part.

#### **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.**

In the event that any portion of this Local Law is found to be invalid, such finding will not have any effect on either the remaining portions or applications of this Local Law or any provisions of the Code of the County of Ulster, which shall remain in full force and effect.

#### **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.